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DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Arts and Criticism

- 1st Kim Nowacki, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Does America hate the Dixie Chicks?”*
- 2nd Rick Eskil, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Borat' comic potential suffers from gross-out humor”*
- 3rd Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Downstream”*

Business and Agriculture

- 1st John Stang, Daily Inter Lake, *“Timber transition”*
- 2nd Anna King, Tri-City Herald, *“Lessons from the slide”*
- 3rd Elena Olmstead & Sara Shilling, Tri-City Herald, *“Owning the dream”*

Consumer News and Personal Finance

- 1st Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Ten things you can do Global warming”*
- 2nd Mary Hopkin, Tri-City Herald, *“Digging for deals”*
- 3rd No award given.

Comprehensive Coverage: Team Reporting

- 1st John trumbo, Anna King, Chris Mulick, Jeff St. John & Stacey Palevsky , Tri-City Herald, *“Flu fear”*
- 2nd David Woodlsey & Staff, Idaho Press Tribune, *“Meth kills - an 8-day series”*
- 3rd Vicki Hillhouse, Kathy Korengel, Terry McConn & Andy Porter, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Many waters, many uses”*

Criminal Justice

- 1st Kristin M. Kraemer, Tri-City Herald, *“Tucker trial coverage”*
- 2nd Terry McConn, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Behind the badge”*
- 3rd No award given.

Editorials

- 1st Marty Trillhaase, Post Register, *“What goes in a constitution”*
- 2nd Shelly Norman, Tri-City Herald, *“Shout or whisper. Consider the message”*
- 3rd Rick Eskil, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“VA must build its credibility with Walla Walla”*

Education

- 1st Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Dropout Dilemma - schools forced to focus on failures”*
- 2nd Stacey Palvesky, Tri-City Herald, *“Educators say science going by wayside”*
- 3rd James Joyce III, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“You're fired (up!)”*

Energy and Environmental Affairs

- 1st Chris Mulick, Mary Hopkin, Jeff St. John, Tri-City Herald, *“Banking on Biofuel”*
- 2nd Jane Gargas, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Reveling in nature”*
- 3rd Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald, *“Land of trash or treasure?”*

Food

- 1st Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“A holiday tradition”*
- 2nd Rob Chaney, Missoulian, *“Stunt cooking”*
- 3rd Andy Porter, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“A whole lot of fungus among us”*

General Columns

- 1st Frank Miele, Daily Inter Lake, *“Easy labels and hard answers”*
- 2nd Paul Shugar, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“9/11 for listening to those left behind”*
- 3rd Karin Ronnow, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Small-town hospitals”*

General Excellence

- 1st Walla Walla Union-Bulletin Staff, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Issues dated: November 19, 20 & 21, 2006”*
- 2nd Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Issues dated: March 12, 13 & 14, 2006”*
- 3rd Idaho Press Tribune, *“Issues dated: June 16, 17 & 18, 2006”*

Government and Politics

- 1st Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Controversial spending - Gamble defends use of donation for fundraising”*
- 2nd Walt Williams, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Growth and open space”*
- 3rd Kellyn Brown, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Ten commandments dilemma persists”*

Headlines

- 1st Michael Yawitz, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Headlines”*
- 2nd Catherine J. Hicks, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Headlines”*
- 3rd Allison R. Stormo, Tri-City Herald, *“Headlines”*

Investigative Reporting

- 1st Jeff Welsch, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Iditarod 2006”*
- 2nd John H. Trumbo, Tri-City Herald, *“Dollars-for-deals”*
- 3rd Phil Davidson, Post Register, *“Where is the charity?”*

Lifestyles

- 1st Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Battling Time: Young professors face ticking of tenure and biological clocks”*
- 2nd Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Good starting block in life”*
- 3rd Camden Easterling, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Rolling Nostalgia”*

Minority Affairs

- 1st Anna King & Melissa Hoyos, Tri-City Herald, *“Home on the road”*
- 2nd Jodi Rave, Missoulian, *“Violence against native women”*
- 3rd Daniel Mower, Post Register, *“College democrats”*
- 3rd Dean Miller, Post Register, *“A lot can happen”*

