

2022

Annual Contest Winners

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
Nevada
PRESS FOUNDATION

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Bizuayehu Tesfaye
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Jorge Gomez fact-finding review

Judge's Comment

I felt this photo. And when I closed my eyes, I could still feel it. Amazing job of storytelling and capturing pure, raw, emotion with vivid detail and skill. Well done.

OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST

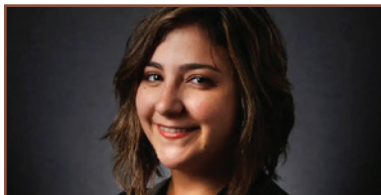


Art Kane

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: I was blown away by the way Kane attacked so many varied topics. His reporting was direct, simple and unafraid. There is nothing more you can ask from a journalist.

JOURNALIST OF MERIT



Briana Erickson

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Love Erickson's writing style and how she makes the stories come alive. This is what will keep journalism alive. Keep it up.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

1st Place

Scott Davidson, Art Kane, Jeff German, Shea Johnson, Rio Lacanlale, Steve Sebelius
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Public records reporting

Judge's Comment: Well written and informative.

Second Place

Siobhan McAndrew
Reno Gazette-Journal

WCSD paid \$4.4M settlement to family after alleged child abuse on school bus over 6-month period

Third Place

Ric Anderson, Ray Brewer, Jessica Hill
Las Vegas Sun

Reporting on the Nevada System of Higher Education

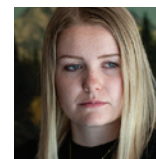
EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR

Victor Joecks
Las Vegas Review-Journal

CSD Board should reject grading changes

Judge's Comment: Job well done! Great arguments and resolution.

OUTSTANDING VISUAL JOURNALIST



Ellen Schmidt

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Wow! The fantastic work and professional package put this entry over the top. You feel the emotions when looking at Ellen's work. Great job!



STORY OF THE YEAR

Art Kane
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Flawed Discipline

Judge's Comment: An important story well researched and written.



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SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS CONTINUED

VIDEO OF THE YEAR

**Rachel Aston, Art Kane,
David Guzman, Rhonda Prast**
Las Vegas Review-Journal

**An impaired driver, officers chose not to stop him —
and a family forever changed**

Judge's Comment: Absolutely gut-wrenching video of a complete tragedy. Excellent reporting. The video brings you into the tragedy whether or not you want go there. Will be hard to forget.

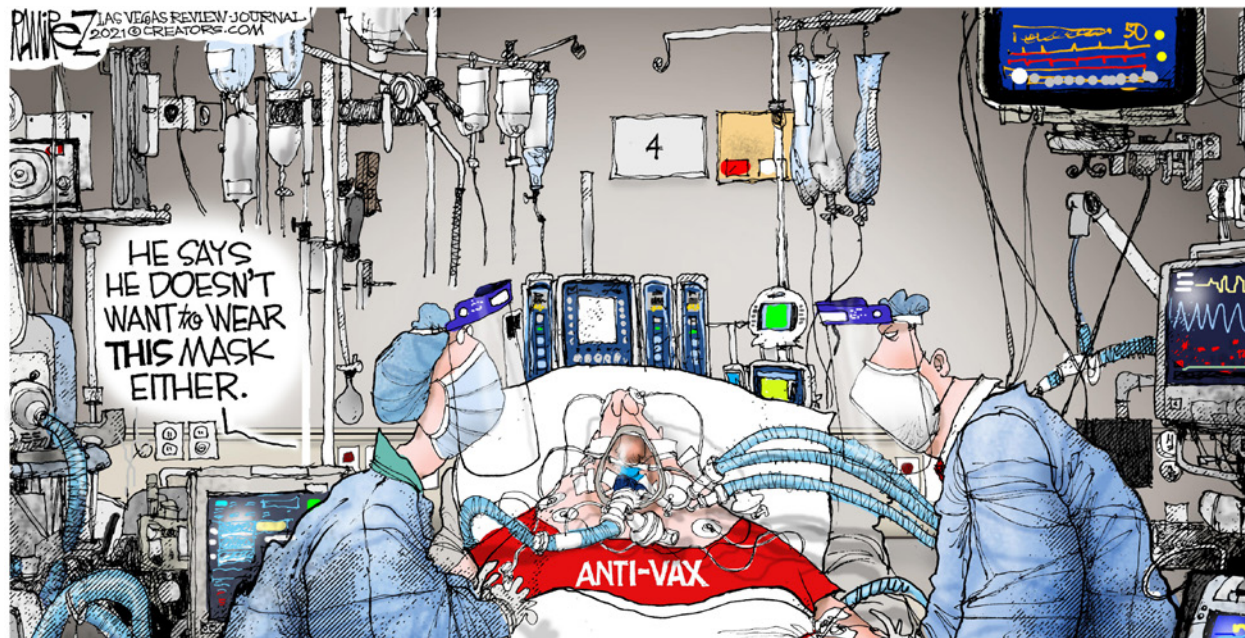
PODCAST OF THE YEAR

Jeff German, Larry Mir
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Mobbed Up

Judge's Comment: I found all the entries in this category to be extremely strong and I could make a case for all of them to be the winner. But this podcast gets my vote as the best. It's so well-researched, so entertaining, such great storytelling. It's the perfect podcast.

EDITORIAL CARTOON OF THE YEAR



Michael Ramirez, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Tragedy and comedy in a single panel. Well-executed commentary on a perplexing response to a potentially life-saving vaccine.

2022 Hall of Fame Inductees

Tom Tait



Tom Tait was a Las Vegas-based Associated Press news editor who hired reporters, mentored writers and guided coverage in Nevada and surrounding states from 2000 to 2022.

He retired in June 2022 as Southwest AP news editor for Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada after 45 years in journalism in California and Nevada.

The roster of reporters Tait managed speaks volumes. He

joined a Nevada AP staff of names familiar to Nevada Press Association members, including three who are Hall of Fame members: Robert Macy, Tim Dahlberg and Brendan Riley. He also hired or guided dozens of gifted AP journalists, including Pulitzer Prize winners Adam Goldman and Hannah Dreier.

"I think a news editor can be measured by the quality of the report and the character of the people they enlist for the job," said Ken Ritter, a longtime AP news reporter who worked with Tait for almost 25 years. "The roster of reporters Tom has managed speaks volumes."

Tait edited the Spartan Daily at San Jose State University in the 1970s. He worked at the

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Bob Brown



Brown made his most significant contribution to Nevada journalism as owner and publisher of the North Las Vegas Valley Times from 1973 to 1984.

He bought the paper from former Las Vegas Sun managing editor Adam Yacenda and two years later turned the weekly paper into a daily. At the time, it made Las Vegas the only city aside from New York with three daily newspapers. Competition with the

Sun and the Las Vegas Review-Journal was intense, but the Valley Times forged a unique path, revolutionizing coverage of politics and gaming in the state, focusing on the business of the gaming industry and on organized crime.

"He turned (the Valley Times) into a must-read publication for politicians, business people and gamers, even though by 1979 its circulation (was dwarfed by its competitors)," wrote Jane Ann Morrison in the Review-Journal.

Brown assembled a talented staff of reporters, including eventual Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame members Ned Day and A.D. Hopkins. Day had unparalleled sources in law enforcement and organized crime, enabling him to uncover mob influence in the

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Steve Carp



Steve Carp has covered many of the biggest events and personalities in Las Vegas sports history.

For the Las Vegas Sun, he reported on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas men's basketball national championship run in 1990 and return to the Final Four in 1991. He was the Las Vegas Review-Journal's lead writer for the expansion season of the Vegas Golden Knights during the team's march to the Stanley Cup final. And he was the paper's lead boxing writer at the height of Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s career, covering all of the major fights held in Nevada during that period

along with the boxing careers of world champions Manny Pacquiao, Oscar De La Hoya, Canelo Alvarez, Gennady Glolovkin, Shawn Porter, Jessie Vargas and Ishe Smith.

