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HONORING 2008’S BEST IN NEWSPAPERS, ALT-WEEKLIES, MAGAZINES, ONLINE, TELEVISION AND RADIO
JUNE ANDERSON ALMQUIST AWARD

This year’s June Anderson Almquist Award for “Courage in Journalism” is being given to **Michael R. Fancher**, a thoughtful journalist and editor who is known for his passion, vision and integrity. A 2008-2009 Donald W. Reynolds Fellow, Fancher retired from The Seattle Times after 20 years as executive editor. He recently spent his fellowship year answering the question, “What is the journalist’s creed for the 21st century?” During his tenure at The Times, he won four Pulitzer Prizes and was a Pulitzer finalist 13 other times. In 2002, Fancher was inducted into the Hall of Achievement at the University of Oregon’s Journalism and Communication School.

SUSAN HUTCHISON BOSCH AWARD

The Susan Hutchison Bosch Award is being given to **Leonard J. Hansen** posthumously. Hansen was an award-winning author, journalist, writer, director, producer and mentor and long-time SPJ proponent. In addition to hosting press club events in Whatcom County, he served on the Western Washington SPJ Board. Hansen embodied everything that Susan Hutchison Bosch stood for – honesty, a deep understanding of people, fairness, grace, perseverance and quiet courage. Hansen passed away after a fall in December 2008. He is missed by many.
SCHOLARSHIPS
PARISA SADRZADEH is the winner of the June Anderson Almquist Memorial Scholarship. It is given each year to a female undergraduate majoring in journalism at the University of Washington. Almquist was one of the first women editors at the University of Washington’s student newspaper. She concluded her professional journalism career as assistant managing editor of the Seattle Times.

Sadrzadeh is a sophomore at the University of Washington. She began working at the Daily in September and was promoted to copy chief in March. She is fluent in Farsi and English and is conversational in French. She works about 35 hours a week at The Daily, has a second part-time job, and, while taking a full course load, has a 3.9 grade point average. She has been selected as an intern at Seattle Metropolitan this summer. She also will travel to Argentina later this summer as part of a study abroad program.

MELISSA BRINKS is co-editor in chief of The Clipper, the student newspaper at Everett Community College. She plans to complete her work there in the fall and then hopes to transfer to the University of Washington. She has experience in photography, reporting, page and graphic design, and Web design and would like to pursue a journalism career using these skills.

AMINA AL-SADI hosted an hour long radio program at KUOW, Our Time: Teens and Politics, the summer she finished her senior year in high school. She attended Edmonds Community College before transferring to the University of Washington. Although she plans to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Near Eastern Language, Civilization and Psychology in 2011, she has a strong commitment to journalism.

After graduation, she hopes to either go to graduate school or work in radio. She has a goal of going to Iraq to talk with various groups there, such as the Shia’s in the south, Sunni’s in the North, the Kurds and the Marsh Arabs. She would like to report on how suppression and war have changed or affected these groups and shaped Iraqi society.

MARTIN JARMICK is a student at Seattle Central Community College and will transfer to the University of Washington in the fall. Jarmick has experience in both video documentary and print reporting. He worked as an editor and producer for his college newspaper, The City Collegian. Jeb Wyman, a faculty adviser to the paper said of Jarmick: “He is a staunch believer in the need for the free press. He is a kindred spirit to everyone who cares deeply about our society and the utter necessity of journalists.”

PETER SESSUM is editor in chief of the Triton Review at Edmonds Community College. Rob Harrill, one of his instructors, said of Sessum: “From the first day, Peter distinguished himself as one of the most motivated students in the class. He jumped into his assignments with passion and purpose, was fearless about contacting sources to get the story and consistently hit his deadlines. As editor in chief...he demands excellence from himself and from other members of his staff...”

Sessum plans to transfer to the University of Washington and upon graduation film a documentary on Afghanistan. He has served in the Army and is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Asian American Journalists Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
GENERAL NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan
Things they lost in the flood

SECOND PLACE: Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan
The lost slipper

THIRD PLACE: Bruce Barcott, Seattle Metropolitan
The savior of Hamm Creek

H M: Kari Costanza, World Vision
Drought-ravaged Zimbabwe: Why hope still reigns

GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Francesca Biller-Safran, ColorsNW Magazine
History in the making

SECOND PLACE: Eric Scigliano, Seattle Metropolitan
Urban brawl: lay down tracks or boost the buses?

THIRD PLACE: Arches, University of Puget Sound
The candidate cometh

H M: Ted Katauskas, Seattle Metropolitan
Mr. Clean’s last stand

CONSUMER NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Eric Scigliano and Bruce Barcott, Seattle Metropolitan
12 easy pieces

SECOND PLACE: Paul Clarke, Alaska Airlines Magazine
Can we stop spam?

THIRD PLACE: Elizabeth Rhodes, Horizon Air Magazine
Savvy selling

H M: Roger Brooks, Ashley Griffin and Carolyn McConnell, Seattle Metropolitan
Where to live now?

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Dean Paton, Washington CEO
Debugging the body

SECOND PLACE: Eric Lucas, Horizon Air Magazine
Sustainable farming

THIRD PLACE: Joe Follansbee, Horizon Air Magazine
Smart materials

SOCIAL ISSUES

FIRST PLACE: James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan
Urban brawl: clear the campus or let sleeping bags lie?

SECOND PLACE: L.D. Kirshenbaum, Seattle Metropolitan
Skin trade 2.0

THIRD PLACE: James Addis, World Vision
The Lazarus effect

MINORITIES

FIRST PLACE: Juliette Guilbert, Seattle Metropolitan
Divided it stands

SECOND PLACE: Kevin Phinney, Seattle Metropolitan
CTRL ALT Delete

THIRD PLACE: Jim Gullo, Seattle Metropolitan
The big bet

PERSONALITIES

FIRST PLACE: David Laskin, Seattle Metropolitan
A Pilgrim of The Great War

SECOND PLACE: Jim Gullo, Horizon Air Magazine
The art of costume design

THIRD PLACE: Jenny Lynn Zappala, 425 Magazine
Roaming with Rick Steves

PERSONAL SERVICE NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Wendy Call, Yes! Magazine
Grief’s hidden gift

SECOND PLACE: Meri-Jo Borzilleri, Roger Brooks, James Ross Gardner and Jessica Voelke, Seattle Metropolitan
The fit parade

THIRD PLACE: Matthew Halverson, Seattle Metropolitan
This is your life

MAGAZINE DEPARTMENTS

FIRST PLACE: Wenda Reed, Tara Hayes and Roberta Greenwood, Seattle Woman Magazine
Health & Wellness Department

SECOND PLACE: James Addis, World Vision
Frontlines

TRAVEL NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Kathryn Robinson, Seattle Metropolitan
Weekend pass: Rocky Mountain Express

SECOND PLACE: Jim Gullo, Seattle Metropolitan
Not another roadside attraction

THIRD PLACE: Scott Driscoll, Horizon Air Magazine
Naturally appealing

LEISURE/LIFESTYLE NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Kathryn Robinson, Seattle Metropolitan
2008 best restaurants

SECOND PLACE: Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan
Island fantasy

THIRD PLACE: Terry Sheely, Alaska Airlines Magazine
Magic time
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT
NEWS/FEATURES
FIRST PLACE: Steve Wiecking, Seattle Metropolitan
The most influential musicians
SECOND PLACE: Dean Paton, Alaska Airlines Magazine
Reel success

BUSINESS NEWS/FEATURES
FIRST PLACE: Jim Gullo and Jessica Voelker, Seattle Metropolitan
Hot companies
SECOND PLACE: Eric de Place, Washington Law & Politics
Big deal
THIRD PLACE: Jenny Lynn Zappala, Seattle Business
Monthly
Taking charge of change