News Features

- 1st Sheila Hagar, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Caretaker of the unclaimed dead”*
- 2nd Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Living with war: Iraq combat veterans”*
- 3rd Chris Bristol, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“NSA listens from Yakima Training Center”*
- 3rd Jessica Wambach, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Cesar's last fight”*

Page Design: Accent/Lifestyles

- 1st Chris Kerr, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Back to school”*
- 2nd Shannon Hofstad, Tri-City Herald, *“Hear 'em roar”*
- 3rd No award given.

Page Design: Page One

- 1st Tonya Ricks, Tri-City Herald, *“Healing with hope”*
- 2nd John Smithers, Missoulian, *“Wave reviews”*
- 3rd No award given.

Page Design: Sports

- 1st Chrissy Zehrbach, Post Register, *“Emotions running high”*
- 2nd John Heaney, Missoulian, *“All that Jazz”*
- 3rd No award given.

Personality Profiles

- 1st Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“From Darkness to Life”*
- 2nd Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“One for the books: Greg Martenson believes peace can be achieved one school at a time”*
- 3rd Andy Porter, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“The final cut”*

Feature Photography

- 1st Rajah Bose, Tri-City Herald, *“For His Son”*
- 2nd Richard Dickin, Tri-City Herald, *“River Dive”*
- 3rd Linda Thompson, Missoulian, *“International Festival”*

Photo Page Photography

- 1st Michel Gallacher, Missoulian, *“Two lanes into Montana”*
- 2nd Bob Brawdy, Tri-City Herald, *“Riding the rails”*
- 3rd Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Behind the badge”*

Portrait Photography

- 1st Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Until death do us part”*
- 2nd Deirdre Eitel, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Fireman”*
- 3rd Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“70 year old swimming master”*

Sports Photography

- 1st Ben Pierce, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Pipe dream”*
- 2nd Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Up ended”*
- 3rd Erik Petersen, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Icedogs win”*

Spot News Photography

- 1st Deirdre Eitel, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Bad prank”*
- 2nd Deirdre Eitel, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“City bear”*
- 3rd Bob Brawdy, Tri-City Herald, *“SUV hits truck”*

Religion

- 1st Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Living for God”*
- 2nd Sara Schilling, Tri-City Herald, *“Jesus the Refugee”*
- 3rd No award given.

Science and Health

- 1st Genoa Sibold Cohn, Tri-City Herald, *“Internet addiction”*
- 2nd Karin Ronnow, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Reel recovery”*
- 3rd Mike Griffel, Post Register, *“What's the plan?”*

Special Sections

- 1st Staff Writers, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“Making their marks”*
- 2nd Staff Writers, Yakima Herald-Republic, *“What's the deal?”*
- 3rd Mitch Worthington, Steve Fischbach & Staff, Post Register, *“Football preview”*

Sports Columns

- 1st Rial Cummings, Missoulian, *“The lessons of golf, and a full heart”*
- 2nd Jeff Welsch, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Tragedy reminds us what matters”*
- 3rd No award given.

Sports Features

- 1st John Stang, Daily Inter Lake, *“Crunch time”*
- 2nd Annie Fowler, Tri-City Herald, *“The cup is coming”*
- 3rd Mark McKenna, Tri-City Herald, *“So far, so fast”*

Sports

- 1st Jack Millikin, Tri-City Herald, *“Bothell outlasts Pasco”*
- 2nd Mike Kiefer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“End of an era / Players shocked, understand decision”*
- 3rd Mike Kiefer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, *“Bobcats pull off stunner”*

Spot News

- 1st Daniel Mower, Post Register, *“Found!”*
- 2nd Mary Hopkin, Tri-City Herald, *“Columbia complex fire”*
- 3rd Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald, *“2 dead, 1 hurt in Kennewick shooting”*

On-Line Original

- 1st Dean Miller & Aaron Avery, Post Register, *“Interactive ethics”*
- 2nd Carlos R Virgen & Josh Gesler, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, *“Veteran's Day Interviews: "What was your most memorable moment in the Armed forces?"”*
- 3rd John Stang, Daily Inter Lake, *“I saw the sign”*

On-Line Affiliated

- 1st Post Register.Com, Post Register
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Arts Criticism

No awards given in this category.