Carp reported on the 2007 NBA All-Star Game and the first 12 years of the NBA Summer League, as well as the Hall of Fame career of tennis great Andre Agassi. Las Vegas also learned about college and professional football, baseball, golf and soccer, including the 1994 World Cup, from Carp's reports.

The Brooklyn native moved to Las Vegas in August 1988 to work at the Sun. He joined the Review-Journal in 1999 and left the paper in 2018 to serve as senior editor of Gaming Today, where he managed a staff of 32 writers. He helped the weekly become an award-winning national paper that covered the growth of sports betting outside of Nevada, as well as the casino industry and Las Vegas entertainment scene.

Earlier in his career, Carp worked

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Los Angeles Herald Examiner, the Camarillo Daily News, the Daily Pilot in Costa Mesa and the Orange County Register before spending nine years managing and editing The Desert Sun, a Gannett newspaper. He became AP news editor in Las Vegas in February 2000.

Tait's name wasn't in the byline. But his imprint was everywhere in the AP report.

He oversaw coverage of elections; the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001; entertainer Roy Horn's mauling in 2003 by a white tiger at The Mirage; the 2006 shooting death of a judge in Reno; the 2007 arrest of O.J. Simpson and his trial,

conviction and release in Lovelock in October 2017 – the same day a gunman killed 58 people in the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history on the Las Vegas Strip.

There were corruption scandals, casino implosions and openings; the effects of the Great Recession of 2008; the Sagebrush rebellion and an armed standoff at the Bundy ranch; shootings of a judge in Reno in 2006 and at an iHOP restaurant in Carson City in 2011; the long political fight before the federal Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project was shelved; the rise and fall of water levels at Lake Mead; and the coronavirus pandemic and casino closures in 2020. ■

Jane Ann Morrison



Jane Ann Morrison worked for four newspapers over 48 years and during 44 of those years she was based in Las Vegas, reporting on everything from the mob to gaming and politics.

She arrived in Vegas in 1976 to work for the Review-Journal, where she reported on-and-off for 38 years. She started as the night cops reporter, wrote magazine features and became the newspaper's federal court reporter around the time the FBI began focusing on bringing down the Las

Vegas mob.

Morrison wrote about then-Gaming Commission Chairman Harry Reid during this period, when Reid publicly beefed with mobsters like Frank Rosenthal. She also covered Oscar Goodman when he was a lawyer for mob enforcer Anthony Spilotro and wrote many columns about his mayoral days. She was the first to confirm that Rosenthal was a government informant, although Goodman consistently denied it.

Writing about political corruption and gangsters like Spilotro and Rosenthal turned out to be perfect training for becoming the Reno Gazette-Journal's Las Vegas bureau chief in 1986. She also covered the 1987 and 1989 Nevada legislative sessions for the Gazette-Journal, which prepared her to become the Review-

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gaming industry.

Unfortunately, three dailies in the same city became financially untenable and when the Valley Times ran into trouble Brown got involved in an advertising scheme that allowed mob figures to launder money. After he was caught, he said he did it to keep the paper alive.

Brown also stopped paying taxes. In 1982, the IRS seized the Valley Times' assets to cover \$200,000 in back taxes, leading the paper to declare bankruptcy. Brown was indicted on tax charges and pleaded guilty in 1983.

Shortly before he died at the age of 54 in 1984, Brown testified against a participant in the money-laundering scheme. The prosecutor later wrote, "Brown has devoted a large measure of his life to the public affairs of this state when any number of other pursuits

would have been easier and more financially rewarding."

Brown served as editor of the Review-Journal from 1961 to 1964, when he resigned over a dispute with the owner regarding political coverage. After leaving the paper, Brown worked briefly as a speechwriter for then-U.S. Senate candidate Paul Laxalt.

Two years later he moved to Tucson to serve as the first editor of a new paper, the Tucson Daily American.

Brown was also a correspondent in Asia for UPI, worked as a journalist in Alaska and Arkansas, and served as editor and publisher of the Lacey (Wash.) Leader. He also served as a chairman of the Nevada State Tax Commission.

Brown was posthumously honored as a Distinguished Nevadan by the Nevada System of Higher Education. ■

Jeff German 1953-2022



“There weren’t a lot of things I wanted to talk about. Every day and every afternoon, Jeff would call me. There is one person who had the inside of the entire (Binion) case, and that was Jeff. He just would not give up.”

David Roger, former Clark County District Attorney

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“Jeff was tough but fair and a great mentor to young reporters both at the Sun and the Review-Journal.”

Gov. Steve Sisolak

“He had a strong sense of right and wrong. If he thought someone was wrong or wronging the little guy, it was part of his DNA to go after it guns blazing.”

George McCabe, longtime friend

“He was fair. He was transparent. He was as good as they come. ... He got it right. He never misquoted me. ... And so I respected him.”

Kathleen Bliss, former Assistant U.S. Attorney

“(His sources) trusted him. They knew whatever they said, whether it was on background or for print, that Jeff would get it right and they could trust him. ... He believed it, and he lived it. And that’s what made him such an outstanding journalist.”

Brian Greenspun, Chairman and CEO, Greenspun Media Group

“(Jeff) was a fearless reporter. If a story was there, he didn’t care who it was. Christ, look at the people he went after, that he’s written stories about. Let’s face it, there was no one he would back off. ... He was sort of the embodiment of the First Amendment. To have a vigorous First Amendment you need vigorous reporters.”

Tom Pitaro, criminal defense attorney

“Jeff’s loss is immeasurable. I absolutely loved working with him and I will sorely miss our daily calls and nonstop Slack conversations. He leaves behind a body of watchdog work that would be the envy of any reporter.”

Rhonda Prast, Review-Journal assistant managing editor of investigations and engagement

“Jeff was an amazing reporter and an even more amazing person. His passion for his craft never wavered, his energy for stories was infectious, and his ability to reinvent himself was limitless.”

Anastasia Hendrix, Review-Journal managing editor

“He was a real old school journalist. He respected the role of the press and looked at both sides of a story.”

David Chesnoff, defense attorney

“He got people. And he got it from an underdog point of view. He didn’t care who he was going to piss off. He didn’t care if he offended people. I always had the sense that he loved what he did because he made a difference for the underdog – that was his currency. ... He did such a service by really digging and following what was affecting people. There’s never going to be another Jeff German.”

Lisa Rasmussen, criminal defense lawyer

“Jeff had a way of squeezing all the information a source had out of them. Many Las Vegans may not realize they’ve lost someone who wrote the first draft of our young community’s history.”

Francis McCabe, former Review-Journal reporter

“The last thing I would say about Jeff is that anything scared him or that he was afraid. He was prepared to go after anyone who was doing something not in the public interest.”

Alan Feldman, former MGM Resorts International executive

“Jeff spent over 40 years covering the worst of the worst of Las Vegas. This was a guy who ran down mobsters, wise guys and killers.”

Glenn Cook, Review-Journal executive editor

“He was not someone who was easily intimidated. Getting to the truth, that was more important to him than his own well-being or being popular.”

Geoff Schumacher, journalist and The Mob Museum VP

“I remember when I started as a columnist, and I always turned to Jeff’s column early in the morning to see if he had scooped me. He would not let go of a story once he was on it. That’s what he was known for.”

Jon Ralston, CEO, The Nevada Independent



ADVERTISING

Urban, Magazines

IN-HOUSE ADVERTISING

1st Place

**Katie Dixon,
Samantha Petsch**
Las Vegas Weekly

**Women Inspiring Nevada
2021**

Judge's Comment: The design and colors for this event are stunning! The look and feel was consistent throughout and maintained a strong brand identity for the event.



Second Place

**Katie Dixon,
Samantha Petsch,
Alexandra Gex,
Alexandra Sunga**
Las Vegas Weekly

C-Suite Honors 2022

Judge's Comment: The design was strong and consistent.



