



2010 SPJ NW EXCELLENCE  
IN JOURNALISM CONTEST

**HONORING WORK PRODUCED IN 2010**



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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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## **General Excellence**

### **1st Place**

Staff  
The Daily News

### **2nd Place**

Staff  
Mail Tribune

### **3rd Place**

Staff  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

## **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 Borggaard, 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"

## **Lifestyles Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Ben Pierce  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
"Wild Goose Chase"

### **2nd Place**

Tahlia Ganser  
Skagit Valley Herald  
"On The Road Again"

### **3rd Place**

Katie Wilson  
The Daily Astorian  
"The Secret to Happiness is to Find Your Own Niche"

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

### **1st Place**

Christina Henry  
Kitsap Sun  
"Reaching 75th Anniversary Took 'Hard Work and Luck'"

### **2nd Place**

Laurie Welch  
Times-News  
"Gift From Below"

### **3rd Place**

Alice Campbell  
The World Newspaper  
"Amazing Grace"

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

### **1st Place**

Peggy O'Neill  
Independent Record  
"Forever Missing"

### **2nd Place**

Eve N. Byron  
Independent Record  
"Love Connection"

### **3rd Place**

K. C. Mehaffey  
The Wenatchee World  
"A Community's Pain"

## **Arts Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Ryan Johnston  
Ellensburg Daily Record  
"Bull in the 'Burg'"

### **2nd Place**

Steven Friederich  
The Daily World  
"A Burning Desire To Play"

### **3rd Place**

Ariel Hansen  
Times-News  
"Movie Night in a Small Town"

## **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"

## **Editorial & Commentary**

### **1st Place**

John M. Doran  
Independent Record

### **2nd Place**

Gary Nelson  
Mail Tribune

### **3rd Place**

Hasso Hering  
Albany Democrat-Herald

## **General Column**

### **1st Place**

Kathy Aney  
East Oregonian

### **2nd Place**

Steve Crump  
Times-News

### **3rd Place**

Abby Holmes  
The Wenatchee World

## **Page Design**

### **1st Place**

Kathleen Strecker  
The Daily Astorian

### **2nd Place**

Sheyna Watkins  
The Chronicle

### **3rd Place**

James Brooks  
Fairbanks Daily News-  
Miner

## **Headlines**

### **1st Place**

Dennis Roler, Staff  
Grants Pass Daily Courier

### **2nd Place**

Chip Dombrowski  
The World

### **3rd Place**

Max Charlton  
The Daily Astorian

## **News Photography (General and Spot News)**

### **1st Place**

Erik Peterson  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
"Hail Storm"

### **2nd Place**

Dan Jackson  
The Daily World  
"Downtown Blaze"

### **3rd Place**

Scobel Wiggins  
Corvallis Gazette-times  
"A Splash of Summer"

## **Feature Photography**

### **1st Place**

Don Seabrook  
The Wenatchee World  
"Light Show"

### **2nd Place**

Frank Varga  
Skagit Valley Herald  
"Layers of Light"

### **3rd Place**

Skip Nichols  
East Oregonian  
"Lightning"



## **Portrait Photography**

### **1st Place**

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.

## **General Excellence**

### **1st Place**

Staff  
Statesman Journal

### **2nd Place**

Staff  
Billings Gazette

### **3rd Place**

Staff  
The Bulletin

## **Comprehensive Coverage**

### **1st Place**

Erin Middlewood  
The Columbian  
"Coping With Cancer"

### **2nd Place**

Staff  
The Columbian  
"Bethany Storro Case-Series"

### **3rd Place**

Stacey Barchenger  
Statesman Journal  
"Turnidge Trial"

## **Investigative Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Tracy Loew  
Statesman Journal  
"WESD's Web of Deals"

### **2nd Place**

Nick Budnick  
The Bulletin  
"State Raises Questions, Eyebrows with Plan to Buy Land"

## **Spot News Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Staff  
Billings Gazette  
"Tornado Hits Billings"

### **2nd Place**

Jackson Holtz, Noah Haglund  
The Daily Herald Co.  
"Captured: Barefoot Bandit Harris-Moore's Luck Runs out in Bahamas"

### **3rd Place**

Aaron Corvin  
The Columbian  
"Peacehealth Wants Its HQ here"

