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ANA Announces 2010 BNC Winners

The Arizona Republic and Payson Roundup took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2010 Better Newspapers Contest. Newspaper of the Year awards are calculated from honors won in the Excellence in Advertising Contest added together with winning entries from the Better Newspapers Contest.

Nick Oza, *The Arizona Republic*, and Dave Brown, *San Pedro Valley News-Sun* and *Arizona Range News*, were named the ANA 2010 Photographers of the Year. Rob O'Dell, *Arizona Daily Star* and Jim Nintzel, *Tucson Weekly*, were named the ANA 2010 Journalists of the Year.

This year, 53 newspapers and 22 high schools entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,324 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of nine categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 18 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence. A special thank you to the Nevada Press Association for judging the entries.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category. The awards were presented on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 at the new downtown Phoenix location of Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The event concluded the ANA 2010 Fall Convention. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Newspaper Winners by Category

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 2nd place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: Camp Verde Journal

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 3rd place: Sedona Red Rock News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd place (tie): Navajo Times, Scottsdale Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd place: Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Maricopa Monitor
- 2nd place: Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: Arizona Capitol Times

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 3rd place: Eastern Arizona Courier

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Navajo Times
- 2nd place: East Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: The Catholic Sun

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: The Daily Courier
- 2nd place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd place: Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Camp Verde Journal
- 2nd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 3rd place: Arizona Range News

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 2nd place: Sedona Red Rock News
- 3rd place: Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Navajo Times
- 3rd place: East Valley Tribune

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 3rd place: Arizona Silver Belt

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Sedona Red Rock News
- 3rd place: Green Valley News & Sun

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Scottsdale Times
- 2nd place: La Voz
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: The Daily Courier
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Camp Verde Journal
- 2nd place: Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 2nd place: Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Fountain Hills Times

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd place: Explorer

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Today's News-Herald
- 2nd place: Daily News-Sun
- 3rd place: Sierra Vista Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Camp Verde Journal
- 2nd place: Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: Maricopa Monitor

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 2nd place: Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Sedona Red Rock News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Explorer
- 2nd place: Navajo Times
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Daily News-Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 2nd place: Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: Arizona Capitol Times

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Fountain Hills Times
- 3rd place: Eastern Arizona Courier

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: East Valley Tribune
- 2nd place: Scottsdale Times
- 3rd place: The Communicator

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd place: Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Daily News-Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times – Going Green
- 2nd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun – Keeping Women Healthy
- 3rd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle – Visiting the Verde Valley

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Payson Roundup – Arizona Highlands
- 2nd place: Green Valley News & Sun – Discover Southern Arizona
- 3rd place: White Mountain Independent – Substance Abuse Summit

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly – Best of Tucson
- 2nd place: The Catholic Sun – Covenant of Love
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal – Healthcare Heroes

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Yuma Sun – Raising Yuma
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald – 2010 Home & Garden
- 3rd place: Arizona Daily Sun – Real Estate Now

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic – AZ magazine

#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times – <http://azcapitoltimes.com>
- 2nd place: Camp Verde Journal – <http://azjournal.com>
- 3rd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun – <http://benssonnews-sun.com>

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Sedona Red Rock News – <http://redrocknews.com>
- 2nd place: White Mountain Independent – <http://wmicentral.com>
- 3rd place: Payson Roundup – <http://payson.com>

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly – <http://tucsonweekly.com>
- 2nd place: Scottsdale Times – <http://timespublications.com>
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal – <http://phoenix.bizjournals.com>

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Sierra Vista Herald – <http://svherald.com>
- 2nd place: Arizona Daily Sun – <http://azdailysun.com>
- 3rd place: The Daily Courier – <http://dcourier.com>

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic – <http://azcentral.com>

BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Scholastic Division: Large Schools (4A & 5A)

- 1st place: *The Mustang Express*, Sunrise Mountain High School
- 2nd place: *Cactus Chronicle*, Tucson High School
- 3rd place: *The Roundup*, Brophy College Preparatory

Scholastic Division: Small Schools (3A & smaller)

- 1st place: *The Gregorian Chant*, St. Gregory College Prep
- 2nd place: *The Eagle's Eyrie*, Bourgade Catholic High School
- 3rd place: *The Bruin Times*, Hopi High School

Honorable Mention: *The Pegasus*, Buena High School

Judges said: "For a tiny paper with no-doubt limited resources, they do an impressive job."