Third Place

**Katie Dixon, Samantha Petsch, Alexandra Gex,
Alexandra Sunga**
Las Vegas Magazine

Las Vegas Magazine Hall of Fame 2022

Urban, Rural

SPECIAL SECTION OR CAMPAIGN (ADVERTISING)

1st Place

Nancy Streets, Susan Goddard
Elko Daily Free Press

Nurses—The Heart of Healthcare

Judge's Comment: This is a visually appealing section with great photos and a good variety of honorees. The ads complemented the awards listings and the use of color was excellent.

Urban, Magazines, Rural

SPECIAL EVENT

1st Place

**Katie Dixon,
Samantha Petsch**
Las Vegas Weekly

Best of Vegas 2021

Judge's Comment: This entry showcases how the community engaged with this contest and voted on their favorite Las Vegas businesses.



Second Place

**Katie Dixon,
Samantha Petsch,
Alexandra Gex,
Alexandra Sunga**
Las Vegas Weekly

40 Under 40 2022



Third Place

**Tara Addeo, Kurt Hildebrand,
Sarah Drinkwine**
The Record-Courier

Best of Carson Valley

Judge's Comment: Great display on how this contest generated revenue!

Second Place

Angie Gutting, Olivia Kuntz, David Sly
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Silver Nugget Awards

Third Place

Jorge Betancourt, David Sly
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Best of Las Vegas 2022

Magazines, Rural

ADVERTISING GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1st Place

Jaci Goodman
edible Reno-Tahoe

Judge's Comment: Beautiful color and placement of advertising.

Second Place

The Record-Courier

Third Place

Nevada Appeal

Rural

IN-HOUSE ADVERTISING

1st Place

Mike McGarvey
Nevada Appeal

Nevada Appeal App

Judge's Comment: QR Codes! What's old is new again and what a great way to bring them back. Aesthetically the ad pops and the background image is beautiful.

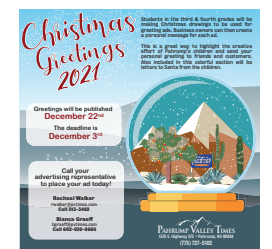


Second Place

Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

**Christmas Greetings Call
2021**

Judge's Comment: The desert-themed snow globe is a great design — with weather unknown, it speaks to the community well. The promotion is unique and very community-centric.



Third Place

Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

Progress 2022 Call to Advertisers

Judge's Comment: Great use of color and design in the ad. Certainly catches the eye and the message is pretty straightforward. Using images of actual customers to provide a sense of "what could be" for new customers is also smart.

Urban, Rural

PRINT AD 1/2 PAGE OR LARGER

1st Place

Jorge Betancourt, Brandi Munn, Chris Sothman

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Las Vegas Kitchen & Bath

Judge's Comment: Eye-catching — made me want to stop and inspect the ad.

★ HIGH QUALITY WORK ★ COMPLETION ON TIME ★ COMPETITIVE PRICES ★
★ SATISFACTION GUARANTEED ★ NOT A SUBCONTRACTOR ★

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KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELING LLC

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0% INTEREST
NO PAYMENTS
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LasVegasKitchenAndBathRemodeling.com

Second Place

Jorge Betancourt, David Sly, Malachi Schlink, Olivia Kuntz

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Class of 2021

Third Place

Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

Pahrump Music Festival

Urban, Rural

DIGITAL AD

1st Place

Malachi Schlink
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Meat Up Las Vegas

Judge's Comment: Eye catching and really showed off the product well. Simple but effective.

Second Place

David Sly, Malachi Schlink, Brandi Munn
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Lighting Digital

Judge's Comment: Many well-executed elements. Visually engaging.

Third Place

David Sly
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Johnny on The Spot

Judge's Comment: The design was simple and effective and translated well into different sizes.

MEAT UP
WHOLESALE VEGAS

GIVE THE GIFT OF GOOD TASTE
\$50 GIFT CARD OFF
YOUR NEXT PURCHASE

MORE INFORMATION

Urban

PRINT AD LESS THAN 1/2 PAGE

Up here, the world slows down,
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Christopher Homes

Second Place

Henry Hernandez
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Vitalant

Judge's Comment: Nice use of color.

Rural

PRINT AD LESS THAN 1/2 PAGE

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 16
Ivan Deutch Memorial Park • 10am – 3pm

Music
Presentations from Local Environmental Groups
Food & Drink
Solar Cooking Demonstration

1st Place

Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

Earth Day Celebration Banner

Judge's Comment: Bright and simple ad that uses the space effectively.

Second Place

Dolores Sarantes
Tonopah Times Bonanza

Town of Tonopah Upcoming Events

Judge's Comment: This ad will get just the right amount of attention without overburdening the space with too much information. Very clean design.

Third Place

Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

Halloween Music Party

Judge's Comment: Great use of space, and the black and white works better for the ad content than color would. Nice ad.

1st Place

David Sly, Jorge Betancourt
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Christopher Homes Sky Vu

Judge's Comment: This advertisement is breathtaking with the view and messaging!

Third Place

Jorge Betancourt, Brandi Munn
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Del La Couture

Judge's Comment: Nice imagery used in ad.

FEATURE PHOTO



1st Place

Steve Marcus, *Las Vegas Sun*

Judge's Comment: Photo commands attention on the first look and gets better with repeat viewing. Stark contrasts in light really give it energy.

Second Place

Andy Barron, *Reno Gazette-Journal*

Mischievous

Judge's Comment: Terrific job of evoking emotion with nothing but a quick glance. Despite the masks I can sense the emotions of both children. Nice job of capturing a stolen moment.

Third Place

Wade Vandervort, *Las Vegas Sun*

The Rolling Stones

Judge's Comment: Lighting, color and facial expressions really pop in this one. Even if someone hadn't heard of the Stones, they would know them by this photo.

ADVERTISING CONTINUED

Rural
MAGAZINE

1st Place

**Nancy Streets, Susan Goddard,
Seana Chapman, Carol Mott**
Elko Daily Free Press

Mining the West

Second Place

**Nancy Streets, Susan Goddard,
Seana Chapman, Carol Mott**
Elko Daily Free Press

Health & Wellness

Third Place

Tara Addeo, *The Record-Courier*
Best of Carson Valley



GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

1st Place

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Second Place

The Nevada Independent

Third Place

Reno Gazette-Journal

OVERALL DESIGN

1st Place

John Taylor, Dave Mondt
Las Vegas Sun

Judge's Comment: Overall, good play with art.

Second Place

Las Vegas Review-Journal

HEALTH/COVID ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place**Mary Hynes***Las Vegas Review-Journal***New drug gives couple hope in Alzheimer's fight**

Judge's Comment: Solid reporting expertly blended with this heart-breaking look at a real-life situation makes for a compelling story. The author did an exceptional job weaving in the research history of the drug with a very nuanced look at its effectiveness.

Second Place

Mary Hynes*Las Vegas Review-Journal***Birth and death: Unvaccinated mom dies after child is born**

Judge's Comment: A sobering yet balanced report on a tragic COVID death. While it pointed out the CDC data on the difference in risk between vaccinated and unvaccinated pregnant women, the story rightly focused on the human element of this tragedy without becoming preachy or taking sides.

Third Place

April Corbin Girnus*Nevada Current***Vaccines and political candidates****MORRISON, continued from page 4**

Journal's political reporter when she returned to the paper in 1990. In the early aughts, she reported on Clark County Commissioner Dario Herrera's shady dealings and juicy contract with the Las Vegas Housing Authority even before it was revealed the FBI was investigating him for taking bribes.

Morrison became the Review-Journal's first female general interest columnist in 2003 and wrote about everything from politics, the mob and corrupt politicians to hoarders, cookies and coloring her hair for the first time.

Her columns were deeply reported; when she found a topic that interested her she stuck with it. One of her crusades led the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners to put disciplinary actions against doctors back on its website after the board had removed that information. Sometimes

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place**Jim Krajewski***Reno Gazette-Journal***70 days, 19 hours, 29 minutes — how a Reno rower nearly didn't complete cross-Atlantic voyage**

Judge's Comment: Great story of determination and self discipline. Almost takes readers into the boat themselves.

