

2019 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



PHOTO OF THE YEAR

John Byrne,
Sparks Tribune

The annual Women's March in Reno took place Saturday, Jan. 23, 2019. An estimated 3,000 people flooded the streets of downtown Reno to have their voices heard. Now in its third year, the event's message was about fighting for policy changes and featured speeches by several community leaders.

Judge's Comment:
Incredible impact with color and emotion.

OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST

(Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies, Magazines)

Henry Brean—Las Vegas Review Journal



Henry Brean has done just about everything since he joined the Review-Journal in 2003 after nine years as a reporter and editor at the Pahrump Valley Times. He has spent the night on a mountain-top fire watch tower; taken a train 600 feet underground to a pipeline construction site underneath Lake Mead; handled peregrine falcon chicks for a short-handed researcher; and slithered head first into a cave behind biologists searching for undiscovered animal species. No one in Nevada—and maybe the world—has written more stories about tiny endangered desert fish.

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OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST

(Intermediate, Community)

Amy Alonzo—Mason Valley News and Fernley Leader-Courier

Amy Alonzo is the sole journalist producing the weekly Mason Valley News and Fernley Leader-Courier, covering five communities in Lyon County, including Yerington and Fernley. Her coverage area spans 2,100 square miles. She joined the papers in 2017, after accumulating 17 years of reporting and photography experience at other news organizations, including the Record-Courier in Douglas County. The one constant has been an abiding interest in community journalism.



Amy grew up in the Bay Area, then moved to southern Oregon to attend college and to work at her first newspaper, the Ashland Daily Tidings. She also worked as the lead

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Michael Ramirez,
Las Vegas Review Journal

2 Mike Smith,
Las Vegas Sun

3 Jeff Hickman,
Reno Gazette Journal

OUTSTANDING VISUAL JOURNALIST

Rachel Aston—Las Vegas Review-Journal



For the six-month anniversary of the Oct. 1 mass shooting, Rachel Aston published a half-hour documentary that explored the trauma experienced by survivors of the tragedy. Her carefully edited piece weaves through the stories of six Las Vegans whose lives were changed by the heartbreaking event. She spent months earning their trust through repeated interviews so they opened up to her on camera, expressing feelings and memories that had never been published.

The video that accompanied the Review-Journal's story about local motocross racer Angie Wright is another great example of her work. Again, Rachel spent time with her source, finding opportunities to tell stories that went beyond the written word. She also took some terrific photographs that played well both in print and online.

Other examples of her high-quality work include a tearful

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STORY OF THE YEAR

Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Water Question: How long can the Colorado River sustain us?

With the Las Vegas Valley experiencing rapid growth and decades of drought shrinking its primary water supply—the Colorado River—the question of whether current resources can be stretched or additional water tapped to support future growth is not a hypothetical concern. It is existential.

With that in mind, Henry Brean, the Review-Journal's longtime land use and environment reporter, and Assistant City Editor Mike Bruner set out to paint a comprehensive picture of the challenges facing water managers and planners as they contemplate a future filled with question marks.

Brean's reporting soon made Review-Journal editors realize they couldn't do justice to such an important and complex topic in a single day. Eventually it was decided to make it into a seven-day series in order to offer readers in-depth looks at various aspects of the issue, including the history of how the state ended up with the smallest allotment of river water, the valley's impressive conservation efforts and the challenges facing planners trying to forecast water usage far into the future.

While Brean led the reporting effort, the scope of the package required a newsroomwide effort led by Bruner. Multimedia, graphics, design and interactive teams all played important roles in bringing the series to life.

The response to the Water Question recognized the more than six months of work that went into it. The Review-Journal received an outpouring of reader feedback and positive industry buzz.

Judge's Comment:

If this reporting and digital presentation doesn't prove just how existential water is to Las Vegas, as well as Nevada, I don't know what will. The in-depth reporting—on all sides of the issue—is commendable. In a time of newspaper cutbacks and reductions it's encouraging to see the Review-Journal supporting the financial requirements the staff needed to undertake six months of work to produce this first-rate series on water issues affecting Las Vegas.

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interview with a former FBI agent who worked Nevada's largest bank robbery, the story of a young woman from Las Vegas who has trained since childhood to be a professional wrestler, and the story of another Las Vegas teen who rose up against significant challenges to become a football star.

Beyond her video projects, Rachel turns around daily assignments for still photos and videos almost every day. She is a valuable member of the Review-Journal team, and she has elevated videography at Las Vegas' largest news organization.

Judge's Comment:

Engaging videos that give an intimate look at a wide variety of subjects with humanity as the common thread. Great camera work and editing.

EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR

Ric Anderson, *Las Vegas Sun*

Another year is too long to go without meaningful gun reform

From the editorial:

"A year after the Oct. 1 shooting, bump stocks remain legal in Nevada.

So do high-capacity magazines. So do assault-style weapons and tracer bullets. And all can still be purchased without a background check if the transaction doesn't involve a licensed gun dealer but instead is between unlicensed individuals.

In other words, not much has changed in terms of gun policy in Nevada one year after the worst mass shooting in modern history.

That's shameful. ...

As the community remembers the Oct. 1 shooting, one of many painful aspects of the anniversary is that Nevada has done nothing to limit the amount of deadly force that was openly available to the shooter that night. Nor has the state taken steps to keep weapons out of the hands of individuals who shouldn't have them.

Let's change that, voters. Let's honor the memories of the victims of our community's most horrific tragedy by making Nevada a safer place."

GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

(*Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies, Magazines*)



Las Vegas Review Journal

Judge's Comment:

A synthesis of photography, video and prose applied gracefully and compellingly to a wide range of topics, from commemorative tattoos to a wild night at the fights to local history and the environment. The media choices build, rather than obscure, the story.

2 Reno Gazette Journal

Judge's Comment:

A clean design highlights the work of very talented writers and photographers.

3 The Nevada Independent

Judge's Comment:

Well-designed graphics and charts succeed in breaking down complex topics. The Independent deserves credit for prioritizing the informing of local citizens on vital topics.

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photographer at The Union Democrat in Sonora, Calif. and covered education at the Winchester Star in northern Virginia, before moving to Nevada.

She has developed a no-holds-barred reporting style, requesting records for political donations to show how the sheriff supported an anti-brothel initiative that he consistently refused to talk about on the record, and digging into the reasons why the fire chief resigned amid an ethics investigation—among many, many other topics. She also has brought in a diversity of voices to the paper's opinion page and developed freelancers to help cover community events. Without Amy's efforts, Lyon County would be a complete news desert.

Judge's Comment:

Alonzo is a nothing-flashy, just-the-facts reporter who scours public records and research reports to shine a light on hidden issues like rural homelessness, as well as high-profile local brawls like the effort to ban brothels in Lyons County. Especially enjoyed the story in which she cleverly juxtaposed campaign finance records and a local candidate's on-the-record statements, clearly demonstrating he deceived voters without having to say so explicitly.

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A native of Tucson, Arizona, Brean also has covered every major development on the Colorado River in the past 15 years, often leading the region's coverage and improving its understanding of complex water issues. In addition to being named one of this year's two Outstanding Journalists, his 10-part series on the river and the future of Las Vegas' water supply won Story of the Year.

But Brean's work for the Review-Journal goes far beyond covering water. When a big story breaks, such as the 2017 mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip, Henry is one of the first reporters editors call. He's an ace reporter and rewrite man capable of organizing a complex, rapidly changing story while making the copy sing. He also has served as the Review-Journal's de facto rural correspondent, traveling the state to report on brothels, the Bundy clan and other only-in-Nevada topics.

Judge's Comment:

Beautiful attention to detail. Depth and context throughout. Extremely accessible and interesting, the water series is well researched and informative, doing a public service in a region where residents NEED this information. Good pacing and excellent use of quotes in all of the stories. The variety of topics in his work demonstrates brightness and breadth in this journalist.

GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

(*Intermediate, Community*)



Pahrump Valley Times

2 The Record-Courier

3 Elko Daily Free Press

PODCAST



Joey Lovato, Riley Snyder, Michelle Rindels, Daniel Rothberg, Elizabeth Thompson

Nevada Independent

IndyMatters Podcast

2 Jenny Kane, *Reno Gazette Journal*

Potcast

3 Nathan Shoup, Adam Shoup

The Reno Slant

2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

C.J. Hadley



To appreciate her unique and notable role in the history of Nevada journalism, consider the fact that Caroline Joy Hadley, aka “CJ” Hadley, is the first person to be inducted into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame without ever having worked at a newspaper.

For the past 28 years and 108 issues, Hadley has been publisher and editor of Range magazine, the only publication in the state that strives to document the trials, tribulations, failures, challenges and successes of those who live, work, love

and strive to preserve the spirit and heritage of The West.

She was born in England and emigrated to the U.S. when she was 17. She began her career as a journalist in 1963, in the New York magazine publishing world. Within a few years she was hired as managing editor of Car & Driver, where she remained until 1972.

A three-year stint traveling and writing adventure pieces for national magazines ended with a 1975 assignment for Sports Illustrated serving as commercial tuna fishing deckhand. “I thought I was a tuna fisherman,” she wrote, “until I puked 21 pounds of my own viscera into the Pacific.” After three weeks at sea she was dropped off on the docks of Sausalito, dehydrated and starving. She promptly hitchhiked to the driest state in the union, which she has called home ever since.

She served as editor of Nevada Magazine during the publication’s most formative years editorially and in

circulation growth. Under her watch, the magazine transitioned from quarterly to bimonthly frequency and became self-supporting for the first time in more than 30 years. There were bumps along the way, including the time she put her own health and the publishing life of the state-sponsored magazine on the line against powerful legislators who threatened its finances and her personally. She rallied community leaders who backed her up and shamed the legislature into retreat.

After leaving Nevada Magazine in 1985, Ms. Hadley freelanced for a number of publications and worked as a consulting editor for the University of Nevada, Reno Silver & Blue alumni magazine to earn the money she needed to launch Range magazine in 1991.

In the eight years Range has participated in the Nevada Press Association’s Better Newspaper and Magazine Contest it has been recognized with more than 120 awards, despite having no fulltime editorial staff.

In one of those competitions a judge remarked: “Never heard of Range magazine before but they take wide swings at big, fascinating, important subjects with thorough investigation, put-me-there drama and unflinching portrayal of the facts, regardless of politics, personal beliefs or religion. This is the kind of reporting that makes us important and relevant in an age when everything else is becoming more like a sound bite.”

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Vail Pittman



Photo of Vail Pittman courtesy of the Las Vegas Review Journal

Vail Pittman is the second Nevada Governor to be inducted into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame, but the first to be a newspaperman before he was elected to public office.

Pittman was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, sometime between 1880 and 1883, the youngest of four sons born to parents who died when he was an infant. He was raised by an aunt and uncle and spent his formative years in Louisiana. He attended the University of the South and

Brown’s Business College, but returned home in 1903 to manage the family cotton plantation after his uncle’s death.

He left Louisiana in 1904 to follow his brother Key, who had moved to Tonopah. Key was later elected to represent Nevada in the U.S. Senate, a seat he held for seven years until he died in office in 1940.

Vail Pittman initially entered the coal business in Nevada, and subsequently engaged in a variety of

occupations, including undersheriff of Nye County, sergeant-at-arms of the Nevada Senate, and partner in a mining company. Along the way, he met Ida Louise Brewington and they were married in Reno in 1919. He and his wife bought the Ely Daily Times the following year and launched what was to become a successful newspaper business.

Pittman’s political career began in 1925 when he was elected to the Nevada State

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Holly Rudy-James

From the moment she arrived in Nevada, Holly Rudy-James was a strong advocate for rural newspapers in the state and a driving force within the Nevada Press Association at a time of transition for the organization.

Rudy-James came to Nevada in 2002, from Park City, Utah, where she had worked in the marketing department for several years at the Park Record. She had been hired by the company that eventually became Winnemucca Publishing to serve as general manager of The Humboldt Sun and The Battle Mountain Bugle. Five years later, Winnemucca Publishing purchased the Lovelock Review-Miner, along with a monthly periodical, The Nevada Rancher, and she was put in charge of the business operations of those papers as well.

With the purchase of the Review-Miner, Winnemucca Publishing’s coverage extended across the Tri-County area of northern Nevada. Local content was the mainstay of each newspaper with offices and local reporters in each community. Rudy-James oversaw a sales team that worked with businesses spanning the small communities of northern Nevada, offering a wide variety of printed media, including the three weekly newspapers, two monthly periodicals, specialty publications and two TMC direct mail pieces.

The company had a printing plant in Winnemucca, so Rudy-James’ sales team also worked with local businesses and governments to publish customized programs, handouts, newsletters and visitor-targeted newspapers.

Rudy-James worked to ensure that Winnemucca Publishing’s newspapers were viewed as valuable members of their communities, building relationships with local and county governments, non-profit organizations, schools, churches and religious groups. She oversaw several community projects, including a fundraiser for the Humboldt County bookmobile that raised over \$8,000. She also worked with organizations



in Humboldt County to collect items for needy seniors during the Christmas season, which led to similar projects in Lander and Pershing Counties.

