**NEWSPAPER**

**Spot News - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Mara Gottfried  
Nick Ferraro  
David Hanners  
Elizabeth Mohr  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Bergeron”  
*A horrific crime, covered in a compelling way with tons of detail. The art is excellent, too.*

**Spot News - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Kevin Hoffman  
City Pages

“The Facebook photos Tom Emmer doesn't want you to see”

**Spot News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Dan Nienaber  
The Free Press

“Parkgoers report shots, woman dead”  
*The reporter's ability to provide details about the events surrounding the shooting and turn it into a strong narrative is outstanding.*

**Spot News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Lisa Baumann  
John Lundy  
Steve Kuchera  
Jana Hollingsworth  
Duluth News Tribune

“Coverage of the Madgzas Murder-Suicide”

**Short Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Amy Carlson Gustafson  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“That Nick Swardson, What a Gas”  
*Gustafson pulls readers in through vivid description and humor and holds them from lede to final graf in this feature on a hometown comedian. Excellent tie-ins effectively weave a colorful picture for readers, mixing humor and sentimental touches. One example is a clever twist on cliché, “Many comics would give their right funny bone for his career,” with the human touch, pointing out that he wears a pendant in the shape of Minnesota.*

**Short Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Mary Divine  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“VICTORY TOAST//A bottle of whiskey bought the day after Pearl Harbor but unopened until war's end offers a rare snapshot of World War II St. Paul and the fellowship of that era.”

**Short Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Jenna Ross  
Star Tribune

“A life of letters”  
**Short Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Charley Shaw  
Capitol Report

“This old house: extreme falling-down edition”  
*Shaw's sense of humor works well with this story while still getting the point across that the building is in bad shape.*

**Long Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Amy Carlson Gustafson  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Oh, the Stories He Told”  
*Judging this long feature category was extremely difficult, with several outstanding entries, and breaking a tie proved challenging. For the winning feature, what could have been a mundane story became a powerful retrospective through its format, transitions, color, depth and breadth of coverage. The use of sidebars to highlight comments by colleagues, Shelby’s reflections on his work, and a quick timeline added strength to the feature.*

**Long Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Andy Mannix  
City Pages

“Plagiarism Inc.: Jordan Kavoosi built an empire of fake term papers. Now the writers want their cut.”  
**Long Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Mara Gottfried  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“His murder still haunts, still puzzles, still hurts”

**Long Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Robb Murray  
The Free Press

“Husband & Wife, or Master and Slave”  
*A difficult, but important story that needed to be told.*

**Long Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Gregory J. Scott  
Downtown Journal

“First to Suffer, Last to Recover”

**Long Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Debra Neutkens  
White Bear Press

“A peck of pickled peppers”

**Enterprise Story - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Emily Gurnon  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Koua Fong Lee series”  
*Such a wonderful package ... the original story, the folos, the end result. This is why we all pursue this crazy thing we call journalism. Congratulations to Emily and her colleagues for a job well done.*

**Enterprise Story - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Jean Hopfensperger  
Star Tribune

“Where's the 'Charity' in Charitable Gambling?”

**Enterprise Story - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Robb Murray  
The Free Press

“Precious Life, Fight of Her Life and Prayer Vigil - three part series”  
*Fine work that shows that you don't have to work at a large newspaper to produce quality journalism. The time the reporter spent on this was time well spent.*

**Enterprise Story - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Bill Clements  
Finance & Commerce

“Rail fight’s tab: $4.25M+”

**Enterprise Story - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Brandon Stahl  
Duluth News Tribune

“Where has all the stimulus money gone?"”

