2010 SPJ NW EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM CONTEST
HONORING WORK PRODUCED IN 2010

MAY 2011
The Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest is held annually by Region 10 of SPJ to honor exceptional journalism in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The contest is open to SPJ members and nonmembers, and it includes all forms of media (print, online, radio and TV) and media organizations of all sizes.

This year’s contest honors work produced or published in 2010. We received more than 2,500 entries from dozens of media organizations throughout the region which were then reviewed and rated by out-of-state judges. The awards that appear in the pages that follow are the results of this year’s contest. Congratulations to all of our 2010 SPJ award winners and to the editorial, design and production teams that helped make their work possible!

Sincerely,

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About SPJ

Founded in 1909 as Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists is dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press as the cornerstone of our nation and our liberty. To ensure that the concept of self-government outlined by the U.S. Constitution remains a reality into future centuries, the American people must be well informed in order to make decisions regarding their lives, and their local and national communities. It is the role of journalists to provide this information in an accurate, comprehensive, timely and understandable manner.

It is the mission of the Society of Professional Journalists:

• To promote this flow of information.
• To maintain constant vigilance in protection of the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press.
• To stimulate high standards and ethical behavior in the practice of journalism.
• To foster excellence among journalists.
• To inspire successive generations of talented individuals to become dedicated journalists.
• To encourage diversity in journalism.
• To be the pre-eminent, broad-based membership organization for journalists.
• To encourage a climate in which journalism can be practiced freely.

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Comprehensive Coverage
1st Place
Staff
Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
“Gangs: A Legacy of Violence”
2nd Place
Don Jenkins
The News-Review
“A Spotted Saga”
3rd Place
Daniel Person, Michael Gibney
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“A Predator’s Welcome…”

Investigative Reporting
1st Place
Rachel Pritchett
Kitsap Sun
“Cautionary Tales in the Complaint Files…”
2nd Place
Jacob Jones
The Daily World
“How Did Bridge Problems Go Unnoticed?”
3rd Place
Paul Gottlieb
Peninsula Daily News
“Security Breach at Coast Guard Base Examined”

Spot News Reporting
1st Place
Katie Wilson, Chelsea Gorrow, Deeda Schroeder
The Daily Astorian
“Waterfront Inferno”
2nd Place
Tahlia Ganser
Skagit Valley Herald
“Tragedy at Tesoro”
3rd Place
Mark Freeman
Mail Tribune
“Rogue Rage”

Crime and Justice Reporting
1st Place
Tony Lystra
The Daily News
“A Rough Place to Detox”
2nd Place
Tony Lystra
The Daily News
“My Pride Got the Best of Me”
3rd Place
Marqise Allen
The Chronicle
“Pe Ell Bullied By Brash Reserve Cop”
**Government and Politics Reporting**

1st Place
Mike Johnston
Ellensburg Daily Record
“Wind Questions”

2nd Place
Dennis Roler, Jim Moore, Stacy Stumbo, Patti Richter
Grants Pass Daily Courier
“Measuring the Public Payroll Package”

3rd Place
Steve Gardner
Kitsap Sun
“Tim Sheldon Makes No Apologies for Dual Roles”

**Education Reporting**

1st Place
Rachel Schleif
The Wenatchee World
“High School 2.0”

2nd Place
Mary Swift
Ellensburg Daily Record
“Math Matters” (three-part series)

3rd Place
Rachel Schleif
The Wenatchee World
“Backing Down Bullies Isn’t Easy”

**Health Reporting**

1st Place
Mary Swift
Ellensburg Daily Record
“Are There Enough Physicians?”

2nd Place
Rick Steigmeyer
The Wenatchee World
“PTSD: The Invisible Wound”

3rd Place
Cheryll Borgaard, Bill Wagner
The Daily News
“State Medicaid Cuts Threaten Oral Health”
### Environment and Science Reporting

**1st Place**
Daniel Person  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
“A Predator’s Welcome”

**2nd Place**
Cassandra Profita  
The Daily Astorian  
“Slinging Rotten Fish? It’s Enriching”

**3rd Place**
Anne Creighton  
The News-Review  
“Formosa Mine”

### Business Reporting

**1st Place**
Jeff Graham  
Kitsap Sun  
“The Business of Golf: Kitsap’s Courses Land in Recessionary Rough”

**2nd Place**
Brandon Swanson  
The Chronicle  
“Bound by Blood”

**3rd Place**
Erik Olson, Roger Werth  
The Daily News  
“Flawed By Design”

### Social Issues Reporting

**1st Place**
Bennett Hall  
Corvallis Gazette-Times  
“Death in the Basement”

**2nd Place**
Steve Lundeberg  
Albany Democrat-Herald  
“This Is My Country”

**3rd Place**
Melissa Davlin  
Times-News  
“Autistic Adults”

### Personalities Reporting

**1st Place**
Tristan Baurick  
Kitsap Sun  
“The Anchor of Eagle Harbor”

**2nd Place**
Gail Schontzler  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
“Burned Body, Brave Spirit”

**3rd Place**
Barbara Laboe, Andre Stepankowsky  
The Daily News  
“A World With Fewer Adventurers”
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### Sports Reporting

