

2000 BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST WINNERS
(Winners listed by contest category and circulation division)

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000 AFTER 1:00 P.M.

2. BEST PAGE ONE DESIGN
(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland (Galen Barnett)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Carl Davaz, Rob Romig & Ben Swan)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg (Doug Harvey)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Jim Thompson)
- 2nd Lebanon Express (Rob Oster)
- 3rd The Tigard Times (Mikel Kelly)

3. BEST INSIDE PAGE DESIGN
(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland (Nancy Casey)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford (Staff)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Staff)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Racheal Winter)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas (Tom Henderson & Daniel Hurst)
- 3rd Beaverton Valley Times (Mike Lucas)

4. BEST HEADLINE WRITING
(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland (Pete Lesage)
- 2nd Herald and News, Klamath Falls (Steve Matthies)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier (Dan Dillon)

Weeklies

- 1st The Siuslaw News, Florence (Robert Serra)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville (Joey Sprinkle)
- 3rd Tri-County News, Junction City (Mike Thoele)

5. BEST GRAPHICS

(Four Divisions: A-B-C, all Weeklies)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("Blazers," Steve Cowden)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Heading for home," Tom Penix)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Catching the wave," Tom Penix)

Division B & C Combined (Dailies)

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("1999 Oregon statewide assessment results," Hawey Wells)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Loop the loop," Gillian Garcia)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Rim to Roseburg...", Hawey Wells)

Weeklies

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("911," Cindy Crisp)
- 2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Who's running the farm," Dixie McCartney)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Roadmap," Syd Stibbard)

6. BEST SPECIAL SECTION OR ISSUE

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("The Teen Zone," Staff)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Story of a century," JoNel Aleccia, Mark Freeman & Bill Kettler)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("USA Track & Field Championships," Staff)
- HM Mail Tribune, Medford ("Our valley: Faces of technology," Staff)
- HM The Register-Guard, Eugene ("The Century," Staff)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Umpqua '99," Staff)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("The Blast," Janine Jobe & Staff)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Visitors Guide," Staff)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("A day in the life of the Columbia-Pacific," Staff & local high school students)
- 2nd The Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland ("Winning by Design," Staff)
- 3rd The Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland ("Top 20 Projects," Staff)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st Curry Coastal Pilot, Brookings ("Fall Vacation Guide," Staff)
- 2nd Hood River News ("Panorama," Staff)

3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Best of Mac," Staff)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Explore Polk County," Staff)

2nd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Portrait 2000," Staff)

3rd Lake Oswego Review ("Lake Oswego 2000," Staff)

HM The Tigard Times ("Portrait," Staff)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

1st West Linn Tidings ("Festival of the Arts," Staff)

2nd Keizertimes ("Football Preview," Staff)

3rd Keizertimes ("Festival kickoff," Staff)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

1st The New Era, Sweet Home ("Visions & Voices 1999," Staff)

2nd The Umpqua Post, Reedsport ("Heart of the Dunes," Staff)

3rd The Sandy Post ("1999-2000 Winter Sports," David Ball & Tiffany O'Dell)

7. BEST COVERAGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st Mail Tribune, Medford ("Our valley: Faces of technology," Staff)

2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("The player," Tom Hallman, Jr.)

3rd The Oregonian, Portland ("Price of Progress," Staff)

HM Statesman Journal, Salem ("Agriculture's toll on the environment," Sara Shipley)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

1st Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("After the boom...," Josh Franklin)

2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Salmon vs. dams," Craig Scott, Viviane Gilbert & Nick Petersen)

3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Company plans disturb neighbors," John Sowell & Bart Smith)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

1st The Daily Astorian ("Fishing on faith," Mike Stark)

2nd The Daily Astorian ("Seaside strives to fill in the blanks," Brad Bolchunos)

3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Forests - Decade of Change," Alice Perry Linker)