**In-depth - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Mark Brunswick  
 Star Tribune

“Crossing the desert of death”  
*A grim look at the realities and impact of the long war in Afghanistan, the toll on the volunteer soldiers serving and the grim reality of the daily grind.*

**In-depth - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Frederick Melo  
Alex Leary  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“These might be the good old days (3 part series)”

**In-depth - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Nancy Ngo  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Scarred By a Killer”

**In-depth - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Brandon Stahl  
Duluth News Tribune

“Out in the Cold”  
*Stahl's ability to make the reader see how easily what happened to Zach could happen to anyone sets this entry apart from the competition.*

**In-depth - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Mark Fischenich  
The Free Press

“$8.8 million and empty”

**Investigative - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Mark Brunswick  
Star Tribune

“Lost A Leg in Iraq, All But Forgotten At Home”  
*Couldn't wait to get to the second installment of this story. Fortunately, it worked out well for one soldier - but we can't help but wonder how many others are failed by this inadequate and inefficient system.*

**Investigative - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Erin Carlyle  
City Pages

“Fallen Angel: Joe Gustafson lives above the law, but he's about to get taken down. (Part 1) No Angels Here: Little Joe Gustafson, son of a former Hell's Angel, finally goes to court. (Part 2)”

**Investigative - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Arundhati Parmar  
Finance & Commerce

“Critics questioning Tower's land deals”  
*A fine piece of watchdog journalism.*

**Investigative - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Mark Fischenich  
The Free Press

“Decade of Death - three part series”

**Investigative - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Dan Nienaber  
The Free Press

“Shots Fired-four part series”

**Business Spot News - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

John Welbes  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Peters Clawback Lawsuits Disputed”  
*Welbes details an all-too-familiar trail of deceit and the problems inherent in prosecution.*

**Business Spot News - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Nick Pinto  
City Pages

“So Unionized You'll Freak: Jimmy John's workers are about to become the country's first fast food union.”

**Business Spot News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Burl Gilyard  
Finance & Commerce

“Grand Hotel Minneapolis to be sold for $36 million”  
*Gilyard shows great skill at making good use of financial documents and solid industry sources to yield a detailed look at a transaction that the participants in the deal didn't want to talk too much about.*

**Business Spot News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Erin Johnson  
Thisweek Burnsville-Eagan

“Governor, mayor will fight to keep Lockheed Martin in Eagan”

**Business Spot News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Brandon Stahl  
Lisa Baumann  
Peter Passi  
 Duluth News Tribune

“NorShor Theater sale, closure”

**Business Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Andy Mannix  
City Pages

“Plagiarism Inc.: Jordan Kavoosi built an empire of fake term papers. Now the writers want their cut.”  
*A well-written story on an off-beat subject leaves the reader concerned about implications of a maybe-legal but certainly-ethically-challenged business. Mannix applies diligent research and compelling narrative and dialogue.*

**Business Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Tom Webb  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“The Almost Silicon Valley”

**Business Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Julie Forster  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Out with old work, in with new”

**Business Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Frank Jossi  
St. Paul Legal Ledger

“St. Paul nonprofit builds houses around country for those who can’t manage on their own”  
*Jossi's entry shows that business stories don't always have to be about dollars and cents.*

**Business Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

John Vomhof Jr.  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Mall of America seeks more roles in reality shows after 'Mall Cops' success”

**Business Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Nick Halter  
Southwest Journal

“A brewery renaissance”

**Sports News - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Kevin Hoffman  
City Pages

“Metrodome collapse survivor: Maintenance man escaped roof deluge in fork lift”

**Sports News - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

John Vomhof Jr.  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Golf clubs drop fees to drive enrollment”  
*Vomhof Jr. is quite adept at mixing the business and sports elements in this story. He also avoids golfing stereotypes while still acknowledging that it is an expensive sport to take up.*

**Sports Feature - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Erin Carlyle  
City Pages

“The Opposite of Wild: Nik Backstrom is cool as ice between the pipes”  
*Well-written profile. In-depth and entertaining.*

**Sports Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

John Vomhof Jr.  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Twins' Target Field a home run for local contractors Read more: Twins' Target Field a home run for local contractors”  
*Given the failed efforts of the past to build a new baseball stadium in the Twin Cities, this story makes for interesting reading*

**Sports Feature - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Jon Nowacki  
Duluth News Tribune

“Davidson's story one of redemption”

