

2001 BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST WINNERS

(Winners listed by contest category and circulation division)

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1. GENERAL EXCELLENCE

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

Division A (Dailies with circulation of 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland
- 2nd Statesman Journal, Salem
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene

Division B (Dailies with circulation of 10,001 to 25,000)

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton
- 2nd Herald and News, Klamath Falls
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg

Division C (Dailies with circulation of 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande
- 3rd Baker City Herald

Division D (Weeklies with two or more issues per week)

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville
- 2nd Woodburn Independent
- 3rd Hillsboro Argus

Division E (Weeklies with a circulation of 4,001 or more)

- 1st Lake Oswego Review
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times
- 3rd The Hermiston Herald

Division F (Weeklies with a circulation of 2,501 to 4,000)

- 1st West Linn Tidings
- 2nd The Madras Pioneer
- 3rd Keizertimes

Division G (Weeklies with a circulation of 2,500 or less)

- 1st Rogue River Press
- 2nd The Tri-County News, Junction City
- 3rd None awarded

2. BEST PAGE ONE DESIGN

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene (Staff)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Galen Barnett)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford (Mark Medlin)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg (Doug Harvey)
- 2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton (Steve Brown)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier (Jim W. Mitchell)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian (Patrick Webb)
- 2nd Argus Observer, Ontario (Pat Caldwell)
- 3rd Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland (Amber White)

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

- 1st Canby Herald (Tom Morlan)
- 2nd The Newberg Graphic (Gary Allen)
- 3rd No Third Place Awarded

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st News-Times, Forest Grove (L.D. Saari)
- 2nd Cottage Grove Sentinel (Finn J. John)
- 3rd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas (Virginia Henderson)

Divisions F (Weeklies - 2,501 - 4,000)

- 1st The Stayton Mail (Mary Owen)
- 2nd Keizetimes (Scotta Callister)
- 3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Courtney Dunham)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st West Lane News, Veneta (Teri Robertson)
- 2nd Rogue River Press (Dave Ehrhardt)
- 3rd The Sandy Post (Danielle McMullen)

3. BEST INSIDE PAGE DESIGN

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem (Brian Deka)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Staff)
- 3rd Mid-Valley Sunday, Albany-Corvallis (Jim Murez)

Divisions B&C Combined (Dailies - 10,000 or less - 25,000)

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg (Doug Harvey)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier (Gillian Garcia)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande (Phil Bullock)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Racheal Winter)
- 2nd Hood River News (Staff)
- 3rd The Outlook, Gresham (Flint Carlton)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Redmond Spokesman (Gary G. Newman)
- 2nd The Hermiston Herald (Michael Kane, Cheryl Christian)
- 3rd The Tigard Times (Mike Lucas)

Divisions F&G Combined (Weeklies - 2,500 or less - 4,000)

- 1st Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Courtney Dunham)
- 2nd The Stayton Mail (Sara Morgan)
- 3rd West Lane News, Veneta (Teri Robertson)

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

Dailies

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem (Aaron Marvin)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Laurie Robinson)
- 3rd The Oregonian, Portland (Jake Arnold)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Joey Sprinkle)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville (Racheal Winter)
- 3rd Canby Herald (Tom Morlan)

5. BEST GRAPHICS
(Four Divisions: A,B,C all Weeklies)

Division A: (25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Saving Susie," Debra de Yampert)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Respecting the River," Stephanie Barrow)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Whoa! It's the Bomb!" Mary Hills)

Divisions B&C Combined: (10,000 or less - 25,000)

- 1st Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Find It," Gary Thain, Scott Slyter)
- 2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Back to School," Mitchell Zachs)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Structure-based Management Stands," Patrick Webb)

Weeklies

- 1st Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("When parents are incarcerated," Dixie McCartney)
- 2nd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Florence Home and Garden Show," Robert Serra)
- 3rd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Midcoast Wave," Robert Serra)