Division D & E Combined (Weeklies)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("An airline built on attitude...", David Bates & Starla Pointer)
- 2nd The Springfield News ("Do computers reduce paper use?," Pete Malliris)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("McMinnville turns out for McMenamins," David Bates & Paul Daquilante)
- HM The Redmond Spokesman ("Gauge maker," Trish Pinkerton)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st The Madras Pioneer ("Community within a community," David McMechan)
- 2nd News-Times, Forest Grove ("New industry needed...", Cliff Newell)
- 3rd West Linn Tidings ("There's more to good golf than a good swing," Jim Hart)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lake County Examiner, Lakeview ("ONDA seeks presidential help in expanding refugees' boundaries," Dee Lambert)
- 2nd The Umpqua Post, Reedsport ("Leaning on a Giant," Nancie Hammond)
- 3rd Lake County Examiner, Lakeview ("Wild horses, new priority ranking for gathering...", Dee Lambert)
- HM The New Era, Sweet Home ("Customer service," Alex Paul)

8. BEST EDUCATIONAL COVERAGE

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("Words to live for," Romel Hernandez)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Schools ignore law," Scott Learn & Romel Hernandez)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Easy targets," Anne Williams)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Drugging our kids," Patricia Snyder, Bartie Lancaster & Tom Peterson)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("RHS science classes...", Kelly Adams)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Home sweet school," Patricia Snyder)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("These are your children," Jill Carnell)
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande ("Teen-age moms," Alice Perry Linker)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Education's in his blood," Dick Mason)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st The Graphic, Newberg ("The special ones," Jett Nilprabhassorn)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Hispanic outreach," Starla Pointer)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Dropping out," Starla Pointer)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("A successful alternative," Stephanie Basalyga)
- 2nd Woodburn Independent ("Searching for minority teachers," Michelle Te)
- 3rd Headlight-Herald, Tillamook ("Signs' of the times," Kyle Odegard)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("SHS lifts locker decoration ban," Brenna Wiegand)
- 2nd The Stayton Mail ("Local students fight to attend Stayton High," Mary Owen)
- 3rd Keizertimes ("The money pit," Les Zaitz)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Rogue River Press ("Sense of security threatened," Dave Ehrhardt)
- 2nd Rogue River Press ("Finally, a deal," J. Cox)
- 3rd West Lane News, Veneta ("Teachers' strike hits second week," Steve Gray)

9. BEST LIFESTYLE COVERAGE
(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Kids who kill," Alan Gustafson, Kristin Gilger & Larry Badger)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Healing the wounds of war," Paul Fattig)
- 3rd The Oregonian, Portland ("Losing Christopher," Michelle Roberts & Mark Larabee)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Drugging our kids," Patricia Snyder, Bartie Lancaster & Tom Peterson)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Haze of uncertainty," Patricia Snyder)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Raising their children's children," Patricia Snyder)
- HM East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Wicca casts its spell...", Karen Zacharias)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Welcome to Blue Ridge," Mike Stark)

- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("Off the grid," Dan Spatz)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Beating breast cancer, again," Jill Carnell)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st Hillsboro Argus ("What keeps love alive?," Beth Drennen)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("The bean scene," David Bates)
- 3rd Hood River News ("Saying goodbye," Steve Kadel)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Against the odds," Stephanie Basalyga)
- 2nd The Redmond Spokesman ("Family dairy," Steve Lundgren)
- 3rd Woodburn Independent ("Churches hit gospel with a rock beat," Michelle Te)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st Keizertimes ("Hungry in Keizer," Peggy Savage)
- 2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Snail mail with a flair," Courtney Dunham)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Success story," Carl Sampson)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Valley Times, Milton-Freewater ("Smokey Blues is Sarah's slice of life," Rusty Bradshaw)
- 2nd The New Era, Sweet Home ("An anniversary gift to remember," Alex Paul)
- 3rd Lebanon Express ("Students get taste of parenting," Rob Oster)

10. BEST SPORTS PAGE

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Mail Tribune, Medford (Tim Trower)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (John Conrad)
- 3rd The Oregonian, Portland (Dennis Peck)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg (Craig Reed)
- 2nd Albany Democrat-Herald (Aaron Yost)
- 3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton (Ashley Conklin)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande (Pat Perkins)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle (Joe Zavala)
- 3rd Argus Observer, Ontario (Donovan Brink)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Steve Fox)

