



2009 AltWeekly Awards Winners



DESIGN CATEGORIES

COVER DESIGN

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Miami New Times*, Share the F*&%ing Road, I'm HIV Positive, and Drop-Dead Sexy by Pam Shavaliar

Second Place: *Willamette Week*, The Queer and the Qur'an, Nope, and Yeah! by the Willamette Week Design & Production Staff

Third Place: *Riverfront Times*, Cougar Heaven, The Veep Fair, and Lip Service by Tom Carlson

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Santa Fe Reporter*, The Politics of Eating, Down and Dirty, and Vote by Angela Moore

Second Place: *Boston's Weekly Dig*, I Want to Ride My Flycycle, Spring Dining Guide, and Abs of Wood by the Weekly Dig Staff

Third Place: *Nashville Scene*, Gettin' Jacked, Best of Nashville, and Reckless Love by Rob Williams

EDITORIAL LAYOUT

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *LA Weekly*, Death of a Hollywood Beauty by Darrick Rainey

Second Place: *NOW Magazine*, Banning Handguns in Canada by Troy Beyer

Third Place: *Village Voice*, The Ultimate Re-Vamping by Ivylise Simones and Howard Huang

Honorable Mention: *Phoenix New Times*, Green Fatigue by Peter Storch and Jasmine Hobeheidar
and
Village Voice, Prodigy's 25th Hour by Ivylise Simones

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Gambit Weekly*, Gone Daddy Gone by Amy Morvant

Second Place: *Pacific Northwest Inlander*, Fall Arts Preview by Chris Bovey

Third Place: *Fast Forward Weekly*, The Cinematic Sounds of Calgary's Underground by Riley Brandt and Kris Twyman

Honorable Mention: *San Luis Obispo New Times*, Secrets of Recycling by Patrick Howe, Alex Zuniga and Steve E. Miller

ILLUSTRATION

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Riverfront Times*, 7-Up vs. Coke, Part 2 by Brian Stauffer

Second Place: *Village Voice*, A Wing and a Prayer by Christian Northeast

Third Place: *Baltimore City Paper*, Sizzlin' Summer by Paige Shuttleworth

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Santa Fe Reporter*, Eureka by Richard Borge

Second Place: *Fast Forward Weekly*, Twin Peaked by Julie McLaughlin

Third Place: *Seven Days*, Say Yes! by Matt Mignaneli

PHOTOGRAPHY

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Baltimore City Paper*, City Paper Freelancers 2008 by John Ellsberry, Frank Hamilton, Frank Klein, Michael Northrup, Ryan "Rarah" Stevenson and Jefferson Jackson Steele

Second Place: *Riverfront Times*, Photos by Jennifer Silverberg

Third Place: *Washington City Paper*, Photos by Darrow Montgomery

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Style Weekly*, Scott Elmquist Photography by Scott Elmquist

Second Place: *Folio Weekly*, Through The Lens by Walter Coker

Third Place: *San Luis Obispo New Times*, Momento Mori by Steve E. Miller

WRITING CATEGORIES

ARTS CRITICISM

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Washington City Paper*, Pine of the Times, Sheet Smart, and Pain by Numbers by Jeffrey Cudlin

Second Place: *Village Voice*, Kill One for the Gipper, What We Learned about the Election in This Summer's Movies, and Deep Freeze by Jim Hoberman

Third Place: *LA Weekly*, Benjamin Button, Diary of the Dead, and The Visitor by Scott Foundas

Honorable Mention: *LA Weekly*, From Reverence to Rape, Waugh and Remembrance, and Was Roman Polanski a Pedophile? by Ella Taylor

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Metroland*, Not as They Seem, Branching Out, and Everything Is Illuminated by Meisha Rosenberg

Second Place: *Independent Weekly (NC)*, Kipper Kids, El Greco, and USPO by Amy White

Third Place: *Metro Pulse*, So, This Is My Life... by Charles Maldonado

ARTS FEATURE

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *LA Weekly*, No Exit Plan and The Life and Death of JT Leroy by Nancy Rommelmann

