

PRESS RELEASE

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AFJ Names Winners in Awards Competition 2008

The Association of Food Journalists announces 48 winners at its Awards Competition 2008 banquet on Oct. 18, 2008, during its annual conference in Houston, Texas, Oct. 15-18.

The competition recognizes excellence in reporting and writing in all media, newspaper food section design and content, food illustration and food photography. A total of \$9,600 was awarded in 16 categories. There were 412 entries in the competition. Cash awards are \$300 for first place; \$200 for second place; and \$100 for third-place. All winners receive certificates.

Nancy J. Stohs, food editor at the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, is chair of the competition. Committee members include freelance food writer Angela Allen of Portland, OR; Susan O. Nicholson, R.D., Atlanta; and Kristen Browning-Blas, food writer at *The Denver Post*.

AFJ, now in its 34th year, is a professional journalism association that encourages communication among journalists devoting a substantial portion of their working time to the furthering of the public's knowledge of food. It upholds and fosters professional ethical standards and attempts to increase knowledge about food and encourage and promote a greater understanding of food news among fellow journalists and those who manage news dissemination organizations.

For more information on AFJ, contact <http://www.afjonline.com>.

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD SECTION Circulation Under 200,000

FIRST: *The Hartford Courant*, Linda Giuca, Food Editor

SECOND: *The Gazette*, Colorado Springs; Teresa Farney, Food Reporter, and Barbara Cotter, Deputy Features Editor

THIRD: *Deseret News*, Valerie Phillips, Food Editor

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD SECTION Circulation 200,001-300,000

FIRST: *The Kansas City Star*, Jill Silva, Food Editor

SECOND: *San Antonio Express-News*, Karen Haram, Food Editor

THIRD: *The Baltimore Sun*, Kate Shatzkin, Food Editor

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD SECTION Circulation 300,001 and Over

FIRST: *Los Angeles Times*, Leslie Brenner, Food Editor

SECOND: *Chicago Tribune*, Carol Mighton Haddix, Food Editor

THIRD: *San Francisco Chronicle*, Miriam Morgan, Food Editor; Jon Bonne, Wine Editor

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE Circulation Under 131,000

FIRST: Rebekah Denn, Food Writer, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

SECOND: Robb Walsh, Staff Writer, *Houston Press*

THIRD: Randall Roberts, Staff Writer, *Riverfront Times*

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE Circulation 131,001 to 323,000

FIRST: Charles Passy, Staff Writer, *The Palm Beach Post*

SECOND: Kristen Browning-Blas, Food Writer, *The Denver Post*

THIRD: Nichole Aksamit, Reporter, *Omaha World-Herald*

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE Circulation 323,001 and Over

FIRST: Russ Parsons, Columnist/Writer, *Los Angeles Times*

SECOND: Robin Mather Jenkins, Food Writer, *Chicago Tribune*

THIRD: Margaret (Peggy) Grodinsky, Food Editor, *Houston Chronicle*

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD NEWS STORY

FIRST: Andrew Schneider, Senior Correspondent, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

SECOND: Brandon Bailey, Staff Writer, *San Jose Mercury News*

THIRD: Mark Chediak & Vicki McClure, Staff Writers, *Orlando Sentinel*

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COLUMN

FIRST: Jason Wilson, Spirits Columnist, *The Washington Post*

SECOND: Maggie Dutton, Editorial Contributor, *Seattle Weekly*

THIRD: Leah Eskin, Food Columnist, *Chicago Tribune*

BEST NEWSPAPER RESTAURANT CRITICISM

FIRST: Lee Klein, Staff Writer, *Miami New Times*

SECOND: Bill Addison, Restaurant Critic/Dining Editor, *Dallas Morning News*

THIRD: Tom Sietsema, Food Critic, *The Washington Post*

BEST NEWSPAPER SPECIAL FOOD PROJECT

Circulation Under 221,000

FIRST: Jennifer Langston, Reporter, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

SECOND: Brett Anderson, Restaurant Critic, Feature Writer, *The Times-Picayune*

THIRD: Andrew Schneider, Senior Correspondent, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

BEST NEWSPAPER SPECIAL FOOD PROJECT

Circulation Over 221,001

FIRST: Bill Daley, Food & Wine Critic, & Donna Pierce, Test Kitchen Director & Assistant Food Editor, *Chicago Tribune*

SECOND: Elizabeth Lee, Staff Writer, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

THIRD: Kitty Crider & Dale Rice, Reporters, *Austin American-Statesman*

BEST MAGAZINE FOOD FEATURE

FIRST: Charles Fishman, Editor-at-Large, *Fast Company*

SECOND: Patric Kuh, Restaurant Critic, *Los Angeles Magazine*

THIRD: David Arnold, Freelance Writer, *Food Arts*

BEST INTERNET FOOD STORY

FIRST: Natalie MacLean, Writer, www.nataliemaclean.com

SECOND: Lorraine Heller, Group Editor, foodnavigator-usa.com

THIRD: Jeff Houck, Food Writer, *Tampa Tribune*

BEST FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST: Nigel Cox, Photographer, *Fast Company*

SECOND: Bill Hogan, Staff Photographer, *Chicago Tribune*

THIRD: Tom Wallace, Photographer, *Star Tribune*

BEST FOOD ILLUSTRATION

FIRST: Francisco Kjolseth, Photographer, *Salt Lake Tribune*

SECOND: Joey Ivansco, Photographer, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

THIRD: Bill Hogan, Staff Photographer, *Chicago Tribune*

BEST FOOD BROADCAST

FIRST: Steve Dolinsky, Food Reporter, WLS-TV, Chicago

SECOND: Steve Dolinsky, Food Reporter, stevedolinsky.libsyn.com

THIRD: Jenni Pinkley, Multimedia Reporter, startribune.com