- 2nd The Outlook, Gresham (Tiffany O'Dell)
- 3rd The Graphic, Newberg (Scott Anderson)
- Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)
- 1st Lake Oswego Review (Stephen Smith)
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times (Miles Vance)
- 3rd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas (Tim Seiber)

- Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)
- 1st West Linn Tidings (Stephen Smith)
- 2nd Keizertimes (Staff)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail (Mary Owen)

- Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)
- 1st The Sandy Post (David Ball)
- 2nd Lebanon Express, (Jess Reed)
- 3rd Valley Times, Milton-Freewater (Rusty Bradshaw)

11. BEST SPORTS PAGE FOR SUNDAY EDITIONS
(Two Divisions: 25,001 and above & 25,000 and below)

25,001 and above

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene (John Conrad)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Dennis Peck)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford (Tim Trower)

25,000 and below

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg (Matt Shipley & Ryan Brown)
- 2nd Argus Observer, Ontario (Donovan Brink)
- 3rd The Dalles Chronicle (Joe Zavala)

12. BEST SPORTS STORY
(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("The best ever?," Brian Meehan)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Making waves," John Conrad)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Sully's loss leaves broken hearts," Don Hunt)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Private students, public athletes," Travis Moore)
- 2nd The News Review, Roseburg ("Baseball boss," Ray Hacke)
- 3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("IMC at a Crossroads," Ashley Conklin)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Knappa, this is it," Paul Danzer)

- 2nd Argus Observer, Ontario ("Long and strong: Reeve," Donovan Brink)
- 3rd The Dalles Chronicle ("Finally, The Dalles versus...", Joe Zavala)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Kicker a keeper," Steve Fox)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Warriors rebound," Steve Fox)
- 3rd The Springfield News ("Short-handed Springfield still stifles South," Tim Cochran)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("Title time," Miles Vance)
- 2nd The Redmond Spokesman ("Carrell takes challenge...", Gary Newman)
- 3rd Lake Oswego Review ("Pacers win championship," Bill Stewart)
- 3rd The Tigard Times ("Two titles for the Tigers," Dan Brood)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st The Stayton Mail ("Armed with inspiration," Joe Zavala)
- 2nd West Linn Tidings ("State champs again!," Stephen Smith)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Scotty Graham used life to help others," Mary Owen)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("Best basketball found at Century Park," Jess Reed)
- 2nd Lebanon Express ("Explosion makes hard work look easy," Jess Reed)
- 3rd The Sandy Post ("Wolfe's struggle inspires teammates," David Ball)

13. BEST SPORTS PHOTO

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Lance Deal greets two of his biggest fans...", Brian Davies)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Car crash," Steve Nehl)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("It was a race for second...", David Friedman)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Consoling: Canyonville Christian Academy's Reyna Quiroz is distraught...", Andy Bronson)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Straight shooters," Andy Bronson)
- 3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Pendleton first baseman Erin Nooy reaches...", Don Cresswell)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st Ashland Daily Tidings ("Grizz overcome weather...", Denise Baratta)
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande ("Tough day at the office...", Pat Perkins)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Lessons in T-Ball," Pat Perkins)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Amity volleyball championship...", Sol Neelman)
- 2nd The Springfield News ("Springfield juniors Tisha Rath and Elizabeth Baynes stand tall...", Damian Mulinix)
- 3rd The Springfield News ("Derek Dougherty of Thurston races ahead," Damian Mulinix)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("High flyer," Jaime Valdez)
- 2nd The Tigard Times ("For the defense," Allan Campbell)
- 3rd Woodburn Independent ("Gervais' Jeff Hamor had to face...", James Hill)

Division F & G Combined (Weeklies)