SPORTS NEWS/FEATURES
FIRST PLACE: James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan
Lord of the rings
SECOND PLACE: Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan
Can Jake Locker save Husky football
THIRD PLACE: Craig Hill, Horizon Air Magazine
Hitting it big

EDITORIALS
FIRST PLACE: Naomi Ishisaka, ColorsNW Magazine
Editor's Note: Race and the 2008 election
SECOND PLACE: Naomi Ishisaka, ColorsNW Magazine
Editor's Note: Historic preservation
THIRD PLACE: Marianne Scholl, Karen Reed-Matthee, Nancy Silk and Sue Ellingson, Seattle Woman Magazine
Weighing in on women and politics

HEADLINES
FIRST PLACE: Staff, Alaska Airlines Magazine
Soaring success, Going with the flow, Can we stop spam, All in the family, Reel success, Iron will
SECOND PLACE: Ethan Chung, 425 Magazine
What floats your boat, Growing roots, Dream dinners, The raw report, Everett's bloom town
THIRD PLACE: Staff, Horizon Air Magazine
Show me a story, Pulling for a win, See-worthy, Team spirit, Hitting it big, Mobilize me

HUMOROUS WRITING
FIRST PLACE: Matt Halverson, Seattle Metropolitan
The six least influential people in Seattle music
SECOND PLACE: Beth Taylor, Washington Law & Politics
Turkeys
THIRD PLACE: Michael Stusser, Washington Law & Politics
Along for the ride

COLUMNS/ESSAYS
FIRST PLACE: Rich Stearns, World Vision
Voting our values
SECOND PLACE: Lisa Wogan, Alaska Airlines Magazine
Canine points of view

FEATURE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Chris MacManus, Seattle Metropolitan
Top doctors 2008
SECOND PLACE: Deborah Richardson, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition
8 creative financing methods
THIRD PLACE: Melissa Kennedy, Seattle Metropolitan
2008 best restaurants
H M: Melissa Kennedy, Seattle Metropolitan
History in the making

COVER DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Mike Martin, Arches
Autumn '08 cover
SECOND PLACE: Heather Stajgr, South Sound Magazine
Summer '08 cover
THIRD PLACE: William Quinby, Seattle Metropolitan
January 2008 cover

SPREAD DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Deborah Richardson, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition
Environmental regulations untangled
SECOND PLACE: Robert Winters, Seattle Metropolitan
The big bet

CARTOONS/ILLUSTRATIONS
FIRST PLACE: Stan Shaw, Washington Law & Politics
Pacific connection
SECOND PLACE: Dennis Wunsch, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition
Training traps: take heed
THIRD PLACE: Stan Shaw, Washington Law & Politics
Rematch
From the editor

PHOTOGRAPHY - GENERAL NEWS
FIRST PLACE: John Keatley, Seattle Metropolitan
Night sky
SECOND PLACE: Chad Coleman, Seattle Metropolitan
Good wheel ambassadors
THIRD PLACE: Jon Warren, World Vision
Zimbabwe drought relief
PHOTOGRAPHY - SPORTS
FIRST PLACE: Jules Frazier, Seattle Metropolitan
Emerald Downs
SECOND PLACE: Chad Coleman, Seattle Metropolitan
What flies beneath
THIRD PLACE: Josh Whitling, South Sound Magazine
Jazzin’ it up

PHOTOGRAPHY - FEATURE
FIRST PLACE: Terry Donnelly, Horizon Air Magazine
Exploring the great Northwest
SECOND PLACE: Andy Reynolds, Seattle Metropolitan
Wexley
THIRD PLACE: Jon Warren, World Vision
Albanian church candles
H M: Rick Dahms, Washington Law & Politics
The royal flush

PHOTOGRAPHY - PORTRAIT
FIRST PLACE: Jon Warren, World Vision
Zimbabwe: to eat or not eat
SECOND PLACE: Andy Reynolds, Seattle Metropolitan
Rucklehaus
THIRD PLACE: John Keatley, Seattle Metropolitan
Jon Waters
H M: Jeff Hobson, South Sound Magazine
Portrait

PHOTOGRAPHY - PHOTO ESSAY OR PAGES
FIRST PLACE: Sophie Pangrazzi, Seattle Metropolitan
Top doctors
SECOND PLACE: Jon Warren, World Vision
Drought-ravaged Zimbabwe
THIRD PLACE: Jim Henkens, Seattle Metropolitan
Top 100 Northwest wines
H M: Will Austin, Seattle Metropolitan
Broadmoor home

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
FIRST PLACE: Beth Taylor, Washington Law & Politics
SECOND PLACE: Staff, South Sound Magazine
THIRD PLACE: Staff, 425 Magazine
SPOT NEWS REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest Progress
Priest asks: Why do you want to take the lives of your friends?

SECOND PLACE: Matthew G. Miller, Ballard News-Tribune
‘Party’ for viaduct held

THIRD PLACE: Myke Folger, Queen Anne/Magnolia News
Jumper snarls rush-hour traffic

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Rosette Royale, Real Change
The man who stood on the bridge

SECOND PLACE: Lance Henderson and Isaac Bonnell, Bellingham Business Journal
What is affordable housing?

THIRD PLACE: Deirdre Gregg, Puget Sound Business Journal
‘Bus crush’ series

H M: Sue Ellen White, The Whidbey Examiner
Comprehensive coverage of PUD ballot issue

GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Oscar Halpert, The Enterprise
Open meetings?

SECOND PLACE: Neil Pierson, The Herald
Councilmember John Knutsen threatens to sue city

THIRD PLACE: Christopher Fyall, The Enterprise
Caught in the sales tax shuffle

CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

FIRST PLACE: Eric Engleman, Puget Sound Business Journal
It came from the swamp—to fill your tank

SECOND PLACE: Sue Ellen White, The Whidbey Examiner
State files to gut PSE rate hike

THIRD PLACE: Laura Geggel, SnoValley Star
Taking out the trash

SCIENCE/HEALTH NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Steve Wilhelm, Puget Sound Business Journal
Tiny invader

SECOND PLACE: Christopher Fyall, Edmonds Enterprise
Taking her pain public

THIRD PLACE: Elizabeth Griffin, Journal Newspapers
Team Peggy provides vital support in battle against ALS

SOCIAL ISSUES

FIRST PLACE: Rosette Royale, Real Change
Walking away from tragedy

SECOND PLACE: Lance Henderson, Bellingham Business Journal
A new way to be

THIRD PLACE: Matthew G. Miller, West Seattle Herald
Tyler stalks Styrofoam

MINORITIES

FIRST PLACE: Rosette Royale, Real Change
Pulling for lost treasures

SECOND PLACE: Kendall Watson, Kirkland Reporter
Family pleads for mercy

EDUCATION REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Clay Holtzman, Puget Sound Business Journal
Falling down

SECOND PLACE: Erik Hansen, Beacon Hill News, South District Journal
Seward Park Environmental Center unveiled

THIRD PLACE: Chantelle Lusebrink, Issaquah Press
Time in a bottle

PERSONALITIES

FIRST PLACE: Clay Holtzman, Puget Sound Business Journal
Paul Allen

SECOND PLACE: Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest Progress
Former Lutheran pastor nears completion of long journey to Catholic priesthood

THIRD PLACE: Alexis Bacharach, The Enterprise
The final stretch

H M: Greg Lamm, Puget Sound Business Journal
A driving force

H M: Rosette Royale, Real Change
The fortunate life of Samuel Snow

LEISURE/LIFESTYLE REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Heidi Dietrich, Puget Sound Business Journal
Condo kids

SECOND PLACE: Isaac Bonnell, Bellingham Business Journal
Diver down

THIRD PLACE: Paige Richmond, The Peninsula Gateway
Work of a lifetime
ARTS/CRITICISM NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Lance Henderson, Bellingham Business Journal  
MBT takes an intermission

SECOND PLACE: Becky Monk, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Arts mean business

THIRD PLACE: Becky Monk, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Supporting role