Rudy-James joined the Nevada Press Association board of directors in 2006 and remained on the board until her retirement in 2016. She was elected president in 2008-2009, and was called to serve again in 2010-2011, to replace the late Mark Lundahl, who passed away only a couple of months after his term began. “I appreciated that she stepped up to lead the board and kept the press association functioning,” said Barry Smith, who was NPA’s Executive Director at the time. “So did the other board members. It helped maintain continuity and provide the leadership we needed.”

While on the press association board, Rudy-James worked with other members to build a statewide public notice website that aggregates all of the notices published in Nevada newspapers. She also hosted the annual convention and awards banquet in Winnemucca in 2009, at the conclusion of her first term as NPA president.

Rudy-James started her career in the 1970s selling yellow page advertising in Salt Lake City, where she was born and raised. She was the oldest of five siblings. She met her husband, Mike James, when she moved to Winnemucca. She has two sons and a granddaughter.

1ST AMENDMENT CHAMPIONS

The Nevada Press Association's highest legislative priority in 2019 was improving government compliance with the state's Public Records Act. The vessel for our aspirations was Senate Bill 287. The final version of SB 287 established penalties for local governments and state agencies that willfully violate the law; limited their use of excessive fees to discourage records requests; and added provisions requiring government employees to communicate with requestors and help them find the records they seek.

SB 287 passed both chambers unanimously in the final hour of the session and was swiftly signed into law by the governor. So it's only natural that our 1st Amendment Champions this year are the individuals who arguably had the most to do with its passage.

The honors begin with the Champion who was there at the beginning of the process. **Tod Story** started his work on SB 287 almost immediately after it became clear that the public records reform measure he supported in 2017 wasn't going to pass. He helped to draft the language included in the original version of the legislation. He was a co-founder of the Right to Know Coalition, an ideologically diverse coalition that activated grassroots support for the bill. And as executive director of ACLU of Nevada, he led the organization to fight alongside the Nevada Press Association in a number of other pro-transparency battles in the 2019 session.

Senator David Parks (D-Clark 7) was the primary sponsor of SB 287. In his role as chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee, he scheduled and facilitated the first hearing on the bill. When it bogged down in committee, he nurtured support for the legislation by asking **Senators Melanie Scheible** (D-Clark 9) and **Ben Kieckhefer** (R-Carson City, Washoe 16) to work with stakeholders and draft a compromise revision of the bill that could pass both chambers. Both Senators waded into the details of the legislation and worked diligently on a compromise. Perhaps most importantly, they resisted intense pressure from government lobbyists to water down their amendments. All three Senators were vital in getting the bill passed.

More than 1,100 bills were introduced in the 2019 session and with only four months to consider them it's inevitable that many never made it to the finish line. Aside from broad public support, what often separates the winners from the losers is whether political leaders are willing to prioritize a particular bill. **Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson** (D-Clark 8) made sure SB 287 was a priority in the final days of the session. His active leadership kept the bill moving in the session's final hours and ensured that public records reform had support in the Assembly.

Governor Steve Sisolak has long been an advocate



**ACLU Executive Director
Tod Story**



Senator Melanie Scheible



**Assembly Speaker
Jason Frierson**



Governor Steve Sisolak



Senator David Parks



Senator Ben Kieckhefer

Photos of Frierson, Kieckhefer and Parks courtesy of the Las Vegas Review Journal

for open government. His insistence on government transparency as a Clark County Commissioner in 2011, helped to expose extensive overtime fraud being committed by county firefighters. He maintained that resolve in his first year as governor. SB 287 would never have passed if he hadn't conveyed

his support to legislative leadership. Moreover, his April interview in the Review-Journal, in which he noted that government agencies leverage excessive fees and immunity from punishment to deny legitimate records requests, helped to bolster public support for the bill.

URBAN DAILIES

FEATURE PHOTO



Steve Marcus—*Las Vegas Sun*
RiSE Festival

Judge's Comment:

Captures the moment of the kiss and the beautiful light from above. The fireworks in the background are just the cherry on top.

2 Benjamin Hager—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Cliffhanger

3 Benjamin Hager—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Alynah Swimming

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Senate, where he served until 1929. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1942 and was a candidate in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate in 1944, but was defeated by the incumbent, Pat McCarran.

Pittman became Nevada's 19th governor when Edward P. Carville resigned in 1945 to accept appointment to a vacant U.S. Senate seat. He was elected in 1946 to a term of his own and served until 1951. He ran for reelection in 1950 and 1954, but lost both times to Charles H. Russell, who had served as editor of *The Ely Record* for more than 15 years until he retired in 1946 when Pittman bought the rival newspaper and turned it into a weekly edition of the *Times*.

After leaving office Pittman and his wife returned to Ely and their newspapers before selling them both in 1951 to Donald W. Reynolds.

Pittman died from lung cancer on January 29, 1964 in San Francisco, California. He is interred at Masonic Memorial Gardens in Reno.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST Las Vegas Review-Journal



2 Las Vegas Sun

JOURNALIST OF MERIT



Riley Snyder,—
The Nevada Independent

Judge's Comment:

Riley is breaking important accountability stories. His piece on how Nevada is losing millions in federal funding because it doesn't spend as much time and

resources on grant writing was solid. His exploration of how Nevada's electric retail proposal went down in flames was a timely and informative piece of political reporting. But I really like his fact check on the claim that electric retail will lower Nevada's rates. It's nuanced, and backed by data—or at least the available data. It's an example of how every journalist should go about fact-checking a claim.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1ST Las Vegas Review-Journal
Stories related to the October 1st mass shooting, helping the community heal

2 Siobhan McAndrew, Marcella Corona, Anjeanette Damon, Ben Spillman, Sam Gross—*Reno Gazette Journal*

Quadruple murder in Reno and Douglas County

3 Michael Lyle—*Nevada Current*

Coverage of homelessness in southern Nevada

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

(Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies)

1ST Las Vegas Review-Journal
Articles and editorial about lack of government transparency, and articles based on public records request

2 Brian Duggan, Sam Gross, *Reno Gazette Journal*

Reno police records most expensive in state

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING-PRINT

1ST Rachel Crosby, Briana Erickson—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Holding their position: Video shows officers a floor below shooter

Judge's Comment:

The reporters put the reader right into the action. Excellent use of outside sources to put the officers' and guards' conduct into context. The sidebar was also a compelling read.

2 Henry Brean, Rachel Crosby, Carri Geer—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Final police report on Las Vegas shooting unable to determine motive

Judge's Comment:

Excellent summary of a complex issue. The reader is left with no questions as to the length investigators went attempting to determine the shooter's motives.

3 Henry Brean, Rob Johnson—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Dennis Hof, deceased brothel owner, wins Nevada Assembly race

Judge's Comment:

Henry Brean's lede was as good as it gets and the story only got better from there. His story, which included history and context, was easily digestible even for readers who probably don't care for politics.

FEATURE WRITING

1ST Siobhan McAndrew—
Reno Gazette Journal
Sparks High grad Davi'Ana Kirkland

Judge's Comment:

In a very competitive category, this was the story that drove me to Google to see if there was a follow up! Great topic selection. Well written. Solid organization. Compelling details.

2 April Corbin—*Nevada Current*

When the economy and families fail to provide, schools have to step in

Judge's Comment:

Solid journalism; relies on the organization of facts to drive the story forward. Thoughtfully selected quotes add depth and detail. Ethos, pathos and logos are all intelligently and intentionally deployed.

3 Henry Brean—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Peregrine falcons soaring again at Lake Mead

Judge's Comment:

I must give a nod to Henry Brean for this exquisitely concise piece. While it does not have as much depth as some of the other longer stories that I rated as highly, it is still a very satisfying package with vivid imagery. The ability to be concise without sacrificing quality is an elusive gift. Well done!

EDITORIAL PAGE

1ST Las Vegas Review-Journal

2 Las Vegas Sun

NON-STAFF STORY

1ST John Glionna—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Rural Nevada football team scores on the field of life

Judge's Comment:

A moving story that would make a great movie. It provides extraordinary context into the struggles of a community and the people championing the student players there. Go Bulldogs!

2 John Glionna—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Alex Honnold, rock climber of El Capitan fame

Judge's Comment:

This feature focuses on famous "Free Solo" climber Alex Honnold and the rock-climbing world in which he operates. I thought the subheads detracted from the narrative and without them I wasn't entirely sold on the organizational structure -- the lede didn't feel as though it had lasting resonance or importance in the piece. But the writing is superb and the subject is interesting.

3 John Glionna—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Prospectors search for denim gold

Judge's Comment:

I was drawn into this story in large part because I knew nothing about the world it describes. Glionna captures his subjects and the topic in exquisite detail. I did find myself wanting more of a nutgraf and context about what denim prospecting might signify on a larger level and why it was a thing. Why? But this featured some great writing.

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS

1ST Riley Snyder, Daniel Rothberg—
Nevada Independent
NV Energy plans ambitious renewable energy ramp up—but only if Question 3 doesn't pass

Judge's Comment:

Great story about the push and pull between energy companies and renewable energy as it ties in with deregulation. Story did a good job of including facts and figures about the impact it would have if NV Energy went through with its solar expansion. This story seemed to break news, which is where you want to be.

2 Richard N. Velotta—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Nevada Gaming Commission fines Wynn Resorts record \$20M

Judge's Comment:

Coverage of the Wynn sexual harassment fine that focused on its implications for both his company and the gaming industry.

3 Miranda Willson—*Las Vegas Sun*

Controversial medical waste company proposes incinerator in North Las Vegas

Judge's Comment:

A well-researched and reported story about the move of a medical waste facility. Story not only focused on the impact locally, but also talked with sources where the original plant was located.

BUSINESS FEATURE

1ST Jenny Kane—Reno Gazette Journal
Are Nevada's small desert towns ready for Burning Man's population to hit 100,000?

Judge's Comment:

A great look at the trials and tribulations of a local town and its businesses when one of the biggest arts festivals in the U.S. rolls into town. Covered not just the local impact, but took a broader view to see who was making money and who wasn't as a result of the massive influx.

2 Eli Segall—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Las Vegas home prices not enough to make Kingman a commuter town

Judge's Comment:

A deep dive into the hubris of promoting Kingman as a home from which to commute to Las Vegas in the run-up to the Great Recession. Consulted sources on all sides of the issue and had plenty of data to show readers what happened.

3 Daniel Rothberg, Riley Snyder, Jackie Valley—Nevada Independent
'Now the rent comes due': Valley Electric board faces backlash after rate increase, office raid, arrest of CEO

Judge's Comment:

Deeply reported look at the ouster of an electric co-op CEO facing a sexual harassment allegation, the arrest on embezzlement charges of the CEO who replaced him, and how those scandals may have led to a rate increase for the co-op's customers.

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1ST Jackie Valley—Nevada Independent
Stars and Struggles

Judge's Comment:

An extraordinary series that goes deep into the challenges facing Sunrise Acres Elementary School. A terrific work of reporting that reveals how perverse incentives and other funding challenges make it so hard for teachers to do their jobs. Great stuff.

2 Henry Brean, Michael Quine, Mike Brunker—Las Vegas Review-Journal
The Water Question

Judge's Comment:

Solid in-depth work creating a vital bit of historic context to help readers understand why Nevada faces such a water crisis--as well as the limited options at hand today. A fabulous community resource that is broken down into easy-to-digest chapters, making it easy for the average reader to understand a complex and vital topic.

3 Jason Hidalgo—Reno Gazette Journal
Housing crisis: Does Reno need to think like a big city?

Judge's Comment:

Terrific in-depth look at Reno's housing challenges, done with historical background and solid context.

INVESTIGATIVE STORY

1ST Rachel Crosby—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Radio troubles hampered Las Vegas police on Oct. 1, RJ investigation finds

Judge's Comment:

Great deep-dive dig and a very important issue. Holding government accountable is a foundation of great investigative reporting and this certainly raised serious questions. Tremendous reporting!

2 Jamie Munks—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Valley of Fires

Judge's Comment:

Another very strong deep-dive investigative report that was worthy of first place and made the final decision very difficult. These reports kept digging and digging deeper and symbolize great instinct and great reporting.

3 Dana Gentry—Nevada Current
Death, practices and profits at rehabs

Judge's Comment:

Strong reporting on a topic that is too often ignored. Competition in this category was very strong—and not a significant difference between first and third. Congrats on reporting this important story and dedicating several stories and tremendous resources to the issue.

SPORTS SPOT NEWS

1ST Adam Hill, Gilbert Manzano—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Post-fight craziness overshadows record-setting UFC 229

Judge's Comment:

What puts this one over the top for me is the integration of the video clips and tweets in places that support the story rather than overwhelming the words. The story captures one of the oddest nights of sports in recent memory.

2 Michael Gehlken—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Raiders trade star DE Khalil Mack to Chicago Bears

Judge's Comment:

Punchy and doesn't overstay it's welcome. This story captures the sudden nature of the trade and balances the poor short-term outcome for the Raiders franchise with evidence that it may not be as bad of a deal by the time they arrive in Vegas. The tease of Amari Cooper at the end was prescient.

3 Mike Grimala—Las Vegas Sun
What can UNLV fans expect from T.J. Otzelberger?

Judge's Comment:

A good deep dive on the new hire—maybe a tad too deep but full of information that helps Rebels fans learn how their new hire will coach and recruit.

OVERALL DESIGN

1ST Las Vegas Review-Journal
Judge's Comment:
 Nice use of large photos and putting cutout in banner.