Individual Winners by Category

#9 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Josh Coddington, Arizona Capitol Times – Echo chambers: Long session led to many missed votes
- 2nd place: Walter Mares, The Copper Era – Brother Tom mistaken for turkey, shot
- 3rd place: Don Harris, Arizona Capitol Times – Taxes on smokes, cokes and booze might save AHCCCS

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Christopher Graham Fox, Sedona Red Rock News – Santa puts 4 on naughty list for drug smuggling over the holidays
- 2nd place: Mike Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – Over the Rainbow graduates to seek pot of gold
- 3rd place: Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent – And it don't rain in Indianapolis, at least not this time

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: None awarded

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Nick Miller, Yuma Sun – How he Drew it up
- 2nd place: Mark Borgard, Kingman Daily Miner – It's not Domino's at the door
- 3rd place: Matt Hickman, Sierra Vista Herald - ExtraClairicular

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#10 BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Jim Small, Arizona Capitol Times – How did we get into this mess?
- 2nd place: Jeremy Duda, Arizona Capitol Times – Tyne's ouster a sign of things to come
- 3rd place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – SEABHS CEO Dana Johnson fired

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Suzanne Jacobson, Payson Roundup – Thousands get early release from Gila jail
- 2nd place: Sean Dieterich, White Mountain Independent – St. Johns boy given probation in emotional hearing
- 3rd place: Diane Saunders, Eastern Arizona Courier – Supreme Court says school strip search of student wrong

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly – Murder in the desert
- 2nd place: Jim Nintzel, Tucson Weekly- Regressive Direction
- 3rd place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Fleeced

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: James Gilbert, Yuma Sun – Suspected gang members charged
- 2nd place: Jackie Leatherman, Today's News-Herald – Man arrested after standoff
- 3rd place: Suzanne Adams, Kingman Daily Miner – Group spends hours in caverns after elevator breaks

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – SEABHS
- 2nd place: Denise Holley, Nogales International – Local contractors
- 3rd place: Adam Gaub, Maricopa Monitor – McDonald

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Suzanne Jacobson, Payson Roundup – Staff cuts
- 2nd place: Ellen Sussman, Green Valley News & Sun – WWII trip
- 3rd place: Michael Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – Substance Abuse

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Shellie Gillespie, The Communicator – Water rate hike
- 2nd place: Jason Begay, Navajo Times – Council reduction
- 3rd place: J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun – Immigration

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Staff, Yuma Sun – Farmworkers
- 2nd place: Adam Curtis, Sierra Vista Herald – Budget-cutting
- 3rd place: Suzanne Adams, Kingman Daily Miner – County meetings

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Pat Lossan, Ronald J. Hansen, The Arizona republic – Tuition Tax Credit
- 2nd place: Stephanie Innes, Mariana Alvarado, Arizona Daily Star – Children’s health
- 3rd place: None awarded

#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – Detention facility
- 2nd place: Jim Small, Arizona Capitol Times – Coming up short
- 3rd place: Mary Forney, Lake Powell Chronicle - VWF

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup - Pipeline
- 2nd place: Suzanne Jacobson, Payson Roundup – Gila Community College
- 3rd place: Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup - Hydrants

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Unreasonable Doubt
- 2nd place: Marley Shebala, Navajo Times – Council funds
- 3rd place: Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly – Eye of the storm

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner – Tim Sparr
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Robert Anglen, Ryan Konig, Andrew Long, The Arizona Republic – Perfectly Legal
- 2nd place: Brady McCombs, Stephen Caesar, Arizona Daily Star – Border program
- 3rd place: Rob O’Dell, Patty Machelor, Arizona Daily Star – Giving Tree

#13 BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune – Baseball as it used to be
- 2nd place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – Bobcats lasso Cowboys
- 3rd place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – Luis Cross sets example for us all

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Ryan Winslett, Fountain Hills Times – Big Shot
- 2nd place: Ryan Winslett, Fountain Hills Times – The Beast
- 3rd place: Brian Wright, Eastern Arizona Courier – Sister Act has Safford thinking state

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Jimmy Magahern, Scottsdale Times – Chuting the bull
- 2nd place: Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly – Soccer, class and history
- 3rd place: Mark Heller, East Valley Tribune – Shining a light on the rule book

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Max Maxson, Yuma Sun – Faster than the speed of sound
- 2nd place: Shawn Bryne, Kingman Daily Miner – Skeletonman has sights set on Olympics
- 3rd place: Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch – Officiating Notre Dame-USC game dream come true for CG's Kieser

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Bob Young, The Arizona Republic – Leaving the pain behind
- 2nd place: None awarded

#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – NHS rules Kino roost
- 2nd place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – Benson football
- 3rd place: Steve Reno, Arizona Range News – Cowboys face showdown at Benson

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Nick Prevenas, Green Valley News & Sun – Wildcats
- 2nd place: Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent – Thunder Raceway
- 3rd place: Max Foster, Payson Roundup – Payson will host East basketball tournaments