H M: Katherine Luck, Journal Newspapers  
Find your brew love in Fremont

BUSINESS NEWS/FEATURES

FIRST PLACE: Deirdre Gregg, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Caught in crisis

SECOND PLACE: Hilary Reeves and Paul Schrag, Business Examiner  
Conversion Crisis

THIRD PLACE: Steve Wilhelm, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Southern states eye Boeing

H M: John Cook, Todd Bishop and Eric Engleman, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Tech in turmoil: Startups face fallout from financial crisis

SPORTS REPORTING

FIRST PLACE: Greg Lamm, Puget Sound Business Journal  
Patch job

SECOND PLACE: David Pan, The Enterprise  
Overcoming obstacles

THIRD PLACE: J.B Wogan, Sammamish Review  
The recruit

EDITORIALS

FIRST PLACE: Kendall Watson, Kirkland Reporter  
Time to Let Malkandi go

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Blackburn, Bellingham Business Journal  
Port and city

HEADLINES

FIRST PLACE: Vera Chan-Pool, North Seattle Herald-Outlook  
Patients get new shot at less knee pain

SECOND PLACE: Katherine Luck, Journal Newspapers  
Headlines by Katherine Luck

THIRD PLACE: Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest Progress  
Lunch with saints

HUMOROUS WRITING

FIRST PLACE: George Le Masurier, The Peninsula Gateway  
Like a bad cliche, we didn’t see it coming

SECOND PLACE: Matt Wilemski, North Seattle Herald-Outlook  
To be or not to beard

THIRD PLACE: Rosette Royale, Real Change  
White, like me?

COLUMNS

FIRST PLACE: Alwyn Scott, Puget Sound Business Journal  

SECOND PLACE: Jeff Green, Shelton-Mason County Journal  

THIRD PLACE: Matthew Wilemski, North Seattle Herald-Outlook  

PHOTOGRAPHY - SPOT NEWS

FIRST PLACE: Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer  
Fire hoses

SECOND PLACE: Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
Suspicious fire destroys cabin

PHOTOGRAPHY - GENERAL NEWS

FIRST PLACE: Jesse Beals, Port Orchard Independent  
Rehearsing a tragedy

SECOND PLACE: Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress  
Archbishop celebrates special Mass

THIRD PLACE: Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
Miss Kitsap

PHOTOGRAPHY - SPORTS

FIRST PLACE: Jesse Beals, Port Orchard Independent  
Drew Saddler pitching

SECOND PLACE: Jesse Beals, Bremerton Patriot  
Hanging by the boot

THIRD PLACE: Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
Homeland pride rodeo

PHOTOGRAPHY - FEATURE

FIRST PLACE: Jesse Beals, Bremerton Patriot  
Midnight fog

SECOND PLACE: Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer  
Courthouse weddings

THIRD PLACE: Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress  
Hospices provide death with dignity
PHOTOGRAPHY - PORTRAIT
FIRST PLACE: Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress
A precious gift from China
SECOND PLACE: Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business Journal
Glass

PHOTOGRAPHY - PHOTO ESSAY OR PAGES
FIRST PLACE: Greg Farrar, Issaquah Press
Beatin' the heat
SECOND PLACE: Lee W. Giles III, The Peninsula Gateway
A plunge to start the new year
THIRD PLACE: Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business Journal
Sublime slime

PORTFOLIO PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer
SECOND PLACE: Lee W. Giles III, The Peninsula Gateway
THIRD PLACE: Christopher Huber, Sammamish Review

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
FIRST PLACE: Staff, The Peninsula Gateway
SECOND PLACE: Staff, Puget Sound Business Journal
THIRD PLACE: Staff, Issaquah Press
The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Hawaii, North Carolina, California, and Pennsylvania.

**GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Skagit Valley Herald  
April 10, October 19, September 4

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
April 10, May 4, March 22

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Daily News  
April 10, July 27, October 19

**SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Marta Murvosh, Skagit Valley Herald  
Killing Spree Claims Deputy

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
Winds Tear Up Valley

**THIRD PLACE:** Chelsea Duncan, Teresa Williams, The News-Review  
Deadly Fire Suspicious

**COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Wealth in Montana series

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The News-Review  
Without a Net

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Times-News  
River of Stone

**H M:** Staff, Skagit Valley Herald  
Skagit Economy: The leaner days ahead

**INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Stacy D. Stumbo, Grants Pass Daily Courier  
Who Is Jim Raffenburg?

**SECOND PLACE:** Bennett Hall, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
Unhealthy Situation ...

**THIRD PLACE:** Eve Byron, Independent Record  
$20M tug-of-war over Cabin Funds

**H M:** Jessica Musicar, The World  
Driving into Danger ...

**WATCHDOG**

**FIRST PLACE:** Jared S. Hopkins, The Times-News  
Hopping the Money Plane

**SECOND PLACE:** Joe Gamm, The Daily Astorian  
Klatsch Them If You Can

**THIRD PLACE:** Sharyn L. Decker, The Chronicle  
Drug Bust Gone Bad? Maybe

**H M:** Phil Wright, East Oregonian  
“This Girl Shouldn’t Have Died”

**CRIME AND JUSTICE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Jessica Musicar, Damian Boudreau, The World  
Prisoner in His Own Body

**SECOND PLACE:** Phil Wright, East Oregonian  
Study of a Predator

**THIRD PLACE:** Jodi Hausen, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Training Can Make All the Difference

**GOVERNMENT**

**FIRST PLACE:** Ralph Schwartz, Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald

**TIGHT GOVERNMENT**

**SECOND PLACE:** Brian Mittge, The Chronicle  
Great Wolf Lodge Disputes Taxes

**THIRD PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Moo Shu U? MSU Earmarks

**H M:** Amanda Ricker, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Red Means Stop

**EDUCATION**

**FIRST PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Clean Water, Bright Future

**SECOND PLACE:** Kara Hansen, The Daily Astorian  
Class of 2008

**THIRD PLACE:** Flynn Espe, East Oregonian  
Language of the Elders

**H M:** Kyle Odegard, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
Legacies for Sale

**HEALTH**

**FIRST PLACE:** Amanda Ricker, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Kiersa’s Story

**SECOND PLACE:** Sandra Swain, The Daily Astorian  
Is the Competition Healthy?

**THIRD PLACE:** Josh Lintereur, Skagit Valley Herald  
Intensive End-of-life Care Wastes Billions
**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
**FIRST PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Daddy Dinosaurs Get Their Due

**SECOND PLACE:** Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian  
Forest Research Helps Scientists ...

**THIRD PLACE:** David Holley, The Daily Astorian  
As Global Climate Changes ...

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**
**FIRST PLACE:** Stefan Milkowski, John Wagner, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
Alaska’s Changing Climate

**SECOND PLACE:** Eve Byron, Independent Record  
Struggle for Balance

**THIRD PLACE:** Nate Poppino, The Times-News  
No One’s Mess

**CONSUMER**
**FIRST PLACE:** Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald  
Fuming About Gas Prices?

**SECOND PLACE:** Sandra Swain, The Daily Astorian  
Testing Your Home for Radon

**THIRD PLACE:** Tahlia Ganser, Skagit Valley Herald  
A Boom in Gun Sales

**BUSINESS**
**FIRST PLACE:** Vicki Hillhouse, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
Clock Ticks on Redevelopment

**SECOND PLACE:** Bennett Hall, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
Burn Debate Flares Up

**THIRD PLACE:** Jessica Mayrer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Vanishing Legacy

**MINORITIES**
**FIRST PLACE:** David Holley, The Daily Astorian  
Dishing Up Credit

**SECOND PLACE:** Daniel Person, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Opening the West

**THIRD PLACE:** Alfred Diaz, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
Local Man Recalls Encounter with Rev. King

**SOCIAL ISSUES**
**FIRST PLACE:** Melissa Davlin, The Times-News  
A New Deal ...

**SECOND PLACE:** Jessica Mayrer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Homeless Teens Left with Few Options ...