**General Column - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

TD Mischke  
City Pages

“Remembering Michael Eyedea Larsen”  
*An archetypal column, expressing the writer’s emotions, opinions and viewpoint. Movingly expressed, it arouses readers’ feelings and will be remembered.*

**General Column - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Laurie Hertzel  
Star Tribune

“Space Invaders”

**General Column - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Sam Cook  
Duluth News Tribune

“Snugli moments come back on way to the altar”  
*This one really tugs at the heartstrings. Cook makes every word count.*

**General Column - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Brian Ojanpa  
The Free Press

“Twins who spew rued by a few”

**Sports Column - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Judd Spicer  
City Pages

“Paper Pioneer: If George Plimpton played in St. Paul”  
*Fresh, well-written. Interesting to sports fans and non-athletes as well.*

**Sports Column - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Amy Nelson  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Hey, Where's the Plate?”

**Sports Column - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

John Vomhof Jr.  
 Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“The costs of firing a coach, and keeping one”  
*Vomhof Jr. focuses on something that a lot of folks covering college sports don't normally look at too closely: The financial aspects of the games.*

**Sports Column - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Jon Nowacki  
Duluth News Tribune

“Ray Ray is a Packers super fan, and a super friend”

**Editorial - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Joe Spear  
The Free Press

“Brady Should Resign”  
*A solid editorial that is fair to its subject, but leaves no doubt where the paper stands on the issue.*

**Editorial - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Kathy Vos  
The Free Press

“Students Must Be the Top Priority”

**Graphics - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Eric Johnson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“The Twins' New Home”  
*Graphic has a great attention to detail and mixes information fans can use when they visit the park with interesting little factoids.*

**Graphics - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Derek Thomson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Appetite for apps”

**Graphics - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Dana Croatt  
Downtown Journal

“Studying Stadiums”

**Art and Illustration - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Derek Thomson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“40 Under Forty”  
*Cute and eye-catching illustration.*

**Page Design - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Michael Kooiman  
City Pages

“The Opposite of Wild”  
*Love it! Clean, attractive. Good complement to the subject matter.*

**Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Derek Thomson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Extreme makeover”  
*Use of just the right amount of elements (like wrapping copy around the main photo) to make the page really pop visually.*

**Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Dana Croatt  
Southwest Journal

“Gift guide”

**Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Eric Johnson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“Plugged in for Growth”

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Melinda Beck  
Nick Vlcek  
City Pages

“Twin Cities Thinkers”  
*Clever and appealing design reveals the issue’s contents and makes one want to read it.*

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Kevin Cannon  
Nick Vlcek  
City Pages

“Declaration of Independents”

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Craig Lassig  
Michael Kooiman  
City Pages

“The Winter Issue”

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Eric Johnson  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

“April 30 Page One”  
*Page designer makes great use of multiple photos in different sizes.*

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Jake Schreiber  
Finance & Commerce

“Nov. 12 Page One: Rail fight tab: $4.5M”

**Front Page Design - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Andrew Krueger  
Duluth News Tribune

“Bulldogs Win Page Design”

**Headline - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Kevin Cusick  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Maul of America”  
*Clever word play tells the story.*

**Headline - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Mike Decaire  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“How do I love thee? Let me count my spare change”

**Headline - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Cathy Clauson  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Pennies bring change”

**Headline - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Robin Washington  
Duluth News Tribune

“Blank not filled in”  
*Effective headline that draws the reader into the story, makes the reader think and, at the same communicates the message that this DA was not on the ball.*

**Best Issue - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Matt Smith  
City Pages

“Best of the Twin Cities 2010: The year we connect”  
*Gigantic issue packed with consumer-friendly information and eye-popping ads. Good design and good information.*

**Best Issue - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Staff   
Duluth News Tribune

“Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 issue”  
*Appealing, news edition with good photos and a great mix of stories.*

**Best Issue - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Staff   
Downtown Journal

“Target Field”