Arts Reporting

- 1st Independent Staff, Missoula Independent, *“Designing a future”*
- 2nd Michael Bowen, Ann M. Colford, Marty Demarest, & Luke Baumgarten, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Rising from the Davenport”*
- 3rd Michael Ames, Idaho Mountain Express, *“Artistic co-op takes shape”*

Business and Agriculture

- 1st Joel Smith, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Here comes the neighborhood”*
- 2nd Lorie Palmer, Idaho County Free Press, *“Smith family celebrates 30 years”*
- 3rd Nevonne McDaniels, Wenatchee Business Journal, *“Wineries pool resources to sip from chalice of success”*

Editorial Cartooning

No entries in this category.

Editorials

- 1st Tom Grote, The Star-News, *“Neglect was root of police wars”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Education

No awards given in this category.

Energy and Environmental Affairs

- 1st Joel Smith, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Building an industry”*
- 2nd Luke Baumgarten, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“The sins of the world”*
- 3rd Michael Ames, Idaho Mountain Express, *“Still wild at heart?”*

Features

- 1st John S. Adams, Missoula Independent, *“Hide & Seek”*
- 2nd Jack Nisbet, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“The view from above”*
- 3rd Paul K. Haeder, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Camas culture”*

General Columns

- 1st Jess Walter, Out There Monthly, *“Urban Outdoors - July”*
- 2nd Mari Herreras, Wenatchee Business Journal, *“Onions - it's what being American is all about”*
- 3rd Michael Ames, Idaho Mountain Express, *“Bode bashing frenzy was balderdash”*

General Excellence

- 1st The Star-News, *“Issues dated: October 19, 26 & November 2, 2006”*
- 2nd Idaho Mountain Express, *“Issues dated: September 20, 27 & October 4, 2006”*
- 3rd Wenatchee Business Journal, *“Issues dated: August, September & October 2006”*

General News

- 1st Joel Smith, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Tilting at windmills”*
- 2nd Kevin Taylor, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Heart of one-legged Doug”*
- 3rd Doug Nadvornick, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Three's a crowd”*

Government and Politics

- 1st Kevin Taylor, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Amber waves of pain”*
- 2nd Jessie McQuillan, Missoula Independent, *“Back from the brink”*
- 3rd Jeanne Gustafson, Miner Newspapers, *“Sale prices are secret”*

Investigative Reporting

- 1st John S. Adams, Missoula Independent, *“Why the Morrison affair matters”*
- 2nd Kevin Taylor, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Postcards from hell”*
- 3rd John S. Adams, Missoula Independent, *“The Walter Ego”*

Lifestyles

- 1st Mike Corrigan, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Stranger than fiction”*
- 2nd Joel Smith, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Blazing a trail”*
- 3rd John S. Adams, Missoula Independent, *“Still life with street kids”*

Personality Profiles

- 1st Skylar Browning, Missoula Independent, *“No regrets”*
- 2nd Rebecca Meany, Idaho Mountain Express, *“Storyteller tells his own”*
- 3rd Jason Wiener, Missoula Independent, *“Using Her Religion”*

Page Design: Graphics

- 1st Kaitlin Snyder, Out There Monthly, *“Free ride freaks”*
- 2nd Chris Bovey, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Iraq: Staying the course”*
- 3rd No award given.