2 John Taylor, Dave Mondt, Craig Peterson, Las Vegas Sun Design Staff—Las Vegas Sun

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1ST Case Keefer—Las Vegas Sun
The toughest obstacles: Las Vegas Spartan racer beat brain-eating illness

Judge's Comment:

The subject of the story is undeniably compelling. The complete transparency about personal matters on the part of both the father and his son allow the reader to develop an emotional attachment to the story. The lead immediately brings you in, developing a central theme echoed throughout the rest of the story that wraps up well in the final few paragraphs. While it establishes the Spartan Races as a means of recovery, the story transcends sports and is a worthwhile read for anyone.

2 David Schoen—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Golden Knights goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, fan favorite in Las Vegas

Judge's Comment:

The anecdotal lead provides a great example of the subject's character, a theme that is reprised on multiple occasions throughout the story. With the story covering different points in the past 18 years of Fleury's life, the reporter made the right choice to highlight both the highs and lows, never spending too much time on any one moment. The story makes Fleury's place in Las Vegas sports history clear.

3 Ed Graney, Sam Gordon, Adam Hill—Las Vegas Review-Journal
Past, present haunt Dave Bliss at LV charter school

Judge's Comment:

With a coach like Dave Bliss and his history before he arrived in the area, it was crucial to focus attention on the school's behavior. There were a lot of different angles that could have been covered in this story, given the variety of Bliss's previous infractions. The story is organized well given the number of different directions it could have taken, and it's well sourced, with comments from a variety of administrators, parents and the former coach. While Bliss's quote ignores his past at Baylor, the story could have added a little more detail about those events as some readers may not know or remember them after 16 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS!

MULTIPLE-PHOTO ESSAY



1ST **Andy Barron**—*Reno Gazette Journal*

Burning Man 2018

2 **Benjamin Hager**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Black History Month

3 **Jeff Scheid**—*The Nevada Independent*
Election 2018

DIGITAL SPORTS STORYTELLING

1ST **Rachel Aston**, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Desert Pines' Darnell Washington

2 **Mark Anderson, Ron Kantowski, Ed Graney**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Rebels in ruins

3 **Jason Bean**—*Reno Gazette Journal*
Meet the youngest member of the Nevada baseball team

HEADLINE WRITING

(Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies)

1ST **Joe Hawk**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
"Better call, Saul?," "QB no go with toe woe," "Knights enter Stone age"

Judge's Comment:

Clever use of wordplay and pop culture references designed to draw readers in.

2 **George Riggle**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
"All jam, no bread," "Lightning in a beetle," "Give 'em a Grinch ..."

Judge's Comment:

Tight headlines that capture the essence of a story in a few words.

3 **Gary Dymski**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
"Cold Lang Syne," "Short end of stick"; "Knights plod the fifth"

Judge's Comment:

Good, solid headlines that prep the reader for what's to come in the story.

LOCAL COLUMN

1ST **Mick Akers**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

2 **John Katsilometes**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

3 **Richard N. Velotta**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

NEWS FEATURE

1ST **Anita Hassan**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
The things they lost

2 **Ricardo Torres-Cortez**—*Las Vegas Sun*
Dorothy Sargent, 84, was killed in 2005 in Las Vegas. Her killer hasn't been found

3 **Siobhan McAndrew**—*Reno Gazette Journal*
Sparks Middle School students reflect on horrific day

LOCAL NON-STAFF COLUMN

1ST **John L. Smith**—*Nevada Independent*
Judge's Comment:

In this highly competitive category, Mr. Smith gets the win, thanks to his clear, breezy and empathetic writing style, coupled with effective use of personal anecdotes to illuminate timely news events.

2 **Jane Ann Morrison**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Judge's Comment:

This is what I look for in a column — pointed but reasoned opinion, with an underpinning of reporting that helps readers understand back stories and consider the writer's opinion within that context. Highly informative and readable.

3 **Dayvid Figler**—*Nevada Independent*

Judge's Comment:

I struggled with this placement. Mr. Figler's pieces are exhaustively lengthy, and in that respect, difficult to view as pure "columns." And yet, his efforts to dig into important Nevada issues (and explain them with a largely readable style) merits consideration.

SPORTS COLUMN

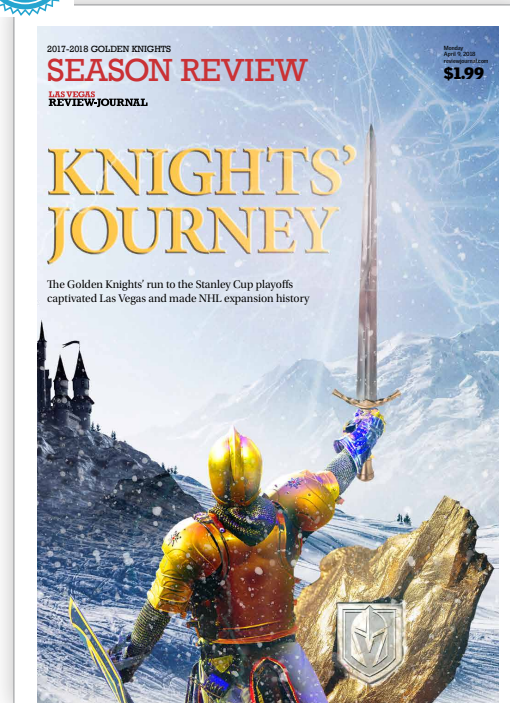
1ST **Ron Kantowski**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

2 **Case Keefer**—*Las Vegas Sun*

3 **Ray Brewer**—*Las Vegas Sun*

GRAPHIC DESIGN

1ST **Wes Rand, Severiano del Castillo Galvan**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*



2 **John Hornberg**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

3 **LeeAnn Elias**—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

SPECIAL SECTION-EDITORIAL

1ST **Las Vegas Review-Journal**
Indelibly Inked

Judge's Comment:

There are a lot of ways to cover the anniversary of a tragedy, but the Review-Journal's decision to anchor the Route 91 anniversary coverage with a visually striking and thought provoking spread of people's tattoos commemorating the event shows true vision. The photo and design team did an excellent job throughout, and I especially liked the 91 points of light piece. Also really appreciated that the paper kept the special section free of ads, save the classy house ad on the back.

2 **Las Vegas Review-Journal**
Knight's Journey

EDITORIAL WRITING

(Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies)*

1ST **Ric Anderson**,
Las Vegas Sun

Judge's Comment:

The Las Vegas Sun emerged as the winner from a very competitive field of editorial writing entries covering very relevant topics. The editorial on gun reform didn't shy away from a politically incendiary topic with clear, precise writing while avoiding any hand wringing that often accompanies editorials on this subject (the fact that the paper got its endorsement for governor right was an added bonus). The editorial on dumping of nuclear waste was extremely important to the community considering, as the paper pointed out, the hearing on the subject seemed to be timed to attract as few attendees as possible. Clear and to the point.

SPORTS PHOTO



1ST Erik Verduzco—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
The Ultimate Fighter 27

Judge's Comment:
The blood sealed the deal on this one. It has everything and shooting fast enough to separate the blood and sweat drops was perfect.

2 Benjamin Hager—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Knights Unfamiliar Territory

3 Steve Marcus—*Las Vegas Sun*

UNLV Runnin' Rebels vs Wyoming Cowboys

DIGITAL BREAKING NEWS

1ST Ricardo Torres-Cortez—*Las Vegas Sun*
Girl, 11, killed in wrong-house gang shooting remembered for being friendly, peaceful

Judge's Comment:
The author helps us not only feel the family's pain at the loss of their 11-year-old, but he shows us how much that family loves her. It's not just news; it's about people who care. This reporter clearly cares about people. The still image of the family crying brings tears to the eyes.

2 Adam Hill—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Khabib Nurmagomedov beats Conor McGregor at UFC 229; chaos ensues

Judge's Comment:
Excellent video and still images support the story, which also is outstanding. The reporting is descriptive without bias. I found myself interested in the story as well as how well it was written even though I'm not a fan of boxing,

3 Michael Quine—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Winter storm blankets west side of Las Vegas Valley

Judge's Comment:
Tells me everything, yet no words were spoken. Author was thinking outside the proverbial box.

DIGITAL INNOVATION

1ST CJ Keeney, Peter Vogt—*Nevada Independent*
Election 2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker

Judge's Comment:
This map is an easy way to let constituents know when presidential candidates will be visiting at the state level. The level of detail and planning for this feature shows how dedicated the Independent is to informing the community about such a significant election.

2 Lauren Flannery—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
HTML Bakery

Judge's Comment:
This tool provides a seamless way to upload and connect information to the RJ website. These multimedia platforms have become essential to newsrooms across the country.

3 Michael Quine—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Winter storm blankets west side of Las Vegas Valley

Judge's Comment:
Aerial footage via drones is an excellent way for news organizations to create video content. Drone technology should be under consideration in every newsroom. It's one way to easily close the technology gap with TV stations and their helicopters.

ILLUSTRATED PHOTO



1ST Benjamin Hager—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Greg Romero—Hard Knocks

2 Benjamin Hager—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Sean and John Scott

3 Bizu Tesfaye—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Lunar Eclipse multiple exposure

PAGE ONE DESIGN

1ST LeeAnn Elias, Tony Morales, Nathan Estep—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Judge's Comment:
I love the use of the large graphics and photos on the front page. It definitely stands out from the rest! Very nice design!



2 John Taylor, Dave Mondt, Craig Peterson, Las Vegas Sun Design Staff—*Las Vegas Sun*

Judge's Comment:
I especially liked the large fonts used in the headlines as well as the large photo for the lead story. Very nice.

3 Také Uda—*Reno Gazette Journal*

Judge's Comment:
Very creative page design and the graphics are well thought out and well placed to get the reader to pick the paper up. Very interesting!

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT OR FEATURE STORY

1ST Al Mancini, Angus Kelly—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Iron Chef Morimoto demonstrates teppanyaki in Las Vegas

Judge's Comment:
Interesting story topic and well put together.

2 Jason Bean—*Reno Gazette Journal*
Couple gets married at animal shelter

Judge's Comment:
What a beautiful story told through video. It was nice that actual footage from the wedding was included.

3 Ben Gotz, Cassie Soto, Larry Mir, Angus Kelly, Nathan Asselin, Adam Hill—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Is the Knight right?

Judge's Comment:
What a fun and engaging video!

PLATFORM WRITING

1ST Brett McGinness—
Reno Gazette Journal
The Reno Memo

Judge's Comment:

A whirlwind tour of the news with just enough details, mixed with commentary boasting both wit and charm.

2 Anjeanette Damon—*Reno Gazette Journal*

Daybreak: What to know about massive housing project coming for Reno's last floodplain

Judge's Comment:

A lot of information on an important issue, crammed into a single, well-written blog post. This would be an easy recommendation for anyone who had questions on the matter.

3 Victor Joecks—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

The Right Take

Judge's Comment:

Solid scripts that give the facts with a dash of personality. Nice, bite-sized updates.

CRITICAL WRITING

1ST Jason Bracelin—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment:

Talk about feeling like you were there. Jason Bracelin's attention to detail is as remarkable as his knowledge of his subject matter — from rap to crap, (and plenty of it, I'd guess). He has a gift for getting out of the way and letting the experience suck you in so you can make your own judgment. I've never been to a Janelle Monae concert — heck, I'd never heard of her before — but I bet I could get by with claiming I have after reading Bracelin's work. He's a pleasure to read, and I'd take a recommendation from him anytime.

2 Christopher Lawrence—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment:

If I ever make a bad movie, remind me to steer clear of Christopher Lawrence. His cutthroat, blunt assessments would seal the deal with most moviegoers. No doubt, his reviews are more entertaining than most of the movies he reviews. A favorite line: "Besides, when was the last time you saw a movie where someone got on a boat and something good happened?" Then there's this one, which had me rolling on the floor (and I'm NOT a roller): "... yet somehow manages to sneak up behind Amber despite the creak of the room's ancient wooden door and the clatter of her metal crutches." But Lawrence can deliver more than Mr. Blackwell-type one-liners. His work shows a love for great cinema and a solid understanding of what it should look like. The guy knows his stuff, and not just on the writing side. Forget the movies, I want more Christopher Lawrence.

3 Jason Hidalgo—
Reno Gazette Journal

Judge's Comment:

This writer broadens the horizons of everybody who takes the time to dig in—gamers or not. He touches on the look, feel and appeal of a game in a way that speaks to us all. He clearly knows the industry, the technology and how to play the games. What a great reminder that an honest review of games can't be left to social media.

NEWS PHOTO COVERAGE



1ST Jason Bean—
Reno Gazette Journal

Judge's Comment:
Strong emotion.

2 Bizu Tesfaye—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Judge's Comment:

Good use of reflection, background a little busy.

3 Erik Verduzco—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

PORTRAIT

1ST Benjamin Hager —
Las Vegas Review-Journal
The Angel of Route 66



Judge's Comment:

Has it all.