**MAGAZINE**

**Best Profile Story - Magazine  
First Place**

Brian Lambert  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Destiny's Child?”  
*This was a well-written article from top to bottom. Lambert set the scene so clearly, brought the reader there. By the end of the profile, I felt I knew the subject. Great job making this topic interesting. Solid.*

**Best Profile Story - Magazine  
Second Place**

Adam Platt  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Don Shelby Clocks Out”

**Best Profile Story - Magazine  
Third Place**

Kevin Featherly  
Super Lawyers

“The Change of Heart of Don Nichols”

**Best Feature Story - Magazine  
First Place**

Tad Simons  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“University Ave. Revisited”  
*Great lead. Every good feature article should hook the reader from the start. Good job.*

**Best Feature Story - Magazine  
Second Place**

Konnie LeMay  
Lake Superior Magazine

“Lake Superior: Freshwater Research Capital of the World”

**Best Feature Story - Magazine  
Third Place**

Jim Leinfelder  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“State Fair”

**Best Department - Magazine  
First Place**

Stephanie March  
Terri Birnbaum  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Eat + Drink”  
*WOW! March and Birnbaum included a lot of information in this department -- it is likely a great resource in the magazine that readers appreciate. Eat + Drink was the most well put together department in this competition. Great job.*

**Best Department - Magazine  
Second Place**

Stephanie Davila  
Kim Jackson  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Scene + Heard”

**Best Department - Magazine  
Third Place**

Steve Lange  
Rochester Magazine

“10 (or so) Questions”

**Best Column - Magazine  
First Place**

Steve Lange  
Rochester Magazine

“Editor's Note”  
*This column kept my attention from beginning to end. As traumatic as Lange's story was, it was also funny. Great storytelling .... however Careless Whisper is now stuck in our heads. Great writing that easily connects to the readers.*

**Best Column - Magazine  
Second Place**

Nell Musolf  
Mankato Magazine

“That's Life”

**Best Column - Magazine  
Third Place**

Adam Platt  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“City Centered”

**Best Service Package - Magazine  
First Place**

Melissa Colgan  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Great Hair!”  
*Kudos to the team that created this beauty feature that broke away from the typical pink-toned, airbrushed, overly feminine, reverent treatment that makes spa and salon features seem like advertorial. The combined editor and reader picks, the matching of salons with personality types, plus answering the question we all want to ask--who does your hair?--combined with colorful and energetic design make this feature a standout.*

**Best Service Package - Magazine  
Second Place**

Tad Simons  
Emily Howald  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Summer: The Inside Scoop”

**Best Service Package - Magazine  
Third Place**

Christy DeSmith  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Sexy in the Twin Cities”

**Best Cover - Magazine  
First Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Craig Bares  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“November 2010: Best New Restaurants”  
*The composition is strong, and even better the image and headlines are in perfect sync. The chef serving plates perfectly illustrates the Chef = Server caption and illustrates a trend from one of the Best New Restaurants. The photo draws the readers in by putting them in the place of the diners.*

**Best Cover - Magazine  
Second Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Stephanie Colgan  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“July 2010 Cover: Lake Minnetonka Insiders Guide”

**Best Cover - Magazine  
Third Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Steve Henke  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“June 2010: The Summer Issue”

**Best Page Design - Magazine  
First Place**

Kim Jackson  
Stephanie Davila  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Scene + Heard”  
*The designers assembled a lively, newsy page with a map, an easy-to-understand chart, and multiple entry points, each with a distinct personality on the page. It could be confusing and jumbled, but never is, and the design fits the tone of the editorial content seamlessly.*

**Best Page Design - Magazine  
Second Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Stephanie Colgan  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Beer Here”

**Best Page Design - Magazine  
Third Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Travis Anderson  
Randall Nelson  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“State Fair”

**Best Feature Design - Magazine  
First Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Best of the Twin Cities”  
*This "Best Of" feature was chock full of vitality and an endless variety of design elements from numbered lists to maps, charts, and QR codes, but the rigorous grid and consistent numbering style kept things organized and clear throughout, starting with Miss Minnesota's smiling welcome on the opening spread.*