**THIRD PLACE:** Kathy Korengel, The News-Review  
No Home for the Holidays ...

H M: Kyle Odegard, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
Nearly A Ghost Town

**PERSONALITIES**
**FIRST PLACE:** Tony Lystra, The Daily News  
Dan Smith’s Dark Search

**SECOND PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
Irrepressible Robert, the Boy Nobody Wanted

**THIRD PLACE:** Franny White, Skagit Valley Herald  
Paper Lady

H M: Marissa Harshman, The News-Review  
The Boy on the Mountain

**LIFESTYLES**
**FIRST PLACE:** Kathy Aney, East Oregonian  
Oasis Under the Stars

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Hall, The Chronicle  
Kitchen of Terror

**THIRD PLACE:** Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian  
‘Ax Men’ Is Cutting-edge of Reality TV

H M: Rachel Thomson, The Daily World  
Legend of the Clam-napping

**SHORT FEATURE**
**FIRST PLACE:** Jessica Musicar, The World  
Tales—or Tails—of a Rat Bike Owner

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Schwartz, The Chronicle  
After Long Ordeal, Woman Gets New Home

**THIRD PLACE:** Amy M.E. Fischer, The Daily News  
No Slowing This Dog Down

**LONG FEATURE**
**FIRST PLACE:** Erik Olson, The Daily News  
Hunt for a Saviour

**SECOND PLACE:** Joe Sunnen, The Bellingham Herald  
Kings of Cool

**THIRD PLACE:** Melissa Davlin, The Times-News  
Oh, Baby, Baby ...

H M: Dick Clever, Skagit Valley Herald  
The Breakfast Club
ARTS
FIRST PLACE: Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald
In the Eye of the Beholder
SECOND PLACE: Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Notes of Comfort
THIRD PLACE: Cara Pallone, The News-Review
Autism through Art
H M: Beverly Crichfield, Skagit Valley Herald
Mixed Reviews

SPORTS NEWS
FIRST PLACE: Sean Forbes, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
White-knuckle Ride
SECOND PLACE: Rick Alvord, The Daily News
Civil War Revise ...
THIRD PLACE: Bradley Guire, The Times-News
Miles Before New Victories

SPORTS FEATURE
FIRST PLACE: Joe Sunnen, The Bellingham Herald
A Coach in the Family
SECOND PLACE: Rick Alvord, The Daily News
Just Another Golfer
THIRD PLACE: Eric Francis, Skagit Valley Herald
A Balancing Act

SPORTS COLUMN
FIRST PLACE: Rick Alvord, The Daily News
SECOND PLACE: Dan Jones, The News-Review
THIRD PLACE: David Bashore, The Times-News

EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY
FIRST PLACE: Steve Crump, The Times-News
SECOND PLACE: Brian Mittge, The Chronicle
THIRD PLACE: Dick Clever, Skagit Valley Herald
H M: Rick Eskil, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

GENERAL COLUMN
FIRST PLACE: Brian Mittge, The Chronicle
SECOND PLACE: Vickie Aldous, The Ashland Daily Tidings
THIRD PLACE: Steve Crump, The Times-News

NEWS PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Staff, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
SECOND PLACE: Doug Harvey, The News-Review
THIRD PLACE: Sheyna Watkins, The Chronicle
H M: Dawn Hagerman, Skagit Valley Herald

FEATURE PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Sheyna Watkins, The Chronicle
SECOND PLACE: Kathleen Strecker, The Daily Astorian
THIRD PLACE: Julie Breslin, The Daily News
H M: Greg Fiscus, Skagit Valley Herald

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Scott Terrell, Skagit Valley Herald
Food Fight
SECOND PLACE: Walter Hinick, The Montana Standard
Late Spring Snow
THIRD PLACE: Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Screams of Fire
H M: Frank Varga, Skagit Valley Herald
Blacksmithing

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle
Trapped
SECOND PLACE: Scott Terrell, Skagit Valley Herald
Killing Spree Suspect Arrest
THIRD PLACE: Walter Hinick, The Montana Standard
Firemen Respond
H M: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle
Furry Rescue

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle
A Gruesome Tale to Tell
SECOND PLACE: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle
Growing Pains
THIRD PLACE: Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Red, White and Love
H M: Danny Gawlowski, The Bellingham Herald
Murder Sentencing

HEADLINES
FIRST PLACE: Patrick Webb, The Daily Astorian
SECOND PLACE: Max Charlton, The Daily Astorian
THIRD PLACE: Annie Charnley Eveland, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST PLACE: Andy Bronson, The Bellingham Herald
College Football ...

SECOND PLACE: Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian
Emotions Erupt at Volcanoes Stadium

THIRD PLACE: Jeff Horner, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Vertical Victory

H M: Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Under the Lights

PHOTOPAGE

FIRST PLACE: Mike Salsbury, The Chronicle
Faces of the Fair

SECOND PLACE: Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Kiersa: One child’s battle

THIRD PLACE: Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian
‘Champions!’

H M: Eliza Wiley, Independent Record
Tired of Being Tired?

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST PLACE: Nick Wolcott, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Mother and Daughter

SECOND PLACE: Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Earl

THIRD PLACE: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle
Meth and Murder

PHOTO PORTFOLIO

FIRST PLACE: Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

SECOND PLACE: Danny Gawlowski, The Bellingham Herald

THIRD PLACE: Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian

H M: Holly Pederson, The Chronicle

CIRCULATION 25,001 - 65,000

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GENERAL EXCELLENCE

FIRST PLACE: Staff, The Olympian
April 10, October 19, October 26

SECOND PLACE: Staff, Mail Tribune
April 10, September 16, October 19

THIRD PLACE: Staff, The Herald
March 4, April 10, October 19

H M: Staff, Tri-City Herald
April 10, June 29, October 19

SPOT NEWS

FIRST PLACE: Paula Horton, Tri-City Herald
Brothers Die in Wreck

SECOND PLACE: Staff, Mail Tribune
Coeur D’Alene House Fire

THIRD PLACE: Yoshiaki Nohara, Diana Hefley, Alejandro Dominguez, The Herald
Fire Too Fast to Save 4

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (SINGLE DAY)

FIRST PLACE: Staff, The Herald
The War at Home

SECOND PLACE: Staff, Mail Tribune
They Held the Line

THIRD PLACE: Lauren Dake, The Bulletin
Bend Surfer’s Family Recalls Harrowing Day …
COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)

FIRST PLACE: Alan Gustafson, Statesman Journal
State Hospital: Rebuilding an institution
SECOND PLACE: Matt Batcheldor, The Olympian
Battle Over Building Heights
THIRD PLACE: Joe Chapman, Paula Horton, Kristin M. Kraemer, Tri-City Herald
Baby Cut From Womb

INVESTIGATIVE

FIRST PLACE: Leah Beth Ward, Yakima Herald-Republic
Hidden Wells, Dirty Water
SECOND PLACE: Krista J. Kapralos, The Herald
Stormmy Paul ...
THIRD PLACE: Michael Moore, Missoulian
Officer in Probe Had Issues in Prior Job

WATCHDOG

FIRST PLACE: Chris Mulick, Tri-City Herald
Coming in Second
SECOND PLACE: Chris Bristol, Yakima Herald-Republic
Sealed Records
THIRD PLACE: Michael Rose, Missoulian
Officer in Probe Had Issues in Prior Job

CRIME AND JUSTICE

FIRST PLACE: Diana Hefley, The Herald
Cold Case Cards
SECOND PLACE: Anita Burke, Mail Tribune
Nobody’s Child ...
THIRD PLACE: Greg Tuttle, Billings Gazette
Justice Served?

H M: John Branton, The Columbian
Hot on the Trail of Bail Jumpers ...