2 Kevin Cannon—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Pearl Harbor Survivor

DIGITAL FEATURE

1ST Benjamin Hager, Briana Erickson,
Jason Bracelin, Rachel Aston,
Lauren Flannery—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Indelible Memories

2 Henry Brean, Lauren Flannery, Mike
Brunker, LeeAnn Ellis, Michael Quine, Sev
Galvan, Wes Rand—

Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Water Question

3 Joey Lovato, Riley Snyder, Michelle
Rindels, Megan Messerly, Jackie Valley,
Daniel Rothberg—*Nevada Independent*

Ballot question explainer video series

VIDEO PROGRAM OR SERIES

1ST Adam Hill, Ben Gotz, Nathan Asselin,
Angus Kelly, Larry Mir—*Las Vegas
Review-Journal*

Golden Edge Mailbag

Judge's Comment:

The hosts were hilarious and knew what they were talking about. Video and audio quality was excellent. The graphics used were well placed and well timed.

2 Michael Quine—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

The Water Question

Judge's Comment:

Very informative along with great video and audio quality.

3 Mike Grimala, Yasmina Chavez, Wade
Vandervort—*Las Vegas Sun*

Take A Lap with Mike Grimala

Judge's Comment:

Interesting concept, enjoyed the multiple camera angles.

ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

1ST Christopher Lawrence—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment:

Imaginative story ideas, good eye for the ironic.

2 Jason Bracelin—
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment:

The "Believe" story was a great insight into being gay and Mormon. Good interviews.

3 Jenny Kane—*Reno Gazette Journal*

Judge's Comment:

A nose for quirky stories always helps in the crowded field of entertainment writing. Interesting angle on Burning Man; I always kind of wondered about that. Writing could be snappier.

INTERMEDIATE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST *Pahrump Valley Times*



2 *Lahontan Valley News*

3 *Elko Daily Free Press*

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST *Molly Moser—Lahontan Valley News*
Gabbs facility impacts Fallon jobs

Judge's Comment:

This is a solid story about a business with both local and nationwide impact.

2 *Jeffrey Meehan—Tonopah Times-Bonanza*
Scolari's transitions to Raley's

Judge's Comment:

Even if it is just a name change, when the only grocery store in town goes through something like this it's important to readers. Good job.

3 *Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times*
Valley Electric Association turmoil

Judge's Comment:

Outstanding effort, but still feel it is more a hard news story than a business spot news story.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST *Suzanne Featherston—Elko Daily Free Press*



2 *Kyler Klix—Nevada Appeal*

3 *Lauren Solinger—Nevada Appeal*

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING-PRINT

1ST *Toni Milano, Suzanne Featherston, Cynthia Delaney—Elko Daily Free Press*

Lamoille Canyon burns

Judge's Comment:

This entry featured the best writing and story organization in the category, and its importance to the community is high due to the fire's "extensive damage to the region's most popular recreation area."

2 *Steve Ranson, Stephanie Ranson—Lahontan Valley News*

Fallon man charged with murder

Judge's Comment:

This article is thoroughly reported, answering all my questions by the end. But key information was buried beneath a routine lede — notably, that authorities believe the attack was on an individual, not the church. There were lost storytelling opportunities, too, as the drama of churchgoers covering up their kids while faced with the gunman was inserted deep in the story. Strength of reporting carries this entry.

3 *Selwyn Harris, David Jacobs, Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times*

Nevada brothel owner, Assembly candidate Dennis Hof dead at 72

Judge's Comment:

This story's dramatic details were of national interest — the self-proclaimed "Trump of Pahrump" brothel owner/candidate died just hours after celebrating his birthday and campaign with Sheriff Joe Arpaio and other characters, including Tucker Carlson phoning in during the party. The passive lede doesn't fully take advantage of the opportunities. Bravo to the sidebar for explaining that the dead man would remain on the ballot and what would happen if he won.

FEATURE WRITING

1ST *Selwyn Harris—Pahrump Valley Times*
Pahrump fire victims speak about ordeal

Judge's Comment:

Great work! Speechless.

2 *Anne Knowles—Nevada Appeal*

Carson City's Martha Berger celebrates 100th birthday

Judge's Comment:

I feel like I know her personally after reading this piece. Nice work.

3 *Jessica Garcia—Nevada Appeal*

Carson architect designs healthier life—with help

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1ST *Jessica Garcia—Nevada Appeal*
Sex under scrutiny

2 *Kurt Hildebrand—The Record-Courier*
Tiregate Report

3 *Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press*
Order in the court

JOURNALIST OF MERIT

(Community, Intermediate)



Sam Toll—The Storey Teller

In February 2017, Sam Toll started the online news site The Storey Teller to cover the news in Storey County, home of Virginia City (aka The Richest Place On Earth). The county is also the site of one of the world's largest industrial parks, the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, which houses companies like Tesla, Google and Switch. Toll found himself at the center of national controversy in March 2019, when a Nevada District Court Judge deprived him of the protection of the Nevada Shield Law and ordered him to reveal his sources for an article he wrote. The ruling was appealed and is now before the Nevada Supreme Court.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1ST *Robin Hebrock—Pahrump Valley Times*
Suicide prevention in rural Nevada

Judge's Comment:

Great series

2 *Steve Ranson—Lahontan Valley News*
Remembering Nevada's fallen

Judge's Comment:

Good information for the Veterans community

3 *Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press*
AAA Students of the Week

BUSINESS FEATURE

1ST *Suzanne Featherston—Elko Daily Free Press*
Hemp—it's not marijuana

Judge's Comment:

Great story with strong lead that keeps the reader's attention.

2 *Molly Moser—Lahontan Valley News*
Grouchy with style

Judge's Comment:

Could have punched up lead. Would have pushed it up to No. 1 spot.

3 *Suzanne Featherston—Elko Daily Free Press*
Exploring for gold

Judge's Comment:

Lots of good research. Was a very technical subject and was hard to follow at times. Some grammatical errors.

INVESTIGATIVE STORY

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Heidi Bunch—
Mineral County Independent-News

Officials cracking down on residents living in recreational vehicles

2 Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press

Youth suicides on the rise

3 Heidi Bunch—Mineral County Independent-News

Commissioners vote in favor of pursuing new economic development options

NEWS FEATURE

1ST Tom Rysinski—Pahrump Valley Times
'Competitive, not cutthroat' pool league thrives in Pahrump area

Judge's Comment:

Great lede. Best line in the story -- "The players are armed, but seldom does anyone use their weapons on rivals. And smoking not only is permitted but, apparently, enforced."

2 Robin Hebrock—Pahrump Valley Times

Honor Flight whisks Nevadans off to D.C.

Judge's Comment:

Nice story, in large part because the reporter allowed the participants to tell it.

3 Selwyn Harris—Pahrump Valley Times

Nevada is home to a 'foreign' nation

Judge's Comment:

This made for an interesting read and I'm glad the reporter pursued the story despite the fact there was no guarantee the president would speak. Would like to have heard from some residents as to why they moved out of the U.S.

LOCAL COLUMN

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST David C. Henley—
Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment:

David's columns eschew hard opinion and instead give readers great insight and information through his personal travels. Readers can form their own opinions based on those vivid experiences.

2 Barbara Ellestad—Mesquite Local News

Judge's Comment:

Barbara touches on the personal and political in her opinion writing. She is equally adept at telling a heartwarming tale of community or taking local politicians to task.

3 Andrew Barbano—Sparks Tribune

Judge's Comment:

Reading Andrew's columns is a heavy exercise because he forces readers to confront uncomfortable but important topics like rape and racism. He is also unafraid of shining a light on himself to illustrate a point.

NON-STAFF STORY

1ST Tim Vaughan—
Humboldt Sun
Star Broiler anniversary

Judge's Comment:

I was impressed by the writing and narrative in this piece, which mostly flowed well and definitely captured the mounting importance of this pivotal event in the town's history. Good job, as well, at capturing quotes and descriptions that bring the event to life. I thought the piece would have benefitted from fewer parenthetical remarks and attributions, which disrupted the narrative. Overall, a strong story.

2 Robin Flinchum—
Pahrump Valley Times

Amargosa Opera House

Judge's Comment:

This series does a solid job in profiling the artists coming to the Amargosa Opera House and providing illuminating context and description. Overall, the series would have benefitted from more variety with the ledes rather than relying primarily on the time peg. The Marta Becket piece was a nice break in format and creativity.

3 Georgia Chapin-Guzman—
Elko Daily Free Press

Archer aims at inspiration

Judge's Comment:

I was moved by learning about Robert Sandoz and the work he's done to become a distinguished archer. The piece also has some educational value in terms of explaining how archery can be modified in this way. Good job with obtaining characterizing quotes about Sandoz, but more description and direct quotation from him would have made this stronger, as would have more explanation of cerebral palsy, and his own struggles with the disease.

NEWS PHOTO COVERAGE

(Intermediate, Community)*



1ST Horace Langford Jr.—Pahrump Valley Times

Powwow celebrates history, culture in Pahrump

2 Jim Grant—Nevada Appeal

Carson City fire

3 Jeff Mulvihill—Nevada Appeal

CHS graduation

PAGE ONE DESIGN

1ST Jessica Beaudoin—
Pahrump Valley Times



2 Kyler Klix—Lahonton Valley News

3 Elko Daily Free Press

SPORTS SPOT NEWS

1ST Tom Rysinski—
Pahrump Valley Times

Pahrump Valley girls claim regional soccer crown

2 Anthony Mori—
Elko Daily Free Press

Christmas ropers

3 Tom Rysinski—Pahrump Valley Times

Pahrump Valley ends boys' soccer playoff drought at 10 years

ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Ben Rowley—Lincoln County Record

Judge's Comment:

Well organized and just-long enough stories on interesting local events. Need better ledes to draw folks in.

2 Kyler Klix—Nevada Appeal

Judge's Comment:

This series of interviews with visiting musicians, I'm sure, helped folks figure out which concerts to attend. Better ledes would have improved them.

3 Linda Faas—Mesquite Local News

Judge's Comment:

Good local reporting on local events. Ledes were buried in every story and they could have been improved with more interviews.

LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Tom Rysinski—
Pahrump Valley Times

2 Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza

OVERALL DESIGN

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Boulder City Review

Judge's Comment:

Nice use of color photos.



2 Pahrump Valley Times

3 Tonopah Times-Bonanza

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1ST Steve Ranson—Lahontan Valley News

The bonds between them

Judge's Comment:

Plenty of voices that are well used in this story and some quality writing pulling them together.

2 Thomas Ranson—Lahontan Valley News

Fallon's Mauqa to star alongside The Rock

Judge's Comment:

An interesting story that does a good job winding the reader through changes in the athlete's life and career path.

3 Tom Rysinski—Pahrump Valley Times

Meet Beatty High School's cross country team: Jose Granados

Judge's Comment:

Good job finding this story and painting the picture of a one-man team

EDITORIAL WRITING

1ST Steve Ranson—Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment:

Competition in this category was very tight. Overall, the Lahontan Valley News editorials were clearly focused and had the best transition between ideas; the paper's stance on proposals for Interstate 11 was well researched and its solutions for lane-clogging motorists were laden with common sense—liked the tortoise and hare reference.

DIGITAL SPORTS STORYTELLING

1ST Tom Rysinski, Pahrump Valley Times

Sports notebooks

2 Tom Rysinski—Pahrump Valley Times

Wake up with Pahrump Valley football players

EDITORIAL PAGE

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Elko Daily Free Press

Judge's Comment:

Strong, conversational editorials on interesting topics are what make this paper a winner. They know their state and community, and how one affects the other. This community is fortunate to have this Opinion page. Thomas Mitchell is a strong writer and knows his stuff; he shows up in a lot of Nevada papers, which is interesting (and maybe a bit concerning). National columnists should be ID'd as such: Until I looked it up, I had no idea who Jim Mullen and Kathryn Jean Lopez were. Would much rather see local in those spots, though a bit of a national voice can be important. I wish there were more letters, or perhaps online comments to inject more of a town-square feel.

2 Boulder City Review

Judge's Comment:

It's clear that the writers in Boulder City know the issues and, better yet, the people in their community. It's a pleasure to read a paper that knows its words can make the community better and uses them for good. I like the variety of voices and the letters — amen for letters! One minor request: Taglines for every writer, every time. I want to know the authority and expertise behind the words.

3 Mesquite Local News

Judge's Comment:

If I were a bad guy, I wouldn't want Barbara Ellestad writing about me. She's an important voice in Mesquite. She understands the issues and isn't afraid to call people out, but with fairness and professionalism. Every community needs a Barbara Ellestad. Thomas Mitchell gets way too much ink — makes me nervous, though I understand his knowledge and passion run deep. I miss letters, and hope they are included as often as possible. In place of those, what about online comments? I missed community input. Also, there's nothing on earth that can't be edited down a few lines — I'd do this to avoid short jumps. Overall, good work, Mesquite!

FEATURE PHOTO



HEADLINE WRITING

(Intermediate, Community)

1ST Charles Whisnand—Nevada Appeal

"A 'Nate'-Ional Title", Cole Energy", "Eric The Great (Worrier)"

Judge's Comment:

Headlines were all fun and fit the stories and their tone.

2 Hali Bernstein Saylor—Boulder City Review

"Access to Lake Mead's water gets deep", "Snow place like home", "Swimmers buoyed by title prospects"

Judge's Comment:

Lake Mead hed was intriguing and the others were good.

3 Hali Bernstein Saylor—Boulder City Review

"City's cold war has chilling effect", "Fire drums up support for local legend", "Support for off-road vehicles doesn't trail off"

Judge's Comment:

Cold war hed met criteria; other two did not have the same impact, but were good

LOCAL NON-STAFF COLUMN

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Lauryne Wright—Mason Valley News

Judge's Comment:

Loved the insight and writing style. Great work, even on the headlines!