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 Oregonian's* 150th Anniversary," Staff)
- 2nd Mid-Valley Sunday, Albany-Corvallis ("Today, Tomorrow & beyond," Staff)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Turn of the Century 2000," Staff)

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

- 1st The World, Coos Bay ("Reflections," Staff)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Umpqua Edition 2000," Staff)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Southern Oregon Rec: A Guide to Summer Fun," Staff)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("2000 Visitors' Guide," Crindalyn Stevens, Jill Foreman)
- 2nd Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland ("Design & Renovation," Amber White, Theresa McKinlay)
- 3rd Argus Observer, Ontario ("Spotlight on Agriculture 2000," Staff)

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

- 1st Hood River News ("Panorama," Staff)
- 2nd The Springfield News ("We Are Family," Staff)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Voices," Staff)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("A Century on the Beach," Margaret Kerr, Dave Price)
- 2nd Headlight-Herald, Tillamook ("Almanac," Staff)
- 3rd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Explore Polk County," Tom Henderson)

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

- 1st The Madras Pioneer ("Sageland," Staff)
- 2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Outlook 2000," Staff)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("By the Old Mill," Carl Sampson, Mary Owen)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The New Era, Sweet Home ("Still Sweet, Still Home," Staff)
- 2nd Rogue River Press ("Happy Days," Staff)
- 3rd The Coquille Valley Sentinel ("A Joyful Season -- Christmas 2000," Janet Richardson)

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 Statesman Journal, Salem ("Outlets making it," Angela Yeager, Angela Potter)

- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Loan adds twist to tale of Wiederhorn's fallen empire," Jeff Manning, James Long)
- 3rd Statesman Journal, Salem ("ABT bankruptcy hurts farmers," Suzanne Marta, Michael Rose)

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

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Hope for prosperity," Rick Swart)
- 2nd Corvallis Gazette-Times ("Rivergreen War," Bennett Hall)
- 3rd The World, Coos Bay ("Oyster producers struggle to regroup after oil spill," Andrew Sirocchi)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Dalles Chronicle ("Aluminum, Economy on the line," Staff)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("Independent by nature," Kathy Gray)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Region embraces tourists," Karen Mockler)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Powering a town," Pat Forgey)
- 2nd The Outlook, Gresham ("10 years and counting," Anne Endicott)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Pillsbury closes," Pat Forgey)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Hermiston Herald ("Baker future still up in air," Frank Lockwood)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Beyond the iron curtain," Tom Henderson)
- 3rd The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("Possible Drake site on the auction block," Niki Price)

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

- 1st Keizertimes ("Battle on the farm," Peggy Savage, Jeff Anderson)
- 2nd The Madras Pioneer ("Will locally-owned become a thing of the past?" Susan Matheny)
- 3rd West Linn Tidings ("A little bit of Martha Stewart...", Jim Hart)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("California firm buys hardboard plant," Jerry J. Herrmann)
- 2nd The New Era, Sweet Home ("Rio Theater" Alex Paul)
- 3rd The Sandy Post ("Video store owners agree...", Danielle McMullen)

8. BEST EDUCATIONAL COVERAGE

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Mail Tribune, Medford ("Trying to think like a fifth grader...", Bill Manny)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Majoring in mediocrity," Romel Hernandez, Bill Graves)
- 3rd Statesman Journal, Salem ("Grading Oregon's public schools," Dana Haynes,

Marie Gravelle)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Tolerance vs. fear?" Erin Snelgrove)
- 2nd The World, Coos Bay ("School under fire...", Patti Richter)
- 3rd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Money matters," Bartie Lancaster)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Class of 2008...", Jill Carnell)
- 2nd Baker City Herald (Any objections? Parents object to books," Mike Ferguson,
Chris Collins)
- 3rd The Dalles Chronicle ("Battling back," Shannon Becker)