Second Place

Sam Gordon*Las Vegas Review-Journal***Henry Ruggs' Alabama hometown hurting following fatal crash**

Judge's Comment: The top three stories in this category were all great.

Third Place

Jim Krajewski*Reno Gazette-Journal***'Goosebumps all the way down': Run for Stewart Indian School escape brings reflection, tears and healing**

she failed. Her advocacy for appointing rather than electing state judges didn't persuade voters.

In 2014, she cut back from three columns a week to one before completely retiring in 2018.

Morrison began her career in 1971 as a "copykid" for the Christian Science Monitor in Boston. Two years later she moved back to her birthplace, Fort Smith, Ark., to work for the Southwest Times Record, where she covered everything from cows killed in the road to Bill Clinton's failed run for Congress.

She was also the only one in the newsroom the day former South Vietnam Prime Minister Ng Cao Ky was spotted eating lunch at a hotel coffee shop by the paper's publisher. She rushed to interview Ky and ended up accompanying him to Fort Chaffee. ■

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1st Place**Scott Davidson, Rio Lacanlale,****L.E. Baskow***Las Vegas Review-Journal***Thousands of police calls and patrols**

Judge's Comment: There is a tremendous amount of research and insight in this entry. It covers an existing problem and looks to the future. Great work every newspaper should review.

Second Place

Jason Hidalgo*Reno Gazette-Journal***The Great Resignation: Why are employers in Reno, and nation, struggling to find workers?**

Third Place

Jason Hidalgo*Reno Gazette-Journal***Gilman vs Berns: How 'Innovation Zone' pitch set two powerful business magnates at odds****CARP, continued from page 4**

as a sports reporter at the Peninsula Times Tribune in Palo Alto, Calif. and the Statesman-Journal in Salem, Ore. He was also sports editor of the Mountain Democrat in Placerville, Calif.

Carp has too many journalism awards to fit in any reasonably sized basement. He is already a member of two other Halls of Fame — the U.S. Basketball Writers and the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame. He was named Nevada Sportswriter of the Year six times by the Nevada Sports Media Association, and has won numerous writing and reporting awards from the Nevada Press Association, Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Press Sports Editors. His work has also appeared in national publications, including Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News, Basketball Times, The Hockey News and Street & Smith's.

He is the author of two books — "Vegas Born: The remarkable story of the Golden Knights" and "Runnin': UNLV Rebels – A Basketball Legacy." ■

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

James Dehaven, Jason Hidalgo,
Ed Komenda

Reno Gazette-Journal

How a cryptocurrency tycoon tried to work Nevada's elite to get his own government

Judge's Comment: The Reno Gazette Journal and their reporters spared no effort and left no stone unturned in their enterprising package of stories on a proposed innovation zone, an idea that could have dramatically altered local government. The reporters did a good job of describing the concept and its workings in a way that could be understood by the lay person. Moreover they presented an in-depth portrait of the man behind the concept, seen alternately as a innovator and a dreamer.

Second Place

Sean Golonka, Tabitha Mueller,
Michelle Rindels

The Nevada Independent

Death penalty coverage

Judge's Comment: In a well-reported package, the reporters followed a legislative labyrinth in explaining how a death penalty repeal bill that appeared on the way to approval by Nevada lawmakers and the state's governor came to be killed. But the reporters and their news organization didn't stop there. They put a human face on the issue in a sidebar that revisited the 20-year-old death row case that gave impetus to the legislation, that of a young man whose downward spiral culminated in the slaying of four people in a Las Vegas supermarket. The story does not overlook the trauma and grief inflicted on his victims.

Third Place

Rio Lacanlale

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Mesquite series

Judge's Comment: The reporter and the Las Vegas Review Journal demonstrated commendable enterprise and narrative skills in presenting a multimedia report about a young woman whose story of being raped fell on deaf ears, ultimately leading to rifts within a small Nevada community and prompting an investigation into a police union's improper use of city resources for political purposes. The video that accompanied the print stories showed to great effect the trauma suffered by the sexual assault victim.

Urban, Rural

VIDEO PROGRAM OR SERIES

1st Place

Tim Lenard, Joey Lovato

The Nevada Independent

Nevadans at Work

Judge's Comment: This is the clear winner in this category. This entry is entertaining, informative, and educational, and it taught me things I never would have learned had I not watched this series. This is journalism at its finest.

Second Place

Michael Grimala

Las Vegas Sun

Take a Lap

Third Place

7@7 Team

Las Vegas Review-Journal

7@7

SPORTS PHOTO



1st Place

Benjamin Hager

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Steelers leap past the Raiders

Judge's Comment: Great stop action, good position, good composition, crisp and clean. Excellent shot. Hands down winner.

Second Place

Steve Marcus

Las Vegas Sun

VGK Sharks

Judge's Comment: Good stop action, crisp and clean, tough to get this kind of shot. Well done.

Third Place

Andy Barron

Reno Gazette-Journal

Bullfighting at the Reno Rodeo

Judge's Comment: Good timing, nice stop action, good composition, crisp and clean. Nice to see the rodeo clowns get some press.



PORTRAIT

1st Place**Rachel Aston***Las Vegas Review-Journal***Nye County Crash**

Second Place

Jason Bean*Reno Gazette-Journal***A man who gave his name as N.O. poses for a portrait**

Third Place

David Calvert*The Nevada Independent***Ryan Callahan and his mother, Kim**

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING

1st Place*Las Vegas Review-Journal***Henry Ruggs charged with DUI after fatal car crash**

Judge's Comment: This comprehensive and thoughtful series of reports had me whispering "wow" as I read and watched the material. Congratulations to all.

Second Place

Rio Lacanlale*Reno Gazette-Journal***Preschooler found dead in freezer after sibling brings note to school, tipping off police**

Judge's Comment: I had to read the headline twice to comprehend the horror of the dead child's final moments, and as I read the story and looked at the pictures, grieved for what was left of his mother's life.

Third Place

Ricardo Torres-Cortez, Jonah Dylan, David Wilson*Las Vegas Review-Journal***Driver in crash that killed 9 traveling 'in excess of 100 mph,' police say**

Judge's Comment: Comprehensive and heartbreaking. Also, seems like the roads in Las Vegas are very dangerous.

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS STORY

1st Place**Amy Alonzo***Reno Gazette-Journal***Cryptocurrency company blocks Nevada Department of Wildlife from monitoring wild sheep**

Judge's Comment: This story stood out from the pack — it wasn't about a casino or from a public meeting. It was different but important subject matter. Getting this story took some ingenuity from the reporter. Nice writing.

Second Place

Jason Hidalgo*Reno Gazette-Journal***Spat between union, developer over Harrah's Reno remodel heats up again**

Judge's Comment: This story made me think of "The Sopranos." Colorful writing and subject matter you just don't see every day.

Third Place

Vincent Bonsignore*Las Vegas Review-Journal***Las Vegas to host Super Bowl in 2024, sources say**

Judge's Comment: Huge scoop on a story that will have a major impact on Las Vegas.

LOCAL COLUMN

1st Place**Victor Joecks***Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Judge's Comment: Bravo, job well done. Nicely written and articulated.

Second Place

Rick Velotta*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Third Place

Michael Schaus*The Nevada Independent**Urban, Rural*

OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGNER

1st Place**Tony Morales***Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Judge's Comment: Love how the visual elements were used as critical storytelling components!

MULTIPLE PHOTO ESSAY OR GALLERY

1st Place

Wade Vandervort
Las Vegas Sun

Tina Tintor Vigil

Judge's Comment: So impactful! Composition was excellent and you told an evocative story through your images. The attention to detail was excellent.

Second Place

Jason Bean
Reno Gazette-Journal

Caldor Fire containment

Judge's Comment: Powerful images brought your viewer in. Composition was excellent and point of view was very realistic. Loved the detail in the water shots.