GOVERNMENT

FIRST PLACE: Matt Hagengruber, Billings Gazette
The Landfill Play
SECOND PLACE: Chris Bristol, Phil Feralito, Yakima Herald-Republic
Joe Morrier’s Ramp
THIRD PLACE: John Trumbo, Tri-City Herald
Benton County Coroner
H M: Joe Chapman, Tri-City Herald
Chocolate: Nowhere to Call Home

EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE: Isolde Raftery, The Columbian
Building Literacy, Teaching Life
SECOND PLACE: Kaitlin Manry, The Herald
The Belly That Shocked
THIRD PLACE: Rachel Schleif, The Wenatchee World
A New Kind of Kindergarten

HEALTH

‘Please Help Me,’ Mental Health Cases Growing
SECOND PLACE: Jim Haley, Sharon Salyer, The Herald
The Worth of a Heart
THIRD PLACE: K.C. Mehaffey, The Wenatchee World
The Decision of Her Lifetime
H M: Lorna Thackeray, Billings Gazette
In Alzheimer’s Shadow

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FIRST PLACE: Sharon Salyer, The Herald
Psychiatry Meets ‘Star Trek’
SECOND PLACE: Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald
Vegetable Oil ...
THIRD PLACE: Bill Sheets, The Herald
Lumpy, Dumpy and Crunchy

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

FIRST PLACE: Beth Casper, Henry Miller, Statesman Journal
Invasive Species of Oregon
SECOND PLACE: Christine Pratt, The Wenatchee World
New Life for a Thirsty Gorge
THIRD PLACE: Mark Henkel, Brett French, Billings Gazette
The Access Divide
H M: Jackson Holtz, The Herald
Great Train Disaster

CONSUMER

FIRST PLACE: Paris Achen, Mail Tribune
Dollars and Sense
SECOND PLACE: Staff, Billings Gazette
Feeling the Pinch
THIRD PLACE: Eric Fetters, The Herald
Price Check

BUSINESS

FIRST PLACE: Tom Lutey, Billings Gazette
No Shortcuts
SECOND PLACE: Damian Mann, Mail Tribune
Memories of the Fall
THIRD PLACE: Debra Smith, Eric Fetters, The Herald
Barclay’s North: The decline ...

BUSINESS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Mai Hoang, Yakima Herald-Republic
SECOND PLACE: Eve Nicholas, The Herald
THIRD PLACE: Steve Tytler, The Herald
MINORITIES

FIRST PLACE: Sharon Salyer, Alejandro Dominguez, The Herald
Alone Among Us

SECOND PLACE: Lorna Thackeray, Billings Gazette
Natives and Newcomers

THIRD PLACE: Katya Yefimova, The Herald
When Every Vote Is a Question of Trust

H M: Paul Fattig, Mail Tribune
The Last of a Dying Breed

SOCIAL ISSUES

FIRST PLACE: Staff, Statesman Journal
Raising a Community

SECOND PLACE: Tristan Scott, Missoulian
Prescription for Addiction

THIRD PLACE: Isolde Raftery, The Columbian
Young and Exploited

H M: Anita Burke, Mail Tribune
We Know We Are Losing Kids …

PERSONALITIES

FIRST PLACE: Chelsi Moy, Missoulian
Sacrifices for Freedom

SECOND PLACE: Rick Steigmeyer, The Wenatchee World
‘She Would Be a Good Mom’

THIRD PLACE: Jeff Switzer, The Herald
J.P. Patches

H M: Michael Moore, Missoulian
The Sun Shines Another Day

LIFESTYLES

FIRST PLACE: Betsy Cohen, Missoulian
Close Knit

SECOND PLACE: Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic
Soul Food

THIRD PLACE: Dan Bates, The Herald
Farm Dreams

H M: Sarah Lemon, Mail Tribune
Snow Dogs

SHORT FEATURE

FIRST PLACE: Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic
Happily, It’s Over

SECOND PLACE: Rachel Schleif, The Wenatchee World
Ashley Is Finding Her Voice

THIRD PLACE: Rolf Boone, The Olympian
Scooter Sales Take Off …

H M: Josh Farley, Kitsap Sun
He Died So Misunderstood

LONG FEATURE

FIRST PLACE: Brynn Grimley, Kitsap Sun
The True Meaning of Survival

SECOND PLACE: Brett French, Billings Gazette
Shot But Not Shattered

THIRD PLACE: Laura Tode, Billings Gazette
Drawn Together

H M: Scott North, The Herald
A Truth Beyond

ARTS

FIRST PLACE: Jefferson Robbins, The Wenatchee World
The Artist’s Dilemma

SECOND PLACE: Jefferson Robbins, The Wenatchee World
That’s a Wrap …

THIRD PLACE: Andy Rathbun, The Herald
Brothers Bring Down the House

H M: Joe Nickell, Missoulian
Pensive Music, Powerful Delivery

SPORTS NEWS

FIRST PLACE: René Ferrán, Tri-City Herald
Defending Champ

SECOND PLACE: John Boyle, The Herald
Booster’s Outburst Unusual

THIRD PLACE: Tom Hintze, Dan Sargent, The Herald
Shut Out

H M: Luke Andrews, Mail Tribune
Major Decisions

SPORTS FEATURE

FIRST PLACE: Scott Sandsberry, Yakima Herald-Republic
Hoosiers ‘08

SECOND PLACE: Gail Wood, Tony Overman, The Olympian
David Golden

THIRD PLACE: Mike Cane, The Herald
The Comeback

H M: Sarah Lemon, Mail Tribune
Back in the Race

SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: John Boyle, The Herald
SECOND PLACE: Greg Jayne, The Columbian
THIRD PLACE: Jeff Graham, Kitsap Sun
EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY
FIRST PLACE: Gary Nelson, Mail Tribune
SECOND PLACE: Dick Hughes, Statesman Journal
THIRD PLACE: Carol MacPherson, The Herald

GENERAL COLUMN
FIRST PLACE: Michael Moore, Missoulian
SECOND PLACE: Julie Muhlstein, The Herald
THIRD PLACE: Bill Varble, Mail Tribune

NEWS PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Rob McDonald, James Goossen, Billings Gazette
SECOND PLACE: Katie Mayer, The Herald
THIRD PLACE: Gary Nelson, The Herald
H M: Bill Epperheimer, Yakima Herald-Republic

FEATURE PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Doug Parry, The Herald
SECOND PLACE: Dan Page, Billings Gazette
THIRD PLACE: Ben Henry, Kitsap Sun

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Paul Ruhter, Billings Gazette
Fire Victim
SECOND PLACE: Michael O’Leary, The Herald
Water Search
THIRD PLACE: Larry Mayer, Billings Gazette
Pilot Survives Crash
H M: Kai-Huei Yau, Tri-City Herald
Piggy Back Rescue

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Dan Bates, The Herald
A Child Pays for War
SECOND PLACE: Richard Dickin, Tri-City Herald
Hummingbird Feeder
THIRD PLACE: Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune
Team Effort
H M: Steve Bloom, The Olympian
The Verdict

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Jim Craven, Mail Tribune
Mutton Busting
SECOND PLACE: Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune
Harvest Mood
THIRD PLACE: James Woodcock, Billings Gazette
Aerial Courtship
H M: Steven M. Herppich, The Olympian
Clam Diggers

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune
A Community Behind Them
SECOND PLACE: Bob Zellar, Billings Gazette
Soccer Save
THIRD PLACE: Paul Ruhter, Billings Gazette
One Last Shot
H M: Paul T. Erickson, Tri-City Herald
Lights Washdown

PHOTOPAGE
FIRST PLACE: Carolyn Yaschur, Kitsap Sun
An Alaskan Odyssey
SECOND PLACE: Kurt Wilson, Missoulian
Game of Beauty
THIRD PLACE: Dan Bates, The Herald
Farm Dreams

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Bob Pennell, Mail Tribune
Video Artist
SECOND PLACE: Kevin Nortz, The Herald
Denver Canaday
THIRD PLACE: Larry Steagall, Kitsap Sun
Beijing Dancers

PHOTO PORTFOLIO
FIRST PLACE: Kevin Nortz, The Herald
SECOND PLACE: Dan Bates, The Herald
THIRD PLACE: David Grubbs, Billings Gazette
H M: Casey Riffe, Billings Gazette
CIRCULATION MORE THAN 65,000

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GENERAL EXCELLENCE

FIRST PLACE: Staff, The Seattle Times
April 10, October 19, November 30

SECOND PLACE: Staff, The Oregonian
April 10, October 19, December 7

THIRD PLACE: Staff, The Spokesman-Review
April 10, July 11, October 19

SPOT NEWS

FIRST PLACE: Sara Jean Green, The Seattle Times
Stuck in the Muck

SECOND PLACE: Vanessa Ho, Moises Mendoza, Brad Wong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Friends, State Saw Two Very Different Sides ...

