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# ANA Announces 2011 BNC Winners

The *Sierra Vista Herald* (daily newspaper) and *Tucson Weekly* (non-daily newspaper) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2011 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.

Randy Hoeft, *Yuma Sun*, and Dave Brown, *San Pedro Valley News-Sun* and *Arizona Range News*, were named the ANA 2011 Photographers of the Year. Brady McCombs, *Arizona Daily Star* and Shanna Hogan, *Scottsdale Times*, were named the ANA 2011 Journalists of the Year.

This year, 46 newspapers and 19 high schools entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,186 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 New York Press Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category. The awards were presented on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 at the conclusion of the ANA Fall Convention and Annual Meeting, at Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, Ariz. Congratulations to all the winners!

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# *Newspaper Winners by Category*

## **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Camp Verde Journal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Arizona Range News

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

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Navajo Times
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: East Valley Tribune
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Explorer

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: The Arizona Republic

## **#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fountain Hills Times
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: West Valley View

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: East Valley Tribune
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Prescott Valley Tribune
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Navajo Times

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Yuma Sun
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: The Arizona Republic

## **#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nogales International
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Arizona Range News

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Green Valley News & Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Payson Roundup
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: West Valley View

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: East Valley Tribune
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Scottsdale Times
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Navajo Times

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Republic

**#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

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

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

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Explorer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: La Voz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tucson Weekly

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Today's News-Herald
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: None awarded

**#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Nogales International
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Arizona Range News
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Payson Roundup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: White Mountain Independent
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Green Valley News & Sun

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: East Valley Tribune
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Navajo Times
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Explorer

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Yuma Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Today's News-Herald

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Daily Star

## **#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Camp Verde Journal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Coolidge Examiner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Eloy Enterprise

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sedona Red Rock News
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fountain Hills Times
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: West Valley View

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Navajo Times
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: The Catholic Sun
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Explorer

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Yuma Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Today's News-Herald
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: The Arizona Republic

## **#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Arizona Range News
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jewish News of Greater Phoenix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Payson Roundup
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: West Valley View

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Tucson Weekly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Arizona Independent
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: The Arizona Republic

## **#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Capitol Times – 2011 Political Almanac
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Verde Independent/The Bugle – Baby Boomers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Camp Verde Journal – Green

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: West Valley View – 25 Year
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Payson Roundup – Arizona Highlands
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sedona Red Rock News – Lifestyles of Sedona

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: La Voz – Beisbol
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tucson Weekly – Best of 2010
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Navajo Times – Navajo Nation Fair

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sierra Vista Herald – 2010 Year In Review
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Casa Grande Dispatch – Cowboy Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Arizona Daily Sun – Summer Visitor Guide

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Daily Star – Now or Never

**#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arizona Capitol Times – <http://azcapitoltimes.com>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Camp Verde Journal – <http://azjournal.com>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Verde Independent/The Bugle – <http://verdenews.com>

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sedona Red Rock News – <http://redrocknews.com>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: White Mountain Independent – <http://wmicentral.com>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Fountain Hills Times <http://fhtimes.com>

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Prescott Valley Tribune – <http://pvtrib.com>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: The Catholic Sun – <http://catholicsun.org>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Phoenix Business Journal – <http://phoenix.bizjournals.com>

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

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

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

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

**BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: *The Roundup*, Brophy College Preparatory
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: *The Crusader*, Salpointe Catholic High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Mustang Express*, Sunrise Mountain High School

**Scholastic Division: Small Schools (3A & smaller)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: *The Gregorian Chant*, St. Gregory College Prep
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

# *Individual Winners by Category*

## **#9 BEST HEADLINE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Don Harris, Arizona Capitol Times – What you don't see is what you get
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Matt Bunk, Arizona Capitol Times – Quayle Hunting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times – Seeing Green

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Constance Israel, Sedona Red Rock News – Board cuts, slashes; all we get is ashes
- 2nd place: Christopher Fox Graham, Sedona Red Rock News – Between watching paint dry and 'Jonah Hex,' choose paint
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mike Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – A heli of a deal: Fly this chopper for \$99