**1st Place**
Kevin Hampton  
Corvallis Gazette-Times  
“Going at us Emotionally”

**2nd Place**
David Bashore  
Times-News  
“Athletic Departments Bracing For Crunch”

**3rd Place**
Tim Trower  
Mail Tribune  
“Powers Played Through Heartache”

### Sports Feature Story

**1st Place**
Trevor Pyle  
Skagit Valley Herald  
“Back on the Mat”

**2nd Place**
Dennis Roler, Larry Cathey  
Grants Pass Daily Courier  
“He Sees the Game in a Unique Way”

**3rd Place**
John McDermott  
The News-Review  
“Numbers Add Up For Baseball Team”

### Sports Column

**1st Place**
Joe Sunnen  
The Bellingham Herald  
“Women’s Hockey a Two-team Race; Shot Down at the Hoop Shoot; Ayers Copes with Life After Football”

**2nd Place**
Dennis Roler, Zach Urness  
Grants Pass Daily Courier  
“Stranded on Shasta; Tackling the Applegate; Fall’s the time”

**3rd Place**
Nathan Joyce  
Kitsap Sun  
“It’s Not Getting Any Easier Out There for a Coach”
## Daily Newspapers (Circulation of 25,000 or less)

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John Wagner
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
“Boy and Goose”

2nd Place
MacLeod Pappidas
The Daily World
“He’s Abuzz About Bees”

3rd Place
Eric Engman
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
“Yoga”

**Sports Photography**

1st Place
Jamie Lusch
Mail Tribune
“Showcase”

2nd Place
MacLeod Pappidas
The Daily World
“Block Knocked Off”

3rd Place
Dylan Brown
Helena Independent Record
“Not Just Horsing Around”

**Photo Page, Story or Essay**

1st Place
Bob A. Pennell
Mail Tribune
“The Greatest Loss”

2nd Place
Eric Engman
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
“Deployed”

3rd Place
Brian Myrick
Ellensburg Daily Record

**Photo Portfolio**

1st Place
Sean Sperry
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

2nd Place
Don Seabrook
The Wenatchee World

3rd Place
Erick Petersen
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

**Graphics & Illustrations (All circulation groups judged together)**

1st Place
Marsha Matta
The Columbian

2nd Place
Greg Cross
The Bulletin

3rd Place
Bob Kelton
The Daily Herald Co.
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Alan Gustafson  
Statesman Journal  
“Crisis in Costs”

**2nd Place**  
Noah Haglund  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“County’s Fines Fall Short of Solving Building Code Violations”

**3rd Place**  
Erik Robinson  
The Columbian  
“Inspections Spurs Alarm About Dams”

### Education Reporting

**1st Place**  
Lauren Dake  
The Bulletin  
“Foreign Exchanges”

**2nd Place**  
Tracy Loew  
The Statesman Journal  
“WESD and ESD Reform”

**3rd Place**  
Eric Stevick  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“Why More Girls Get the Grades While Boys Struggle in our Schools”

### Health Reporting

**1st Place**  
Markian Hawryluk  
The Bulletin  
“Under the Influence”

**2nd Place**  
Arnie Thompson  
The Great Falls Tribune  
“A Game to Beware”

**3rd Place**  
Billings Gazette  
“Good Policy or Bad Medicine?”

### Environment and Science Reporting

**1st Place**  
Erin Snelgrove  
Yakima Herald-Republic  
“The Interstate 90 Construction Project: Breaking Down Barriers”

**2nd Place**  
Beth Casper, Stefanie Knowlton  
The Statesman Journal  
“Running for Their Lives”

**3rd Place**  
Debra Smith  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“The Sludge Stops Here”
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**Business Reporting**