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("Danielle Jansen receives congratulations from dad," Vern Uyetake)
- 2nd Seaside Signal ("Seaside shortstop Amanda Phillips finds out the hard way...", Brian Liebenstein)
- 3rd Lebanon Express ("Tom Bourns of Lacombe reacts to his putt...", Robert Erickson)

14. BEST FEATURE PHOTO

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("The Penguin Pole," Ross Hamilton)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("A stunning view of the Pacific Ocean...", Rob Romig)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Cara Thomson's first trip...", Brian Davies)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Saving baby sister," Kevin Launius)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Stubborn landlubber," Andy Bronson)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Swarming for a snack," Andy Bronson)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande ("A tower with a view," Dick Mason)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("Jacqueline Herman grimaced...", Mark Gibson)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Rick Oliver of St. Helens waits patiently...", Andy Dolan)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st Hood River News ("Don Carter comforts his wife Peggy...", Jim Semlor)
- 2nd Curry Coastal Pilot, Brookings ("Chief Ken Lewis chases turkey across

Chetco Avenue," Emily Teague)

3rd The Graphic, Newberg ("In remembrance of war," Chijo Takeda)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

1st The Tigard Times ("Make a scary face," Jaime Valdez)

2nd Wallowa County Chieftain, Enterprise ("Mutton busted," Rich

Rautenstrauch)

3rd The Tigard Times ("Firsthand knowledge..., " Jaime Valdez)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

1st The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Fountain of youth," David

Carkhuff)

2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Bald and beautiful," Jeremy Ruark)

3rd The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Aptly named," David Carkhuff)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

1st Lebanon Express ("Eric Lemerande looks to his instructor..., " Robert

Erickson)

2nd The Sandy Post ("Melissa Schurman and Colleen Tucker examine a non-venomous milk snake," Danielle McMullen)

3rd The Umpqua Post, Reedsport ("Oregon Dune Musers annual mail run..., "

Elizabeth Adamo)

15. BEST PHOTO ESSAY

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("In heroin's grip," Brian Davies)

2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Under the gun," Ben Brink)

3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("For a child's smile," Nicole DeVito)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Freeway carnage," Mitchell Zachs)

2nd Albany Democrat-Herald ("Burn to learn," Mark Ylen)

3rd Albany Democrat-Herald ("Parents have plan to preserve Harris," Mark

Ylen)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

1st The Daily Astorian ("Fishing on faith," Andy Dolan)

2nd The Observer, La Grande ("It's a rush to the top," Dick Mason)

3rd Baker City Herald ("Oregon Trail riders," S. John Collins)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Another time around," Sol Neelman)

2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Making strides," Sol Neelman)

3rd The Graphic, Newberg ("The special ones," Chijo Takeda)

HM The Springfield News ("All's fair at the Lane County fair," Damian

Mulinix)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Tigard Times ("Art is her voice," Jaime Valdez)
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times ("A plea for decent housing," Jaime Valdez)
- 3rd Beaverton Valley Times ("On her toes," Jaime Valdez)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("Lions repeat," Vern Uyetake)
- 2nd West Linn Tidings ("The old fashioned fair," Vern Uyetake)
- 3rd Burns Times-Herald ("In spring, a blackbird's fancy...", B. Marie Jarreau-Danner)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("Conductor Doug Schmitz watches from the side of his train...", David Patton)
- 2nd The Chronicle, Creswell ("Horse logging," Tim Shinabarger)
- 3rd *None*

16. BEST NEWS PHOTO

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Salvage worker...watches from shore," Sean Galvin)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford ("The fire that destroyed the Carpenter Hill Inn," Jim Craven)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Police officer warns anarchist...", Brian Davies)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("A fireball shoots skyward...", Don Cresswell)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("A mother's shock," Kevin Launius)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Camas Valley house blaze," Andy Bronson)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Lewis & Clark volunteer firefighter Adam Miller...", Masako Watanabe)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("A dog's best friend," Mark Gibson)
- 3rd Ashland Daily Tidings ("It's a winter that just won't end," Denise Baratta)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Verdict," Sol Neelman)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("What's up?," Sol Neelman)
- 3rd The Outlook, Gresham ("Trench cave-in kills Gresham man," Ryan)