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

- 1st The Outlook, Gresham ("Board postpones decision...", Kim Wetezel, Rob Oster)
- 2nd Woodburn Independent ("Rise and shine," Michelle Te)
- 3rd Woodburn Independent ("Keeping the kids," Kathleen Ellyn)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("Schools in crisis," Andy Massanet, Dave Price)
- 2nd Lake Oswego Review ("Somewhere between beauty & heartbreak," Jen Newlin)
- 3rd Beaverton Valley Times ("A brush with ancient art," Christina Lent)

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

- 1st The Stayton Mail ("Sobering stand," Mary Owen)
- 2nd Seaside Signal ("Seaside's five school district cafeterias...", Leslie Pugmire)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Meet the Scio pickles," Mary Owen)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("School board wants more numbers," A.K. Dugan)
- 2nd Rogue River Press ("School's book keeper retiring from library," J. Cox)
- 3rd Rogue River Press ("Ignoring violence," J. Cox)

9. BEST LIFESTYLE COVERAGE

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("The boy behind the mask," Tom Hallman Jr.)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Coach's secret," Jason Quick)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("A death in the family," Bill Kettler)

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

- 1st Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Back home with the kids," Patricia Snyder)
- 2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Dying for an owner," Allen Moody)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Abuse claims still sting," Stacy D. Stumbo)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande ("Family full of love," Alice Perry Linker)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("Beating domestic violence," Neita Cecil)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Needed: homes and housing for disabled adults," Alice Perry Linker)

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

- 1st The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Roads less traveled," Ned Hickson)
- 2nd The Outlook, Gresham (" From silence to sound...", Anne Endicott)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Rite of passage," Sol Neelman)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("Trent's hope for life," Christina Lent)
- 2nd The Tigard Times ("Small change," Barbara Sherman)
- 3rd The Hermiston Herald ("A little help from her friends," Theresa Woelk)

Divisions F & G Combined (Weeklies - 2,500 or less to 4,000)

- 1st Keizertimes ("Hilton of the homeless," Peggy Savage)
- 2nd The Stayton Mail ("Figures champion women's rights," Mary Owen)
- 3rd The Madras Pioneer ("Trap shoot prodigy," David McMechan)

10. BEST SPORTS PAGE

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland (Dennis Peck)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (John Conrad)
- 3rd Statesman Journal, Salem (Tom Martinez)

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

- 1st Herald and News, Klamath Falls (Mike Quigley)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg (Craig Reed)
- 3rd Corvallis Gazette-Times (Jeff Welsch)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande (Pat Perkins)
- 2nd The Daily Astorian (Sue Cody)
- 3rd The Dalles Chronicle (Joe Zavala)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Steve Fox)
- 2nd The Newberg Graphic (B. Scott Anderson)
- 3rd Hillsboro Argus (Dick McKinney, Ron Forbes)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Tigard Times (Dan Brood)
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times (Miles Vance)
- 3rd The Redmond Spokesman (Gary G. Newman)

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

- 1st Seaside Signal (Brian Liebenstein)
- 2nd The Madras Pioneer (David Hassler)
- 3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Timm O'Cobhthaigh)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Sandy Post (David Ball)
- 2nd Lebanon Express (Jess Reed)
- 3rd West Lane News, Veneta (Tom Page)

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

25,001 and above

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem (Tom Martinez)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Dennis Peck)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene (John Conrad)

25,000 and below

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg (Craig Reed)
- 2nd Herald and News, Klamath Falls (Mike Quigley)
- 3rd Argus Observer, Ontario (Donovan Brink)

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Belle of the Bay," Ron Bellamy)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("The Ralph Miller method," Jason Quick)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("It's whom I am," Curtis Anderson)

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

- 1st Corvallis Gazette-Times ("Stayin' alive," Jeff Welsch)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("Adversity won't slow down Heap," Jason Breitenbucher)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("A brother's legacy," Ray Hacker)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Observer, La Grande ("Women's sports have come a long way in last 25 years," Pat Perkins)
- 2nd The Daily Astorian ("Just for kicks," Gary Henley)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Eckstein survives ear, foes...." Pat Perkins)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Troubles can't slow young Mac speedster," Steve Fox)