Third Place

Ellen Schmidt
Las Vegas Review-Journal

A loss that lingers

Judge's Comment: Very impactful. The emotion was felt through the images. Great variety in shots to tell the story.



ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Christopher Lawrence
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Not fit for a King

Judge's Comment: Great headline! Well-written article that surprised me. I anticipated another "Elvis" fluff piece.

Second Place

Jason Bracelin
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Remembering Tupac

Third Place

Jenny Kane
Reno Gazette-Journal

Feels good to be back at the theater — especially when Broadway's 'Hamilton' is showing

LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN

1st Place

Ray Brewer
Las Vegas Sun

From the Pressbox

Judge's Comment: Good writing, good flow, excellent column on sportsmanship.

Second Place

Sam Gordon
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Good variety of topics, nice tough stand on Pro Bowl.

Third Place

Ed Graney
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Good to see a writer take an unpopular stand.

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place

Christopher Lawrence
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Loved the word play and creativity on these headlines.

Second Place

John Taylor
Las Vegas Sun

Third Place

Joe Hawk
Las Vegas Review-Journal

NEWS PHOTO COVERAGE

1st Place

Jeff Scheid
The Nevada Independent

Photo of mothers embracing during a school district meeting

Second Place

Wade Vandervort
Las Vegas Sun

Kenny Lee Vigil

Third Place

David Calvert
The Nevada Independent

Dead fish in dried out Little Washoe Lake.



SPORTS SPOT NEWS STORY

1st Place

David Schoen
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Marc-Andre Fleury 'grateful for my time' as Golden Knight

Judge's Comment: Set a positive tone for a story about the ending of a professional sports relationship.

Second Place

Mick Akers
Las Vegas Review-Journal

MLS expansion team in Las Vegas step closer to reality

Third Place

Jim Krajewski
Reno Gazette-Journal

Jaclyn Jones remembered as strong, loving, witty and a fighter; services set for Feb. 12

NEWS OBITUARY

1st Place

Frank X. Mullen
Reno News & Review

Rural arts community mourns Valerie Serpa

Judge's Comment: What a tribute to a local soul lost too soon! The personal details and fantastic writing in this unexpected news obit put this over the top!

Second Place

Mary Hynes
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Birth and death: Unvaccinated mom dies after child is born

Third Place

Katelyn Newberg
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Lee's Discount Liquor founder Hae Un Lee dies at 79

BUSINESS FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Jason Hidalgo
Reno Gazette-Journal

How one man's shipping container housing pitch turned into a nightmare for Reno nonprofits

Judge's Comment: A great blend of investigative work and solid writing. The first three paragraphs set the reader up for what was to come. Deep sourcing and a well-structured framework for the article also kept my interest and left no questions unanswered, weaving the tale of the man behind the shipping container developments and those who encountered him and were left in dismay. I would be very interested to read any follow up to see how this continues to unfold.

Second Place

Howard Stutz
The Nevada Independent

Decades-long feud between Culinary and Station Casinos continues

Judge's Comment: A compelling narrative from start to finish, blending minute details that spell out both the monetary and human costs of this dispute. Intriguing choice to start the piece with events from two years earlier, yet that moment in time illustrates the national impact of this business vs union yarn, that is apparently being studied under a microscope by legal experts everywhere. Considering the noticeable shift to retail unionization that is happening in 2022, this article will easily stand the test of time.

Third Place

Jason Hidalgo, Jenny Kane
Reno Gazette-Journal

'How do you run out of sand?' Supply chain crisis squeezes Reno businesses, drives change

Judge's Comment: Amid the myriad articles written about the effect of supply chain issues or the Great Resignation amid the pandemic, this one stood out not just for putting a face on a business problem, but for being forward looking to point out that the logjam also creates business opportunities for new industrial development or repurposing existing facilities to prop up the logistics sector. The writers obviously asked a lot of very detailed questions, and ended up with pretty compelling quotes and minute details to support the premise of the story.

PAGE ONE DESIGN

1st Place

LeeAnn Elias
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Second Place

USA TODAY
Network Design
Hub
Reno Gazette-Journal

Third Place

John Taylor, Dave Mondt
Las Vegas Sun



FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Briana Erickson
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Inside the Metropolitan Police Department's record-breaking cold case

Judge's Comment: This story had suspense and heartbreak brought to life with excellent descriptive detail and the use of quotes. You could hear the heartbreak in the father's voice in the well-placed quote about being victimized twice.

Second Place

Dana Gentry
Nevada Current

Awake early, Tahoe bears search for food, find trouble

Judge's Comment: This writer brings to life the communities love of the bears that are a part of their lives and the conflict with the trouble they're causing.

Third Place

Amy Alonzo
Reno Gazette-Journal

Snowstorms, wind, airplanes: How hard is it for Santa to visit Reno? We asked some experts

Judge's Comment: This story took a lot of creativity and thought and a light touch. Executed wonderfully.

PROFILE

1st Place

Evelyn Mateos
Las Vegas Weekly

A Distinctive Life: Roberta Kane, Las Vegas' first Jewish native

Judge's Comment: Organized and well thought out.

Second Place

Jenny Kane
Reno Gazette-Journal

From high school dropout to magazine covers: Reno man creates award-winning lowrider art

Third Place

Mary Hynes
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Afghan who fled fall of Kabul lands in Las Vegas for Thanksgiving

Urban, Rural

EDITORIAL WRITING

1st Place

Victor Joecks
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Judge's Comment: Concise, thoughtful analysis. Not as much opinion as I would have liked, much more of an analysis. Well done however.

Second Place

John Kerr
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Third Place

Ric Anderson
Las Vegas Sun

Judge's Comment: Sticks to the point. Very clear picture of the argument. The climate ones come off a bit like a complaint more than an argument, but good job nonetheless.

Urban, Rural

SPECIAL SECTION (EDITORIAL)

1st Place

Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Unforgettable Class of 2021

Judge's Comment: Great way to honor students in an otherwise terrible graduating year. We all struggled with how to honor graduating seniors after the pandemic deprived them of the normal milestones of senior year.

Second Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor,
Celia Shortt Goodyear
Boulder City Review

9/11: 20 years later

Judge's Comment: Good catchall story about how a single event changed life for Americans, both personally and professionally. No recap nor explanation of 9/11, nor it is necessary; Sue Montaris' intro is sufficient. The lack of ads emphasizes the news of the event over any other motive. The focus on individuals and their stories rather than historic or file photos of the attacks asks readers to reflect on their own stories too. Well done.

Third Place

The Record-Courier

Carson Valley Almanac

Judge's Comment: Good publication with interesting stories.

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place

John L. Smith, Sheila Weathers, Michael Schaus, David Colborne
The Nevada Independent

Judge's Comment: Nice job.

Second Place

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Third Place

Las Vegas Sun

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1st Place

Nevada Appeal

Judge's Comment: 1/15/22 edition - A BIG paper! Good use of COVID case graphic on front page with story content embedded in the open space. All color throughout! Lots of advertising. I like the full-page "Legal" ad promotion. The full-page "Rooted in the Community" self-promo ads are clever. Lots of features, many comics (both color & B&W), and space for content, even a coloring page for kids! Excellent market, sports, opinion, and weather pages. A prime example of what local newspapers should be, well done and congratulations!

Second Place

Kurt Hildebrand, Tara Addeo, Sarah Drinkwine

The Record-Courier

Judge's Comment: A good full-color paper and good ad design throughout. Great holiday worship services pages in the Christmas edition, and the letters to Santa from kids are fantastic! Good Tamarack fire coverage by Hildebrand in the 7/22/21 edition: evacuations, fire update, smoke forecasting, and fundraiser. The inclusion of reader's photos of the fire is good thinking and well put together. Plentiful, good, and relevant news content.