THIRD PLACE: Sara Jean Green, The Seattle Times
Tale of Death Unfolds after Strange Encounter

H M: Staff, The Oregonian
Firefighter Air Crash

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)

FIRST PLACE: Staff, The Seattle Times
The Sonics Saga

SECOND PLACE: Eric Nalder, Daniel Lathrop, Lewis Kamb, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
The Strong Arm of the Law

THIRD PLACE: Julie Sullivan, The Oregonian
Iraq War Vets

H M: Staff, The Register-Guard
Hynix Closure

INVESTIGATIVE

FIRST PLACE: Brent Walth, Bryan Denson, The Oregonian
Getting Disability Payments Can Be a Fight ...

SECOND PLACE: Michael J. Berens, Ken Armstrong, The Seattle Times
Culture of Resistance

THIRD PLACE: Susan Gordon, The News Tribune
Chlorine

H M: Eric Nalder, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Demoted to Private ...

WATCHDOG

FIRST PLACE: Amy Hsuan, Melissa Navas, Bill Graves, The Oregonian
Schools Let Sex Abuse Cases Slide

SECOND PLACE: Kevin Graman, The Spokesman-Review
Lives Lost at Home

THIRD PLACE: Nick Perry, Bob Condotta, Ken Armstrong, The Seattle Times
Huskies Booster Offered $100K ...

CRIME AND JUSTICE

FIRST PLACE: Susan Goldsmith, The Oregonian
The Trials of Brad Holbrook

SECOND PLACE: Sean Robinson, The News Tribune
Bounty

THIRD PLACE: Carol Smith, Daniel Lathrop, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
State Plays in Blood ...

H M: Claudia Rowe, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Juvenile Sex Offenders Marked for Life

GOVERNMENT

FIRST PLACE: Steve Mayes, The Oregonian
Erickson’s Cuba Trip: Think cigars

SECOND PLACE: Sean Cockerham, Erika Bolstad, Anchorage Daily News
When Young Needs Help ...

THIRD PLACE: Diane Dietz, The Register-Guard
Got Bonds?

H M: Yuxing Zheng, The Oregonian
Are Bloggers Real Reporters ...?

EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE: Kris Sherman, The News Tribune
School Calendar

SECOND PLACE: Linda Shaw, Justin Mayo, The Seattle Times
Re segregation of Seattle Schools

THIRD PLACE: Lynn Thompson, The Seattle Times
As Schools Face Cuts ...

H M: Kim Melton, The Oregonian
A Season on the Hardwood ...
LONG FEATURE
FIRST PLACE: Marc Ramirez, The Seattle Times
The Healing
SECOND PLACE: Tom Hallman, Jr., The Oregonian
Finding Forgiveness ...
THIRD PLACE: Inara Verzemnieks, The Oregonian
The Meaning of Stuff ...

ARTS
FIRST PLACE: Katy Muldoon, The Oregonian
‘Tonya’ Rocks; Real Tonya Roars
SECOND PLACE: Moira Macdonald, The Seattle Times
‘I Could Have Read All Night ...’
THIRD PLACE: David Stabler, The Oregonian
The Young and the Peerless
H M: Misha Berson, The Seattle Times
There Will Be Blood ...

SPORTS NEWS
FIRST PLACE: Rachel Bachman, Brent Hunsberger, The Oregonian
The Biggest Man on Campus
SECOND PLACE: Geoff Baker, The Seattle Times
Rebuilding the Mariners ...
THIRD PLACE: Molly Yanity, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Willingham’s Struggles

SPORTS FEATURE
FIRST PLACE: Sandy Ringer, The Seattle Times
Hard Road Back
SECOND PLACE: Bud Withers, The Seattle Times
Wuiff Completes a Long Road Home
THIRD PLACE: Larry Stone, The Seattle Times
My, Oh My, Forever
H M: Laura Oppenheimer, The Oregonian
A Court and a Prayer

SPORTS COLUMN
FIRST PLACE: John Canzano, The Oregonian
SECOND PLACE: John McGrath, The News Tribune
THIRD PLACE: Art Thiel, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY
FIRST PLACE: Doug Bates, The Oregonian
SECOND PLACE: Susan Nielsen, The Oregonian
THIRD PLACE: Jackman Wilson, The Register-Guard
H M: Jamie Tobias Neely, The Spokesman-Review

GENERAL COLUMN
FIRST PLACE: Robert Jamieson, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
SECOND PLACE: Denny Westneat, The Seattle Times
THIRD PLACE: Anna Griffin, The Oregonian
H M: Steve Duin, The Oregonian

NEWS PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Rich Boudet, The Seattle Times
SECOND PLACE: Jeff King, The Seattle Times

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Steve Zimmerman, The Oregonian

HEADLINES
FIRST PLACE: Jeremy Lang, The Oregonian
SECOND PLACE: Jim McNutt, The Oregonian
THIRD PLACE: Colin Powers, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
H M: Tony Hall, Anchorage Daily News

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
SECOND PLACE: Meryl Schenker, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
THIRD PLACE: Christopher Anderson, The Spokesman-Review

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST PLACE: Mike Siegel, The Seattle Times
SECOND PLACE: Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
THIRD PLACE: Brucy Ely, The Oregonian

FEATURE PAGE DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Steve Zimmerman, The Oregonian

HEADLINES
FIRST PLACE: Jeremy Lang, The Oregonian
SECOND PLACE: Jim McNutt, The Oregonian
THIRD PLACE: Colin Powers, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
H M: Tony Hall, Anchorage Daily News
SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST PLACE:  Brent Wojahn, The Oregonian
   Head-on Collision
SECOND PLACE:  Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
   Touchdown ... Almost
THIRD PLACE:  Alan Berner, The Seattle Times
   Chihuahua Races
H M:  Thomas Boyd, The Oregonian
   Three Cheers

PHOTOPAGE

FIRST PLACE:  Alan Berner, The Seattle Times
   China Now
SECOND PLACE:  Erika Schultz, The Seattle Times
   Harvest of Change
THIRD PLACE:  Alan Berner, The Seattle Times
   A Watershed Moment
H M:  Mike Kane, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
   Young Guns: A New Brand of Gangster

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST PLACE:  John Lok, The Seattle Times
   Early Riser
SECOND PLACE:  Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
   Ballerina in a Pot
THIRD PLACE:  Alan Berner, The Seattle Times
   'Q' Means Quincy Jones
H M:  Grant M. Haller, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
   Windy Look

PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

FIRST PLACE:  Alan Berner, The Seattle Times
SECOND PLACE:  Dan Pelle, The Spokesman-Review
THIRD PLACE:  John Lok, The Seattle Times

ALL CIRCULATION CLASSES JUDGED TOGETHER

The judging was done by professional journalists from an SPJ chapter in California.