- 2nd The Newberg Graphic ("Searching for a first," B. Scott Anderson)
- 3rd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Evolution of an invitational," Ned Hickson)
- HM Canby Herald ("Logsdon takes state by storm...", Sean Patterson)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Redmond Spokesman ("El Juego Hermoso," Gary G. Newman)
- 2nd The Tigard Times ("Running with Sydney in sight," Dan Brood)
- 3rd Beaverton Valley Times ("Dutch treat," Miles Vance)

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

- 1st Keizertimes ("Able and willing," Jeff Anderson)
- 2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("SHS coach resigns amidst controversy," Tim O"Cobhthaigh)
- 3rd Keizertimes ("Koch signs on," Jeff Anderson)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Sandy Post ("Family hits the blazin' jackpot," David Ball)
- 2nd The Sandy Post ("Returning to the ring," David Ball)
- 3rd Rogue River Press ("Stormin' on the Rogue," Dave Ehrhardt)

13. BEST SPORTS PHOTO

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Mail Tribune, Medford ("Reason to rejoice," Drew Fleming)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Szabo crosses the finish line just before Suzy," Thomas Boyd)
- 3rd The Bulletin, Bend ("NCAA birdie," Rob Kerr)
- HM The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Kids gather atop the dugout...", Brian Davies)

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

- 1st Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Chris Deese and his steer..." Ron Winn)
- 2nd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("No lazy days of summer," Don Cresswell)
- 3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Heppner's David Piper clears 6 feet 3 inches," Mitchell Zachs)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Dalles Chronicle ("Samantha Krier is called out," Mark Gibson)
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande ("Balancing act?" C.J. Gish)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Overboard...", Pat Perkins)
- HM Argus Observer, Ontario ("Vale second baseman Dane...", Ted J. Fink)

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

- 1st The Outlook, Gresham ("Yerkes flies high for Gophers," Flint Carlton)
- 2nd Hood River News ("Jessica Hedges nearly sacrifices her arm...", Jim Semlor)
- 3rd The Newberg Graphic ("Newberg's Eric Stevenson..." Carlos J. Sanchez)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Redmond Spokesman ("Miranda Gillaspie's excitement bubbled...", Pat Kliewer)
2nd The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("It's a rough game," Andy Massanet)
3rd The Redmond Spokesman ("Goalie Mark Jones is the UFO," Pat Kliewer)

Divisions F&G Combined (Weeklies 2,500 or less to 4,000)

- 1st Lebanon Express ("Lebanon valleyball players...", Robert Erickson)
2nd The Stayton Mail ("Yee Ha!" Eric Cable)
3rd Lebanon Express ("Chris Jones has a hard time moving...", 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 ("Cirque confidential," Stephanie Yao)
2nd The Bulletin, Bend ("Helmet to soar," Rob Kerr)
3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Sandy Barbieri had no idea...", Bob Pennell)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Five-year-old Greg Marshall of Beaverton...", Stephen Brashear)
2nd Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Brianna Otero, a sixth grader at Henley Elementary School...", Ron Winn)
3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Ted Flaiz of Hermiston gives an injection...", Mitchell Zachs)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st Baker City Herald ("Eye on the target," S. John Collins)
2nd The Daily Astorian ("Moose on the loose," Andy Carpaneau)
3rd The Observer, La Grande ("From green to gold," Phil Bullock)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Just cooling off," Damian Mulinix)
2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Peekaboo," Damian Mulinix)
3rd The Springfield News ("Time to make your wishes known," Sam Karp)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("A plea for help," Jaime Valdez)
2nd The Tigard Times ("What a show," Jaime Valdez)
3rd Beaverton Valley Times ("Summer of safety," Jaime Valdez)
HM The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Monty the goat," Daniel Hurst)