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Wendy Miller, Explorer – Hail to the victor
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Amy Crawford, Yuma Sun – Council claws at feral cat issue
- 2nd place: Nick Miller, Yuma Sun – Empty Net Syndrome
- 3rd place: Michael Petrovsky, Casa Grande Dispatch – Virtual fence cost \$800M in real money

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st place: Kerry McVeigh, Arizona Daily Star – A trek into hellish land of death
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

## **#10 BEST NEWS STORY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st place: Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times – Bundgaard brouhaha
- 2nd place: Jonathan Clark, Nogales International – 'Black eye for city'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Walter Mares, Copper Era – CUSD board head wanted by law

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

- 1st place: Bob Burns, Fountain Hills Times – Heroin bust
- 2nd place: Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup – Neighborhood feud nearly leads to murder
- 3rd place: Terence Corrigan, White Mountain Independent – Desperate, two men go on crime spree

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Fatal exposure
- 2nd place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Mark Goudeau: The Exclusive Jailhouse Interview
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun – Haiti rebuilds

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st place: Jackie Leatherman, Today's News-Herald – A deadly intersection of 4 lives
- 2nd place: Hillary Davis, Arizona Daily Sun – Extra stairwell to cost NAU \$9M
- 3rd place: Bill Coates, Casa Grande Dispatch – Kicking up dust

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st place: Staff, Arizona Daily Star – Rep. Giffords shot, critical
- 2nd place: Staff, The Arizona Republic – Tucson Tragedy
- 3rd place: None awarded

## **#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times – Medical marijuana
- 2nd place: Wren Abbott, Jonathan Clark, Nogales International – Black eye for city
- 3rd place: Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News – Willcox High School fire

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup – Tonto Basin flood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup – Jakes Corner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Staff, Fountain Hills Times – Sweaty jobs

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jim Nintzel, Tucson Weekly – CD8 Election Coverage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mike Sunnucks, Phoenix Business Journal – Mortgage crisis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Michelle Reese, East Valley Tribune – Tempe school closures

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Joe Ferguson, Arizona Daily Sun – Flagstaff housing troubles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Staff, Yuma Sun – Yuma under stress
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Staff, Yuma Sun – Made in Yuma

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Carol Ann Alaimo, Arizona Daily Star – Mental illness
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Craig Harris, The Arizona Republic – Pensions investigation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mary Jo Pitzl, The Arizona Republic – Budget fallout

**#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Gary Grado, Arizona Capitol Times – Counterfeiting cover-up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Holly Sow, Arizona Silver Belt – Revisiting Globe’s prison proposal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jim Small, Arizona Capitol Times – Unintended consequences

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – Fire station bids
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Terence Corrigan, White Mountain Independent – Who’s minding the county till?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Upset residents walk out of tax meeting

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Leo W. Bank, Tucson Weekly – Death of Agent Terry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun – Haiti rebuilds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly – Your tax dollars at work

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jackie Leatherman, Today’s News-Herald – Ex-LHHS principal: Student’s return led to resignation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Joyce Lobeck, James Gilbert, Yuma Sun – Collapse of AEA Federal Credit Union
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner – Violations at HMMC

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: None awarded
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

**#13 BEST SPORTS STORY**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News – Kicking up sand in the boys’ faces
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune – Goalkeeper turns out to be fast learner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Holly Sow, Arizona Silver Belt – The legacy of Coach Richard Vargas

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Keith Morris, White Mountain Independent – Pick now part of Show Low lore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nick Prevenas, Green Valley News & Sun – Never too late. GV Bowler tallies first perfect game at age 77
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Nick Prevenas, Green Valley News & Sun – Golfers concerned as courses dry up

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly – Rez Ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jimmy Magahern, Scottsdale Times – A sure thing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Marco Arreortua, La Voz – Fiesta Mexicana