## **Crime and Justice Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Chris Bristol, Viviana Buzo  
Yakima Herald-Republic  
"Trail of Tragedy"

### **2nd Place**

Laura McVicker  
The Columbian  
"Officially Free: After 17 Years Men Finally Shed Rape Charge"

### **3rd Place**

Kristin Kraemer  
Tri-City Herald  
"Dog Drama"

## **Government and Politics Reporting**

### **1st Place**

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  
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  
Great Falls Tribune  
"A 'Game' to Beware"

### **3rd Place**

Staff  
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  
Statesman Journal  
"Running for Their Lives"

### **3rd Place**

Debra Smith  
The Daily Herald Co.  
"The Sludge Stops Here"

## **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

## **Sports Column**

### **1st Place**

Matt Calkins  
The Columbian

### **2nd Place**

Greg Jayne  
The Columbian

### **3rd Place**

Bart Potter  
The Olympian

## **Editorial & Commentary**

### **1st Place**

Dick Hughes  
Statesman Journal

### **2nd Place**

Greg Jayne  
The Columbian

### **3rd Place**

John Laird  
The Columbian

## **General Column**

### **1st Place**

Lily Raff  
The Bulletin

### **2nd Place**

Julia O'Malley  
Anchorage Daily News

### **3rd Place**

K. Williams Brown  
Statesman Journal

## **Page Design**

### **1st Place**

Katie Mayer  
The Daily Herald Co.

### **2nd Place**

Heather Rayhorn  
Statesman Journal

### **3rd Place**

Merridee Hanson  
The Columbian

## **Headlines**

### **1st Place**

Bob Sisson  
The Columbian

### **2nd Place**

Colleen Keller  
The Columbian

### **3rd Place**

Rob Oster  
The Columbian

## **News Photography (General and Spot News)**

### **1st Place**

Larry Mayer  
Billings Gazette  
"Another Storm Coming"

### **2nd Place**

Timothy Gonzalez  
Statesman Journal  
"All We Could Do Was Watch"

### **3rd Place**

Kurt Wilson  
Missoulian  
"Falling Bear"

## **Feature Photography**

### **1st Place**

Richard Dickin  
Tri-City Herald  
"Bridge Sunset"

### **2nd Place**

Mark Mulligan  
The Daily Herald Co.  
"Chicken Knife"

### **3rd Place**

Steven Lane  
The Columbian  
"Adopt Me"

## **Portrait Photography**

### **1st Place**

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"



## **Government and Politics Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Brent Walth  
The Oregonian  
"Oregon's Emergency Radio System, Entry #2"

### **2nd Place**

Kyung Song  
The Seattle Times  
"Lobbyists are Sen. Murray's Biggest Donors"

### **3rd Place**

Staff  
The Oregonian  
"PolitiFact"

## **Education Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Nick Perry, Justin Mayo  
The Seattle Times  
"Retired, Then Rehired..."

### **2nd Place**

Debbie Cafazzo  
The News Tribune  
"Lincoln High School"

### **3rd Place**

Hal Bernton  
The Seattle Times  
"Seattle Woman Builds a Future for Girls Amid War in Afghanistan"

## **Health Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Melissa Navas  
The Oregonian  
"A Mysterious Disease"

### **2nd Place**

Hal Bernton  
The Seattle Times  
"Steroid Use on the Rise in the Army"

### **3rd Place**

Don Colburn  
The Oregonian  
"Rebuilding Chrissy's Face"

## **Environment and Science Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Craig Welch  
The Seattle Times  
"Smart and Fast, Marine Mammals are Guarding Our Military Bases"

### **2nd Place**

Becky Kramer  
The Spokesman-Review  
"Preserving a Giant"

### **3rd Place**

Eric Mortenson  
The Oregonian  
Environment Reporting

## **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"

## **Business Column**

### **1st Place**

Brent Hunsberger  
The Oregonian

### **2nd Place**

Brier Dudley  
The Seattle Times

### **3rd Place**

Bill Virgin  
The News Tribune

## **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"

## **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

## 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"

## **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 Finnell, Alex  
Zielinski  
Eugene Weekly  
"Freshwater Fisticuffs/Cry  
Me a River"

### 2nd Place

Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
"Atom's Eve"

### 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?"



### 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"

### Personalities Reporting

#### 1st Place

Caleb Hannan  
Seattle Weekly  
"Meet Robert Gagno, the  
Rain Man of Pinball"