**Best Feature Design - Magazine  
Second Place**

Randy Bauer  
Lake Superior Magazine

“Woodland Ghosts & Meteors”

**Best Feature Design - Magazine  
Third Place**

Terri Birnbaum  
Wing Young Huie  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“Universty Ave. Revisited”

**Best Issue - Magazine  
First Place**

Jayne Haugen Olson  
Terri Birnbaum  
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“November 2010 Issue”  
*The magazine’s coverage in this issue is robust—blanketing a wide range of lifestyle topics without overreaching. The cover story copy made a strong case for the city’s best new restaurants through an engaging mix of visual and text-driven content; the package also delivered information in a way that gave readers multiple entry points (via photography and authoritative writing). Though this was branded as the "Best New Restaurants" issue, the magazine’s fashion/shopping expertise makes a formidable impact on the reader. The entire issue is filled with insightful stories, paired with informative design.*

**TELEVISION**

**Spot/Breaking News - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Boyd Huppert  
Craig Norkus  
KARE-TV

“Something's Brewing”  
*Very nice human story. Well told. Good shooting and editing. Excellent use of natural sound. Nice work.*

**Spot/Breaking News - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Fanna Haile-Selassie  
KTTC-TV

“Deadly Crash”  
*Well-done story that lets the witnesses and first responders tell the important parts of the story.*

**Spot/Breaking News - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Newsroom   
WDIO/WIRT

“Kozy Fire”

**Hard News Report - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Boyd Huppert  
Bill Middeke  
Craig Norkus  
Gary Knox  
KARE-TV

“Assumption of Safety”  
*Great job getting to the bottom of a story and making a difference. The interview was hard for the victim but added a lot to the story without taking advantage of her. Very nicely done.*

**Hard News Report - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Mark Albert  
Jim O'Connell  
KSTP-TV

“Loophold Closed, Predators Still Missing”

**Hard News Report - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
Third Place**

Caroline Lowe  
Tom Aviles  
WCCO-TV

“Vanished Grave Marker”

**Hard News Report - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Charlene Malin  
Glenn Kellahan  
WDIO/WIRT

“High and Dry”  
*A well-rounded report on drought that doesn't resort to scare tactics.*

**Hard News Report - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Fanna Haile-Selassie  
KTTC-TV

“Returning To Ruins”

**Feature - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Lindsey Seavert  
Melissa Martz  
WCCO-TV

“Pink Balloon”  
*Unbelievable story. So well told; great flow. Good sound bites, and videography; a real emotional story. Not enough tissue in the judge's room. You should be proud.*

**Feature - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Boyd Huppert  
Bill Middeke  
KARE-TV

“Loren & LeRoy”

**Feature - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
Third Place**

Joan Gilberson  
Don Shelby  
Bob Cowan  
 WCCO-TV

“Iron Crib - Revisited”

**Feature - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Ellery McCardle  
Brandon McElroy  
KAAL-TV

“Purple Heart Returned After 60 Years”  
*Great heartwarming story.*

**Feature - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Laura Kennedy  
Carl Sauer  
WDIO/WIRT

“Breaking Free From Autism”

**Feature - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Third Place**

Fanna Haile-Selassie  
KTTC-TV

“Basic Training”

**Mini-documentary/In-depth Series - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Sarah Swistak  
Chad Corey  
KAAL-TV

“5 White Crosses”  
*A really touching piece that puts a face on drunk driving. The segment with the woman who lost her loved ones also made had some nice touches with editing and sound - like the shot of the flat lining heartbeat blended in with the shot of the roadside crosses.*

**Mini-documentary/In-depth Series - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Alan Hoglund  
Carl Sauer  
WDIO/WIRT

“Children as Prey”

**Feature-length Documentary - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Joan Gilbertson  
Tom Aviles  
Don Shelby  
 WCCO-TV

“Citizen Soldier - MN National Guard in Iraq”  
*Beautiful documentary. Took us to the heart of Iraq and showed us around. Nicely put together; beautiful videography and editing. A piece of work to be proud of.*