Gardner)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("Grappling with grief," Jaime Valdez)
- 2nd The Tigard Times ("Precautionary measures," Patrick Burke)
- 3rd Willowa County Chieftain, Enterprise ("School bus - A blinding morning sun...," Rocky Wilson)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st News-Times, Forest Grove ("Marilyn McGlasson, Banks school superintendent, comforts...," Jason Applegate)
- 2nd The Madras Pioneer ("The red Thunderbird driven...," David McMechan)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Arrest," Nicole Whitmire)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("Teacher, Jody Seward, embraces seventh grade student...," Robert Erickson)
- 2nd The New Era, Sweet Home ("Attic meth lab goes down...," Alex Paul)
- 3rd Lebanon Express ("Attitudes Dance Studio students check out their reflections...," David Patton)

17. BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("112 years, no parole," Staff)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("New Carissa," Staff)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Anarchist riot," Staff)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Freeway carnage," Staff)
- 2nd Albany Democrat-Herald ("Sweet Home woman loses her home," Cara Roberts)
- 3rd The World, Coos Bay ("Local miners missing in the Nevada desert," Andrew Sirocchi)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("City rues girl's murder," Andrea Kennet & Mark Hines)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("Granary burns," Kathy Gray)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Ranger Dan's' senseless death stuns community," Staff)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st The Springfield News ("Kinkel sentenced...," Staff)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Killer of grandmother gets life," Nicole

Montesano)

- 3rd Hillsboro Argus ("Mother charged with son's shooting," Eric Apalategui)
- Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)
- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Former first citizen arrested on charge of first-degree theft," Tom Henderson)
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times ("Police sting nabs 2...", Jake Carlo)
- 3rd Beaverton Valley Times ("Mall blaze stirs fire code debate," Jake Carlo)

- Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)
- 1st The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("The plight of the Parkers," Heather Sheedy)
- 2nd Burns Times-Herald ("Mechanism tears arm from teen-ager...", Christine Filteau-Stott)
- 3rd Seaside Signal ("Gun owners urge boycott," Jerry Ruecker)

- Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)
- 1st The New Era, Sweet Home (Flooding mars Thanksgiving holiday...", Alex Paul)
- 2nd The Sandy Post ("Floods force families to leave homes," Danielle McMullen)
- 3rd Tri-County News, Junction City ("Forest dwellings saved from fire," Steve Gray)

18. BEST ENTERPRISE REPORTING
(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

- Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)
- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("Eco-terrorism sweeps the West," James Long & Bryan Denson)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Politics of pesticide," Brent Walth & Alex Pulaski)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("In heroin's grip," Eric Mortenson)

- Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)
- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("A night of terror," Karen Zacharias)
- 2nd The World, Coos Bay ("Steadfast in steel," Elise Hamner)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Bait's deadly bite," Derek Reiber)

- Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)
- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Coast rehabilitation under scrutiny," Andrea Kennet, Mike Stark & Jill Carnell)
- 2nd The Daily Astorian ("Children need more help," Andrea Kennet & Mike Stark)
- 3rd The Daily Journal of Commerce ("WTO Coverage," Bret Sigler)

Division D & E Combined (Weeklies)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Toll of 18," Staff)
2nd Beaverton Valley Times ("Parents seek answers in son's death," Brian Back)
3rd The Outlook, Gresham ("A neighbor's nightmare," Anne Endicott)

Division F & G Combined (Weeklies)

- 1st Keizertimes ("The money pit," Les Zaitz)
2nd Keizertimes ("County catches Whalen without permits," Peggy Savage)
3rd Keizertimes ("Hungry in Keizer," Peggy Savage)