Second Place: *Chicago Reader*, Life Without a Script by Anne Ford

Third Place: *The Pitch*, A Picture of Hope by Jason Harper

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Metro Pulse*, Lowbrow Genius by Coury Tourczyn

Second Place: *Fort Worth Weekly*, Magical Misery Tour by Jeff Prince

Third Place: *Metro Santa Cruz*, Unlock & Roll by Curtis Cartier

COLUMN

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Phoenix New Times*, Globe High School Censors its Student Newspaper, Peter Singer to Talk at ASU, and Sarah Fenske's in Dogged Pursuit by Sarah Fenske

Second Place: *Dallas Observer*, No Nature for Old Men, What's in a Nombre, and Eat My Dirt by Jim Schutze

Third Place: *Philadelphia Weekly*, "The Angry Grammarian" by Jeff Barg

Honorable Mention: *OC Weekly*, "¡Ask a Mexican!" by Gustavo Arellano

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Folio Weekly*, Sugar Land, Dumb & Dumber, and History Lesson by Anne Schindler

Second Place: *Colorado Springs Independent*, "Ranger Rich" by Rich Tosches

Third Place: *Portland Mercury*, "In the Shadows" by Matt Davis

Honorable Mention: *Orlando Weekly*, "Police Beat" by Jeffrey C. Billman

COLUMN (POLITICAL)

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Village Voice*, Bloomberg's Velvet Coup, Bloomberg's Term-Limits Coup, and Eliot Spitzer Goes Down by Tom Robbins

Second Place: *Chicago Reader*, "The Works" by Ben Joravsky

Third Place: *Metro Times*, Just Go, Guilty as Charged, and Obama's Moment by Curt Guyette & W. Kim Heron

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Birmingham Weekly*, Gettin' Gay with Leapin' Larry, Alabama Exceptionalism, and Leapin' Larry Fights the Feds by Kyle Whitmire

Second Place: *San Luis Obispo New Times*, Don't mess with Uncle Sam, Pot and porn, and Semantics, Romantics by the New Times Staff

Third Place: *Pacific Northwest Inlander*, Interdependents, Rotten Crumbs, and Obama for President by Ted S. McGregor

FEATURE STORY

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Westword*, The Good Soldier by Joel Warner

Second Place: *Creative Loafing (Atlanta)*, Sober by Thomas Wheatley

Third Place: *Westword*, Father of Invention by Joel Warner

Honorable Mention (tie): *Houston Press*, Mental Anguish by Margaret Downing

Honorable Mention (tie): *LA Weekly*, From Silver Lake to Suicide by Barry Isaacson

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Texas Observer*, Private Trauma by Patrick Michels

Second Place: *Fort Worth Weekly*, His Last War by Jeff Prince

Third Place: *Texas Observer*, See No Evil by Emily DePrang

Honorable Mention: *Pacific Northwest Inlander*, Boys of Summer by Luke Baumgarten

FOOD WRITING

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *LA Weekly*, Breaking Free, Keep on Trucking, and A Proper Brasserie by Jonathan Gold

Second Place: *Riverfront Times*, The Pope of Pork by Kristen Hinman

Third Place: *City Pages (Twin Cities)*, Spam: It's not just for Inboxes, With Honeycrisp's Patent, and Manny's Attempts to Raise the Steaks by Rachel Hutton

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Metro Santa Cruz*, The Jester's Quest by Christina Waters

Second Place: *Monterey County Weekly*, Spit Fire Flavor by Mark C. Anderson

Third Place: *Santa Fe Reporter*, Fast Approaching, Chase the Dragon, and Peanut Gallery by A Qasimi

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Phoenix New Times*, Prescription for Disaster by John Dickerson

Second Place: *Westword*, State of Emergency by Jared Maher

Third Place: *Baltimore City Paper*, The Shadow Economy Series by Jeffrey Anderson, Edward Ericson Jr., Chris Landers, and Van Smith

Honorable Mention: *New Times Broward-Palm Beach*, To Hug a Porcupine by Deirdra Funcheon

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Orlando Weekly*, Might Makes Right by Jeffrey C. Billman