**Investigative - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Mark Albert  
Lee Zwiefelhofer  
Jim O'Connell  
Mike Maybay  
KSTP-TV

“Welfare Waste”  
*Obviously a lot of work went into this piece. This was a very good discovery and thorough investigation. The story had a lot of meat to it, and really felt like it made a difference. Good sound bites and b-roll. Nice editing. The use of graphics was tasteful. Overall an outstanding piece.*

**Investigative - Television [50+ newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Mark Albert  
Jim O'Connell  
Lindsay Radford  
John Mason  
KSTP-TV

“Who Killed Doc?”

**Investigative - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Renee Passal  
John Whaley  
WDIO/WIRT

“Living Free”  
*An effective mix of still photos and file footage that, along with the reporter's skilled interviewing, tells a powerful story.*

**Newscast - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
First Place**

Newsroom   
WDIO/WIRT

“Eyewitness News at 6 - Nov. 16, 2010”  
*Solid work all around, covering all angles of the story at the top of the newscast while finding time to address other important stories.*

**Newscast - Television [LESS than 50 newsroom employees]  
Second Place**

Jenna Lee  
Sarah Danik  
Jim Politis  
 KIMT-TV

“KIMT News 3 Team Coverage: Tornado Aftermath”

**RADIO**

**Spot/Breaking News - Radio  
First Place**

Tim Nelson  
Laura Yuen  
Mark Zdechlik  
Tom Crann  
Minnesota Public Radio

“Seward Market Triple Homicide”  
*Good Intros. Good use of Nat sound and back story.*

**Hard News Report - Radio  
First Place**

Annie Baxter  
Bill Catlin  
Minnesota Public Radio

“Workers in transition: In some of the hardest hit industries, the jobs may not be coming back”  
*Great SOT's , relates to many. Nice story telling*

**Feature - Radio  
First Place**

Jessica Mador  
Minnesota Public Radio

“A rock and roll retreat, just for girls”  
*Paints a great picture of recording studio, great sound. Important message that hits home...nice job.*

**Mini-documentary/In-depth Series - Radio  
First Place**

Elizabeth Baier  
Kate Smith  
Minnesota Public Radio

“Austin at a Crossroads, 25 years after the Hormel strike”  
*Very good setting of what it was…all the way to today. Storytelling of "real: people -- excellent.*

**Newscast - Radio  
First Place**

Rick Kupchella  
Tom Elko  
BringMeTheNews.com

“July 28, 2010 newscast”  
*A clear, easy-to-understand newscast that energetically tells listeners what's happening and points them toward where to get more information if they want it.*

**Newscast - Radio  
Second Place**

Rick Kupchella  
Tom Elko  
BringMeTheNews.com

“Nov. 3, 2010 newscast”

**Newscast - Radio  
Third Place**

Newsroom   
Minnesota Public Radio

“MPR News All Things Considered 2/8/10”

**ONLINE**

**Best Website - Online  
First Place**

Jen Boyles  
City Pages

“CityPages.com”  
*Lots of local content, updated regularly, plus an easy-to-use design makes this a site a treat to visit.*

**Best Website - Online  
Second Place**

Jimmy Bellamy  
Duluth News Tribune

“Duluth News Tribune website”

**Best Website - Online  
Third Place**

Andy Birkey  
Paul Schmelzer  
Minnesota Independent

“Minnesota Independent”

**Best Single News Story - Online  
First Place**

Madeleine Baran  
Bill Wareham  
Than Tibbetts  
Minnesota Public Radio

“The Wellstone Files”  
*Minnesota Public Radio put together a distinctive piece of journalism that both told a story of historical significance and took advantage of the Web's ability to post accompanying source documents.*