Third Place

Steve Ranson, Thomas Ranson, Adam Trumble, Kyler Klix, Lauren Solinger, Rick Hoover

Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment: I like the weather page info and layout. I like the history (100/75/50 years ago). A great and detailed story by Steve Ranson in the 2/2/22 edition "Navy & Baseball: An American Tradition." A good and colorful Chamber of Commerce page as well. Love the glossy wrap on the Veterans Day edition, especially the back page! Good local sports sections and full color throughout, good to see! Good photo layout throughout as well i.e. Soroptimist Home & Garden Show.

SPORTS PHOTO

1st Place

Anthony Mori

Elko Daily Free Press

Spartans score 4 goals in 2nd half

Judge's Comment: The photographer captured some great expressions here. Nice composition and action, too.

Second Place

Anthony Mori

Elko Daily Free Press

Spartans defend turf

Third Place

Thomas Ranson

Lahontan Valley News

Armbruster's 4 TDs lead Fallon over Lowry



NEWS OBITUARY

1st Place

Celia Shortt Goodyear

Boulder City Review

BCHS band teacher dies

Judge's Comment: Great quotes and heartfelt moments that showed what the band teacher did for the community, as well as the impact he had on the lives of the children he taught.

Second Place

Toni Milano

Elko Daily Free Press

Cindy Ellison remembered by husband, family and Justice Court

Third Place

Kurt Hildebrand

The Record-Courier

Virginia Henningsen

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor

Boulder City Review

Judge's Comment: Clever headlines for often routine stories. Hali Bernstein Saylor has a knack for using clever phrasing to draw readers into the story. I can't wait for a library feature so I can steal the "Book em" headline, even though I am sure our Copy Desk will replace it with their own.

Second Place

Kelsey Penrose

Carson Now

Judge's Comment: The testes headline was a real tongue twister. Loved it, but could not read too much about Rocky Mountain Oysters.

PORTRAIT



1st Place

Celia Shortt Goodyear
Boulder City Review

Sweet Spot

Second Place

Kurt Hildebrand
The Record-Courier

Welcoming spring

Third Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Monster scarers

SPORTS SPOT NEWS STORY

1st Place

Tony Erquiaga
Humboldt Sun

Cross Country

Judge's Comment: This story included a succinct introduction that used just a few words to provide historical context for readers. The reporter showed the ability to key in on the newsworthy aspects of the event without including too many of the unnecessary details that can bog down a sports story, particularly a recap.

Second Place

Thomas Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

Athletes, coaches remember Orong's impact with Greenwave

Judge's Comment: The decision to focus the story not just on Coach Orong but on former athletes as well was an interesting narrative choice that served to drive home the coach's impact on the community. That choice only worked because the reporter put in the leg work necessary to interview a substantial number of sources who could speak to the coach's legacy.

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

Jeff Mullins
Elko Daily Free Press

Virus delays Wells parent's protest of mask mandate

Judge's Comment: Great story showing the debate over COVID measures at the local level.

Second Place

Kurt Hildebrand
The Record-Courier

Tamarack Fire

Judge's Comment: It was the photo of the aircraft that really set this story apart and made the reporting compelling.

Third Place

Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

NTSB investigates cause of plane crash

Judge's Comment: This was a very thorough, readable report with a deep attention to detail.

PROFILE

1st Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Retirement: A sure bet

Judge's Comment: The reporter deftly intertwined contemporary information with anecdotes and historical context to give readers a full picture of the subject and why his retirement is newsworthy. Few wasted sentences or extraneous details.

Second Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Smith gives Nevada's past modern context

Third Place

Jessica Garcia
Nevada Appeal

Velma Thornburgh: 'What a life:' Little bit of mischief never hurt Dayton centenarian

Judge's Comment: From the first line, the reporter showed a knack for capturing the subject's essence by using her voice to frame the narrative.

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place

The Record-Courier Staff and Readers
The Record-Courier

Judge's Comment: Nice variety of local letters. Connected to the community.

Second Place

Sparks Tribune

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1st Place

Jessica Garcia
Nevada Appeal

Carson City Superintendent Search

Judge's Comment: Start-to-finish reporting on an important hiring: The first city superintendent in nearly 30 years. Jessica Garcia did a great job of keeping readers informed about the process the entire way through, all the way down to contractual details. Garcia's comprehensive reporting was enhanced by the opportunities provided for reader involvement through "if you go" boxes and links to relevant advertisements, forms and more.

Second Place

Sarah Drinkwine
The Record-Courier

Child care critical to keeping parents working

Judge's Comment: This was a complicated topic, but reporter Sarah Drinkwine boiled it down using straightforward, compelling language that is sometimes absent in explanatory reporting. I appreciated the broad use of sources in this article, which helped tell the story in a more nuanced way than it could be told using just documents and data. The affected parent towards the end was a nice touch in backing up all the earlier reporting in the story. And adding the resources at the end of the story was a great move.

Third Place

Tim Burmeister
Elko Daily Free Press

Nevada's disappearing deer

Judge's Comment: This story provides rich history and a detailed explanation of the current situation, enhanced by a source's firsthand account of the "then versus now."

OVERALL DESIGN

1st Place

Jenny Scheid, Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Judge's Comment: Clean pages, great design, nice use of art. Easy to read, with a nice overall flow of content and consistent placement.

Second Place

Kyler Klix, Lauren Solinger
Nevada Appeal

Judge's Comment: I like the use of art to make the front pages look a little different, such as the hearts on the teachers' page. The photos that have a hairline frame around them really stand out on the page as well.

Third Place

Kyler Klix, Lauren Solinger
Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment: The design is consistent and clean. The Dec 15 edition looks especially great.

INVESTIGATIVE STORY

1st Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

Could Carson City see the completion of the South Carson Street overpass? The answer is: It's complicated

Judge's Comment: The story reveals the byzantine process of decision making on Nevada highway projects. In this case, a much-needed highway overpass over a dangerous highway intersection in Carson City. Nice job of pointing out the bureaucratic buck passing involved.

Second Place

Jeff Mullins
Elko Daily Free Press

Fewer inmates spending time in Elko County Jail

Judge's Comment: A good dive into the misdemeanor "arrest & release" law in Nevada and how it is decreasing the population of the Elko jail while increasing the amount of local crime.

PAGE ONE DESIGN

1st Place

Jenny Scheid, Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Judge's Comment: Great front pages — clean, clear design.

Second Place

Kyler Klix, Lauren Solinger
Nevada Appeal

Judge's Comment: Very nice pages — love the use of photos!

Third Place

Eric Dahlberg
Sparks Tribune

Judge's Comment: Great design!

FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place

Kurt Hildebrand

The Record-Courier

Cows come home

Judge's Comment: A humorous slice of small-town life (unless you're stuck behind it).

Second Place

Thomas Ranson

Lahontan Valley News

Classmates encouraged to Take Chances

Judge's Comment: The perfect moment with beautiful clouds and evening light.

Third Place

Kurt Hildebrand

The Record-Courier

Parade of Lights

Judge's Comment: That's a long heater duct. Just a goofy moment. Also, a technically perfect photo with foreground flash nicely balanced with background ambient light.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kurt Hildebrand, Sarah Drinkwine, Tara Addeo, The residents of Douglas County

The Record-Courier

Tamarack Fire coverage

Judge's Comment: Awesome coverage of a terrible tragedy. The notes from readers in the letter really told the importance of the local media coverage!

Second Place

Cynthia Delaney

Elko Daily Free Press

Photographer's family stuck in Ukraine

Third Place

Robin Hebrock

Pahrump Valley Times

Remote Area Medical: Pahrump

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Matthew Bieker

Sierra Nevada Ally

How to Hunt a Jackalope

Judge's Comment: Engaging writing and fun detail make this a clear winner. Sometimes a good writer knows how to get out of the way and let a subject shine, and that was the smart choice here. But the intro was so excellent it took first place.

Second Place

Sarah Drinkwine

The Record-Courier

Rex's Exes

Judge's Comment: Nice, descriptive writing and some good choices about what detail to include and what to leave out.

Third Place

Kyler Klix

Nevada Appeal

Carson City's Canyon White playing 8-day week

Judge's Comment: Lots of good detail here. Varying the sentence structure would have helped it place higher.