#### 2nd Place

Aaron Mesh  
Willamette Week  
"Mock Star"

### 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"

### 3rd Place

Todd Cooper  
Eugene Weekly  
"Fighting Fossil Fools"

## 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

## **General Excellence**

### **1st Place**

Staff  
The Issaquah Press

### **2nd Place**

Staff  
Catholic Northwest  
Progress

### **3rd Place**

Staff  
Tahoma Audubon Society

## **General News Coverage**

### **1st Place**

Carrie E. Wood, Matt Phelps, Kevin Opsahl  
Kirkland Reporter  
"Milkin Murders;  
Rebuilding a Life and Home"

### **2nd Place**

Myke Folger  
Queen Anne News/  
Magnolia News  
"Death in Question"

### **3rd Place**

Ryan Wynne  
The Bellingham Business  
Journal  
"State Budget Cut Series"

## **Spot News Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Carrie E. Wood  
Kirkland Reporter  
"Medical Marijuana  
Lobbyist Protects Life From  
Home Invasion Robbers"

### **2nd Place**

Trevon Milliard  
Idaho Mountain Express  
"Ketchum Loses One of its  
Own"

### **3rd Place**

Warren Kagarise  
The Issaquah Press  
"All Hell Broke Loose"

## **Government and Politics Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Greg Lamm, Steve Wilhelm, Steve Goldsmith  
Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
"The New Guard"

### **2nd Place**

Warren Kagarise  
The Issaquah Press  
"Battleground for  
Legislature Runs Through  
Issaquah"

### **3rd Place**

Dan Catchpole  
SnoValley Star  
"Deputy Wages"

## **Education Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Kevin Bimbaum  
Catholic Northwest  
Progress  
"Bishops Promote Abuse  
Prevention"

### **2nd Place**

Laura Geggel  
The Issaquah Press  
"Crash Safety"

### **3rd Place**

Carrie E. Wood  
Kirkland Reporter  
"Bullying Incidents on the  
Rise..."

## **Health Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Wesley Remmer  
Central Kitsap Reporter  
"Underage and Inked in  
Central Kitsap"

### **2nd Place**

David Hayes  
The Issaquah Press  
"Atrial Fibrillation"

### **3rd Place**

Trevon Milliard  
Idaho Mountain Express  
"Seeking a 'Reef'  
Recovery"

## **Environment and Science Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Laura Geggel  
The Issaquah Press  
"Windy Weather"

### **2nd Place**

Ari Cetron  
Sammamish Review  
"Invention Mops up Oil in  
Gulf"

### **3rd Place**

Warren Kagarise  
The Issaquah Press  
"City Makes History"

## **Business Reporting**

### **1st Place**

Kirsten Grind  
Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
"Seized and Sold..."

### **2nd Place**

Kirsten Grind, Jeanne  
Lang Jones  
Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
"Deals Burn Fisher Heirs'  
Fortune"

### **3rd Place**

Breanne Coats  
The Business Examiner  
"Bad Medicine"

## **Social Issues Reporting**

### **1st Place**

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"

## **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"

## **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

### General Excellence

#### 1st Place

Staff  
Seattle Magazine

#### 2nd Place

Staff  
Portland Monthly Magazine

#### 3rd Place

Staff  
South Sound Magazine

### General Reporting

#### 1st Place

James Ross Gardner  
Seattle Met  
"Fairview Fanny and the Angel of Death"

#### 2nd Place

Rachel Ritchie, David Wolman, Randy Gragg  
Portland Monthly Magazine  
"Branch Science"

#### 3rd Place

Matthew Halverson  
Seattle Met  
"Turnover"

### Government and Politics Reporting

#### 1st Place

Rachel Ritchie, Randy Gragg  
Portland Monthly Magazine  
"Crossing Guard"

#### 2nd Place

Eric Scigliano  
Seattle Met  
"The Devil's Advocate"

#### 3rd Place

Eric Scigliano  
Seattle Met  
"The Silence of Ressam"

### Environmental Affairs

#### 1st Place

Eric Lucas  
Horizon Air Magazine  
"Condor Camp"

#### 2nd Place

Eric Scigliano  
Seattle Met  
"Sea Change"

#### 3rd Place

Maria Dolan  
Seattle Magazine  
"How Green Is My Thumb?"