Feature Photography

- 1st Chris Thew, Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle, *“Smoky drops above Omak”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Photo Page Photography

- 1st Lorie Palmer & Mark Vanderwall, Idaho County Free Press, *“Idaho County Fair 2006”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Sports Photography

- 1st Chris Thew, Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle, *“Chopping wood”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Sports

- 1st Howie Stalwick, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Great expectations”*
- 2nd Lorie Palmer, Idaho County Free Press, *“Legends of the game”*
- 3rd Michael Ames, Idaho Mountain Express, *“Six still have a shot at Torino Games”*

Criminal Justice

- 1st Jessie McQuillan, Missoula Independent, *“The Wrong Man?”*
- 2nd Jessie McQuillan, Missoula Independent, *“The long wait”*
- 3rd Tom Grote, The Star-News, *“The Bensley report”*

Science and Health

- 1st Emily Brandler, Journal of Business, *“A rare disease's tragic toll”*
- 2nd Rocky Wilson, Journal of Business, *“Studies probe new MS treatments”*
- 3rd Joel Smith, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Lisa Brown's body”*

Special Sections

- 1st Missoula Independent Staff, Missoula Independent, *“Fresh Facts”*
- 2nd Inlander Staff, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“The 2006 Inlander College Guide”*
- 3rd Inlander Staff, The Pacific Northwest Inlander, *“Best of the Inland Northwest 2006”*

COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS

Arts Criticism

- 1st Dani King, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Jars of Clay repeats success”*
- 2nd Michelle Haase, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“‘Rize’ honors diversity”*
- 3rd No award given.

Arts Reporting

- 1st Jake Donahue, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Playing with fire”*
- 2nd Michael Healy, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“‘Da Vinci Code’ movie hits theaters May 19”*
- 3rd No award given.

Business and Agriculture

- 1st Katherine Martin, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Student cleans up with laundry business”*
- 2nd Erinn Dresch, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“iMye touching up payments technology”*
- 3rd Josh Rasmussen, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“NIC makes \$3.7m Rathdrum Prairie land deal”*

Editorial Cartooning

- 1st Jessica Schindl, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Do my morals offend you?”*
- 2nd Diana Painter, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Muslim world knocking”*
- 3rd Peter Smelser, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“No one is immune to the FDA”*

Editorials

- 1st Chris Heinrich, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Timing of Dawgs after dark slights women’s basketball.”*
- 2nd Nick Eaton, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“War touches all of us.”*
- 3rd Brian Everstine, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“WSU must accept judge’s ruling on patrols.”*

Education

- 1st Greg Sullivan, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Study aids draw mixed reactions”*
- 2nd Eloisa Ruano Gonzalez, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Program lets Saudi Arabian students study in U.S.”*
- 3rd Katie Scharber, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“As tuition costs rise, it pays to be smart about money”*

Energy and Environmental Affairs

- 1st Erin Keegan, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Consumption causes waste problems”*
- 2nd Andy Jones, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“Satellite could impact the future of air pollution”*
- 3rd Andy Jones, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“WSU researchers work on hydrogen energy”*

Features

- 1st Brandon Hansen, The Easterner - EWU, *“Pain in the ballot box”*
- 2nd Joy Bacon, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Westminster House ministers to impoverished neighborhood”*
- 3rd No award given.

General News Columns

- 1st Eric Schwartz, The Easterner - EWU, *“Personal responsibility a think of the past”*
- 2nd Cody Croghan, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“Brink there through the rough spots”*
- 3rd No award given.

General Excellence

- 1st The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Issues dated: October 10, 17 & 24, 2006”*
- 2nd The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“Issues Dated: August 25, 28 & 29, 2006”*
- 3rd The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Issues dated: September 25, October 9 & 23, 2006”*

General News

- 1st Monique LeTourne, The Daily Evergreen – WSU, *“More than a campout.”*
- 2nd Steve Lowry, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“What in the blazes? Arsons investigated.”*
- 3rd Lindsay Barnett, The Easterner - EWU, *“Albright: Always challenge your assumptions.”*

Government and Politics

- 1st Nick Eaton, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“Evans sought records used in smear campaign”*
- 2nd Jessica Davis & Jamie Evans, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“ASWC vote causes confusion”*
- 3rd Holly Bowen, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Controversy erupts in ASNIC”*

Investigative Reporting

- 1st Alex Fitterer, Greg Sullivan and Anne Pauw, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“No means no”*
- 2nd Jessica Davis, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Admissions fails to recruit Arabs in past ten years”*
- 3rd No award given.