GRAPHICS

FIRST PLACE:  Denny Lester, Independent Record
SECOND PLACE:  Steve Cowden, Eric Baker, The Oregonian
THIRD PLACE:  Steve Cowden, The Oregonian

ILLUSTRATIONS

FIRST PLACE:  Wendy Wahman, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
SECOND PLACE:  Susan Jouflas, The Seattle Times
THIRD PLACE:  David Brauhn, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
H M:  Carrie Hoover, The Oregonian

EDITORIAL CARTOON

FIRST PLACE:  David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
SECOND PLACE:  Jack Ohman, The Oregonian
THIRD PLACE:  Terrence L. Nowicki, Jr., Seattle Post-Intelligencer
The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Florida and Colorado.

**INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Beth Slovic, Willamette Week  
*Senor Smith*

**SECOND PLACE:** Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week  
*Good Cop, Mad Cop*

**GOVERNMENT**

**FIRST PLACE:** James Pitkin, Willamette Week  
*Manhunter*

**SECOND PLACE:** Alan Pittman, Eugene Weekly  
*Blind Oversight*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week,  
*Jail Junkies*

**CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Patrick M. Klemz, Missoula Independent  
*Superfraud*

**SECOND PLACE:** Camilla Mortensen, Eugene Weekly  
*One Good Tern Deserves an Island*

**THIRD PLACE:** Virginia de Leon, Out There Monthly  
*What Killed Wilcox Organic Milk?*

**SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

**FIRST PLACE:** Nicholas Deshais, The Pacific Northwest Inlander  
*In the Weeds / Busted*

**SECOND PLACE:** Philip Dawdy, Willamette Week  
*Bitter Pill*

**THIRD PLACE:** John Minervini, Willamette Week  
*Lean, Mean Meat-Free Machine*
SOCIAL ISSUES

FIRST PLACE: Byron Beck, Willamette Week
The Queer and the Qu’ran

SECOND PLACE: Jesse Froehling, Seattle Weekly
Deport of Call

EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE: Beth Slovic, Willamette Week
Fleeced

SECOND PLACE: James Pitkin, Willamette Week
Higher Ed

THIRD PLACE: Beth Slovic, Willamette Week
Core Issue

ARTS

FIRST PLACE: Suzi Steffen, Eugene Weekly
Buddhist Visions

SECOND PLACE: Mike Seely, Seattle Weekly
The Lunatic Is on the Drums

LIFESTYLE

FIRST PLACE: Andy Smetanka, Missoula Independent
Home in the Hills

SECOND PLACE: Jonathan Kauffman, Seattle Weekly
Slices of Life

THIRD PLACE: Aaron Mesh, Willamette Week
Raiders of the Lost Crap

PERSONALITIES

FIRST PLACE: Aimee Curl, Seattle Weekly
Separated at Busey

SECOND PLACE: James Pitkin, Willamette Week
The Adventures of Zetaman

BUSINESS

FIRST PLACE: Laura Onstot, Seattle Weekly
The King of Filet-o-Fish

SECOND PLACE: Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week
Beet to the Pulp

THIRD PLACE: Nina Shapiro, Seattle Weekly
The Closer

SPORTS

FIRST PLACE: Casey Jarman, Willamette Week
Here Today ...

SECOND PLACE: Jesse Froehling, Seattle Weekly
Tailpipe Dream

THIRD PLACE: Skylar Browning, Missoula Independent
Time Trial

OPINION

FIRST PLACE: Jon Snyder, Out There Monthly

SECOND PLACE: Ted S. McGregor, Jr., The Pacific Northwest Inlander

THIRD PLACE: Eleanor Lee, Northwest Asian Weekly

HUMOR

FIRST PLACE: Ethan Smith, Willamette Week,
Kvetchfest

SECOND PLACE: Michael Bowen, The Pacific Northwest Inlander
Getting the Details Wrong

SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Staff, Seattle Weekly
Fall Arts Instruction Manual 2008

SECOND PLACE: Staff, Willamette Week
Restaurant Guide

THIRD PLACE: Staff, Eugene Weekly
Water Day

PAGE DESIGN

FIRST PLACE: Jane Sherman, Seattle Weekly
SECOND PLACE: Staff, Willamette Week
THIRD PLACE: Chris Bovey, The Pacific Northwest Inlander
TELEVISION
The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Missouri, Maine, and California.

**SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Brittny Tale, Andrea Lutz, KPAX
Mt. Sentinel Fire

**SECOND PLACE:** Nichole Szemerei, KULR
Hunley Fire

**THIRD PLACE:** Angela Monroe, KPAX
Big Mountain Avalanche

**GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Katie Ussin, KULR,
9/11 in the Schools

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KPAX
Milltown Dam Breach

**THIRD PLACE:** Jill Valley, James Rafferty, Melissa Rafferty, KPAX
Florence Murder Indictments

**FEATURE NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Ryan Coleman, KPAX
Lemonade Stand

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Weber-Bates, KULR
Water Tank Divers

**THIRD PLACE:** Katie Ussin, KULR,
Laura’s Calling

**INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Tony Aaron Fuller, Michael Huey, KTVZ
Living with H.I.V.

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Weber-Bates, KULR
A Question of Faith

**THIRD PLACE:** Nichole Szemerei, KULR
Overcoming Obstacles

**SPORTS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Darnay Tripp, KCFW
Problems At the Skate Park

**SECOND PLACE:** Jeff Friedman, KTVM
Female Boxer

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Friedman, KTVM
Jimmy Verlanic

**GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KVAL
Joel Courtney Hearing

**SECOND PLACE:** Meghan Kalkstein, Doug Schwindt, KVAL
Oakridge Cleanup

**THIRD PLACE:** Meghan Kalkstein, Alan Dale, KVAL
Lost in the Oregon Woods

**FEATURE NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Molly Kelleher, KEPR
Couch Surfing

**SECOND PLACE:** Molly Kelleher, KEPR
Cancer Patient Plays Santa

**THIRD PLACE:** Ruth Johnson, KEPR
Hispanic Success

**INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Idaho Public Television
Outdoor Idaho: Wild Fire

**SECOND PLACE:** Tom Adams, Bill Goetz, KVAL
Lopez House

**THIRD PLACE:** Denae D’Arcy, KVAL
Cameras in the Courts

**SPORTS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Idaho Public Television
Outdoor Idaho: Xtreme Sports

**SECOND PLACE:** Keith Leventhal, KEPR
End of an Era

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick Krupke, KVAL
Wake Up with Robinson

**H M:** Keith Leventhal, KEPR,
A Wild Inning
NEWS PHOTOJOURNALISM

**FIRST PLACE:** Kelly Lyon, KVAL
Horses and the Economy

**SECOND PLACE:** Nick Campfield, KIMA
Moving a River

**THIRD PLACE:** Loren Ruark, KVAL
Suspect Shot

FEATURE PHOTOJOURNALISM

**FIRST PLACE:** Gary Salzman, KTVB
Oregon Trail Wagon Man

**SECOND PLACE:** Bill Goetz, KVAL
The Books of Love

**THIRD PLACE:** Adam Grunseth, KVAL
Fancy Cars

MARKETS 1 TO 100

SPOT NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Roxeanne Vainuku, KCPQ
Sultan Floods

**SECOND PLACE:** William Pitts, Brett Allbery, KREM
Omak Fire

**THIRD PLACE:** William Pitts, Brett Allbery, KREM
Smith Lake Fire

GENERAL NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** William Pitts, Will Mueller, KREM
Kennecott Soldier’s Fight

**SECOND PLACE:** Chris Daniels, Ron Sanford, KING
Bikini Baristas

**THIRD PLACE:** Marissa Bagg, KREM
Schelling’s Dry Cleaners

FEATURE NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Joan Kinsey, Jean Enersen, Blake Hurley, KING
A Kidney for a Kid

**SECOND PLACE:** Kjerstin Ramsing, KXLY
Nubrella

**THIRD PLACE:** Laural Porter, Kurt Austin, KGW
Healing Mustafa

H M: Laural Porter, Kurt Austin, KGW
J-R McDowell

INVESTIGATIVE

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris Ingalls, Kellie Cheadle, Steve Douglas, KING
Start Freakin’

**SECOND PLACE:** Susannah Frame, Kellie Cheadle, Steve Douglas, KING
Family or Foster Care

**THIRD PLACE:** Chris Daniels, Kellie Cheadle, Steve Douglas, KING
Who is Protecting the Most Vulnerable?

H M: Grant McOmie, KATU
Poisoned Fish
The judging was done by professional journalists from an SPJ chapter in Pennsylvania.