**1st Place**
Kathie Durbin
The Columbian
“Washington’s Wind Power Windfall”

**2nd Place**
Hillary Borrud
The Bulletin
“Buying Up Bend”

**3rd Place**
Aaron Corvin
The Columbian
“Nautilus Looking for a Comeback”

**Business Column**

**1st Place**
Courtney Sherwood
The Columbian

**2nd Place**
Mai Hoang
Yakima Herald-Republic

**3rd Place**
Mike Benbow
The Daily Herald Co.

**Social Issues Reporting**

**1st Place**
Julia O’Malley
Anchorage Daily News
“Hooked: One Addict’s Story”

**2nd Place**
Debra Smith
The Daily Herald Co.
“Homeless Teen Goes to College to Pursue Flight Dream”

**3rd Place**
Lauren Dake
The Bulletin
“Gang Violence, Grief”

**Personalities Reporting**

**1st Place**
Michelle Dunlop
The Daily Herald Co.
“Boeing Jobs”

**2nd Place**
Bill Sheets
The Daily Herald Co.
“John McCoy, Quil Ceda Village Helped Tulalips to Prosperity”

**3rd Place**
Bill Sheets
The Daily Herald Co.
“Eyman Expands His Reach”

**Lifestyles Reporting**

**1st Place**
Staff
Billings Gazette
“Agate Hunter”

**2nd Place**
Barbara Curtin
Statesman Journal
“Letters From Mom”

**3rd Place**
Barbara Curtin
Statesman Journal
“Tracking Our Family Roots”
### Short Feature Story (up to 1,000 words)

**1st Place**
Scott Hewitt  
The Columbian  
“Main Street in America Happy 234—and many Happy Returns”

**2nd Place**
Dori O’Neal  
Tri-City Herald  
“Helping with Goodbye”

**3rd Place**
Jackson Holtz  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“Food Circus”

### Long Feature Story (more than 1,000 words)

**1st Place**
Ben Salmon  
The Bulletin  
“Music in His Genes”

**2nd Place**
Scott Sandsberry  
Yakima Herald-Republic  
“The Coincidental Divide”

**3rd Place**
Scott Hewitt  
The Columbian  
“More Than Survival”

### Arts Reporting

**1st Place**
Barbara Curtin  
Statesman Journal  
“Will Art Fair Pay A Price?”

**2nd Place**
Barbara Curtin  
Statesman Journal  
“Family Ties and All That Jazz”

### Sports Reporting

**1st Place**
Scott Sandsberry  
Yakima Herald-Republic  
“Gray Matter”

**2nd Place**
Aaron Swaney  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“Curling Hit Me in the Hog’s Eye”

**3rd Place**
Greg Jayne  
The Columbian  
“Papermakers are Streak-Breakers”

### Sports Feature Story

**1st Place**
Debra Smith  
The Daily Herald Co.  
“Kenda Lenseigne, Top Rider from Sultan”

**2nd Place**
Kevin Anthony  
Tri-City Herald  
“Pilate’s Chiawana Family”

**3rd Place**
Bill Speltz  
Missoulian
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Steven Lane
The Columbian
“Henderson Brother”

2nd Place
Zachary Kauffman
The Columbian
“Boxer Virgil Green”

3rd Place
Dan Bates
The Daily Herald Co.
“Building Donor”

Sports Photography

1st Place
Jennifer Buchanan
The Daily Herald Co.
“Vonn’s Gold”

2nd Place
Steven Lane
The Columbian
“Game Winner”

3rd Place
Bob Zellar
Billings Gazette
“Home Plate Collision”

Photo Page, Story or Essay

1st Place
Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian
“Coping with Cancer”

2nd Place
Casey Riffe
Billings Gazette
“Abandoned Schoolhouses”

3rd Place
Paul Ruhter
Billings Gazette
“Clubhouse Manager”

Photo Portfolio

1st Place
Kurt Wilson
Missoulian

2nd Place
David Grubbs
Billings Gazette

3rd Place
Richard Dickin
Tri-City Herald
**General Excellence**

**1st Place**
Staff
The Oregonian

**2nd Place**
Staff
The Seattle Times

**3rd Place**
Staff
The Spokesman-Review

**Comprehensive Coverage**

**1st Place**
Staff
The Oregonian
“Oregon’s Budget/Hard Choices”

**2nd Place**
Lornet Turnbull
The Seattle Times
“Invisible Families: The Homeless You Don’t See”

**3rd Place**
Kimberly A. C. Wilson
The Oregonian
“Haiti”

**Investigative Reporting**

**1st Place**
Michael Berens
The Seattle Times
“Seniors for Sale”

**2nd Place**
Sean Robinson
The News Tribune
“Dale Washam”

**3rd Place**
Les Zaitz, Nicole Dungca
The Oregonian
“Secret Boy Scout Files”

**Spot News Reporting**

**1st Place**
Lynn Thompson, Christine Clarridge, Miyoko Wolf
The Seattle Times
“Cambodian Grandma”

**2nd Place**
Joseph Rose
The Oregonian
“Aumsville Tornado”

**3rd Place**
Bryan Denson
The Oregonian
“FBI Thwarts Terrorist Bombing”

**Crime and Justice Reporting**

**1st Place**
Ken Armstrong, Jonathan Martin
The Seattle Times
“The Other Side of Mercy”

**2nd Place**
Steve Mayes
The Oregonian
“Ashley’s Courage”

**3rd Place**
Sara Jean Green
The Seattle Times
“Helping Offenders Leave Gang Life Behind”
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### Business Reporting

**1st Place**  
Sanjay Bhatt, Jennifer LaFluer, Genevieve Alvarez  
The Seattle Times  
“Foreclosures don’t always follow script”

**2nd Place**  
Christine Wilmsen, Kristi Heim, Steve Miletich  
The Seattle Times  
“Broken rules, a failed deal and a frenzy over Olympics tickets”

**3rd Place**  
Richard Read  
The Oregonian  
“The Sands of Canada”

### Social Issues Reporting

**1st Place**  
Alison Boggs  
The Spokesman-Review  
“Dying to Live at Home”

**2nd Place**  
Lornet Turnbull  
The Seattle Times  
“Invisible families: The homeless You Don’t See”

**3rd Place**  
Nancy Haught  
The Oregonian  
“A Portland Priest”

### Personalities Reporting

**1st Place**  
Marc Ramirez, Sanjay Bhatt  
The Seattle Times  
“Market Family Loses a Beloved Fixture: a Cranky, Reliable Enigma”