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS STORY

1st Place

Cynthia Delaney

Elko Daily Free Press

Yuck: Downtown business owners want to see action on waste, safety issues

Judge's Comment: This is a well-written story about what sounds like a longtime issue of local significance. The writing is clear, easy to understand and includes a lot of good details.

BUSINESS SPOT NEWS STORY CONTINUED

Second Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor
Boulder City Review

Railroad Pass breaks ground for 127-room tower

Judge's Comment: Story does a good job relaying details of a locally relevant business breaking ground and what it means to the community. The reporter's writing is smooth and organized.

Third Place

Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

Frey Ranch earns double doubles

Judge's Comment: Well done story about a local family business finding success at a national competition. It's nicely written, clear and has interesting details about how this distillery came to be.

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

'Constitutional County': Lyon to vote on support of group that believes local sheriffs should interpret constitution

Judge's Comment: Informative and interesting read. Fact and opinion were balanced well. Didn't come across that CarsonNow was on either side; just giving the facts that the community needed, including the impact of the change and information about the group they joined. Also included links for additional information on the topic.

Second Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

'Pres. Trump Way' agenda item being brought back to Lyon Commissioners due to potential violation

Third Place

Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

Residents upset with county changes at senior center

BUSINESS FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Robin Hebrock
Pahrump Valley Times

Belvada Grand Opening celebrated in style in Tonopah

Judge's Comment: A fascinating feature with good description about a local business in a renovated historical building with plenty of local significance.

Second Place

Kelsey Penrose
Sierra Nevada Ally

Denial of boutique slaughterhouse leads to accusations of 'NIMBYism' and concerns over food insecurity

Judge's Comment: A well-organized story that lays out the complex issues around the fight for a local slaughterhouse in an easy-to-read and comprehensible format.

Third Place

Suzanne Featherston
Elko Daily Free Press

Silver Sage Honey: 'Beekeeper Magic'

Judge's Comment: A fantastic look inside the life and business of a local beekeeper. The writing is engaging and entertaining.

HEALTH/COVID ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

Matthew Bieker
Sierra Nevada Ally

Wild Harvest: Parts 1 & 2

Judge's Comment: This is a beautifully written piece on a salient topic.

Second Place

Toni Milano, Adella Harding, Jeff Mullins
Elko Daily Free Press

Vaccine mandate sees stiff opposition in Elko

Third Place

Kayla Anderson
Sparks Tribune

MULTIPLE PHOTO ESSAY OR GALLERY

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HOMECOMING 2021



Luke Sorenson, left, and Kenny Covai perform during halftime of Friday night's football game.



Fallon athletics director Brad Damm hands football coach Brooke Hill a football trophy marking his 100 wins with the program after Friday's game against Loomis.



Fallon seniors Luke Sorenson and Zoey Brown were named Homecoming King and Queen on Friday.



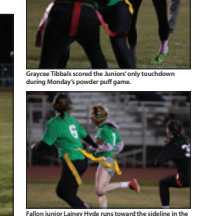
Junior Footballer Garcia escorts Evelyn O'Neill during Friday's Homecoming ceremony.



Gretchen Tibbitts scored the Junior's only touchdown during Monday's powder puff game.



The Seniors came from behind late in the game to nip the Juniors, 12-6, in Monday's powder puff game.



Fallon junior Lainey Mykle runs toward the sideline in the first half of Monday's powder puff game.

1st Place

Thomas Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

Homecoming 2021

Judge's Comment: Great variety of good quality images, including action and emotion. Gives the reader a good feel for the night.

Second Place

Tony Erquiaga
Humboldt Sun

State Basketball

Judge's Comment: As with the first place winner, a good variety of images. Good reaction and emotion.

Third Place

Hali Bernstein Saylor, Celia Shortt
Goodyear
Boulder City Review

Christmas festivities in Boulder City

Judge's Comment: Photographer has a nice mix of images under difficult conditions. The reader gets a good look at the event.

NEWS PHOTO COVERAGE



1st Place

Carson Now

Update to Prison Hill Fire: Ground Crews mopping up, taking on individual hot spots

Judge's Comment: This is a dramatic package of well-composed photos from a variety of different angles. They give a strong sense of community impact. The photos are clear. The photo with a ridge of flame was particularly great shot.

Second Place

Celia Shortt Goodyear
Boulder City Review

First day of school

Judge's Comment: A fun moment that the photographer was there to catch on film. Looks like a teacher who will be remembered by her students long after they've left her class.

Third Place

Kurt Hildebrand
The Record-Courier

Jacks Valley Fire

Judge's Comment: This photo just looks good. It also offers an interesting sense of scale with giant flames and tiny firefighters. In addition, it conveys a sense of the risks that come with the job.

*Congratulations to all of this
year's contest winners!*

COVERAGE OF UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

1st Place

Kurt Hildebrand
The Record-Courier

Minden Siren

Judge's Comment: This is a solid deep-dive into the implications and fallout of legislative action on one community. I enjoyed the use of color and detail and the follow through on reporting this topic.

Second Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

American Indian Movement holds prayer circle for Anna Marie Scott, seeks accountability in her murder

Judge's Comment: Strong quotes and details with solid background information. I appreciated the reporter putting me at the scene.

Third Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

'Groundbreaking' bills honor Nevada's indigenous peoples, outlaws sundown sirens, provides free tuition, and more

Judge's Comment: Clear, concise language and structure made this story easy to read and accessible. Straightforward reporting drove the point home.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Anthony Mori
Elko Daily Free Press

Elko led by class of special seniors

Judge's Comment: This was a well thought-out and written story. I especially like how they did a short feature on each of the players and how they grew into the great team they are today.

Second Place

Carter Eckl, The Record-Courier
Continuing his father's story

Third Place

Carter Eckl, The Record-Courier
A family affair

PORTRAIT

1st Place

Danielle Coon, *RANGE magazine*

Under the Big Sky

Judge's Comment: Crisp and clean photo, good balance, vivid colors. Very nice shot.

Second Place

Robb Kendrick, *RANGE magazine*

Texas Cowpunchers

Judge's Comment: Good composition, cropped well for magazine cover, slight out of focus feel makes it look like an old time photo. Very nice touch.

Third Place

L.E. Baskow, *rjmagazine*

The Winner twins

Judge's Comment: Good composition, crisp and clean, good use of mountain as frame.



GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1st Place

Sylas Wright, Anna Dingman, Clayton Humphries, Jared Swanson, Elaine Leonardi Dixon, Susan D. Rock
Tahoe Quarterly

Judge's Comment: Excellent magazine! Beautiful photos of the scenic Tahoe area. Well laid out and I loved the best of 2021 "The Photo Issue." Great submissions by readers. Full magazines with lots of advertising and content. Congrats!

Second Place

edible Reno-Tahoe

Third Place

rjmagazine

RURAL CONTINUED

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Kelsey Penrose
Carson Now

Carson City Couple refuses to turn over stolen family cat, leading to questions on law enforcement, animal control jurisdiction

Judge's Comment: I never thought I'd be so interested in one woman's effort to find her missing cat. The writer did a good job showing the pet owner's determination and had a good mix of sources for the factual portion of the story.

Second Place

Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

A Standing Ovation

Third Place

Kelsey Penrose
Sierra Nevada Ally

Hydroponics—farming's indoor future

LOCAL COLUMN

1st Place

Jeanette Strong
Lahontan Valley News

By the Way

Judge's Comment: Well written column with salient and well-argued points.

Second Place

Steve Ranson
Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment: Heart-warming and well-written stories.

Third Place

David Henley
Lahontan Valley News

Judge's Comment: Interesting, unique and well-written stories.

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

Tim Burmeister
Elko Daily Free Press

Putting a bounty on coyotes: Will it help Nevada's mule deer?

Judge's Comment: Thoroughly reported story that looked at the issue from a number of different perspectives. It gave the reader a complete look at the issue.