Lifestyles

- 1st Lisa Waananen, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“The crop of generations”*
- 2nd Jake Donahue, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Anything that moves”*
- 3rd Desire Aguirre, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Lumber Jill”*

Personality Profiles

- 1st Amanda Martin, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“One fall won't stop student training for Paralympics”*
- 2nd Joel Willits, The Easterner - EWU, *“Against all odds”*
- 3rd No award given.

Page Design: Graphics

- 1st Jake Donahue, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Anything that moves”*
- 2nd Annette Ticknor, The Daily Evergreen - WSU, *“To pay or not to pay: Stadium renovated fee”*
- 3rd No award given.

Feature Photography

- 1st Lindsay Hallvik, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“Setting the mood”*
- 2nd James Hannibal, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Vertical earth”*
- 3rd No award given.

Photo Page Photography

- 1st James Hannibal, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“A journey through time”*
- 2nd James Hannibal, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Search & Rescue”*
- 3rd Thomas Robinson, The Whitworthian - Whitworth College, *“Traditiation 2006”*

Sports Photography

- 1st James Hannibal, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“Making a statement”*
- 2nd James Hannibal, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“The Boys of Summer”*
- 3rd Brandon Hansen, The Easterner - EWU, *“Paul Butorac”*

Sports

- 1st Cary Rosenbaum II, The Easterner - EWU, *“Setting records, stopping goals”*
- 2nd Joel Willits, The Easterner - EWU, *“Stuckey wins freshman of the year”*
- 3rd Paul Miller, The Gonzaga Bulletin, *“These 'Sisters' bruised, bonded by rugby”*

On-Line Affiliated

- 1st Noah Buntain, The Sentinel - North Idaho College, *“The Sentinel Online”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

TELEVISION

Best Newscast

No awards given in this category.

Documentary

- 1st Joan Cartan-Hansen, Idaho Public TV, *“Outdoor Idaho: A trip to the moon”*
- 2nd John Crancer, Idaho Public TV, *“Idaho's Centennial Trial”*
- 3rd No award given.

Public Affairs

- 1st Marcia Franklin, Idaho Public TV, *“Marriage Amendment - HJR2”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Features

- 1st Karina Shagren, KXLY-TV, *“Fast talkin' Terri”*
- 2nd Melissa Luck, KXLY-TV, *“No Mojitos on Main”*
- 3rd No award given.

General News

- 1st Melissa Luck, KXLY-TV, *“Save the pool now”*
- 2nd Kirk Hawkins, KXLY-TV, *“Fred Russell Returns”*
- 3rd Karina Shagren, KXLY-TV, *“A Cinderella story”*

Government and Politics

No awards given in this category.

Enterprise Reporting

- 1st Dawn Picken, KREM-TV, *“Untaxed homes”*
- 2nd Kegan Harsha, KULR-8 TV, *“After the Fires”*
- 3rd Jill Johnson, KREM-TV, *“Oil Change Fee”*

Feature Photography

- 1st Brett Allbery, KREM 2 News, *“Special Strongmen”*
- 2nd Larry D. Larson, KULR-8 TV, *“Rocketry”*
- 3rd No award given.

General News Photography

- 1st Paul Mehlhaff, KULR-8 TV, *“Funeral for a fallen officer”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Breaking News Photography

- 1st Larry D. Larson, KULR-8 TV, *“Saunders Fire”*
- 2nd Brett Allbery, KREM 2 News, *“Animal Hoarding Bust”*
- 3rd Paul Mehlhaff, KULR-8 TV, *“Downtown Building Fire”*

Sports Reporting

- 1st Tom Hudson, KREM 2 News, *“Special Strongmen”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.

Breaking News Photography

- 1st KULR-8 News Staff, KULR-8 TV, *“Emerald Hills Fire”*
- 2nd No award given.
- 3rd No award given.