**2nd Place**  
Gabriel Campanario  
The Seattle Times  
“Seattle Sketcher | South Park Loses a Lifeline”

**3rd Place**  
Nikole Hannan-Jones  
The Oregonian  
“Giving Away $100 A Day”
## Lifestyles Reporting

### 1st Place
Kevin Graman
The Spokesman-Review
“In A Family Way”

### 2nd Place
Kimberly A. C. Wilson
The Oregonian
“A Backyard Gardener”

### 3rd Place
Craig Hill
The News Tribune
“Family Road Trips”

## Short Feature Story (up to 1,000 words)

### 1st Place
Mark Baker
The Register-Guard
“No Leaving a Beaver”

### 2nd Place
Lynda V. Mapes
The Seattle Times
“Tiny Bird Song”

### 3rd Place
Linda Shaw
The Seattle Times
“Local Schools Go Global”

## Long Feature Story (more than 1,000 words)

### 1st Place
Tyrone Beason
The Seattle Times
“Soul-stirring Walks Through Jerusalem’s Maze of Religion and Politics”

### 2nd Place
Sonia Krishnan
The Seattle Times
“Two Lives Lost, a Third Forever Changed”

### 3rd Place
Mike Dunham
Anchorage Daily News
“Forgotten Battlefield”

## Arts Reporting

### 1st Place
Marty Hughley
The Oregonian
“Five Pieces: Arts Reporting”

### 2nd Place
Mike Dunham
Anchorage Daily News
“Homesteader’s Mysterious Art”

### 3rd Place
Misha Berson
The Seattle Times
“Love and Talent Bloom Onstage for Seattle Actors”
# Daily Newspapers  Circulation of 65,000+

## Sports Reporting

**1st Place**  
Geoff Baker  
The Seattle Times  
“Coach Says Mariners were Told of Josh Lueke’s Criminal Past”

**2nd Place**  
Greg Bolt  
The Register-Guard  
“Feeding the Green Machine”

**3rd Place**  
Danny O’Neil  
The Seattle Times  
“When NFL Players Dive for a Loose Ball…”

## Sports Feature Story

**1st Place**  
Sandy Ringer  
The Seattle Times  
“Former Meadowdale Softball Player Fighting Hard to Beat the Odds”

**2nd Place**  
Doug Pacey  
The News Tribune  
“A Different World”

**3rd Place**  
Jerry Brewer  
The Seattle Times  
“Unexpected Son, Unexpected Mother”

## Sports Column

**1st Place**  
Steve Kelley  
The Seattle Times

**2nd Place**  
Jerry Brewer  
The Seattle Times

**3rd Place**  
Bud Withers  
The Seattle Times

## Editorial & Commentary

**1st Place**  
Susan Nielsen  
The Oregonian

**2nd Place**  
Lance Dickie  
The Seattle Times

**3rd Place**  
Joni Balter  
The Seattle Times

## General Column

**1st Place**  
Steve Duin  
The Oregonian

**2nd Place**  
Lynne Varner  
The Seattle Times

**3rd Place**  
Shawn Vestal  
The Spokesman-Review
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Page Design
1st Place
Jody Stott
The Oregonian

2nd Place
Wayne Begasse
The Seattle Times

3rd Place
Bob Warcup
The Seattle Times

Headlines
1st Place
Jake Arnold
The Oregonian

2nd Place
Bill Kossen
The Seattle Times

3rd Place
Bob McEwen
The Oregonian

News Photography (General and Spot News)
1st Place
Jim Bates
The Seattle Times
“Seattle’s Rowdy Night Life”

2nd Place
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Shoplifter Flees Mall Security”

3rd Place
Jamie Francis
The Oregonian
“Trinity Smith”

Feature Photography
1st Place
Motoya Nakamura
The Oregonian
“A Life Changed”

2nd Place
Steve Ringman
The Seattle Times
“Flooding Fog”

3rd Place
Beth Nakamura
The Oregonian
“Katie Lucas”

Portrait Photography
1st Place
John Lok
The Seattle Times
“Tied to the Land”

2nd Place
Greg Gilbert
The Seattle Times
“Tucker”

3rd Place
Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times
“Singer Amy Denio”

Sports Photography
1st Place
Mike Siegel
The Seattle Times
“Olympics Ski Crash”

2nd Place
Thomas Boyd
The Oregonian
“The Red Head”

3rd Place
Dan Pelle
The Spokesman-Review
“Snowball’s Chance”
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**Photo Page, Story or Essay**

**1st Place**
Dan Pelle, Liz Kishimoto, Jody Lawrence-Turner
The Spokesman-Review
“Carissa Outen”

**2nd Place**
Bruce Ely
The Oregonian
“Haiti Photo Essay”

**3rd Place**
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“It’s a Grand Old Flag”

**Photo Portfolio**

**1st Place**
Jamie Boyd
The Oregonian

**2nd Place**
Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times

**3rd Place**
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
### General Excellence

#### 1st Place
Staff
Seattle Weekly

#### 2nd Place
Staff
Willamette Week

### Investigative Reporting

#### 1st Place
Beth Slovic
Willamette Week
“Sext Crimes”

#### 2nd Place
Caleb Hannan
Seattle Weekly
“Watching the Protestors”

#### 3rd Place
Jacob Fries
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Reasonable Doubt”

### Crime and Justice Reporting

#### 1st Place
Kevin Taylor
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Kid Crime, Adult Time”

#### 2nd Place
Caleb Hannan
Seattle Weekly
“Streetwise He Wasn’t”

#### 3rd Place
Jacob Fries, Nicholas Deshais, Kevin Taylor
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Shot and Killed”