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

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("Peter Rabbit pancake breakfast," Vern Uyetake)
2nd The Stayton Mail ("Going for the win," Timm O'Cobhthaigh)
3rd The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Lift-off," David Carkhuff)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The New Era, Sweet Home ("Veterans Day tribute," Alex Paul)
- 2nd Lebanon Express ("Lebanon's kite eating tree," Robert Erickson)
- 3rd The Sandy Post ("May the force be with you," Danielle McMullen)

15. BEST PHOTO ESSAY

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Mail Tribune, Medford ("Black light," Jim Craven)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Troubled waters," Thomas Boyd)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Casualties of abuse," Chris Pietsch)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Scouting the waves," Andy Bronson)
- 2nd Albany Democrat-Herald ("Railroad ends service on Lebanon-Mill City run," Mark Ylen)
- 3rd Corvallis Gazette-Times ("Championship images," Karl Maasdam, Ryan Gardner)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Imperiled estuary," Masako Watanabe)
- 2nd The Dalles Chronicle ("The way we were," Mark Gibson)
- 3rd The Dalles Chronicle ("Spirits," Mark Gibson)

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

- 1st The Newberg Graphic ("Just playing for the love of the game," Carlos J. Sanchez)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Spruce Goose move," Tom Ballard, Damian Mulinix)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Chance for a lifetime," Damian Mulinix)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("A day at the park," Daniel Hurst)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Enlightenment," Daniel Hurst)
- 3rd News-Times, Forest Grove ("All the right moves," Jason Applegate)

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

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("The old-fashioned fair," Vern Uyetake)
- 2nd West Linn Tidings ("Dandy debs," Vern Uyetake)
- 3rd West Linn Tidings ("Class of 2000," Vern Uyetake)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The New Era, Sweet Home ("Heart of Sweet Home," Lauren Howry)
- 2nd Lebanon Express ("It takes two to Century," Robert Erickson)
- 3rd Lebanon Express ("Olys still team to beat," Robert Erickson)

16. BEST NEWS PHOTO

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Bulletin, Bend ("Students mourn the death of three friends," Rob Kerr)
- 2nd Mail Tribune, Medford ("The wheel chair belonging to Wayne Oliver...," Drew Fleming)
- 3rd The Oregonian, Portland ("Salute to fallen comrade," Bob Ellis)
- HM The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Matthew is asked to follow an officer's finger," Kevin German)

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

- 1st Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Earl Allen finishes his beer," Ron Winn)
- 2nd Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Firefighter Mike Hagen bursts out the front...," Ron Winn)
- 3rd Herald and News, Klamath Falls ("Danny Comfort watches police...," Ron Winn)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Colombian stowaways brave two-week ordeal at sea," Mike Stark)
- 2nd Argus Observer, Ontario ("A group of Fruitland school children...," Steve Chapman)
- 3rd Ashland Daily Tidings ("Tree sitter holds out above library," Denise Baratta)

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

- 1st The Springfield News ("Protesters moved through downtown," Sam Karp)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Old fashioned election party," Tom Ballard)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("The Spruce Goose crosses Hwy. 18," Damian Mulinix)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Beaverton Valley Times ("In loving memory," Jaime Valdez)
- 2nd Beaverton Valley Times ("Accident scene," Jaime Valdez)
- 3rd The Tigard Times ("Small comfort," Jaime Valdez)

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

- 1st The Stayton Mail ("Good-Bye," Jodi Kerr)
- 2nd The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Logging truck drivers...," David Carkhuff)
- 3rd The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Close call," David Carkhuff)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Coquille Valley Sentinel ("Three cars damaged," Ken Aldrich)
- 2nd West Lane News, Veneta ("Lending a helping hand," Christena Hansen)
- 3rd Lebanon Express ("Construction causes slowdown," Robert Erickson)

17. BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Water main floods plaza," Janet Davies, Abe Estimada, Amber Stuever)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("INS jails business traveler," Richard Read)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford ("Caseworker suspected earlier...," JoNel Aleccia)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Cadaver-sniffing dogs aid in searches," Janine Jobe)
- 2nd Albany Democrat-Herald ("Bohna wins mayor in a straw vote," Jennifer Moody)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Vet's hunch on hitchhiker proves costly," Rob Kuznia)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Colombian stowaways...," Mike Stark)
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande ("Railroad tackles cleanup," T.L. Petersen)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Witnesses describe nightmare inferno," Brad Bolchunos)

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

- 1st The Newberg Graphic ("Newberg man critically injured in fire," Gary Allen)
- 2nd Hood River News ("Lost Lake fire," Raelynn Gill)
- 3rd The Springfield News ("Lovelaces have their say at sentencing...," Kim Sullivan, Tim Shinabarger)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("Fish, then birds die...," Dave Price)
- 2nd Cottage Grove Sentinel ("K-9 Fredo saves cops...," Finn J. John)
- 3rd Cottage Grove Sentinel ("Cottage Grove cops collar murder suspect," Finn J. John)

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

- 1st Keizertimes ("Practice burn triggers new fire," Jeff Anderson)
- 2nd Seaside Signal ("Cannon Beach homes destroyed by fire," Jerry Ruecker)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Oh, Deer!" Carl Sampson)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The New Era, Sweet Home ("Foster man is charged...," Alex Paul, Sean Morgan)
- 2nd The Tri-County News, Junction City ("Albin draws 16-month term," Mike Thoele)
- 3rd West Lane News, Veneta ("Rental destroyed by blaze," Christena Hansen)

18. ENTERPRISE REPORTING

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Oregonian, Portland ("The secrets of a small town priest," Michael Wilson)

- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("Unchecked power of the INS," Staff)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene ("Casualties of abuse," Diane Dietz)

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

- 1st The News-Review, Roseburg ("Immigration issues...", Staff)
- 2nd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Case closed," Janine Jobe)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg ("Questions of rape and consent," Janine Jobe)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian ("Life at the brink," Mike Stark, Karen Mocklen)
- 2nd The Observer, La Grande ("Who are the homeless?" Alice Perry Linker)
- 3rd Ashland Daily Tidings ("Dropout rate on the rise," Maggie McGehee)

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

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("Meth madness," Nathalie Oravetz)
- 2nd News-Register, McMinnville ("Nursing home fined over fatal injection," Nicole Montesano, Pat Forgey)
- 3rd The Outlook, Gresham ("Carolyn Exum," Mara Stine)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("Villages at Cascade Head...", Dave Price)
- 2nd Headlight-Herald, Tillamook ("The dune dilemma," Jackie Edwards)
- 3rd Cottage Grove Sentinel ("Dinner party a scam...", Finn J. John)

Divisions F & G Combined (Weeklies - 2,500 & less - 4,000)

- 1st West Linn Tidings ("Feds fine district for PCBs," Jim Hart)
- 2nd Keizertimes ("Troubled waters," Les Zaitz)
- 3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Mt. Angel looking for additional water," Timm O'Cobhthaigh)

19. BEST FEATURE STORY

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Saving Susie," Angela Potter)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland ("A gentle warrior," Norm Maves, Jr.)
- 3rd The Bulletin, Bend ("Judy's cancer," Linda Weiford)
- HM Statesman Journal, Salem ("Journey of donated food passes through many hands," Tara McLain)

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

- 1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Dying for an owner," Allen Moody)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier ("A salute to the fallen," Jeff Duewel)
- 3rd Corvallis Gazette-Times ("Roots of memory," Keith Manning)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Dalles Chronicle ("A heart for teaching," Jodi Nofziger)