**NEWSCAST**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KIRO  
Seattle's Morning News

**SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KPAM  
SUV under Semi

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KIRO  
Downtown Shootout

**THIRD PLACE:** Tim Hohl, KPAM  
Bus Jumper

**GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Austin Jenkins, Northwest News Network  
In WA, Mentally Ill Children Face Long Wait...

**SECOND PLACE:** Erin Covey, KIRO  
Homeless Hotel

**THIRD PLACE:** Angela Kellner, KLCC  
Neighborhood Impact of Regional Medical Center

**H M:** Christy George, Oregon Public Broadcasting  
New ID Rules: Aimed at terrorists...

**FEATURE NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Paula Wissel, KPLU  
Cashing In on the Housing Crisis

**SECOND PLACE:** Heather Bosch, KIRO  
American Idol — Wagnerian Edition

**THIRD PLACE:** Tom Banse, Northwest News Network  
Vet Finds New Mission...

**DOCUMENTARY**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KLCC  
Special Issues: The Economy

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KLCC  
Special Issues: Downtown

**THIRD PLACE:** Chana Joffe-Walt, KPLU  
Remembering Rose Hill

**NEWS SERIES**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, CoastAlaska News,  
Adapting to the Fuel Crisis

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Oregon Public Broadcasting  
On Our Minds: Mental health in Oregon...

**THIRD PLACE:** Samantha Wright, Krisi Packer, Boise  
State Radio  
Idaho Storycorps Project

**SPORTS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris Lehman, Northwest News Network  
Families Host Minor League Players

**SECOND PLACE:** Bill Swartz, KIRO  
Goodbye, Coach

**THIRD PLACE:** Heather Bosch, KIRO  
Olympic Mom

**COMMENTARY, ANALYSIS AND EDITORIAL**

**FIRST PLACE:** John Frohnmayer, KLCC  
Legalize Drugs

**SECOND PLACE:** Dave Ross, KIRO  
Day After the Election

**THIRD PLACE:** John Frohnmayer, KLCC  
Second Amendment
The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in North Carolina, California, and Missouri.

**SPOT NEWS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KitsapSun.com  
*Sunday Storm Blasts Kitsap*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Clinton/Obama Political Rallies*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle,  
*Meth Lab Aftermath*

**SPOT NEWS (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Obama in Medford*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The Daily Astorian  
*Gearhart Plane Crash*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Fallen Firefighters*

**SPECIAL REPORT/ENTERPRISE (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Statesman Journal  
*www.InvasiveSpeciesofOregon.com*

**SECOND PLACE:** Pat Marcantonio, Elizabeth Bennett, Kent Schmidt, The Times-News  
*A Leap Into History*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Inside the Slide*

**H M:** Dillon Tabish, NewWest.net  
*The Con Crew*

**SPECIAL REPORT / ENTERPRISE (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Herald  
*Alone Among Us*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Cold Cases*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Times-News  
*River of Stone*

**H M:** Tiffany Campbell, Jeff Bartenbach, Justin Mayo, The Seattle Times  
*Landslides and Logging Interactive*

**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/LIFESTYLE (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Billings Gazette  
*5:01 blog*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Pelle, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Flying Trikes*

**THIRD PLACE:** Anne Jaeger, Kraig Scattarella, The Oregonian  
*Homes and Gardens Videos*

**H M:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Passion of the Christ*

**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/LIFESTYLE (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*Pregnant with Cancer*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sanjay Bhatt, Genevieve Alvarez, Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*Christmas Trees/Cadillac of Worms*

**THIRD PLACE:** Julie Sullivan, Rob Finch, Ed Madrid, The Oregonian  
*Facing Fatal Genes*

**BUSINESS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Helen Jung, Desiree Affleje, The Oregonian  
*Pressure Points Videos*

**SECOND PLACE:** Karen Aho, MSN Real Estate  
*Eight Pitfalls for New Landlords*

**THIRD PLACE:** Harris Meyer, Crosscut.com Public Media  
*Trap Gun Tribulations*

**SPORTS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian,  
*2008 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KitsapSun.com  
*West Sound Dream 18*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Rodeo Crazy*

**SPORTS (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Michael Rogers, Scot Heisel, Thacher Schmid, The Daily News  
*Kelso Babe Ruth*

**SECOND PLACE:** Amanda Determan, Jeff Windmueller, Lisa Kunkel, Independent Record  
*Carroll College Fighting Saints Football 2008*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Independent Record  
*Montana Prep Sports*

**H M:** Staff, Billings Gazette  
*GazPrepSports*
CREATIVE USE OF THE MEDIUM
(ORIGINAL)
FIRST PLACE: Noelle Crombie, Ed Madrid, The Oregonian
I Love Portland
SECOND PLACE: Staff, thenewstribune.com
SoundInfo
THIRD PLACE: Staff, Spokesmanreview.com
Spokesman.com Personalized News Feeds
H M: Casey McNerthney, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Answers for Readers ...

CREATIVE USE OF THE MEDIUM
(ADAPTATION)
FIRST PLACE: Travis Moore, Grants Pass Daily Courier
Encounter at the Caves
SECOND PLACE: Staff, Independent Record,
Pursuit of Perfection
THIRD PLACE: Erin Hoover Barnett, Rob Finch, Ed
Madrid, The Oregonian
Speak, Listen, Heal.

BEST BLOG - GENERAL NEWS AND COMMENTARY
FIRST PLACE: Mónica Guzmán, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
The Big Blog
SECOND PLACE: David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Drawing Power — Group I
THIRD PLACE: Jeff Mapes, The Oregonian,
Mapes on Politics
H M: David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Drawing Power — Group II

BEST BLOG (SPECIALIZED)
FIRST PLACE: Karen Datko, MSN Money
Smart Spending Blog
SECOND PLACE: Scott Sistek, KOMO
Partly to Mostly Bloggin’
THIRD PLACE: Craig Lancaster, Billings Gazette,
Watch Yer Language
H M: Terry Richard, The Oregonian
Travels with Terry

BEST OVERALL WEB SITE
FIRST PLACE: Staff, KING
KINGS.com
SECOND PLACE: Staff, Spokesmanreview.com,
Spokesman.com
THIRD PLACE: Staff, The Oregonian
OregonLive.com
H M: Staff, Mail Tribune
www.mailtribune.com

BEST WEB DESIGN
FIRST PLACE: Staff, Mail Tribune
Oregon Outdoors
SECOND PLACE: Elana Winsberg, David Horsey, Curt
Milton, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
DavidHorsey.com
THIRD PLACE: Staff, Statesman Journal
www.StatesmanJournal.com

PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE WEB
FIRST PLACE: Staff, Statesman Journal
www.RaisingACommunity.com
SECOND PLACE: Casey McNerthney, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Seattle 911: A Police Blog
THIRD PLACE: Staff, The Oregonian
The Stump
H M: Julie Wurth, Bob Hunter, Mail Tribune
Letters to the Next President

SLIDESHOW/PHOTO
FIRST PLACE: Joe Barrentine, thenewstribune.com
5 Years from Tacoma
SECOND PLACE: Staff, The Herald
Recycling a House
THIRD PLACE: Dan Pelle, Spokesmanreview.com
Pow Wow
H M: Mónica Guzmán, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Amanda Knox and the Internet