### Government and Political Reporting

#### 1st Place
Nigel Jaquiss
Willamette Week
“Dr. Do Over”

#### 2nd Place
Hank Stern, Beth Slovic, Nigel Jaquiss, James Pitkin
Willamette Week
“Cop Out”

#### 3rd Place
Nigel Jaquiss
Willamette Week
“Class Warfare”
### Environment and Science Reporting

**1st Place**  
Camilla Mortensen, Shannon Fin nell, Alex Zielinski  
Eugene Weekly  
“Freshwater Fisticuffs/Cry Me a River”

**2nd Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Load Warriors”

**3rd Place**  
Nigel Jaquiss  
Willamette Week  
“Green Giant”

### Health Reporting

**1st Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Load Warriors”

**2nd Place**  
Nicholas Deshais  
The Pacific Northwest Inlander  
“Bad Medicine”

**3rd Place**  
Jason Cruz  
Northwest Asian Weekly  
“Medical Tourism: the Next Reform in Health Care?”

### Social Issues Reporting

**1st Place**  
Ben Fogelson  
Eugene Weekly  
“Taking Mom Home”

**2nd Place**  
James Pitkin  
Willamette Week  
“Saving Ryan”

**3rd Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Downed by Law”

### Education Reporting

**1st Place**  
Beth Slovic  
Willamette Week  
“Extra Credit”

**2nd Place**  
Joel Smith  
The Pacific Northwest Inlander  
“Five Lessons from Local Schools”

**3rd Place**  
Tiffany Ryan  
Northwest Asian Weekly  
“Will School Board Member Step Down Due to Controversial E-mail?”
Alternative Weeklies

**Arts Reporting**

1st Place
Luke Baumgarten
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“American Idol”

2nd Place
Vivian Luu
Northwest Asian Weekly
“Glamorous, Elegant, Timeless, Revolutionary, Pearls of Wisdom from The Shanghai Pearl…”

3rd Place
Caleb Hannan
Seattle Weekly
“Thread Man Walking”

**Lifestyles Reporting**

1st Place
Rick Levin
Eugene Weekly
“Desperately Seeking Sasquatch”

2nd Place
Brett Cihon
Weekly Volcano
“Gia is an Escort”

3rd Place
Jordy Byrd
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Off the Rack”

**Business Reporting**

1st Place
Matthew Frank
Missoula Independent
“Green Rush”

2nd Place
Caleb Hannan
Seattle Weekly
“Lush Lie”

**Sports Reporting**

1st Place
Alex Sakariassen
Missoula Independent
“A Call For Help”

2nd Place
Caleb Hannan
Seattle Weekly
“Free in the Key”

3rd Place
Leah Sottile
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Blood Sport”
### Editorial & Commentary

**1st Place**  
Mark Lee  
Northwest Asian Weekly

**2nd Place**  
Robert Herold  
The Pacific Northwest Inlander

### Page Design

**1st Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly

**2nd Place**  
Chris Bovey  
The Pacific Northwest Inlander

### Photography

**1st Place**  
Young Kwak  
The Pacific Northwest Inlander

**2nd Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Free At Last”

### Portrait Photography

**1st Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“The John Report”

**2nd Place**  
Darryl James  
Willamette Week  
“Quake Up Call”

### Graphics and Illustrations

**1st Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Spring Arts Guide; Atomic Reboot; Seattle’s Finest Happy Hours”

**2nd Place**  
Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
“Casanova Con”

**3rd Place**  
Lukas Ketner  
Willamette Week
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Clay Holtzman  
Puget Sound Business Journal  
“Unitus Donors Seeking Answers”

**2nd Place**  
Julie Pham  
Northwest Vietnamese News  
“Vietnamese Discuss the Death with Dignity Law in Washington”

**3rd Place**  
Katherine Luck  
Journal Newspapers  
“Bullying Gone Viral”

### Personalities Reporting

**1st Place**  
Steve Wilhelm  
Puget Sound Business Journal  
“Back from the Depths: The Untold Story of Mic Dinsmore’s Lost Years”

**2nd Place**  
Katie Murdoch  
The Enterprise Newspaper  
“Mill Creek Sisters Shine in PNB Spotlight”

**3rd Place**  
Sue Ellen White  
The Whidbey Examiner  
“Whidbey Researcher Targets Bee Diseases”

### Lifestyles Reporting

**1st Place**  
Trevon Milliard  
Idaho Mountain Express  
“Night Crawlers”

**2nd Place**  
Katherine Luck  
Journal Newspapers  
“Marathon Men and Women”

**3rd Place**  
Matt Phelps  
Kirkland Reporter  
“The King of Kong Takes His Place…”

### Sports Reporting

**1st Place**  
David Pan  
The Enterprise Newspaper  
“Loving the Line”

**2nd Place**  
Michael Dashiell  
Sequim Gazette  
“A Mind for Design”

**3rd Place**  
Katherine Luck  
Journal Newspapers  
“A League of Their Own”
### Non-daily Newspapers (not including the SW Washington/Oregon Chapter)