- 2nd Baker City Herald ("www-dot you can do it," Mike Ferguson)
- 3rd Ashland Daily Tidings ("Buddies for beautification," Mercedes Binh Ly)

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

- 1st The Newberg Graphic ("March madness--Roman style," Gary Allen)
- 2nd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Water worlds," Ned Hickson)
- 3rd Hood River News ("Carnahan's recreation," Janet Cook)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The News-Guard, Lincoln City ("Domestic violence," Carol Posey)
- 2nd Cottage Grove Sentinel ("The Superhero Club...", Rebekah-Mae N. Bruns)
- 3rd The Redmond Spokesman ("The front (yard) nine," Trish Pinkerton)

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

- 1st The Madras Pioneer ("Can-do attitude," Susan Matheny)
- 2nd Keizertimes ("New heart--New life," Peggy Savage)
- 3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Fields of fire," Timm O'Cbhthaigh)
- HM Appeal Tribune, Silverton ("Man behind the murals," Courtney Dunham)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Sandy Post ("Where is little Buck's gun?" Danielle McMullen)
- 2nd The Tri-County News, Junction City ("An old debt repaid," Mike Thoele)
- 3rd The Coquille Valley Sentinel ("Cancer victim loses home," Del Richardson)
- HM West Lane News, Veneta ("Oregon winemakers begin harvest season," Christena

Hansen)

20. BEST EDITORIAL

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Deportation of Mart family is an injustice," Barbara Curtin)

2nd Statesman Journal, Salem ("Homosexuality not promoted by schools," Dick Hughes)

3rd The Oregonian, Portland ("Shake up the Portland INS," Mary Kitch)

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

1st East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Lay bones to rest," Mark Garber)

2nd The World, Coos Bay ("Start now to crush Measure 9," Kathy Erickson)

3rd East Oregonian, Pendleton ("Legal loan sharks," Richard Hensley)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

1st Baker City Herald ("Vote no on 88 and 91," Mark Furman, Kari Borgen)

2nd The Observer, La Grande ("This is justice?" Ted Kramer)

3rd The Observer, La Grande ("Need for new election," Dave Stave)

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

- 1st The Outlook, Gresham ("Government must speak many tongues," Dean Rhodes)
- 2nd The Siuslaw News, Florence ("Bigotry 101," Robert Serra)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville ("Interpretation of transplant policy unreasonable," Wanda McAlister)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Legislators should get trips to Burns," Tom Henderson)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("Amendment should ban Bill Sizemore," Tom Henderson)
- 3rd Headlight Herald, Tillamook ("Student athlete drug testing...", Ken O'Toole)

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

- 1st The Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day ("Public deserves to learn content of Sandoval report," David Carkhuff)
- 2nd Seaside Signal ("Oregon public meeting laws disregarded in Cannon Beach," Jerry Ruecker)
- 3rd Keizertimes ("It's time for district execs to live within the public budget," Les Zaitz)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Tri-County News, Junction City ("Letting the lion out of its cage," Mike Thoele)
- 2nd West Lane News, Veneta ("The politics of bigotry," Mike Thoele)
- 3rd Lebanon Epress ("Political ads may distort the facts," A.K. Dugan)

21. BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

- 1st The Register-Guard, Eugene (Jackman Wilson)
- 2nd The Oregonian, Portland (Bob Caldwell)
- 3rd Mail Tribune, Medford (Editorial Board)

Divisions B&C Combined (Dailies - 10,000 or less-25,000)

- 1st Albany Democrat-Herald (Hasso Hering)
- 2nd Grants Pass Daily Courier (Dennis Roler)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande (Dave Stave)

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

- 1st The Springfield News (Anne Hill Thomas)
- 2nd Hood River News (Kirby Neumann-Rea)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville (Wanda McAlister)

Division E (4,001 or more)

- 1st The Hermiston Herald (Michael Kane)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas (Virginia Henderson, Tom

Henderson)

3rd The News-Guard, Lincoln City (Dave Price)