**Best Continuing Coverage - Online  
First Place**

Madeleine Baran  
Jennifer Ehrlich  
Bill Wareham  
Minnesota Public Radio

“Battle over welfare cuts”  
*Minnesota Public Radio's Madeleine Baran managed to cover just about every possible angle out of one proposed state budget cut. Baran shed light on cuts proposed to the state department of human services that would slash assistance to the poor, and went far beyond that, taking readers into the lives of people who need state assistance to survive. Her pieces were frequent with strong reporting, and set a strong example of the reporting readers should expect online from any news outlet. What stands out here is the depth of the reporting and angles covered beyond the initial news including shining a light on the state's poorest residents, accompanying lawsuits, the history of the state's assistance programs, and a guide to the state's programs.*

**Best Continuing Coverage - Online  
Second Place**

Nick Pinto  
City Pages

“Jeremy Giefer, accused child molester, got Pawlenty pardon to open childcare center”

**Best Continuing Coverage - Online  
Third Place**

Newsroom   
Twin Cities Daily Planet

“High-rise ghetto or urban villages? Riverside Plaza and Seward Towers in Minneapolis”

**Best Use of Multimedia - Online  
First Place**

James Eli Shiffer  
McKenna Ewen

“Rubbed Out: The Murder of Journalist Arthur Kasherman”  
*Billed as "an experiment," it's easy to declare this one a success. An engaging project, Ken Burns online on a (relative) shoe string -- and that's not a complaint.*

**Best Use of Multimedia - Online  
Second Place**

McKenna Ewen  
Elizabeth Flores  
Kyndell Harkness  
Marlin Levison  
Star Tribune

“A perfect time for a Wadena rally”

**Best Use of Multimedia - Online  
Third Place**

Emily Kaiser  
MPLS.TV   
City Pages

“Hip-Hop High: Music is their last hope”

**Best Single News Video - Online  
First Place**

Ben Garvin  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Twins Home Opener, in miniature”  
*Great technique, a poem in visuals with music.*

**Best Single News Video - Online  
Second Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Mark Brunswick  
Star Tribune

“A Soldier Comes Home”

**Best Single News Video - Online  
Third Place**

Jeffrey Thompson  
Minnesota Public Radio

“Celebrating lutefisk”

**Best Use of Video - Online  
First Place**

Jenni Pinkley  
Newsroom   
Star Tribune

“The best of Star Tribune video”  
*Good behind-the-scenes look at how the newspaper covers stories throughout the year. Video, stills combine for an interesting package.*

**Best Newsroom Blog - Online  
First Place**

Bob Collins  
Minnesota Public Radio

“News Cut”  
*Thoughtful accompaniment rather than a mere echo of what's going out over the airwaves. If I were there, I think I'd be ready and relying on this as a dependable buddy.*

**Best Newsroom Blog - Online  
Second Place**

Hart Van Denburg  
City Pages

“The Blotter”

**Best Newsroom Blog - Online  
Third Place**

Bob King  
Duluth News Tribune

“Astro Bob”

**Best Independent News Blog - Online  
First Place**

Andy Birkey  
Paul Schmelzer  
Minnesota Independent

“Best Independent News Blog”  
*Easy to navigate. Lots of supplemental information and good participation from readers.*

**Best Independent News Blog - Online  
Second Place**

Jay Gabler  
Twin Cities Daily Planet

“Front Row Seat”

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Best Spot News Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Kathy Easthagen  
Minnesota Independent

“Slideshow: President Obama rallies for Dayton, DFL at university”  
*Good you-are-there photography.*

**Best Spot News Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Star Tribune

“Officer Down”

**Best Spot News Photo - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Bill Klotz  
Finance & Commerce

“Going to the Candidates Debate”  
*Well-composed; caught contrasting expressions*

**Best Hard News Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Star Tribune

“A Soldier Comes Home”  
*The right angle on a telling detail. Some photos tell us what we would have seen were we there. Sometimes the better ones tell us what we might have missed even if we had.*

**Best Hard News Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

John Doman  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“New Citizens”

**Best Hard News Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Ben Garvin  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Drunk Hospice”

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Kate N.G. Sommers  
CIty Pages