#### Editorial and Commentary

**1st Place**
Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Security Edit Erodes Way of Life”

**2nd Place**
Jocelyn Robinson
The Enterprise Newspaper
“Olson’s ‘Nazi’ Comment Was Out Of Line”

**3rd Place**
Ari Cetron
Sammamish Review
“Sen Pflug Needs to Show Up”

#### General Column

**1st Place**
Matthew Wilemski
North Seattle Herald-Outlook

#### Page Design

**1st Place**
Sarah Burk
The Liberty Lake Splash

**2nd Place**
Jenny O’Brien
Puget Sound Business Journal

**3rd Place**
Roger Harnack, Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

#### News Photography

**1st Place**
Chris Goodenow
The Enterprise Newspaper
“Apartment Fire in Lynnwood”

**2nd Place**
Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Blaze Levels Rural Home”

**3rd Place**
Dan Schlatter
Puget Sound Business Journal
“Ripple Effects from Gulf”

#### Feature Photography

**1st Place**
Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Maiden Voyage”

**2nd Place**
Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Barter Faire”

**3rd Place**
Michael Dashiell
Sequim Gazette
“A Great Snow Fall”

#### Sports Photography

**1st Place**
Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Flip Flops Flying”

**2nd Place**
Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Ace the Bull”

**3rd Place**
Damian Mulinix
The Chinook Observer
“In the Pit at the Three Course Challenge”
Non-daily Newspapers (not including the SW Washington/Oregon Chapter)

Photo Portfolio

1st Place
Damian Mulinix
The Chinook Observer

2nd Place
Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

3rd Place
Chad Coleman
Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing
## Magazines

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1st Place
Rachel Ritchie, Stacey Wilson
Portland Monthly Magazine
“Becoming Nicole”

2nd Place
Harris Meyer
Super Lawyers
“The Green River Killer’s Lawyer”

3rd Place
Rachel Ritchie, Jason Cohen, Kasey Cordell
Portland Monthly Magazine
“The Game Changer”

**Personal Service Reporting**

1st Place
Lisa Patterson
425 Magazine
“Tangled Web – Communication is Key to Keeping Kids Safe Online”

2nd Place
Wenda Reed
Seattle Woman Magazine
“Taking Control of Pre-Diabetes”

3rd Place
Jennifer Haupt
Horizon Air Magazine
“Retirement Living”

**Magazine Departments**

1st Place
Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met
Quote UnQuote

2nd Place
Nicole Meoli
AAA Washington/Journey Magazine
“Journey Last Stop”

3rd Place
Kathryn Robinson
Seattle Met
“Back Fence”

**Travel Reporting**

1st Place
Lisa Patterson
425 Magazine
“Camping – Roughing It = Glamping”

2nd Place
Nicole Meoli
AAA Washington/Journey Magazine
“Journey New York City”

3rd Place
Nicole Meoli
AAA Washington/Journey Magazine
“Journey Ashland”
### Leisure and Lifestyle Reporting

**1st Place**
Rachel Ritchie, Brian Barker
Portland Monthly Magazine
“Welcome to Beervana”

**2nd Place**
Moira Macdonald
The Seattle Times/Pacific NW
“Seattle Designer Luly Yang…”

**3rd Place**
Allison Scheff, Lorna Yee, Grace Geiger, Lauren Lynch
Seattle Magazine
“Meat of the Matter”

### Arts and Entertainment Reporting

**1st Place**
Brangien Davis, Dana Standish
Seattle Magazine
“Fall Arts Preview”

**2nd Place**
Laura Dannen
Seattle Met
“Tasting Menu of Fall Arts”

**3rd Place**
Jenny Zappala
425 Magazine
“Backstage Pass – Kirkland’s Studio East is Bigger and Better”

### Business and Consumer Affairs Reporting

**1st Place**
Nick Horton
Seattle Business
“Where There’s a Drill, There’s a Way”

**2nd Place**
Cheryl Murfin
Seattle Woman Magazine
“The Doula Business”

**3rd Place**
Bill Richards
Seattle Business
“A Shell Game”

### Sports Reporting

**1st Place**
Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met
“Turnover”

**2nd Place**
Meri-Jo Borzilleri
Seattle Met
“Lucky Guy”

**3rd Place**
Roddy Scheer
Seattle Magazine
“Ice Age”
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Magazines

Feature Photography

1st Place
Jason Blackheart
Portland Monthly Magazine
“The Rugger”

2nd Place
Erik Skaar, Benjamen Purvis
Seattle Met
“Food Lover’s Guide to Seattle”
Spot News
1st Place
Kirsten Grind, Alwyn Scott, Kelly Gilblom
Puget Sound Business Journal
“Former WAMU Leaders Testify”

2nd Place
Staff
Billings Gazette
“Tornado Destroys MetraPark Arena”

3rd Place
Levi Pulkkinen
SeattlePI.com
“Haitian Evacuee: ‘We Lost Everything’”

Special Report/Enterprise
1st Place
Carol Smith and Staff
InvestigateWest
“Generation Homeless”

2nd Place
Staff
The Columbian
“The Volcano Next Door”

3rd Place
Staff
The Spokesman-Review
“Flame and Ruin: The Fires of 1910”

Arts/Entertainment/Lifestyle
1st Place
Karen Aho
MSN Real Estate
“How to Find a Safe Neighborhood”

2nd Place
Leah L. Culler
MSN Real Estate
“Million-dollar Mobile Homes”

3rd Place
Jean Lenihan
Crosscut Publishing
“Sleeping Beauty: Ronald Hynes’ Production Nails It”
**Business**

1st Place  
Melinda Fulmer  
MSN Real Estate  
“Should You Feel Guilty If You Walk Away?”