2 Tim Burke—Pahrump Valley Times

Judge's Comment:

Nice analysis and look at the issues.

3 Quest Lakes—Mason Valley News / Fernley Leader Courier

1ST Cynthia Delaney—Elko Daily Free Press

Mural painter

Judge's Comment:

High-impact photo of the artist working on his mural. The sun flare adds an extra creative element. Good composition.

2 Adam Trumble—Nevada Appeal

Concert under the stars

Judge's Comment:

Great band photo, good use of depth-of-field to draw the viewer into the performers. Excellent color and image clarity.

3 Adam Trumble—Nevada Appeal

Nevada Day rock drilling

Judge's Comment:

Photo portrays the man's focus and concentration on the job he's doing. Very good composition, the water splashes add to the image, as does the choice of depth-of-field. Great clarity.

PORTRAIT

1st Suzanne Featherston—Elko Daily Free Press Robert Rugne

Judge's Comment:

This image captures the essence of the subject. The exposure, depth-of-field and subtle editing contribute to its impact. Beautiful lighting.

2 Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press Cowgirl performs

Judge's Comment:

This portrait captures the subject's personality well and the composition is excellent. There is some blurring on her right arm and the image looks a little over sharpened. But overall, a very nice image. Great expression on the performer.

3 Steve Ranson—Lahonton Valley News NVG conducts military service

Judge's Comment:

Photo illustrates well the solemnity of the event and the range of emotions experienced by those in attendance.

SPORTS PHOTO



1st Ron Harpin—The Record-Courier Diving stop

2 Thomas Ranson—Lahonton Valley News Trio of girls

3 Adam Trumble—Nevada Appeal Too fast

PLATFORM WRITING

(Intermediate, Community)*

1st David Toll—NevadaGram Comstock Mining Update

Judge's Comment:

Mining, court cases, contracts, boring-but-important meetings — you name it, it's covered here with expertise and a bit of humor. Refreshing to read, because I'd likely never get through this type of material without the author's unconventional approach. A value to the community.

SPECIAL SECTION-EDITORIAL

(Intermediate, Community)*

1st Pahrump Valley Times Progress Edition 2018

2 Suzanne Featherston, Cynthia Delaney, Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press

Cowboy Gathering Magic

3 Samantha Andersen, Jen Anderson, Joe Plummer, Rhonda Coleman, Ashley Maden, Shanna Cummings—Humboldt Sun

Health and Wellness

DIGITAL BUSINESS NEWS

(Intermediate, Community)*

1st Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times Spring Mountain gets green flag on Pahrump expansion

Judge's Comment:

The story included detailed reporting that's expected from a community-focused newspaper, giving all the pertinent details to area residents about the issues surrounding the racetrack expansion. The storytelling format video included a good mix of photos.

2 Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times Survivalist featured on reality TV series partners on Pahrump retail shop

Judge's Comment:

Certainly a well-detailed story about two men opening a survivalist-focused retail store. Good quality photos but at nine minutes, the video could have been significantly shortened to keep more readers engaged.

3 Selwyn Harris—Pahrump Valley Times Castle for sale in rural Nevada

Judge's Comment:

The story-telling format of the video was relatively easy to follow; the lack of photo variety was a distraction.

DIGITAL BREAKING NEWS

1st Selwyn Harris, David Jacobs, Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times Nevada brothel owner Dennis Hof has died

Judge's Comment:

Entry includes video that explains what has happened, as well as still photographs and social media posting. Nice coverage of breaking news.

2 Cynthia Delaney, Suzanne Featherston—Elko Daily Free Press

President Trump rallies Elko voters

Judge's Comment:

Would have liked to see video of Trump's supporters. Story nicely written.

3 Jeff Mullins—Elko Daily Free Press Fire burns higher into Ruby Mountains

Judge's Comment:

Nice overall coverage of fire. Would have also liked video either interviewing someone or narrating what is going on. But nice job.

MULTIPLE-PHOTO ESSAY

Multiple-photo essay titled 'Jackson's 3 gives Wave first title in 47 years' featuring photos of a basketball game and a player celebrating.

1st Thomas Ranson—Lahonton Valley News State championship basketball

Judge's Comment:

The state championship photos were crisp and told the story of every element of the game.

2 Adam Trumble—Nevada Appeal Nevada Day

Judge's Comment:

Made me feel like I was at the event. It looked like a blast. So many local faces...

3 Toni Milano—Elko Daily Free Press Cowboy poetry gathering

Judge's Comment:

Cowboy poetry and shooting with stage lighting can be challenging. Some amazing expressions were captured.

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT OR FEATURE STORYTELLING

1st Selwyn Harris—Pahrump Valley Times Nevada is home to a 'foreign' nation

Judge's Comment:

Molossia! I want the t-shirt! Fun and interesting story. And I'm glad this guy doesn't take himself too seriously. Enjoyed the slideshow and description — a cool alternative. Would have liked to have seen him on video talking; I would imagine he's a character.

2 Adam Trumble—Nevada Appeal Nevada Day

Judge's Comment:

This is how parade photos should be taken! I love the emotion, detail, framing and variety. Great work -- a model. I also enjoyed the video from the run. Good work.

3 Jeffrey Meehan—Pahrump Valley Times Halloween brings haunted houses and other events

Judge's Comment:

Thanks for understanding that when you write about a haunted house people want a peek inside. You gave us that. (People with clown-a-phobia shouldn't click on the video...)

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST **Boulder City Review**



2 Mason Valley News

3 Sparks Tribune

NEWS FEATURE

1ST **Selwyn Harris—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Modernized 22-room castle up for sale

Judge's Comment:

Interesting "castle." I'm sure readers enjoyed getting inside a place that must stand out in the community.

2 **Debra Reid—Lovelock Review-Miner**
Burning Man threatens lawsuit

Judge's Comment:

Good reporting effort.

3 **Peggy Jones—Lovelock Review-Miner**
Inmate artist paints courtroom ceiling

Judge's Comment:

The story was well written, but it would have scored much better had the reporter talked to the inmate, or at least indicated in the story that she had made the effort to contact Shorty.

MULTIPLE-PHOTO ESSAY



NON-STAFF STORY

1ST **Sean Pitts—The Ely Times**
150th White Pine Co. Anniversary

Judge's Comment:

Very local topic with a lot of interest. Would have appreciated putting the author into context so I trusted the source more. Good knowledge of subject.

2 **Daria Sokolova—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Beatty gold mining

Judge's Comment:

Clean writing style. Interesting topic, but would have appreciated a little more context to understand why this topic is important - i.e., What's the proposed economic impact? What was the historic economic impact of mining in the area?

3 **Mike Henle—Lincoln County Record**

California man captures overall, Class 10 titles in Knotty Pine 250

Judge's Comment:

Clean writing interspersed with clever vocabulary and turn of phrase. Wish I knew more about this particular race, however. As a reader, it would help to understand its importance to the community and why it was started.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1ST **Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Souza's rodeo returning to Tonopah

Judge's Comment:

A solid community interest story with somewhat wider appeal than other entries in this category.

2 **Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**

New fields a happy sight

Judge's Comment:

Another solid community interest story with relevance to a larger readership because of the new field's potential uses.

1ST **Vic Trujillo, Eric Dahlberg—Mineral County Independent-News**
Armed Forces Day 2018

Judge's Comment:

So much variety and so many faces. Amazing job of capturing the day.

2 **John Byrne, Eric Dahlberg—Sparks Tribune**
Class of 2018

Judge's Comment:

Loved the emotion in the photos.

3 **Shari Gilson—The Ely Times**
Snake Valley

Judge's Comment:

Some really great action shots. Would have loved to see this submitted as a PDF.

SPORTS SPOT NEWS

1ST **Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Muckers rout Vandals, earn spot in state final

Judge's Comment:

Classic game story. Contrasting the number of points the opponent allowed during the regular season with how many it allowed in the playoff game made for a good lede. Interviews with two players in addition to the coach added useful extra perspectives. Impressive amount of detail about the game, including a change in defensive formation and a key downfield block -- matters that a news reporter who doesn't know football would miss.

2 **Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**

Muckers finish regular season undefeated

Judge's Comment:

Good lede. More interviews would have improved the story, but perhaps the reporter wasn't able to travel.

3 **Tom Rysinski—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Muckers defend region wrestling team championship

Judge's Comment:

Straight news lede works fine. As with Rysinski's other entries, the copy is clean and easy to read. The story includes more than what you'd find in a box score.

BUSINESS FEATURE

1ST **Dave Maxwell—Lincoln County Record**
Owners of shuttered theater hope to re-open it someday

Judge's Comment:

Interesting tale of a prevalent situation in small-town America, with a historic building sitting empty while its owners try to resurrect it. Very relevant to local readers. Only suggestion would have been to interview the owner of the building adjacent to the theater to find out why he won't sell that small parcel of land on which the theater owners would expand to build the bathrooms that would allow it to open.

2 **Jeffrey Meehan—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Historic Belvada project set for spring completion

Judge's Comment:

Interesting details about the history of the building being restored; in a small community, this story is very relevant to local businesses with new retail space potentially opening up. The main detail that was missing is what is being spent on the renovations and what is the current value of that building.

3 **Kayla Anderson—Sparks Tribune**
Grand opening held for large cannabis factory in Sparks

Judge's Comment:

Well-structured story with some colorful quotes and descriptions of the inside of a cannabis facility. Would have scored higher with more details such as the address of the facility, the cost to build or renovate the factory, number of employees, etc.

NOTE

* Indicates circulation divisions were combined to ensure competition in a particular category.

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING-PRINT

- 1st David Jacobs—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**
Wildfires burn in Nye County, region
- 2 Barbara Ellestad—Mesquite Local News**
Restraining order denied, Hospital OB unit closes
- 3 Dave Maxwell—Lincoln County Record**
Body of California man found in Cave Valley

PAGE ONE DESIGN

- 1st Jessica Beaudoin—Tonopah Times-Bonanza**



- 2 Pam Killinsworth, Hali Bernstein Saylor—Boulder City Review**
- 3 Eric Dahlberg—Mineral County Independent-News**

ILLUSTRATED PHOTO



- 1st John Byrne—Sparks Tribune**
Smoky Skies

SPORTS PHOTO



- 1st John Byrne—Sparks Tribune**
Wolf Pack sent packing early
- 2 John Byrne—Sparks Tribune**
Seeing Double
- 3 Dave Maxwell—The Ely Times**
Ladycats

FEATURE PHOTO



- 1st Jason Bath—The Ely Times**
Charcoal Ovens

Judge's Comment:
Photo captures historic interest of site.

- 2 John Byrne—Sparks Tribune**
Water Wings

Judge's Comment:
Good quality photo.

- 3 Hali Bernstein Saylor—Boulder City Review**
Spring along the Colorado River

Judge's Comment:
Takes you away to a quiet place.

FEATURE WRITING

- 1st Amy Alonzo—Mason Valley News**
Widows, friends, moms and roommates—a lifetime of raising a family together

Judge's Comment:
Loved the unique topic! But it was how the topic was handled that clinched the deal. Excellent feature writing. Bravo!

- 2 Celia Shortt Goodyear—Boulder City Review**
Doggone good job

Judge's Comment:
Always have wondered about the challenges of working with a law enforcement canine. Done in an appealing way with more than one source. Nice engaging writing.

- 3 Kayla Anderson—Sparks Tribune**
Longtime Sparks mayor reflects as final term comes to a close

Judge's Comment:
Great exit interview. Loved the switch in style from narrative to question-and-answer. Kept it all flowing. Nice capture of the subject. Good feature writing.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

(Community, Intermediate)

- 1st Thomas Mitchell—The Ely Times**

- 2 Sam Toll, The Storey Teller**
Online journalists are real journalists

PORTRAIT

- 1st Hali Bernstein Saylor—Boulder City Review**
Dale Ryan

Judge's Comment:
This image really shows the energy and enjoyment the subject experiences around building his holiday display. The image quality and editing are both excellent. Photo really draws the viewer in to the subject.



- 2 Celia Shortt Goodyear—Boulder City Review**

Animal shelter care

Judge's Comment:
Excellent image of the two officers caring for the young pups and enjoying it. Their expressions show how much they are involved in their work and the puppies' faces are adorable. The people could have been centered more in the frame and cropped a little, but overall a really good image in terms of storytelling.

- 3 Celia Shortt Goodyear—Boulder City Review**
Boulder City Police Officer Scott Pastore and Odie

Judge's Comment:
Does an excellent job of telling a story, with the officer's expression looking down at his horse with the little hat. Image could have been sharper and lighter in editing.

URBAN WEEKLIES

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST Reno News & Review



2 Las Vegas Weekly

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS

1ST Miranda Willson—*Las Vegas Weekly*
The Fremont Street Experience canopy to get a high-tech upgrade

Judge's Comment:
Good clean copy

2 Kaleb M. Roedel—*Northern Nevada Business View*
A greener Silver State

Judge's Comment:
Good package, but the decision to play music in the video rather than allowing us to hear the person being interviewed was unfortunate. Lede could have been stronger.

3 C. Moon Reed—*Las Vegas Weekly*
New crafts bar catches a trend, opens the creative side of Downtown Summerlin

CRITICAL WRITING

(Urban Weeklies, Magazines)*

1ST Bob Grimm—*Reno News & Review*
Well researched and engaging pieces. Grimm's tone is consistently intelligent yet familiar, no stodginess.