19. BEST FEATURE STORY

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("For a child's smile," Paul Neville)
2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("The pathfinder," Tom Hallman, Jr.)
3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("99 in '99: Highway fades into obscurity," JoNel Aleccia)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("A night of terror," Karen Zacharias)
2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("He's a guardian angel," Patricia Snyder)
3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("When babies die," Patricia Snyder)
HM The News-Review, Roseburg ("Phone workers killed in slide remembered," John Sowell)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st Ashland Daily Tidings ("Escape from Auschwitz," Vickie Aldous)
2nd Ashland Daily Tidings ("Don 'The Barber' hangs it up," Jessica Smith)
3rd The Dalles Chronicle ("A life of firsts," Jodi Nofziger)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Take me out to the ball game," Starla Pointer)
2nd Hood River News ("Saying goodbye," Steve Kadel)
3rd The Springfield News ("The legacy of mother love," Kim Sullivan)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Unselfish instincts," Stephanie Basalyga)
2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("State of emergency," Tom Henderson)
3rd Headlight-Herald, Tillamook ("Cats at work...purrfect," Linda L. Ediger)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("She talks to the animals," Courtney Dunham)
2nd Burns Times-Herald ("Pat Siegner, her journey through change," Terry Keim)
3rd The Stayton Mail ("Armed with inspiration," Joe Zavala)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Umpqua Post, Reedsport ("Ministers of health," Deborah Lipman)
2nd The Umpqua Post, Reedsport ("Dog's best friend," Nancie Hammond)
3rd The New Era, Sweet Home ("Sweet Home couple live," Alex Paul)

20. BEST EDITORIAL

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Oregon drops ball on making schools safe," Dick Hughes)
2nd Mail Tribune, Medford ("No GPID bailout," Mail Tribune Editorial Board)
3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Our village," Mail Tribune Editorial Board)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st The World, Coos Bay ("More of the same, just another shooting," Elise Hamner)
2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("School yard carnage," Richard Hensley)
3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Vietnam war a vital part of nation's war experience," Bart Smith)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande ("Try other means," David Thouvenel)
2nd The Daily Astorian ("Do it right this time," Patrick Webb)
3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Mark who?," Ted Kramer)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st The Outlook, Gresham ("Haines didn't get a 'fair shake'," Dean Rhodes and Bruce Tarbet)
2nd News-Times, Newport ("Making sausage out of the minimum wage," Clark Gallagher)
3rd News-Times, Newport ("Focus on service," Leslie O'Donnell)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Redmond Spokesman ("What's the hurry," Steve Lundgren)
2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Term limits were bad idea in the first place," Tom Henderson)

3rd Wallowa County Chieftain, Enterprise ("Joseph's 'tough guys'," Rick Swart)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

1st Keizertimes ("Whalen should resign council post," Les Zaitz)

2nd The Stayton Mail ("New officers: play it safe or take a risk?," Mary Owen)

3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("School is about to start - where's the money?," Courtney Dunham)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

1st The Sandy Post ("PGE fumbles PR ball at Roslyn Lake," Dean Rhodes & Bruce Tarbet)

2nd Valley Times, Milton-Freewater ("Weston paying price for years of running loose ship," Rusty Bradshaw)

3rd Rogue River Press ("Only effort will make skateboard park a reality here," Dave Ehrhardt)

21. BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st The Oregonian, Portland (Robert Caldwell)

2nd Statesman Journal, Salem (Dick Hughes)

3rd The Bulletin, Bend (Erik Lukens)

Division B & C Combined (Dailies)

1st Albany Democrat-Herald (Hasso Hering)

2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier (Dennis Roler)

3rd The Observer, La Grande (Dave Stave)

Division D & E Combined (Weeklies)

1st The Outlook, Gresham (Dean Rhodes & Bruce Tarbet)

2nd The Tigard Times (Mikel Kelly)

3rd The Springfield News (Anne Hill Thomas)

Division F & G Combined (Weeklies)

1st Keizertimes (Scotta Callister)

2nd The Hermiston Herald (Michael Kane)

3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Courtney Dunham)

22. BEST LOCAL COLUMN

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A & B Combined (Dailies)

1st The Bulletin, Bend (John Costa)

2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Eric Mortenson)

3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Karen McCowan)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

1st Argus Observer, Ontario (Larry Hurrle)