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Rodney Haas, Kingman Daily Miner – Group braced for cold at Alcatraz swim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Liz Manring, Sierra Vista Herald – Coaches off campus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Rodney Haas, Kingman Daily Miner – Gomez brought his game to KAHS from Ecuador

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Richard Obert, The Arizona Republic – Small town success
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

**#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Steve Reno, Arizona Range News – Baseball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News – Cowboys football
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Eric Mungenast, Maricopa Monitor – MHS football

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ryan Winslett, Fountain Hills Times – Falcons coverage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Keith Morris, White Mountain Independent – Show Low football
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Max Foster, Payson Roundup – Wilcox wraps up stellar year with girls soccer

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Cheryl Hartz, Prescott Valley Tribune – Arizona Sundogs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jason Skoda, Ahwatukee Foothills News – Desert Vista & Mountain Pointe football
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Kyle Odegard, East Valley Tribune – Gilbert Christian

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch – Cougar softball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Edward Carifio, Yuma Sun – Arizona Western College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Matt Hickman, Sierra Vista Herald – Colts

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Patrick Finley, Arizona Daily Star – "I don't know why he walked into our hearts, some kids just do that"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Dennis Wagner, Craig Harris, The Arizona Republic – Fiesta Bowl under fire
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ryan Finley, Arizona Daily Star – With mom's guidance, Grisby grows up

**#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – Learning curve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Brian Bergner Jr., Sedona Red Rock News – From the cheap seats
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Max Foster, Payson Roundup – Pay-to-play fees cause concern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Andrew Kneeland, Green Valley News & Sun – The toils of a major league catcher

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jason Skoda, Ahwatukee Foothills News – New sectional format brings opportunity
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch – Piñon missed: He was one of the best.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rodney Haas, Kingman Daily Miner – Lady Bulldog's win streak was quite fetching
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Edward Carifio, Yuma Sun – Charging matadors



**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Paola Boivin, The Arizona Republic – Suns prove sports, politics should mix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

**#16 BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jonathan Clark, Nogales International – Hillsides awash in color as city updates its image
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jeremy Duda, Arizona Capitol Times – Power struggle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Lindsey Gemme, Eloy Enterprise – Searching for clues and closure

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Dan Shearer, Green Valley News & Sun – Water in the desert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – Crowd choked up by salute
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Marilyn Hawkes, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix – A piece of your mind

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

- 1st place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – Mark Goudeau: The Exclusive Jailhouse Interview
- 2nd place: Samuel Murillo, La Voz – Migración infantil: Un drama cada vez más común
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mari Herreras, Tucson Weekly – Honoring Chelsie

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Melissa St. Aude, Casa Grande Dispatch – Medical marijuana: No easy high
- 2nd place: Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner – Isaac Lopez, of Kingman, find 'The Price is Right'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Cindy Barks, The Daily Courier – A silent crash

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st place: Stephanie Innes, Rhonda Bodfield, Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star – One awful instant
- 2nd place: Stephanie Innes, Arizona Daily Star – Meet Josie, 9
- 3rd place: Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star – Week in praise of all things goat

**#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times – Clergy v. SB1070
- 2nd place: Jeremy Duda, Arizona Capitol Times – New law gives sportsmen groups control over Game & Fish Commission
- 3rd place: Steve Ayers, Verde Independent/The Bugle – Study of Montezuma Well defines flow paths

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Philip Franchine, Green Valley News & Sun – Bright idea
- 2nd place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – Dude Fire revealed monster that still stalks Rim Country
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Dan Shearer, Green Valley News & Sun – Arivaca

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

- 1st place: Ambria Hammel, The Catholic Sun – Keeping Catholic schools affordable
- 2nd place: Lynn Ducey, Phoenix Business Journal – Feeding entrepreneurs' success
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times – World Affairs