2 Jessica Santana—*Reno News & Review*

Judge's Comment:
A little too much "story" and not enough "review", but engaging.

SPECIAL SECTION-EDITORIAL

1ST Las Vegas Weekly
Best-of Issue

Judge's Comment:
Eye-popping photography and layout.

BUSINESS FEATURE

1ST C. Moon Reed—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Broadacres is the place to be

Judge's Comment:

I loved this story, which made me want to check this place out on my next trip to Las Vegas. This is proof that a story need not be too text heavy to be a success. It is chock full of useful tidbits, from specific advice on how to plan a visit to mouth-watering descriptions of food offerings and even instructions on how to eat some of the less-known options. Well done!

2 Dennis Myers—*Reno News & Review*

Secret plans

Judge's Comment:

Solid investigation that tries hard to pull the veil off a developer's secret plans for Reno. It suffers a bit from an unnecessary anonymous quote played prominently in the story and a too-long historical section on Reno motels that may have worked better as a sidebar. But excellent, dogged work trying to get to the bottom of an important local mystery.

3 Matt Bieker—*Reno News & Review*

The 4th coming

Judge's Comment:

A nice balance between the profile of an up-and-coming brewery district and the challenge of dealing with a new homeless shelter right in the middle of it.

ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

1ST C. Moon Reed—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Loved the guide for locals hosting tourists! Great ledes, snappy style keeps all the stories moving.

2 Brock Radke—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Judge's Comment:

Impressive insider knowledge. Maybe a bit too insidery.

3 Geoff Carter—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Judge's Comment:

Solid stories, good accessible style. I was actually intrigued enough to do the "homework" of clicking through to the photography portfolio.

DIGITAL NEWS FEATURE STORYTELLING

(Urban Weeklies, Intermediate)*

1ST Kaleb M. Roedel—*Northern Nevada Business View*
Reno Ski Simulator

2 Kaleb M. Roedel—*Northern Nevada Business View*

A look inside Zeppelin, the 21-and-up social gathering space set to open at The LOOP in Reno's South Meadows

3 Suzanne Featherston—*Elko Daily Free Press*
Candidates cover top issues

OVERALL DESIGN

1ST Elizabeth Brown, Corlene Byrd, Ian Racoma, Las Vegas Weekly Art Staff—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Judge's Comment:

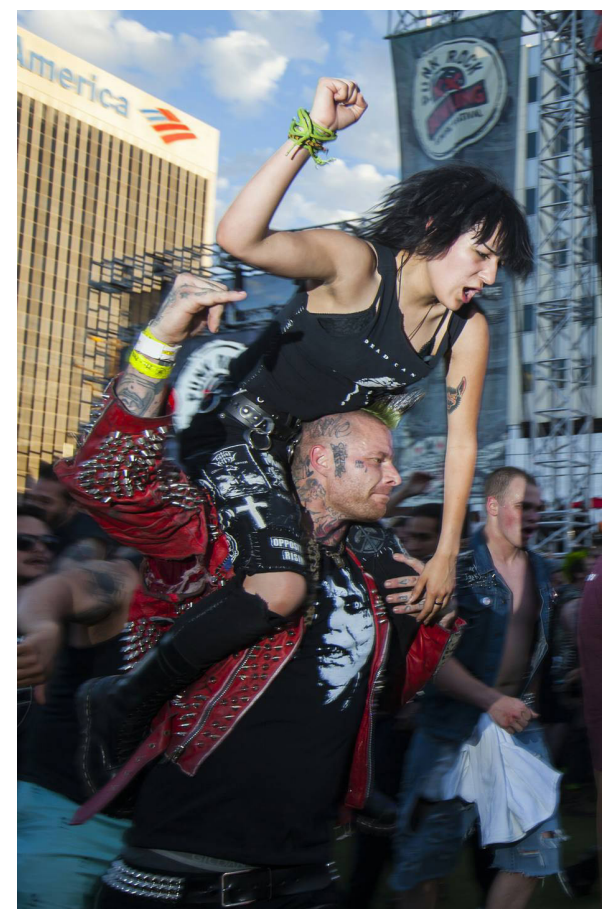
Nice. Professionally done.



2 Lauren Solinger, Kyler Klix—*Northern Nevada Business View*

3 Reno News & Review

FEATURE PHOTO



1ST Miranda Alam—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Punk Rock Bowling

Judge's Comment:

Very engaging. Vivid image and technically excellent.

2 Yasmina Chavez—*Las Vegas Weekly*
The Nevada Ballet Theatre performs "Until December"

Judge's Comment:

Excellent job under what I have experienced as very difficult shooting conditions.

3 Miranda Alam—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Salem Night

Judge's Comment:

Viewer can feel the event. Excellent image.

MAGAZINES

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST Range Magazine



2 Nevada Magazine

3 edible Reno-Tahoe

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1ST Erin Ryan—*Desert Companion*
You Are the Cure

Judge's Comment:

Put a very technical subject into easy-to-understand form, and introduced human voices that made the data come to life. It somehow was moving even though it was also highly scientific.

2 Richard Gubbe—*elevate Nevada*

The Essence of Terpenes

Judge's Comment:

Took a modern issue and brought a relatively unknown element that is both interesting and presented in an entertaining way.

3 Julie Brown—*Tahoe Quarterly*

A Clean Path to the Future

Judge's Comment:

Really dove deep into an issue that everybody talks about as being easy to solve, and explains with great local details why it's not so simple.

URBAN WEEKLIES

SPORTS PHOTO

1ST Wade Vandervort—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Wolf Pack sent packing early

2 Wade Vandervort—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Ultra runner Heidi Dove

GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

1ST Las Vegas Weekly

NON-STAFF STORY

1ST Barbara Twitchell—*edible Reno-Tahoe*
The Future of Food, Summer '18

Judge's Comment:

Amazing level of reporting and research. The reporter did an excellent job of making a complicated topic accessible, interesting and easy to read.

2 Shaun Astor—*Nevada Magazine*

The Man Howard Hughes Left Behind

Judge's Comment:

Great story. I still don't know whether I think the will is real, but I enjoyed the tale.

3 Sally Denton—*Desert Companion*

'A Presidentess Among Us'

Judge's Comment:

Excellent story about the life of an amazing woman. It makes you wonder how much more she could have accomplished if she hadn't been constrained by the societal rules of her time.

ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

1ST Mike Weatherford—*Desert Companion*

Judge's Comment:

Thorough, engaging, behind-the-scenes reporting that took a lot of legwork. Completely different from anything else submitted for this category.

2 Megg Mueller—*Nevada Magazine*

Judge's Comment:

I enjoyed Mueller's eye for the quirky and the out-of-the-way, especially the camel-riding piece.

3 Al Mancini—*Luxury Las Vegas*

Judge's Comment:

There was lots of good food writing in this category. The trend-spotting nature of these pieces elevated them above the others, just slightly, and I finally learned what a "sommelier" is.

FEATURE WRITING

1ST Michael Rohm—*Tahoe Quarterly*
The Last Prospectors

Judge's Comment:

Sometimes the right characters make the entire story. Michael found a couple of them here, and brought us along as they do something I had assumed nobody did anymore. Details like a can of Keystone bring the characters off the page.

2 David Bunker—*Tahoe Quarterly*

The Long Road To Lhotse

Judge's Comment:

A good story made better by active writing and powerful verbs. David let the narrative unfold on its own. Really enjoyed reading this.

3 Heidi Kyser—*Desert Companion*

Rescue + Reunion

Judge's Comment:

We've all read a lot of stories about that horrible night. Heidi found a new one—about not only how bystanders became first responders, but also how they processed that night. A good idea, done well.

INVESTIGATIVE

1ST Carolyn Dufurrena, Zachary Gerber, Steven H. Rich, Theodora Johnson, Dan Dagget, Mary Branscomb—*Range Magazine*

Wildfires: Countdown to Destruction

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2 Carolyn Dufurrena—*Range Magazine*

SPECIAL REPORT: "Give Me a Stone"

LOCAL COLUMN

1ST C.J. Hadley—*Range Magazine*
Up Front

2 Hank Vogler—*Range Magazine*

Hang and Rattle

3 Beth Schwartz—*elevate Nevada*

From the Editor

MULTIPLE-PHOTO ESSAY

1ST Yasmina Chavez—*Las Vegas Weekly*
Psycho Festival in Las Vegas

Judge's Comment:

Just about every photo here would look wonderful blown up and running as the main image. Combined they tell a great story with sharp detail, solid composition and beautiful colors. This entry was all thriller, no filler.

2 Wade Vandervort—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Behind the scenes—Vegas Golden Knights

Judge's Comment:

Some solid shots here with some nice moments that give readers a behind-the-scenes look at what's going on around the fringes of a match, rather than the usual snapshots of what's out on the ice.

3 Wade Vandervort—*Las Vegas Weekly*

Broadacres is the place to be

Judge's Comment:

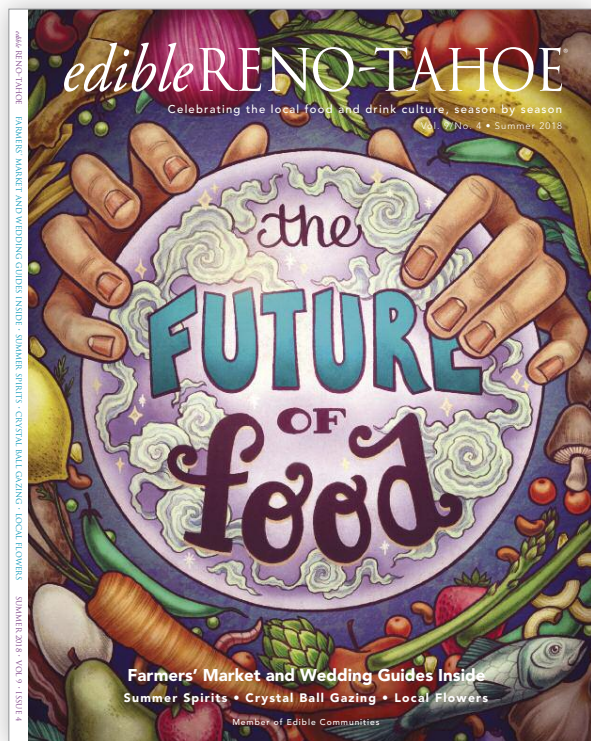
Some nice moments, but could use more variety.

OVERALL DESIGN

1ST Freeman Design Group—*edible Reno-Tahoe*

Judge's Comment:

I loved the mix of drawings and photography.



2 Brooke Bertuzzi, Beth Schwartz—*elevate Nevada*

Judge's Comment:

Hip and slick.

3 Wesley Gatbonton, Marvin Lucas, Jason Cabebe, Christopher DeVargas—*Las Vegas Magazine*

SPECIAL PROJECT

1ST C.J. Hadley, John Bardwell—*Range Magazine & Range Conservation Foundation*

The Magnificent American West

Judge's Comment:

Easy choice. The quality of the photos, the concept and execution make for a piece of journalism that could make a keepsake or a great gift.

2 C.J. Hadley, John Bardwell—*Range Magazine*

2019 *Real Buckaroo Calendar*

Judge's Comment:

The photographs capture the beauty and spirit of the range. I especially loved the photo of the cowboy in the rain.

3 Carrie Roussel, Alex Olivares-Wenzel—*Nevada Magazine*

2019 *Historical Calendar*

Judge's Comment:

Captivating historic photos that transport and engulf viewers in the emotion of the moment.

PAGE ONE DESIGN

1ST Christopher Smith—*Desert Companion*

Judge's Comment:

It is obvious that there is much time and effort put into each and every cover of this magazine. The cover lines are designed to fit the theme or featured article of each issue, changing dramatically from one to the next. Each cover is enticing and energetic, making you want to pick it up.



2 Wesley Gatbonton, Josh Nelson, Jason Cabebe—*Las Vegas Magazine*

Judge's Comment:

The colors and visuals are prominent and eye-catching, making you stop and pulling you in. Each issue is unique and dynamic while still staying true to the brand.

3 Kippy Spilker—*Nevada Magazine*

Judge's Comment:

The quality of the photos combined with the simple and clean layout makes this a very attractive product, and having the logo match the photo colors is a subtle touch that provides cohesion.