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Chris Casacchia, Mike Sunnucks, Phoenix Business Journal – D-back, Sox oppose Cubs stadium plan
- 2nd place: Alice Shoaf, The Communicator – It's Friday Night and we're here to play!
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Edward Carifio, Yuma Sun – Anthony Avalos/Kofa Kings scandal
- 2nd place: Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch – CAC women's basketball
- 3rd place: Liz Manring, Sierra Vista Herald – Warren Ballpark

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Paul Coro, The Arizona Republic – Phoenix Suns
- 2nd place: None awarded

#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – 3 Bs make a world of difference
- 2nd place: Adam Gaub, Maricopa Monitor – Starting from scratch
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Andrew Kneeland, Green Valley News & Sun – The fading role of the starting pitcher
- 2nd place: Nick Prevenas, Green Valley News & Sun – A small school's brief moment in the sun
- 3rd place: Keith Morris, White Mountain – Boo to you coaches who don't take the time

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly – sports column
- 2nd place: Irene Messina, Tucson Weekly – Offbeat
- 3rd place: Mark Heller, East Valley Tribune – No child left behind

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Shawn Byrne, Kingman Daily Miner – Cowardly lion wanted courage
- 2nd place: Shawn Byrne, Kingman Daily Miner – When she was needed, Fogg stepped up
- 3rd place: Matt Hickman, Sierra Vista Herald – Gilbert Arenas is a comic genius

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#16 BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune – Lights, camera, action
- 2nd place: Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – From the battlefield to the classroom
- 3rd place: Eric Mungenas, Maricopa Monitor – Help from hurt

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Mike Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – Hooked on heroin
- 2nd place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – Towers of stone, canyons of history
- 3rd place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Snow in September

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Randy Metcalf, Explorer - Father, son run as one
- 2nd place: Marley Shebala, Navajo Times – Poison in the Earth

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Hillary Davis, Arizona Daily Sun – A garden grows in Sunnyside
- 2nd place: Nathan Bruttell, Today's News-Herald – When gold fever hits
- 3rd place: Bill Hess, Sierra Vista Herald – Immigrants' health is 1st concern, 'then we give ... water and food'

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Jaimee Rose, The Arizona Republic – Climbing back
- 2nd place: None awarded

#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Steve Ayers, Verde Independent/The Bugle
- 2nd place: Jim Small, Arizona Capitol Times – Gun fight brewing at legislature
- 3rd place: Jeremy Duda, Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times – States' rights showdown

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – Fossil Creek
- 2nd place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Snow stories
- 3rd place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Best friends for life

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun – Lifesavers or desert desecrators?
- 2nd place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Bizarre Bounty
- 3rd place: Dave Devine, Tucson Weekly – Historic Parallels

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Susan Randall, Casa Grande Dispatch – Depot series
- 2nd place: Pam Ashley, Today's News-Herald – Uprooted
- 3rd place: Jonathan Shacat, Sierra Vista Herald – Mexicans treasure jobs from gold, silver mine; at what price?

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Tom Beal, Arizona Daily Star – Forest fires
- 2nd place: None awarded

#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Put Diaz back in the ring
- 2nd place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Sheriff Joe, a non-existent U.S. law and the next crime sweep
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Dan Shearer, Green Valley News & Sun – Two flags in the dirt
- 2nd place: Dan Shearer, Green Valley News & Sun – Numbers that will never add up
- 3rd place: Aimee Staten, Eastern Arizona Courier – Attorney lost his way

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly – Few may realize the harm that will come as a result of the legislature’s assault on teachers
- 2nd place: Don Sorchych, Sonoran News – Hayworth v. McCain
- 3rd place: Samuel Murillo, La Voz – Se desvanece el rescate

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Alan Levine, Casa Grande Dispatch – Wrong on DPS choice
- 2nd place: James Chilton, Kingman Daily Miner – Gun rights
- 3rd place: Terry Ross, Yuma Sun – Safety not just responsibility of the government

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Laurie Roberts, The Arizona Republic – Too many waiting on DES to do job
- 2nd place: None awarded

#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Lawmakers first duty: Show up and vote
- 2nd place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Bankruptcy filings show Tribune publisher was paid \$334,000 last year
- 3rd place: Adam Gaub, Maricopa Monitor – Failure to communicate

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Time for reform
- 2nd place: Michael Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – Brewing up ideas for peace
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: James DiGiovana, Tucson Weekly – Conceptually funny
- 2nd place: James DiGiovana, Tucson Weekly – The No.1 Fan
- 3rd place: James DiGiovana, Tucson Weekly – The Institutional Divide

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Mark Borgard, Kingman Daily Miner – One man’s fear
- 2nd place: Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner – An open letter to the couch donator
- 3rd place: Alan Levine, Casa Grande Dispatch – Seasons greeting lukewarm

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Karina Bland, The Arizona Republic – Eschewing the fat with pals
- 2nd place: None awarded