2nd The Dalles Chronicle (Ellen Hart)

3rd Ashland Daily Tidings (John Enders)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

1st The Outlook, Gresham (Dean Rhodes)

2nd The Springfield News (Kim Sullivan)

3rd News-Register, McMinnville (Elaine Rohse)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

1st Headlight-Herald, Tillamook (Michael O'Brien)

2nd The Redmond Spokesman (Carl Vertrees)

3rd The Redmond Spokesman (Steve Lundgren)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4000)

1st News-Times, Forest Grove (L.D. Saari)

2nd The Stayton Mail (Mary Owen)

3rd The Stayton Mail (Carl Sampson)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

1st Valley Times, Milton-Freewater (Rusty Bradshaw)

2nd Rogue River Press (Dave Ehrhardt)

3rd Lebanon Express (Jess Reed)

23. BEST WRITING

(Seven Divisions: A-B-C-D-E-F-G)

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st The Oregonian, Portland (Tom Hallman, Jr.)

2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Tom Bates)

3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Bob Keefer)

Division B (Dailies - 10,001 to 25,000)

1st Albany Democrat-Herald (Steve Lundeberg)

2nd The News-Review, Roseburg (Janine Jobe)

3rd Herald and News, Klamath Falls (Valeree Lane)

Division C (10,000 or less)

1st The Daily Astorian (Jill Carnell)

2nd The Daily Astorian (Mike Stark)

3rd The Daily Astorian (Brad Bolchunos)

Division D (Weeklies - 2 or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Starla Pointer)
- 2nd Hillsboro Argus (Eric Apalategui)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville (David Bates)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Tigard Times (Jennifer Bent)
- 2nd Woodburn Independent (Michelle Te)
- 3rd Headlight-Herald, Tillamook (Kyle Odegard)

Division F (Weeklies - 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st Keizertimes (Les Zaitz)
- 2nd West Linn Tidings (Janet Paulson)
- 3rd Seaside Signal (Jerry Ruecker)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Tri-County News, Junction City (Mike Thoele)
- 2nd The Sandy Post (Danielle McMullen)
- 3rd The Sandy Profile (Kathy Cook)

24. BEST SILK PURSE STORY

(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st The Bulletin, Bend ("Tie one on," Andy Whipple)
- 2nd The Daily Astorian ("Remember the fallen," Mike Stark)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Victoria has a new secret," Mark Freeman)

Weeklies

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("We're saving the world," Martha Allen)
- 2nd Hillsboro Argus ("Ditch witch snitch hits glitch," Eric Apalategui)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Testing the waters," Carl Sampson)

25. BEST WEBSITE

(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene (Kevin Miller)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford (Sherri Camp)
- 3rd Albany Democrat-Herald (Allen Kelley)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Dan Shryock)
- 2nd Rogue River Press (Zach Daily)

- 3rd The Madras Pioneer (Dave Hassler)
- 3rd Lake County Examiner, Lakeview (Paul Raines)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(Winners listed by contest category)

1. TARGET AUDIENCE
 - 1st Wilsonville Spokesman
 - 2nd Eugene Weekly
 - 3rd Cannon Beach Gazette

2. PHOTOGRAPHY
 - 1st Wilsonville Spokesman (Steve Wilkowske)
 - 2nd Wilsonville Spokesman (Steve Wilkowske)
 - 3rd Wilsonville Spokesman (Steve Wilkowske & Tom Morlan)

3. WRITING
 - 1st Cannon Beach Gazette (Cat Mauldin)
 - 2nd Cannon Beach Gazette (Tom Mauldin)
 - 3rd Eugene Weekly (Alan Pittman)

4. DESIGN
 - 1st Eugene Weekly
 - 2nd The Sherwood Gazette
 - 3rd Wilsonville Spokesman

5. GRAPHICS
 - 1st Eugene Weekly (Melissa Sikes)
 - 2nd Wilsonville Spokesman (Curt Kipp)
 - 3rd Wilsonville Spokesman (Curt Kipp)