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st place: Susan Randall, Casa Grande Dispatch – The story of Rev. Dirk Lay: The water bearer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jackie Leatherman, Today's News-Herald – School sailing
- 3rd place: Joe Ferguson, Arizona Daily Sun – Soil contamination coverage

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Brady McCombs, Dean Knuth, Arizona Daily Star – Bodies in the desert test ID sleuth's limits
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

## **#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Brett Fera, Maricopa Monitor – Rainbows and lollipops
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Walter Mares, Copper Era – Time to say 'enough' on BOS flub
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Salvatore Caputo, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix – Don't be a part of the story
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nick Prevenas, Green Valley News & Sun – We all have our coping mechanisms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Terence Corrigan, White Mountain Independent – Apache County playing bingo with bonds

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Renee Downing, Tucson Weekly – How to accept the passage of time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly – Dream Act
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bob Romantic, East Valley Tribune – Yes on 420: Keep Cubs, revenue in Mesa

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Matt Hickman, Sierra Vista Herald – Obama's Middle East
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Terry Ross, Yuma Sun – President's words powerful at Tucson memorial
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star – Let's remember hit-and-run victim who was failed by system, his family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Laurie Robert, The Arizona Republic – The Sounds of Kindness
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Robert Robb, The Arizona Republic – Stuck between 2 sides of tax-increase debate

## **#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Eric Mungenast, Maricopa Monitor – 'Black Swan' dives into the high cost of creating art
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Walter Mares, Copper Era – Beans, chile and government
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Walter Mares, Copper Era – Snow and moonlight create powerful moment

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup – No fooling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Trista Steers MacVittie, Sedona Red Rock News – A little girl's daddy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – To vote or not to vote

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Mike Sakal, East Valley Tribune – Selling beer at baseball game
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Steven Seigel, Tucson Weekly – Albums in Your Stocking
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Linda McThrall, Arizona Sentinel/Let's Go – Short stuff/travelogue

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Liz Manring, Sierra Vista Herald – Banning books in 21st Century
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Suzanne Adams, Kingman Daily Miner – County's apathy toward residents at all-time high
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Roxanne Molenaar, Yuma Sun – Hope for cancer cure keeps us walking

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: None awarded
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded

## **#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st place: Steve Ayers, Clayton Peterson, Verde Independent/The Bugle – Totally Tamales
- 2nd place: Mark Cowling, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune – Preserving the Past
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Clayton Peterson, Verde Independent/The Bugle – Flip City Gymnastics

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

- 1st place: Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier – Largest Boy Scout triathlon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

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

- 1st place: Tim Hacker, Mike Sakal, East Valley Tribune – Courtroom sketch artist in Loughner case
- 2nd place: Joshua Morgan, Tucson Weekly – The Last Days of the UMC Memorial
- 3rd place: Heidi Dahms Foster, Prescott Valley Tribune – Eagle finds new home at Watson Lake

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun – Haiti after the quake
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st place: Daniel Gonzalez, Dan Nowicki, Corey White, Bill Pliske, The Arizona Republic – Crossings: A planet on the move
- 2nd place: David Wallace, The Arizona Republic – Bringing To Life More Than Just A Robot
- 3rd place: Pat Shannahan, David Wallace, The Arizona Republic – Border combatants, A desperate game

## **#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st place: Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News – Fire at Willcox High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ryan Cook, Arizona Capitol Times – Here's my evidence
- 3rd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – A firefighter watches

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Tom Hood, Sedona Red Rock News – Safe and sound
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – The healing process begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tom Hood, Sedona Red Rock News – Canyon Strike

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

- 1st place: Donovan Quintero, Navajo Times – Code talker funeral
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: None awarded
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st place: Josh Bigg, Arizona Daily Sun – Fighting the Schultz Fire
- 2nd place: Craig Fry, Yuma Sun – Schools lockdown after threat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: JC Amberlyn, Kingman Daily Miner – Service honored