#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Sean Morris, Clayton Peterson, Verde Independent/The Bugle – Dirty Verde girls host first bout
- 2nd place: Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times – Palin lends star power to McCain at Tucson rally
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: None awarded

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Sue Tone, Prescott Valley Tribune – Extreme extrication school
- 2nd place: Leo W. Banks, Nick Smith, Mari Herreras, Tucson Weekly – The Krentz Bonfire
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Edward Carifio, Janet Chase, Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – The stinky joy and joyful stink of being Stinger
- 2nd place: Doug Cook, Matt Hinshaw, The Daily Courier – Prescott woman surprised with emotional family meeting
- 3rd place: Condly Barks, Jay Fobes, the Daily Courier – What’s a mess

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Michael Chow, The Arizona Republic – Phoenix Greyhound Park closed Dec. 31
- 2nd place: None awarded

#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – Texas Canyon crash
- 2nd place: Mary Forney, Lake Powell Chronicle – Drunks trapped in revolving door
- 3rd place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Protesting SB1070

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Scott Taras, Green Valley News & Sun – Teaching kids to run
- 2nd place: Andy Towle, Payson Roundup – Remembering Cynthia Pool
- 3rd place: Andy Towle, Payson Roundup – Bachelor fire

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: J.D. Fitzgerald, Explorer – Graffiti cleanup
- 2nd place: Donovan Quintero, Navajo Times – Navajo code talkers
- 3rd place: Donovan Quintero, Navajo Times – Elementary school groundbreaking

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch – No one hurt in house fire
- 2nd place: Matt Hinshaw, The Daily Courier – School buses crash
- 3rd place: Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun – Eric Lindstrom laid to rest

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – Two McCormick fielders
- 2nd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – A fright
- 3rd place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – Junior welterweight

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent – Wild and wooly
- 2nd place: Andy Towle, Payson Roundup – Safe at second
- 3rd place: Ryan Winslett, Fountain hills Times – Tunnel vision of golf

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Randy Metcalf, Explorer – Diving touchdown
- 2nd place: Leigh T. Jimmie, Navajo Times – Rodeo spill
- 3rd place: Jill Adair, Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent – Rodeo bull rider Wendle Tony

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun – Taking the fall
- 2nd place: Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun – All-stars win
- 3rd place: Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – Slither on

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Dave Brown, San Pedro Valley News-Sun – Rangers' celebrate statehood
- 2nd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – A fright
- 3rd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – Kids compete at AJRA in Willcox

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Michele Bradley, Sedona Red Rock News – First catch
- 2nd place: Tom Hood, Sedona Red Rock News – Arizona Opera
- 3rd place: Michele Bradley, Sedona Red Rock News – Dog attacks disc

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Leigh T. Jimmie, Navajo Times – Snow
- 2nd place: Ross Mason, Scottsdale Times – Flipping Out
- 3rd place: Randy Metcalf, Explorer – Stacked Slam Dunk

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – Flare for drama
- 2nd place: Rick Wacha, Arizona Daily Sun – Music for the deaf
- 3rd place: JC Amberlyn, Kingman Daily Miner – Just when you thought it was safe

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Bill Coates, Arizona Capitol Times – Reading, Riding and ‘Rithmetic
- 2nd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – 58th Rex Allen Days
- 3rd place: Lee Pulaski, Lake Powell Chronicle – Balloonatics take over Page for weekend

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Brian Bergner Jr., John Stabe, Sedona Red Rock News – Football preview
- 2nd place: Pete Aleshire, Tom Brossart, Guy Lewis, Payson Roundup – Dodget the bullet
- 3rd place: Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent – Junior rodeo season opens in St. Johns

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st place: Mick Welsh, Rob DeFrancesco, J.D. Long-Garcia, Ambria Hammel,
The Catholic Sun – Ordination 2009
- 2nd place: Mari Herreras, Adam Kurtz, Tucson Weekly – Womyn’s Land
- 3rd place: Patrick McArdle, Adam Kurtz , Tucson Weekly – Soccer, class and history

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – Go, Stinger, Go
- 2nd place: Rick Wacha, Arizona Daily Sun – Break in the weather
- 3rd place: Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch – Smoke fogs city

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Cheryl Evans, The Arizona Republic – After the crash
- 2nd place: None awarded

#25 STORY OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Unreasonable Doubt

Division: Daily

Robert Anglen, Ryan Konig, Andrew Long, The Arizona Republic – Perfectly Legal

#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Dave Brown, Arizona Range News | San Pedro Valley News-Sun

Division: Daily

Nick Oza, The Arizona Republic

#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Jim Nintzel, Tucson Weekly

Division: Daily

Rob O’Dell, Arizona Daily Star

APME MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Arizona Daily Sun, Publisher: Don Rowley

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Payson Roundup, Publisher: John Naughton

Division: Daily

The Arizona Republic, Publisher: John Zidich