Divisions F & G Combined (Weeklies - 4,000 or less)

1st Keizertimes (Scotta Callister)

2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Courtney Dunham)

3rd The Stayton Mail (Mary Owen)

22. BEST LOCAL COLUMN

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

Division A (Dailies - 25,001 or more)

1st The Oregonian, Portland (Steve Duin)

2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Bob Welch)

3rd Statesman Journal, Salem (Tom Forstrom)

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

1st East Oregonian, Pendleton (Richard Hensley)

2nd The World, Coos Bay (Jamie Lawson)

3rd The News-Review, Roseburg (Bart Smith)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

1st The Observer, La Grande (Jeff Petersen)

2nd The Daily Astorian (Andy Dolan)

3rd The Dalles Chronicle (Mark Gibson)

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

1st The Springfield News (Kim Sullivan)

2nd The Outlook, Gresham (Sharon Nesbit)

3rd The Siuslaw News, Florence (Ned Hickson)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

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

2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas (Tom Henderson)

3rd No Third Place Awarded

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

1st The Madras Pioneer (Tony Ahern)

2nd The Stayton Mail (A. Scot Bolsinger)

3rd The Stayton Mail (Carl Sampson)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

1st The Sandy Post (Dean Rhodes)

2nd No Second Place Awarded

3rd (tie) Rogue River Press (Dave Ehrhardt)

3rd (tie) Sandy Profile (John Charles)

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 (Spencer Heinz)
- 3rd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Matt Cooper)
- HM The Bulletin, Bend (Linda Weiford)

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

- 1st The World, Coos Bay (Kathy Erickson)
- 2nd The News Review, Roseburg (Eric Fetters)
- 3rd The News-Review, Roseburg (John Sowell)

Division C (Dailies - 10,000 or less)

- 1st The Daily Astorian (Karen Mockler)
- 2nd The Daily Astorian (Brad Bolchunos)
- 3rd The Observer, La Grande (Alice Perry Linker)

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

- 1st Hood River News (Janet Cook)
- 2nd The Outlook, Gresham (Mara Stine)
- 3rd News-Register, McMinnville (David Bates)

Division E (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Headlight-Herald, Tillamook (Jackie Edwards)
- 2nd Cottage Grove Sentinel (Finn J. John)
- 3rd The Redmond Spokesman (Gary G. Newmann)

Division F (Weeklies - 4,001 or more)

- 1st Keizertimes (Peggy Savage)
- 2nd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Courtney Dunham)
- 3rd Appeal Tribune, Silverton (Brenna Wiegand)

Division G (Weeklies - 2,500 or less)

- 1st The Sandy Post (Jennifer Cox)
- 2nd West Lane News, Veneta (Christena Hansen)
- 3rd The Tri-County News, Junction City (Mike Thoele)

24. BEST SILK PURSE STORY

(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies:

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem ("Distance delays romance for more than seven decades," Angela Potter)
- 2nd Corvallis Gazette-Times ("A friendly retail war in Alsea," John Butterworth)
- 3rd The Daily Astorian ("Crafty crab-nab attempt scuttled," Brad Bolchunos)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville ("His lawn will never be the same," Starla Pointer)
- 2nd The Polk County Itemizer Observer, Dallas ("She was a good snake," Tom Henderson)
- 3rd The Stayton Mail ("Into the wild, blue yonder," Carl Sampson)

25. BEST WEB SITE

(Two Divisions: Daily & Weekly)

Dailies

- 1st Statesman Journal, Salem (Debbie Townsend)
- 2nd The Register-Guard, Eugene (Kevin Miller)
- 3rd The World, Coos Bay (Andrea Knudsen-Danehower)

Weeklies

- 1st News-Register, McMinnville (Kevin McGuirl)
- 2nd Curry Coastal Pilot, Brookings (Charles Kocher)
- 3rd The News-Guard, Lincoln City (Todd O. Fogelberg)