“Kitchen Ink”  
*Fine idea, well executed. That's why I'm stealing it for my paper. Hope we can pull it off with equal panache.*

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Star Tribune

“Star Struck”

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

John Doman  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Citizens ... All”

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Clint Austin  
Duluth News Tribune

“Inline Marathon Skater”  
*Exciting photo, great composition, color & action.*

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Robb Long  
The Journal

“Eats on the Street”

**Best Feature Photo - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Third Place**

Bill Klotz  
Finance & Commerce

“Retail Free for All: Landlords step up leasing perks”

**Best News Portrait - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Star Tribune

“Uncertain Future”  
*A "lucky" shot like this is only captured with expert shooting.*

**Best News Portrait - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Tony Nelson  
City Pages

“Whitesands/Badlands”

**Best News Portrait - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Third Place**

Jeff Baenen  
Associated Press

“'Toyota Defense' prisoner: A cry for freedom”

**Best News Portrait - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
First Place**

Bill Klotz  
Finance & Commerce

“Not your usual lump of coal”  
*Unusual photo compels viewer to read the story*

**Best News Portrait - Newspaper [LESS than 50,000 circulation]  
Second Place**

Bob King  
Duluth News Tribune

“We are Mandarin speakers”

**Best Sports Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
First Place**

Jim Gehrz  
Star Tribune

“Let the Race Begin”  
*Creative and compelling photo*

**Best Sports Photo - Newspaper [50,000+ circulation]  
Second Place**

Tony Nelson  
City Pages

“Shiancoe Time”

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**NEW IN 2011: SPECIAL AWARDS**The Special Awards division was created in 2011 to honor good work in Minnesota journalism, not necessarily covered by traditional contest categories. Entries in the Special Awards division were all judged in one group – all circulations and sizes of print, broadcast, and online mediums .

**Young Journalist of the Year - Special Awards  
First Place**

John Vomhof Jr.  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

*The competition in this category was pretty fierce. But John's total package, which showed his tremendous growth as a reporter and a leader in his newsroom, put this young journalist over the top. It was his breadth of work and list of activities outside of the Business Journal newsroom that solidified his stature as the honoree this year.*

**Young Journalist of the Year - Special Awards  
Second Place**

Sarah Swistak  
KAAL-TV

**Young Journalist of the Year - Special Awards  
Third Place**

Gordon Severson  
KAAL-TV

**Journalist of the Year - Special Awards  
First Place**

Ben Garvin  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

*These days, every news organization needs to find new, interesting and compelling ways to tell stories and attract readers. And Ben Garvin has found a way to draw readers/viewers in with humor, great techniques and real human drama. Love the approach to the state fair, which can be a real chore to cover, but Ben told little stories each day that captured the spirit, competition and fun of state fairs. Technique and composition of opening day video was amazing and the drunk hospice provided a little humanity to a largely ignored population. Well done.*

**Story of the Year - Special Awards  
First Place**

MaryJo Webster  
Ann Harrington  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Denny Hecker”  
*Great working keeping the threads of the story together over a number of months. The profile of Randy Seaver created even more interest in finding out how the story ended.*

**Story of the Year - Special Awards  
Second Place**

Emily Gurnon  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

“Koua Fong Lee series”

**Story of the Year - Special Awards  
Third Place**

Erin Carlyle  
City Pages

“Fallen Angel: Joe Gustafson lives above the law, but he's about to be taken down.”

**Best Use of Public Records - Special Awards  
First Place**

Nick Pinto  
City Pages

“Jeremy Giefer, accused child molester, got Pawlenty pardon to open childcare center”  
*Great examination of how easy it is for a sex offender to get a pardon -- then commit new offenses. Shocking.*

**Best Use of Public Records - Special Awards  
Second Place**

Karl Bremer  
RippleInStillwater.com

“Minnesota and the Man Known as "Bobby Thompson"”

**Best Use of Public Records - Special Awards  
Third Place**

Brandon Stahl  
Duluth News Tribune

“City of Duluth salaries”