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st place: Greg Bryan, Arizona Daily Star – Sparks fly over Ethnic Studies
- 2nd place: A.E. Araiza, Arizona Daily Star – Careful search
- 3rd place: Rob Schumacher, The Arizona Republic – Tucson shooting grief

## **#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Michele Bradley, Camp Verde Journal – The longest mile
- 2nd place: William Wilczewski, Nogales International – RRHS state wrestling
- 3rd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – Spring training ends

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Mike James, White Mountain Independent – Caden Wood tries to hang on
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bob Burns, Fountain Hills Times – Bull rider
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Zac Scharnow, Fountain Hills Times – Tight squeeze

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

- 1st place: Paul Natonabah, Navajo Times – Wild horse
- 2nd place: Donovan Quintero, Navajo Times – Victory
- 3rd place: Randy Metcalf, Explorer – CDO moves ahead in its title defense

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jared Dort, Yuma sun – Aussie rules
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch – Safe
- 3rd place: JC Amberlyn, Kingman Daily Miner – Bulldogs Open The Stadium Tonight

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Michael Chow, The Arizona Republic – Out at home
- 2nd place: Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star – Overtime loss
- 3rd place: Rob Schumacher, The Arizona Republic – Duck in flight

**#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st place: Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times – Arpaio's vigilance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – Fire dancers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent – Propane fire lights up the night
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Andy Towle, Payson Roundup – Clear tones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Salina Sialega, Chino Valley Review – Territorial good times

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

- 1st place: Don Boorse, Explorer – Celebrating holidays in Oro Valley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Randy Metcalf, Explorer – Immersed in letters
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Leigh T. Jimmie, Navajo Times – Eastern fair

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch – Fog
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – Collin the shots
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Rich Wacha, Arizona Daily Sun – Friday night lights

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: David Wallace, The Arizona Republic – Couple
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Benjie Sanders, Arizona Daily Star – A helping hand
- 3rd place: Rob Schumacher, The Arizona Republic – Grand Canyon Snowball

**Division 6: Online**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Bette Sharpe, GlendaleDailyPlanet.com – A happy ending, dog finds man

**#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ryan Cook, Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times – Scared at school
- 2nd place: Andrea Marcanti, Arizona Silver Belt – Silver Belt Pre T-Ball Kids
- 3rd place: Dave Brown, Arizona Range News – Willcox fire fighters receive praise

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Tom Brossart, Payson Roundup – No fooling
- 2nd place: Trista Steers MacVittie, Tom Hood, Sedona Red Rock News – Friday night spirit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mike James, White Mountain Independent – Deuces Wild Rodeo

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

- 1st place: Mick Welsh, The Catholic Sun – Eduardo A. Nevares: A Life Lived for God
- 2nd place: Mick Welsh, The Catholic Sun – A Servant is Ordained
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: None awarded

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Craig Fry, Yuma Sun – Sand, sky and miles

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun – Flagstaff's helping hands

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jared Dort, Yuma Sun – Driving force

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Dean Knuth, Arizona Daily Star – Decade of death

2nd place: Benjie Sanders, photographer, Jeff Randall, designer, Mike Rice, design director,  
Rick Wiley, photo editor, Arizona Daily Star – Family of six lives in a school bus

3rd place: Mark Henle, The Arizona Republic – Arizona Native Species

**#25 STORY OF THE YEAR**

**Division: Non-Daily**

Dan Shearer, Green Valley News & Sun – Water in the desert

**Division: Daily**

Stephanie Innes, Rhonda Bodfield, Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star – One awful instant

**#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR**

**Division: Non-Daily**

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

**Division: Daily**

Randy Hoeft, Yuma Sun

**#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

**Division: Non-Daily**

Shanna Hogan, Scottsdale Times

**Division: Daily**

Brady McCombs, Arizona Daily Star

**APME MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Arizona Daily Star, Publisher: John Humenik

**NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

**Division: Non-Daily**

Tucson Weekly, Publisher: Tom Lee

**Division: Daily**

Sierra Vista Herald, Publisher: Phil Vega