Second Place: *Santa Barbara Independent*, Greka's Monkey Business by Ethan Stewart

Third Place: *Folio Weekly*, Don't Bother by Susan Clark Armstrong

MEDIA REPORTING / CRITICISM

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Washington City Paper*, One Mission, Two Newsrooms by Erik Wemple

Second Place: *Westword*, The Rocky Mountain News is Going Down, Five Rocky Stars Who Could Be Going Up, and Last Rites on the Rocky Mountain News's Twittering by Michael Roberts

Third Place: *Philadelphia Weekly*, Pushing Paper by G.W. Miller III

Circulation under 50,000

The first-place winner of this category will receive the Connye Miller Award for Media Reporting, which comes with a cash prize of \$300.

First Place: *Arkansas Times*, Fear Factor by David Koon and Gerard Matthews

Second Place: *Independent Weekly (NC)*, Cuts to Run Deep at N&O, The Herald-Sun's Nosedive, and What's Up? More Bad News at The N&O by Fiona Morgan

Third Place: *Orlando Weekly*, The Incredible Shrinking Sentinel by Jeffrey C. Billman, Billy Manes, Deanna Sheffield and Bob Whitby

Honorable Mention: *Tucson Weekly*, "Media Watch" by John Schuster and Tim Vanderpool

MUSIC REPORTING / CRITICISM

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Village Voice*, Down In Front by Rob Harvilla

Second Place: *Boston Phoenix*, Newport, Nights Out, and Fourth Quarter CDs by Jon Garelick

Third Place: *Dallas Observer*, Swagger Like Us by Pete Freedman

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Pacific Northwest Inlander*, Abe Kennedy, Noise, and Pap by Luke Baumgarten

Second Place: *Independent Weekly (NC)*, Pity for Black Kids, Lil Wayne, and Billy Corgan's Bombast by Robbie Mackey

Third Place: *Orlando Weekly*, Euro With a Thousand Faces, Wither Without You, and Beach Blanket Brilliance by Justin Strout

NEWS STORY (LONG FORM)

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *SF Weekly*, Snitch by Ashley Harrell

Second Place: *Village Voice*, Missing in Action by Sean Gardiner

Third Place: *Willamette Week*, Señor Smith by Beth Slovic

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Folio Weekly*, Trial & Error by Gwynedd Stuart

Second Place: *Pacific Northwest Inlander*, Busted by Nicholas Deshais

Third Place: *Texas Observer*, Systemic Neglect by Dave Mann

NEWS STORY (SHORT FORM)

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *City Pages (Twin Cities)*, Midwest Oil Mining a Crude Idea, Local Couples Fight for Gay Rights, and Holly Collins Returns by Beth Walton

Second Place: *Miami New Times*, Killers in the Can, Burn Baby Burn, and Voter Fraud Ahead by Francisco Alvarado

Third Place (tie): *Salt Lake City Weekly*, Secret Police; Crime and Prejudice; Graybar Hotel by Ted McDonough

Third Place (tie): *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, Godzilla versus Mothra, Nuclear Fallout, and Vicious Circle by Sarah Phelan

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Louisville Eccentric Observer*, Taming the Wild West, Turn off the Radio, and Double Whammy by Phillip Bailey

Second Place: *Portland Mercury*, Blog This, Taser Eraser, and Leonard's Secret List by Matt Davis

Third Place: *Pasadena Weekly*, The Weekly is no Tom Tombrello, The great Pasadena Bond Caper, and Hater Nation by Joe Piasecki

PUBLIC SERVICE

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Long Island Press*, Heroin by Robbie Woliver, Timothy Bolger, and Michael M. Martino

Second Place: *Houston Press*, Selling You by Craig Malisow

Third Place: *Metro Times*, Detroit's Big Burn by Curt Guyette

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Metro Pulse*, Jackie Walker by Betty Bean

Second Place: *San Antonio Current*, Hot Wired, The Series by Greg Harman

Third Place: *Arkansas Times*, The Fayetteville Shale Play by Gerard Matthews, David Koon and John Williams