### Science and Health Reporting

#### 1st Place

James Ross Gardner  
Seattle Met  
"Vital Signs"

#### 2nd Place

Staff  
Seattle Met  
"Better Body, Better Brain, Better You"

#### 3rd Place

Scott Driscoll  
Horizon Air Magazine  
"Digital Medicine"

### Social Issues Reporting

#### 1st Place

Rachel Ritchie  
Portland Monthly Magazine  
"God Is..."

#### 2nd Place

James Ross Gardner  
Seattle Met  
"School of Knox"

#### 3rd Place

Trevon Milliard  
Idaho Mountain Express  
"Generation Lost?"



## Magazines

### Personalities

#### 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"

### Editorial and Commentary

#### 1st Place

Bill Virgin  
Seattle Business  
"Burning the Compact"

#### 2nd Place

Knute Berger  
Seattle Magazine  
"Going Medieval"

#### 3rd Place

Chris Winters  
Seattle Business  
"Dear Howard"

### Headlines

#### 1st Place

Staff  
Seattle Magazine

#### 2nd Place

Staff  
Alaska Airlines Magazine

#### 3rd Place

Ethan Chung, Lisa  
Patterson  
425 Magazine

### Cover Design

#### 1st Place

Nancy O'Connell  
Horizon Air Magazine  
October Issue

#### 2nd Place

Jason Blackheart, Michael  
Novak  
Portland Monthly  
Magazine  
Food Carts Cover

#### 3rd Place

Jason Blackheart  
Portland Monthly  
Magazine  
"Best Shools"

### Spread Design/ Photo Essay

#### 1st Place

Benjamin Purvis  
Seattle Met  
"Fairview Fanny and the  
Angel of Death"

#### 2nd Place

Benjamin Purvis  
Seattle Met  
"High Schools"

#### 3rd Place

Jason Blackheart  
Portland Monthly  
Magazine  
"Shape Shifters"

### Cartoons and Illustrations

#### 1st Place

Ivanna C. Sukkar  
Scotsman Guide Media  
"Don't Need No  
Education? Think Again"  
(residential edition)

#### 2nd Place

Ivanna C. Sukkar  
Scotsman Guide Media  
"Catch Business With  
Triple-Net Lease"  
(commercial edition)

#### 3rd Place

Denny Lester  
Independent Record  
"Hikes with Tykes"

### Sports Photography

#### 1st Place

Jeff Schultz  
Alaska Airlines Magazine  
"The Great Race"

**Feature  
Photography**

**1st Place**

Jason Blackheart  
Portland Monthly  
Magazine  
"The Rigger"

**2nd Place**

Erik Skaar, Benjamin  
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"

## Sports

### 1st Place

Stephanie Clary, Tiffany  
Campbell, Genevieve  
Alvarez  
The Seattle Times  
"Olympic Outsiders"

### 2nd Place

Staff  
Billings Gazette  
"GazPrepSports"

### 3rd Place

Staff  
The Seattle Times

## 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

## Best Online Community Engagement

### 1st Place

Tracy Record  
West Seattle Blog

### 2nd Place

Mark Briggs  
KING5.com

### 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 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 Sitek  
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  
KINGTV  
"Complete Picture"

### 2nd Place

Kellie Cheadle, Susannah  
Frame, Steve Douglas,  
Doug Burgess  
KINGTV  
"Waste on the Water"

### 3rd Place

John Sharify, Scott Jensen  
KINGTV  
"Sign of Times"

## Feature News Reporting

### 1st Place

John Sharify, Doug Burgess  
KINGTV  
"Prodigy"

### 2nd Place

John Sharify, Doug  
Burgess  
KINGTV  
"Gifts of Love"

### 3rd Place

Jane McCarthy, Dan  
Jackson  
KREM-TV  
"Where's The Beef?"

## Investigative Reporting

### 1st Place

Kellie Cheadle, Susannah  
Frame, Steve Douglas,  
Doug Burgess  
KINGTV  
"Waste on the Water"

### 2nd Place

Kellie Cheadle, Chris  
Ingalls, Steve Douglas  
KINGTV  
"Their Crime, Your Dime"

### 3rd Place

Kellie Cheadle, Chris  
Ingalls, Steve Douglas  
KINGTV  
"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

## 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"



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