2nd Place  
Ronald Holden  
Crosscut.com  
“Online Coupons: Fatal Fever”

3rd Place  
Scott Schaefer, Ralph Nichols  
LOL Dudez, LLC  
“The B-Town Blog: Coverage of Burien Town Square”

**Commentary**

1st Place  
Pete Jackson  
Crosscut.com  
“Who Will Speak Up For Seattle Cartoonist Under Fatwa Threat?”

2nd Place  
Kai-Huei Yau  
Tri-City Herald  
“Behind the Fold”

**Slideshow**

1st Place  
Beth Nakamura  
The Oregonian  
“Learning to Slaughter”

2nd Place  
Joshua Trujillo  
SeattlePI.com  
“Airlift Out of Quake-Ravaged Haiti”

3rd Place  
Harriet Baskas  
Reel Woman Productions  
“Really Big Things You Can’t Miss”

**Video**

1st Place  
Carol Smith, Mike Kane, Rita Hibbard  
InvestigateWest  
“Voices from the Street”

2nd Place  
Genevieve Alvarez, Mike Berens, Alan Berner  
The Seattle Times  
“Seniors for Sale, Suspicious Deaths”

3rd Place  
Amanda Determan  
Helena Independent Record  
“Strangers on a Hill”
**Interactive graphic or resource**

1st Place
Judy Stanley
The Daily Herald Co.
Colton’s Odyssey

2nd Place
Marsha Matta
The Columbian
Mount St. Helens Victims

3rd Place
Carol Smith, Brian Chin
InvestigateWest
“Homeless Students by School District (a map)”

**Best Web Design**

1st Place
Doug Parry
The Daily Herald Co.
HeraldNet.com

2nd Place
Ryan Pitts
The Spokesman-Review
Election Center

3rd Place
Mark Briggs
KING5.com

**Best New Site**

1st Place
Travis Hay
Guerilla Candy

2nd Place
Michael Becker, Rob Potter, Bruce Stucker
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

3rd Place
Amy Duncan
MyGreenLake.com

**Innovation Award**

1st Place
The Seattle Times
“Graffiti Special Report”

2nd Place
Staff
Statesman Journal
WESD’s Web of Deal

3rd Place
Steve Ringman
The Seattle Times
“Images of Fall”

**Best Online Community Engagement**

1st Place
Tracy Record
West Seattle Blog

2nd Place
Mark Briggs
KING5.com

3rd Place
Amy Duncan
MyGreenLake.com

**Best Site, General News**

1st Place
Staff
The Spokesman-Review
Spokesman.com

2nd Place
Jerry Wakefield
The Olympian
TheOlympian.com

3rd Place
Mark Briggs
KING5.com
Best Site, Specialized Subject

1st Place
Scott Heisel, Andre Stepankowsky, Mike Rogers
The Daily News
Mount St. Helens 30th Anniversary

2nd Place
Scott Sistek
KOMO-TV
“Partly to Mostly Bloggin’”

3rd Place
Sharyn Decker
Lewis County Sirens
The Cop and Fire Beat

Best Site, Specialized Geography (hyperlocal)

1st Place
Staff
LOL Dudez, LLC
The B-Town Blog

2nd Place
Carlos Virgen, Katrina Barlow
Walla Wall Union-Bulletin
Voices from the Walla Walla Valley

3rd Place
Justin Carder
CHS Capitol Hill Seattle, LLC
CapitolHillSeattle.com

Best Parent Site

1st Place
Doug Parry
The Daily Herald Co.
HeraldNet.com

2nd Place
Staff
Statesman Journal
StatesmanJournal.com

3rd Place
Staff
Billings Gazette
BillingsGazette.com
# Spot News Reporting

**1st Place**  
Ursula Reutin  
KIRO Radio  
“West Seattle Massacre”

**2nd Place**  
Emilie R. Ritter  
Montana Public Radio  
“Trooper David DeLaittre”

**3rd Place**  
Adam Cotterell  
Boise State Public Radio  
“Silbsy Returns”

# General News Reporting

**1st Place**  
Ursula Reutin, KIRO FM Staff  
KIRO Radio  
“Craigslist Murder”

**2nd Place**  
Keith Seinfeld  
KPLU  
“Surgical Checklists Make Operations Safer in Washington”

**3rd Place**  
Guy Hand  
Boise State Public Radio  
“The Backyard Chicken Invasion”

# Feature News Reporting

**1st Place**  
Tom Banse  
Northwest News Network  
“Unfinished Journey: Historic Documents Trace Immigrants’ Remains Long Trip Home”