ILLUSTRATED PHOTO

(Magazines, Urban Weeklies)*



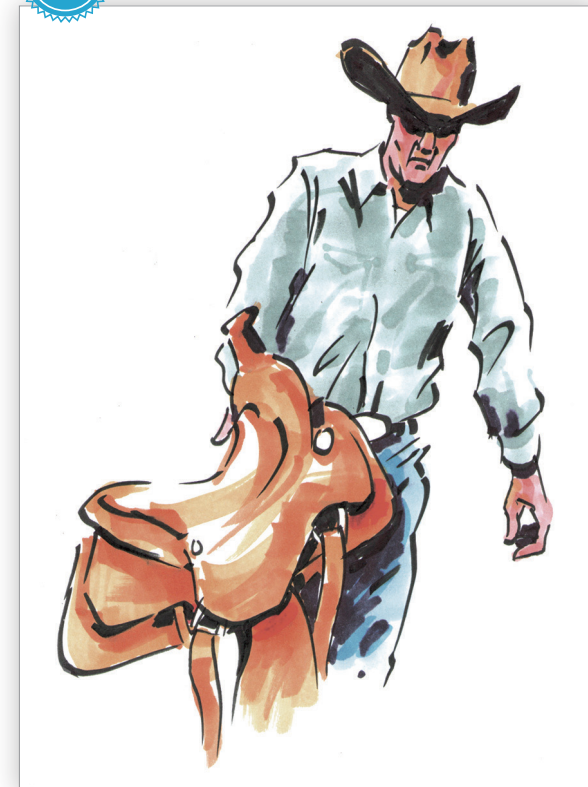
1ST Shea Evans—*edible Reno-Tahoe*

2 Jeff Dow, Carrie Busha—*Nevada Silver and Blue*
Recital Hall Under Construction

3 Miranda Alam—*Las Vegas Weekly*

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

1ST John Bardwell—*Range Magazine*



2 Tucker Monticelli, Design on Edge—*Getaway Reno/Tahoe Magazine*

3 Kate O'Hara—*edible Reno Tahoe*

OUTSTANDING VISUAL JOURNALIST

1ST Tucker Monticelli, Design on Edge—*Getaway Reno/Tahoe Magazine*

Judge's Comment:

These pages made me want to see and read more. The layouts pulled me through with little effort and I liked the variety on display that fit each topic nicely.

MULTIPLE-PHOTO ESSAY



1ST **Mary Williams Hyde, Lee Juillerat—**
Range Magazine
A Buckaroo Heart

Judge's Comment:
The photos in this series were amazing. The action shots of horse and equestrian create a compelling work of visual storytelling.

2 Various Photographers—Nevada Magazine
Through the Lens: Lamoille Canyon

Judge's Comment:
The beauty of the stunning landscapes in these photos is supplemented by the news value of demonstrating how nature recovers from disaster.

3 Various Photographers—Nevada Magazine
2018 Cover to Cover series

Judge's Comment:
We come across so many photos that would make ideal spreads or covers, but due to a host of issues, can't be published. It was interesting to see the could-have-beens, giving readers an insight into the newsroom process and the minds of editors when choosing what cover to finally present to readers.

REGULAR DEPARTMENT

- 1ST** **David Muench, Larry Turner, Jonne M. Goeller—***Range Magazine*
Empty Quarter
- 2** **Ann Lindemann, Brett Fisher—***edible Reno-Tahoe*
Chef's Table
- 3** **Megg Mueller, Kippy Spilker, Kyle Young, Engrid Barnett—***Nevada Magazine*
Cravings

PORTRAIT

(Magazines, Urban Weeklies)*

- 1ST** **Kippy Spilker—***Nevada Magazine*

Judge's Comment:

Beautiful image, composition, light striations in the water, color and clarity. The drone view really makes this image unique.



- 2 Candice Vivien—***edible Reno-Tahoe*
Nevada Legacy Ranchers, Brian Parks

Judge's Comment:

Strong, beautiful image, excellent use of light and form. Great lighting on the man's face. The green fringing is a little distracting and could have been removed in Photoshop RAW.

- 3 Larry Angier—***Range Magazine*
Cowboy

Judge's Comment:

Beautifully impactful image encapsulating the essence of the cowboy, his horse and their work.

FEATURE PHOTO



- 1ST** **Cynthia Baldauf—***Range Magazine*
Brothers

Judge's Comment:

This definitely tells a story, as you can feel the emotion through the photograph. This will engage any reader.

- 2** **Skye Clark—***Range Magazine*
All four feet off the ground

Judge's Comment:

This has obvious action and drama—essential elements of a compelling story.

- 3** **Mark Hayward—***Range Magazine*
Big Griz

Judge's Comment:

In addition to its technical excellence, this photo raises a question: How does one capture such an image? Overall, well done.

PROFILE/INTERVIEW

- 1ST** **Shaun Astor—***Nevada Magazine*
Melvin Dummar - The Man Howard Hughes Left Behind

Judge's Comment:

Really interesting story. Compelling narrative and storytelling. From the opening paragraphs I wanted to know how it ended.

- 2** **Carolyn Dufurrena—***Range Magazine*
A Hundred Years Herding

Judge's Comment:

Interesting narrative and use of present tense adds immediacy to the storytelling style.

- 3** **Megg Mueller—***Nevada Magazine*
Governor Brian Sandoval

Judge's Comment:

Good profile of a political figure that avoids politics and focuses on the individual without devolving into hagiography.

GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

- 1ST** **edible Reno-Tahoe**

Judge's Comment:

This website had different categories of food topics. The use of video and reader-submitted recipes engages the public in a new way.

- 2** **Las Vegas Magazine**

Judge's Comment:

The Q&A section of the website allows readers to get to know people who work in the area. Las Vegas is full of entertainers and service workers and it is nice that there is a central location that features them.

- 3** **elevate Nevada**

ADVERTISING AWARDS

Urban Dailies

PRINT AD

Connected to the heart of our community.

LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

1ST Elaine Anderson—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Connected to the heart of our community

2 Jorge Betancourt—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Las Vegas Kitchen and Bath Remodeling

3 David Sly, Malachi Schlink—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Pierce Wealth Management

AD SERIES

1ST David Sly, Jorge Betancourt—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Las Vegas Aces Tip Off

2 Henry Hernandez—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Liquor World

NICHE MAGAZINE

1ST Angie Gutting, David Sly, Angela Johnson, Oscar Crespín, Las Vegas Review-Journal Creative
Department—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
New Homes Guide

Judge's Comment:
While judging this entry, I imagined myself as someone who's looking to buy a home in a specific neighborhood in Las Vegas, and this is exactly the kind of publication I would love to have in my hand. It's handy and it gives you a quick overview of each home. You can always follow up on a home and see more pictures online. It serves home buyers well.

2 David Sly, Dora Santiago, Angela Johnson, Malachi Schlink, Angie Gutting—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Highland Magazine

IN-HOUSE PROMOTION

1ST David Sly, Jorge Betancourt—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Decision 2018 Media Kit

Judge's Comment:
This sort of tell-a-ten-page-story-in-four-pages assignment is among the most challenging (and common) in marketing. Writer and designer did a good job of stuffing it all in in a logical, readable—and by leading with digital—strategic fashion.

2 Angie Gutting—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Las Vegas New Homes Guide Media Kit

Judge's Comment:
While this piece breaks no new ground either in presentation or selling proposition, it does an effective job of building the case for the guide brick-by-brick. It was the right approach for a B2B piece like this.

SPECIAL SECTION ADVERTISING

1ST Cathleen Allison, Teri Vance, Ched Whitney—*Nevada Momentum*
Carson City Visitors Guide - 2019 Arts and Culture Issue

Judge's Comment:
What I really like about this magazine is it contains real conversations about art and culture in Carson City. The layout is very pleasant, the articles are well written, and the magazine is quite informative about the arts and culture scene.

2 Cathleen Allison, Teri Vance, Ched Whitney—*Nevada Momentum*
Carson City Visitors Guide - 2018 Events & Outdoors issue

Judge's Comment:
I love this edition! If it had two more articles on the outdoors, it would have completely hooked my heart and won the competition.

3 Angie Gutting—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
2018 Silver Nugget Awards Program

DIGITAL STATIC AD

1ST Dany Haniff—*Las Vegas Sun*
Las Vegas Sun High School Basketball Media Day—Super Seven

Judge's Comment:
Appealing graphics and colors, love the black and gold basketball. Ad is clean and message is clear what, when and where.

2 Malachi Schlink, David Sly—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
DC to LV Debra Saunders Digital Campaign

Judge's Comment:
Clever logo, although I needed to read the explanation to understand what DC --> LV means, but that was directly underneath, so well done. Good call to action: "Sign up for free e-newsletter."

3 Dany Haniff—*Las Vegas Sun*
Las Vegas Sun High School Football Media Day

Judge's Comment:
Clear theme with appealing graphics/colors. Date and time was a bit hard to find, and coaches/players info is probably too small for digital format.

ADVERTISING INNOVATION

*(Urban Dailies, Intermediate)**

1ST David Sly, Angie Gutting—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Ed Bozarth Holiday Card Coupons

2 Mike McGarvey—*The Record Courier*
Green Living

3 Dolores Sarantes—*Pahrump Valley Times*
RV Superstore Insert

SPECIAL EVENT

(Urban Dailies, Urban Weeklies, Magazines)

1ST Melissa McCabe, Wanda Blair—
Las Vegas Review-Journal
2018 AgeWell Expo

2 Las Vegas Sun
Sun Standout Awards

Intermediate

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Followed by DJKJ

1ST Heather Ruth—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Halloween Party

Judge's Comment:
Clean design. Nice use of artwork. Easy to read.

2 Heather Ruth—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Golf Scramble

Judge's Comment:
Nice and clean design. Good use of artwork.

3 Dolores Sarantes—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Feed Pahrump

Judge's Comment:
Good use of artwork. Images a bit too small.

SPECIAL SECTION OR CAMPAIGN-ADVERTISING

(Community, Intermediate)*

1ST Shari Gilson, Teresa Stewart—*The Ely Times*

Visitors Guide

2 Heather Ruth, Dolores Sarantes—*Tonopah Times Bonanza*

Election 2018

3 Nancy Streets, Lizz Todd, Kassidy Arbillaga, Susan Goddard—*Elko Daily Free Press*

Cowboy Poetry

NICHE MAGAZINE

1ST Nancy Streets, Lizz Todd, Kassidy Arbillaga, Susan Goddard—*Elko Daily Free Press*

Mining Quarterly

Judge's Comment:
This magazine rides on the strengths of its content. It's not a delivery vehicle for ads. The magazine seriously covers the mining industry, and, I can only surmise, is the reason why it attracts advertisers. I loved its story on starting mining operations at Pumpkin Hollow. I loved the fact that it delved into what the mining would mean for Yerington. I'd love to see a follow up story on whether Nevada Copper has followed through on its promises.

2 Kevin MacMillan, Ryan Hoffman—*Nevada Appeal*

Tahoe Magazine

Judge's Comment:
How fortuitous! I'm traveling to Lake Tahoe in a few days, so I was curious if Tahoe Magazine would tell me what I need to know about the area, such as places to visit. The magazine didn't disappoint. It contains well-written articles, the layout is very clean and the production value is pretty high.

3 Kevin MacMillan—*Nevada Appeal*
Peak NV

ADVERTISING GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST The Record Courier
Judge's Comment:

Letter to Santa? With ads from a lot of companies saying Merry Christmas? Best ad concept I've seen all year!

2 Elko Daily Free Press

3 Nevada Appeal

PRINT AD

ON THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE
FARABEE'S
Jeep Rentals
Est. 1988

RENT A JEEP
—OR—
TAKE A TOUR
EXPLORE THE Wonders OF DEATH VALLEY

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1ST Dolores Sarantes—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Farabee's Jeep Rentals

2 Mike McGarvey—*The Record-Courier*
Green Living

Judge's Comment:
Visually striking. The text pops out at you without causing a brain overload.

3 Heather Ruth—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Wild West Extravaganza

Judge's Comment:
Clean aesthetic look and feel to this ad, which was a difficult achievement considering the large amount of text and the graphic overlay.

IN-HOUSE PROMOTION

(Intermediate, Community)*

1ST Mike McGarvey—*Lahontan Valley News*
Back 2 School

COMING SOON!
BACK to SCHOOL

Bus Schedules
Registration Information
Breakfast & Lunch Programs
Student Health Services
Phone Numbers
& Much More!

Showcase your business or service in this annual reference guide where parents can find everything school related!

PUBLICATION DATE: August 8th
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RECEIVE 10% OFF Advertising in 2 PUBLICATIONS
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FIRST RESPONDERS
CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL
SPECIAL OFFERS

Advertising Rates		
Full Page, Back Cover	10" x 11"	\$484
Inside Front/Back Covers	4.92" x 11"	\$288
Half Page	10" x 5.5"	\$164
Quarter page	4.92" x 5.5"	\$96
Eight Page	4.92" x 2.75"	\$96

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Lahontan VALLEY NEWS

2 Heather Ruth—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Attention Businesses

3 Dolores Sarantes—*Pahrump Valley Times*
Quarter Auction

ADVERTISING AWARDS

Urban Weeklies

AD SERIES

(Urban Weeklies, Magazines)*

1ST Emma Cauthorn, Elizabeth Brown,
Las Vegas Weekly Advertising Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

City National Bank Native Content

2 Emma Cauthorn, Elizabeth Brown,
Las Vegas Weekly Advertising Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

Station Casinos Native Content

SPECIAL SECTION OR CAMPAIGN-ADVERTISING

1ST Reno News & Review
Kids News & Review 2019

Judge's Comment:

The concept is pretty darn unique, and executed nicely. I would have loved bigger font types. But that's my only complaint. The stories showcase the work of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

2 Craig Peterson, Michele Hamrick,
Greenspun Media Group Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

Giving Guide

3 Craig Peterson, Michele Hamrick,
Greenspun Media Group Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

Top Doctors

NICHE MAGAZINE

1ST Craig Peterson, Michele Hamrick,
Greenspun Media Group Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

Health Care Quarterly

Judge's Comment:

Health Care Quarterly contains solid articles. Its layout is clean, uncluttered. The main feature story serves readers well. I, too, am interested in what doctors in the field see as their biggest challenges. Plus, many of their thoughts validate longstanding medical advice—prevention is key, a point that Dr. John Rhodes emphasized. Also, the magazine doesn't feel like a delivery vehicle for ads. Nice!