Honorable Mention: *City Newspaper*, Reportage of the Rochester, NY Public Defender Search by Christine Carrie Fien, Jeremy Moule and Mary Anna Towler

SPECIAL TOPIC: ELECTION COVERAGE

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *City Pages (Twin Cities)*, Moles Wanted, Police Raid Anarchist Homes, and Dozens of Journalists Arrested at RNC by Matt Snyders

Second Place: *Phoenix New Times*, John McCain's Fame is Based on His POW Status, But He Has Abandoned Fellow Veterans by Amy Silverman

Third Place: *Village Voice*, The Book of Sarah (Palin) by Wayne Barrett

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Texas Observer*, John McCain's Gramm Gamble by Patricia Kilday Hart

Second Place (tie): *City Newspaper*, Election Action 2008 by Christine Carrie Fien, Jeremy Moule, Tim Louis Macaluso, Mary Anna Towler, and Karl Slominski

Second Place (tie): *Portland Phoenix*, Election 2008 Coverage by Portland Phoenix Staff and Freelancers

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES

BLOG

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Houston Press*, Hair Balls by The Houston Press Staff

Second Place: *Washington City Paper*, City Desk by The Washington City Paper Staff

Third Place: *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, Politics Blog by The San Francisco Bay Guardian Staff

Honorable Mention: *Austin Chronicle*, Newsdesk by The Austin Chronicle News Staff

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Santa Fe Reporter*, Swing State of Mind by Dave Maass and Staff

Second Place: *Gambit Weekly*, Blog of New Orleans by The Gambit Weekly Staff

Third Place: *Arkansas Times*, Arkansas Blog by Max Brantley

CARTOON

First Place: Tom the Dancing Bug by Ruben Bolling

Second Place: Slowpoke by Jen Sorensen

Third Place: Worst-Case Scenario & Hip Tip by Kenny Be (*Westword*)

Honorable Mention: Mr. Fish by Dwayne Booth (*LA Weekly*)

INNOVATION / FORMAT BUSTER

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *Washington City Paper*, Washington City Paper Files for Chapter 86 Content Bankruptcy by Erik Wemple, Andrew Beaujon and Jule Banville

Second Place: *Metro Times*, The Adventures of Kwame-man by Curt Guyette, W. Kim Heron and Sean Bieri

Third Place: *Village Voice*, The Official Village Voice Election-Season Guide to the Right-Wing Blogosphere by Roy Edroso

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Santa Fe Reporter*, Things To Do in Santa Fe When You're Undead by Dave Maass, Ursula Coyote and Random Zombie Fans

Second Place: *Metro Pulse*, Superhero vs. Autobiographical Comics by Coury Turczyn, Matthew Everett and Travis Gray

Third Place: *Fast Forward Weekly*, Christmas Sex Stories Contest by Tom Bagley, Genevieve Simm and Travis Sengaus

Honorable Mention: *Orlando Weekly*, Anti-coverage for Anti-Pop by Justin Strout and Shan Stumpf

SPECIAL SECTION

Circulation 50,000 and over

First Place: *LA Weekly*, LA People 2008 by Laurie Ochoa and LA Weekly Staff

Second Place: *Seattle Weekly*, Teach Me Tonight : Seattle Weekly's 2008 Fall Arts Guide by Mark D. Fefer

Third Place: *City Pages (Twin Cities)*, Comix Issue by Freelance Contributors

Honorable Mention: *Village Voice*, Best of NYC by Village Voice Staff

Circulation under 50,000

First Place: *Seven Days*, What's Good: The Student's Off-Campus Guide to Burlington by Don Eggert, Cathy Resmer and Paula Routly

Second Place: *North Bay Bohemian*, Arcadia by North Bay Bohemian staff

Third Place: *Source Weekly*, The Source Weekly's Dining Guide by Elise Jones

Honorable Mention: *Cincinnati CityBeat*, Annual Manual by CityBeat Staff
and

Santa Fe Reporter, Devour: A Locavore's Guide to Santa Fe by Gwyneth Doland, Larry Kohr and Angela Moore