**2nd Place**  
Anna King  
Northwest News Network  
“Northwest Cattle Rustling Spike Spurs Crackdown”

**3rd Place**  
Ursula Reutin  
KIRO Radio  
“Helicopter Parents”

# Investigative Reporting

**1st Place**  
Austin Jenkins  
Northwest News Network  
“Wash. Welfare: Debit Cards Used At Strip Clubs/Welfare Clients Charged ATM Fees”

**2nd Place**  
Heather Bosch  
KIRO Radio  
“Deadly Medicine”

**3rd Place**  
Doug Nadvornick, Harris Meyer  
Northwest News Network  
“Collection Tactics Lead Some Debtors to Jail”
Special Report

1st Place
Staff
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Getting Back to Work”

2nd Place
Austin Jenkins, Ken Armstrong, Jonathon Martin
Northwest News Network
“Maurice Clemmons: Jail Tapes”

3rd Place
Staff
KPAM 860
“Kyron Horman”
General News Reporting

1st Place
John Sharify, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Complete Picture”

2nd Place
Kellie Cheadle, Susannah Frame, Steve Douglas, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Waste on the Water”

3rd Place
John Sharify, Scott Jensen
KING TV
“Sign of Times”

Feature News Reporting

1st Place
John Sharify, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Prodigy”

2nd Place
John Sharify, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Gifts of Love”

3rd Place
Jane McCarthy, Dan Jackson
KREM-TV
“Where’s The Beef?”

Investigative Reporting

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Kellie Cheadle, Susannah Frame, Steve Douglas, Doug Burgess
KING TV
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2nd Place
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KING TV
“Their Crime, Your Dime”

3rd Place
Kellie Cheadle, Chris Ingalls, Steve Douglas
KING TV
“Suburban Sweatshop”

Special Report/Documentary

1st Place
Molly Shen, Neil Ikeda, Wayne White, Michele Morin
KOMO TV
“Inside the Burn Unit”

2nd Place
Bruce Reichert, Sauni Symonds, Pat Metzler, Jay Krajic
Idaho Public Television
“Capitol of Light”

3rd Place
Staff
Idaho Public Television
Outdoor Idaho: Wilderness in the 21st Century
Sports Reporting

1st Place
John Crancer, Jay Krajic, Jeff Beaman, Bruce Reichert
Idaho Public Television
“Outdoor Idaho: Hometown Ski Hills”

2nd Place
John Sharify, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Fast Track”

3rd Place
John Sharify, Doug Burgess
KING TV
“Snow Leopard”
### General Excellence

**1st Place**  
Staff  
KIMA Action News

**2nd Place**  
Staff  
KEPR Action News

**3rd Place**  
Staff  
KTVQ

### Spot News Reporting

**1st Place**  
David Walker, Loren Ruark  
KVAL-TV  
“Amsville Tornado”

**2nd Place**  
Molly Kelleher  
Fisher TV  
“Canal Break”

**3rd Place**  
Laura Rillos, Loren Ruark  
KVAL-TV  
“Downtown Bomb Threat”

### General News Reporting

**1st Place**  
Kelly Koopmans, Loren Ruark, Rob Woodward  
KVAL-TV  
“The Silent Epidemic: Traumatic Brain Injury in the Oregon National Guard”

**2nd Place**  
Lindsey Scheetz  
KULR-8 TV  
“Trooper Funeral”

**3rd Place**  
Marnee Banks  
KXLH  
“Russian Cargo Plane”

### Feature News Reporting

**1st Place**  
Chelsea Kopta  
KEPR TV  
“Alpacas Help Gulf Coast”

**2nd Place**  
David Klugh  
Fisher TV  
“700,000 Mile Cougar”

**3rd Place**  
Corrina Pysa  
KFBB  
“Special Bond Gives Strength to Local Woman Living With Autism”

### Investigative Reporting

**1st Place**  
Timothy Lankford  
KFBB-TV  
NewsChannel 5 Scam Alert

**2nd Place**  
Jennifer Winters, Rob Woodward  
KVAL-TV  
Tim Fox Complaints
## Television Markets

### Special Report/Documentary

**1st Place**
Lauren Allison, Elissa Harrington, Adam Grunseth, Loren Ruark
KVAL-TV
“Bullying”

**2nd Place**
Dan Boyce
KBZK-TV
“Face the State: Barney Old Coyote”

**3rd Place**
Kelly Koopmans, Loren Ruark, Rob Woodward
KVAL-TV
“A Silent Epidemic: Traumatic Brain Injury in The Oregon National Guard”

### Sports Reporting

**1st Place**
Zachary Glover
KFBB-TV
“Head Case: Under the Helmet”

**2nd Place**
Dirk Weishaar
KVAL-TV
“Sibling Rivalry”

**3rd Place**
Jason Carter
KMVT-TV
“Riley Schindle”

### Photojournalism (Feature or News)

**1st Place**
Sarah Gravlee
KULR-8 TV
“Haiti: Montana Responds”

**2nd Place**
Bill Goetz, Kristina Nelson
KVAL-TV
“Crosswalk: Near Death”

**3rd Place**
Evan Bell, Steven Sandberg
KDRV-TV
“Liberty Belle Takes Flight”