2 Las Vegas Weekly—Culture Weekly

ADVERTISING INNOVATION

(Urban Weeklies, Magazines)*

1ST Emma Cauthorn, Elizabeth Brown,
Las Vegas Weekly Advertising Staff—
Las Vegas Weekly

Native Content - Station Casinos

2 Adele Hoppe—Nevada Magazine
Card-detachable Aces ads

3 David Sly, Angela Johnson—Luxury Las
Vegas

Two New VU Neighborhoods

SHOULD YOUR BUSINESS LEASE OR BUY ITS OFFICE SPACE?

BENEFITS OF OWNING YOUR OFFICE SPACE
Beyond access to specialized loan programs, owning your office space can come with many benefits, including:

- FIXED EXPENSES**
While many business costs are subject to price fluctuations, you can have peace of mind knowing that your monthly property costs will remain the same. Even if you hold a long-term lease, the landlord can change the terms and raise rent once the lease period ends, which could force your company out unexpectedly.
- TAX BENEFITS**
There are several tax benefits, including being able to write off expenses as the property value increases. Unlike leasing, if you own your commercial property, you will be able to claim deductions on associated costs and expenses, such as interest payments and property taxes. There are also other tax strategies you may be able to take advantage of.
- EQUITY**
Owning a commercial property is a long-term asset for your portfolio that allows you to build equity and credit. For business owners, equity allows freedom and flexibility because the equity can be leveraged if needed. Equity can also increase the credit worthiness of your business, making it easier to qualify for loans that can facilitate company growth in the long term.

REAL ESTATE ADVICE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS
If you're considering a real estate investment for your business, consult your business advisor. He or she should be able to outline the possible risks and rewards, and help set reasonable goals customized for your business. Every business has different needs and considerations, so you need to be sure you're working with someone who understands that.

TYPES OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LOANS
Loan programs offered for commercial properties are different from those offered on residential. Similar to residential loans, a commercial program requires a 20 percent down payment. But business owners should look into alternatives as well. The SBA 504 loan program can be great for eligible businesses because it allows you to put 10 percent down at a fixed interest rate. For that, the also noted that some homeowners who put less than 20 percent down, borrowers using the SBA 504 program won't be required to pay PMI insurance.

SHOULD ALL BUSINESS OWNERS TRY TO BUY THEIR OFFICE SPACE?
While owning is always preferable, business owners need to be smart when buying. One with your means and don't drain cash flow. Additionally, if the deal will significantly affect operations, continue to lease until you're in a better position to buy," Ford said.

WHY NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO BUY
There's a lot of talk about stock market volatility, but being knowledgeable and reasonable about the market is necessary. "One of the most common pitfalls I see is people trying to time the market," Ford said. "Typically, the best time to buy something is when you're not looking at it. You're seeing the trends that we are currently. Don't wait for interest rates to go down. The environment appears to be right now."
Interest rates and land prices are rising, as are rent costs. Ford notes that interest rates are expected to go up once more this year and twice next year. "In the last month, the 10-year Treasury note has gone up 10 basis points. Since January, it's 40 basis points," Ford said. "Though the payment differential may seem small, it can add up to a significant fortune during the course of the loan."
For example, if you put 25 percent down on a property that costs \$750,000, financing \$562,500, and the interest differential is \$200 per month, it will amount to \$160,000 during the 25-year life of the loan.
Even though interest rates are going up, it's still a good time to buy real estate. Rates are historically low, and buying gives you an advantage over competitors that are renting," Ford said.

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IN-HOUSE PROMOTION

LOOK WHO'S TURNING
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CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF LAS VEGAS WEEKLY.

ON THE AT RECORDER SPEAKEASY CLUB

JANUARY 23RD FROM 9 TO 11PM

RSVP AT LASVEGASWEEKLY.COM/LVWB21

FEAT. SRRRP, JACK DANIEL'S

1ST Dany Haniff—
Las Vegas Weekly
Las Vegas Weekly's 21st Birthday

2 Cathy Arnold—Reno News & Review

3 Dany Haniff—Las Vegas Weekly
40 Under 40

Community

BLACK & WHITE AD

1ST Heather Ruth—
Tonopah Times Bonanza
Holiday Shopping

Judge's Comment:

Very nice looking ad. The layout and design are very slick and clean. A tad bit too many words but nice job on presenting all the information.

2 Dolores Sarantes—Tonopah Times Bonanza
Graveyard Stomp

Judge's Comment:

Good play on artwork. Easy to read. Good job!

3 Dolores Sarantes—Tonopah Times Bonanza
Horseshoe Tournament

Judge's Comment:

Strong play on typography. Would like to see the play on typeface throughout the ad. Good job!

Community continued

PRINT AD

1ST Dolores Sarantes—
Tonopah Times Bonanza
Tonopah Volunteer Ambulance

TONOPAH VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
Cordially invites you to
The Tonopah EMS Christmas Banquet
December 14th, 2018 • 6PM to 9PM
TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER
TLC will be providing a WET BAR and after party.
Music will be provided by The Stritenbergers.

EMS AWARDS WILL START AT 7 PM RAFFLE TO FOLLOW
EMS Christmas Raffle
Drawing will be shortly after 7pm. Prizes are in no order.

Front Sight Firearms	Lifetime Diamond Membership
Front Sight Firearms	Front Sight Course
Hometown Pizza	Lg Pepperoni Pizza
Beans & Brews	Gift Card
Sierra Vista Inn	\$50 cash prize
Raley's	Fall Basket
Alison's Pantry-Linda & Betty Gaye	\$50 gift certificate
TMS Booster Club	Seat Cushion
Tonopah Station	Dinner for two Tonopah Station
Tonopah Station	Dinner for two Bamboo Kitchen
Stage Stop Cafe	Breakfast for two
Central NV Museum	
Cal Nevada Towing	Free Alignment
A-Barl Two	\$25 gift certificate
Gifts & Things	Gift basket
Best Western	One night's free stay
Otteson Brothers Turquoise	White Buffalo Chain Bracelet \$280
Connie Ayers - Ayers Creations	One DZ frosted cinnamon rolls '20 value
M & K ENT	Party Grill
Cr8 Salon	\$40 Gift Certificate
Elaine at Cr8 Salon	Pedicure
Shaunna Ladner Bella Vita Salon	Hair product basket
Bria Galli Bella Vita Salon	
Debbie Roberts Bella Vita Salon	Hair Cut \$20 value
Diana Smith Bella Vita Salon	Two lotions
Kathy Quas Bella Vita Salon	Free one-hour massage
Vanwood Liquidations	\$25 gift certificate
Lightening Bug Candle Company	Holiday gift baskets and candles
Robert Ottesen	Jewelry
Howa 6.5 Creedmoor	High Powered Rifle with Scope
Trophy Room Services Inc	Shoulder Mount
Vangie's Hair Design	\$20 Gift Certificate
Vangie's Hair Design	\$15 Gift Certificate
AND MORE!!!!	List current as of 11/26/18

See Official Rules for additional information

Turkey banquet is provided, donations are welcome.

For Raffle Tickets or more information please contact:
Dawn 775-482-4424 • Stephanie 775-482-4809 •
Naomi 702-901-3797 • Dina 775-453-8735 • Mike 775-340-4329
Tamara 775-482-4471 • John 775-277-1532

Judge's Comment:
Great use of graphic space and blue color scheme.

2 Dolores Sarantes—*Tonopah Times Bonanza*
Irene Turns 95

Judge's Comment:
Easy to read, and clean, even with all of that text.

3 Teresa Stewart—*The Ely Times*
Re-Riders

Judge's Comment:
Great artwork.

Magazines

IN-HOUSE PROMOTION

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NEVADA MAGAZINE

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1ST Kippy Spilker, Alexandria Olivares-Wenzel, Carrie Roussel—
Nevada Magazine

Explore Nevada

2 Jorge Betancourt—*Luxury Las Vegas*
Junior Achievement One Sheet

3 Kippy Spilker, Carrie Roussel—*Nevada Magazine*
T-Shirts

ADVERTISING GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1ST Jaci Goodman—*edible Reno-Tahoe*
Judge's Comment:

One true mark of a successful publication is the number of advertisers it attracts, and on that mark, edible Reno-Tahoe scores pretty high. But wait -- there's more! The articles are well written. The layout is not clumsy, and I can't help but think about my dinner! I particularly loved the article on the future of local food. In the hands of a reporter and an editor with an ideological bent, it would have turned into a fire and brimstone sermon on the ills of modern life. Fortunately, it's a hopeful celebration of what human achievement looks like.

2 Adele Hoppe, Alex Olivares-Wenzel—
Nevada Magazine

Judge's Comment:

Who doesn't enjoy an article exploring the excesses of journalists of old? The Mysterious 'Mangler' is an enjoyable read. The magazine is nicely put together.

3 Las Vegas Magazine Advertising Staff—
Las Vegas Magazine

PRINT AD

Replacement Windows | French Doors | Entry Doors | Gliding Doors

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(Magazines, Urban Weeklies) *

1ST Jorge Betancourt, David Sly—
Luxury Las Vegas
Renewal by Anderson

Judge's Comment:

Nice photos and a very clean design. Nice work!

2 Malachi Schlink, David Sly—*Luxury Las Vegas*
MJ Christensen Diamonds

Judge's Comment:

I love the colors, the design, and the interesting group of jewelry in this ad. It is an eye-catcher, for sure!

3 Alexandria Olivares-Wenzel, Adele Hoppe—
Nevada Magazine
Tonopah

Judge's Comment:

Love the photos and the fonts. The b/w photo at the bottom left also is a nice touch.

AD SERIES

1ST C.J. Hadley, John Bardwell—
Range Magazine
The Magnificent American West

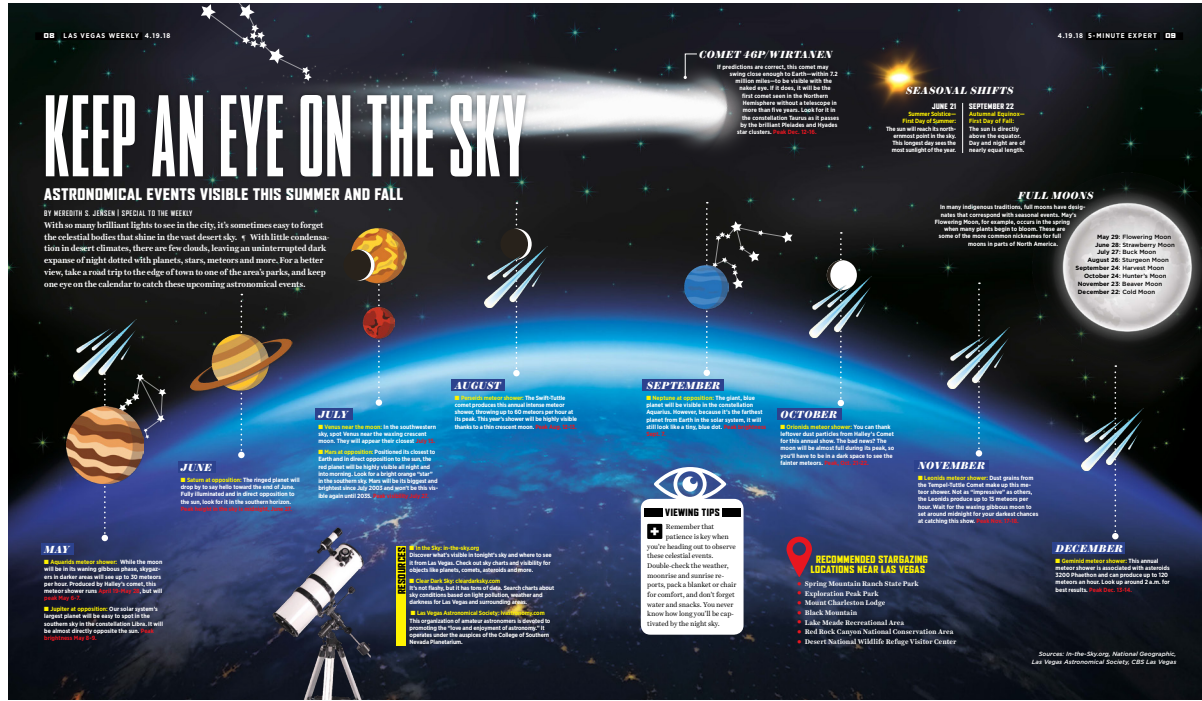
2 Adele Hoppe, Kippy Spilker, Alexandria Olivares-Wenzel—
Nevada Magazine
Tonopah

MORE OF THE BEST

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Urban Weeklies

Ian Racoma—Las Vegas Weekly



PAGE 1 DESIGN

Urban Weeklies

Maria Ratnova, Sarah Hansel, Mike Bieker, Jaxon Northon—Reno News & Review



SPORTS PHOTO

Urban Weeklies

Wade Vandervort—Las Vegas Weekly



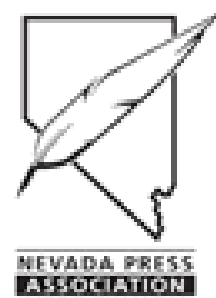
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