Second Place

Toni Milano
Elko Daily Free Press

Bail, crime reforms coming to Elko County

Third Place

Faith Evans
Nevada Appeal

Aquatic Facility hopes Carson seniors buoy lifeguard shortage

MAGAZINES CONTINUED

GENERAL ONLINE EXCELLENCE

1st Place

Foundry Premier Marketing & Advertising Agency
edible Reno-Tahoe

Judge's Comment: This is a great, engaging website. There is something for everyone here.

Second Place

rjmagazine

Judge's Comment: Very clean website.

Third Place

Marjorie Haun
RANGE magazine

OUTSTANDING VISUAL JOURNALIST

1st Place

Todd Klassy
RANGE magazine

Judge's Comment: Klassy showcased his tremendous eye for detail, creativity and use of lighting and color. His work tells a story.

LOCAL COLUMN

1st Place

C.J. Hadley
RANGE magazine

Judge's Comment: I enjoyed the concept of this column with the back and forth conversation in one edition to the writer's personal experience with the engagement of an individual, community and more. Each column is a conversation starter.

Second Place

Michael C. Moberly
edible Reno-Tahoe

Third Place

Sharon Honig-Bear
edible Reno-Tahoe

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Matt Jones
Tahoe Quarterly

Into the Big Blue Abyss

Judge's Comment: Captivating story and photos. Great history of swimming that a non-swimmer like myself found very informative.

Second Place

Matthew Renda
Tahoe Quarterly

Reinventing the Wheel

Third Place

Ryan Miller
Tahoe Quarterly

Success on the Fly

EXPLANATORY JOURNALISM

1st Place

Carolyn Dufurrena
RANGE magazine

Ill Wind in Cherry County

Judge's Comment: Thoughtful and descriptive with compelling photography.

Second Place

Nina King
Las Vegas Magazine

All Systems Go

Judge's Comment: Fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the massive machinery and engineering behind a Cirque du Soleil show.

Third Place

Annie Flanzraich
edible Reno-Tahoe

Common Ground: Local organizations come together to ease hunger in Northern Nevada and Lake Tahoe.

Judge's Comment: Effective photography, detailed resources and important topic.

OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGNER



1st Place

Wesley Gatbonton
Las Vegas Magazine

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Jason Bracelin
rjmagazine

Hanging with Steve Aoki

Judge's Comment: Engaging writing, terrific description and tons of detail make this profile of DJ-producer and entrepreneur Steve Aiko a clear winner.

Second Place

Matt Kelemen
Las Vegas Magazine

It's Good to be Mac King

Judge's Comment: This short but insightful profile was well done and a breeze to read.

Third Place

Matt Kelemen
Las Vegas Magazine

A World View

Judge's Comment: It's not easy to describe a show that's unlike anything readers may have seen before. But this works so well it made me want to check it out.

PROFILE

1st Place

Claire McArthur
edible Reno-Tahoe

Embracing Sobriety: Reno-Tahoe chefs talk sober living in the high-stress world of restaurant kitchens

Judge's Comment: This is very compelling stuff. I credit first and foremost the author's ability to really get into his subject's head and download an incredibly rich amount of detail about his life and the world he works in. Then, his mastery over words and form took over, making the reader feel as if he/she knew Chapin for a very very long time.

Second Place

Jason Bracelin
rjmagazine

Amazing Stories of the Unbelievable Sci-Fi Sisters

Third Place

Jason Bracelin
rjmagazine

Hanging with Steve Aoki

OVERALL DESIGN

1st Place

Las Vegas Weekly

Second Place

Freeman Design Group
edible Reno-Tahoe

Third Place

Las Vegas Magazine

BUSINESS FEATURE STORY

1st Place

John Glionna
rjmagazine

The Implausible, Chaotic, Locally Sourced, Do-It-Himself, Chicken-Adjacent Dreams of Vern Van Winkle

Judge's Comment: A smart and well-written story that generously tells the tale of a community member's success. Pulls readers in and keeps their attention.

Second Place

Ryan Miller, Tahoe Quarterly
Positive Spin

Judge's Comment: An interesting story. The writing is clean, well organized and loaded with colorful details.

Third Place

John Glionna, rjmagazine
In the Heart of the City

Judge's Comment: Great story about a local business community from a uniquely Las Vegas perspective. It's well written, with local relevance and news value.

MULTIPLE PHOTO ESSAY OR GALLERY

1st Place

L.E. Baskow
rjmagazine

Mr. Kimsey's neighborhood

Judge's Comment: Very colorful.

Second Place

Lou Manna
edible Reno-Tahoe

Steeped in Evergreen: Douglas fir syrup gives rich, earthy note to mocktails and cocktails.

Third Place

Benjamin Hager
rjmagazine

Social Climbers



Mr. Kimsey's Neighborhood

By Scott Dickensheets
Photos by L.E. Baskow

An architect brings urban style to Henderson's not particularly urban downtown

“NOW, IS this like building your own neighborhood, so you have everything you want or need next to you?” asks architect J. Winslow Kimsey, standing along Henderson's Water Street, in front of his house, next to his coffee shop, below his office, beside his rental units, a few steps from his soon-to-open restaurant. The answer, quite obviously, is yes, although he doesn't really mean it as a question. Building his own

neighborhood is exactly what he's done, though it might have implications beyond him, too. Amid the jaw-dropping rate of development now remaking Henderson's once-drowsy main drag, Kimsey's modest, three-building, mixed-use project doesn't have the largest footprint or get the most attention. Lifeguard Arena, the Silver Knights' ice rink — that's what people talk about, or the forthcoming seven-story Watermark commercial/residential complex, or the foodie fantasia of new restaurants. But South End at Water Street, as Kimsey calls his project, is intriguing

From its mixed residential-commercial functions to its design elements — the industrial feel of the coffee shop and offices; the European sensibility of the housing (in green) — to its patios and sidewalk presence, the South End complex is unlike anything else on Water Street.



for a couple of reasons. Most visibly is its clear allusion to an urban style of living entirely foreign to this neighborhood. It's a mixed-use complex, not the norm here, comprising the Public Works coffee shop; the offices of Kimsey's firm, TSK Architects (designers of UNLV's new medical school); the offices of a design firm; Kimsey's own three-story residence; three apartments; and a soon-to-open restaurant he's mostly mum about right now. (“It's Italian. I'll give you that much,” he says.) On a street checkbook with civic buildings, casinos and mostly generic commercial structures, the unmistakable rowhouse quality of the two narrow residential buildings alludes to life as lived in places that might be called boroughs. The patios fronting the development — at Public

FEATURE PHOTO



1st Place

Wesley Gatbonton, Brooke Everson,
Christopher DeVargas
Las Vegas Magazine

The Drinks Come Out at Night

Judge's Comment: Fun and unusual.

Second Place

Larry Angier
RANGE magazine

Caldor Fire

Third Place

David Muench
RANGE magazine

Balsamroot

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Jason Bracelin
rjmagazine

Amazing Stories of the Unbelievable Sci-fi Sisters

Judge's Comment: The author really grabbed my attention from the beginning, and halfway through the article I already felt attached to these young ladies. Nice job!

Second Place

Marjorie Haun
RANGE magazine

A Cowgirl's Vision

Third Place

Michael Rohm
Tahoe Quarterly

Searching for the Meaning of Van Life

Urban, Magazines, Rural

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMENTARY

1st Place

Jason Bracelin
rjmagazine

Judge's Comment: Very well written. Enjoyed the comparison of 50 years ago and today in the mind of Thompson and the backdrop of Vegas. Some things never truly change, they just have different platforms for expression.

Second Place

Cynthia Delaney
Elko Daily Free Press

Third Place

Brent Holmes
Double Scoop

COVER DESIGN

1st Place

C.J. Hadley,
John Bardwell
RANGE magazine

Second Place

Freeman
Design Group
edible Reno-Tahoe

Third Place

Wesley Gatbonton,
Brooke Everson,
Christopher
DeVargas
Las Vegas Magazine

