



PRESS RELEASE

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AFJ Names Winners in Awards Competition 2012

The Association of Food Journalists announces 42 winners in its Awards Competition 2012. The Awards recognize excellence in all aspects of food journalism. The winners were named at a luncheon in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, Sept. 6. Cash awards are \$300 for first place and certificates for all winners. The competition received 250 entries worldwide. Competition was suspended in two categories: Best Food Feature in a Magazine and Best Food Multimedia Presentation.

Nancy J. Stohs, food editor at the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, is chair of the competition. Other committee members include Susan O. Nicholson, R.D. L.D., Atlanta; and Greg Morago, food editor at the *Houston Chronicle*. AFJ, now in its 38th year, is a professional journalism association that encourages communication among professional writers specializing in all aspects of food and food-related journalism.

AFJ upholds and fosters professional ethical standards, attempts to increase knowledge about food and encourages and promotes 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 COVERAGE 135,000 & Under Circulation

FIRST: *Akron Beacon Journal*, Akron OH, Lisa Abraham, Food Writer

SECOND: *News and Observer*, Raleigh NC, Andrea Weigl, Food Writer

THIRD: *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno NV, Johnathan L. Wright, Food and Drink Editor, and Laura Longero, Food and Wine Writer

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COVERAGE 135,001-200,000 Circulation

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

SECOND: *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Nancy Stohs, Food Editor

THIRD: *Kansas City Star*, Jill Silva, Food Editor

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COVERAGE 200,001 & Over Circulation

FIRST: *San Francisco Chronicle*, Food & Wine Staff

SECOND: *Boston Globe*, Sheryl Julian, Food Editor

THIRD: *Chicago Tribune*, Joe Gray, Food Editor; and Carmel Carrillo, Dining Editor

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE Under 200,000 Circulation (tie for third place)

FIRST: Daniel Neman, *The Toledo Blade*, "No Zest for Energy Drinks"

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Food/2011/02/06/Intrepid-food-editor-takes-the-plunge-into-popular-energy-shots.html>

SECOND: Gretchen McKay, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "How to Roast a Whole Pig"

<http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/sectionfront/life/how-to-roast-a-whole-pig-its-easier-than-you-think-312841/>

THIRD: Cindy Hoedel, Reporter The Kansas City Star, "Culinary Diplomacy"

THIRD: Lauren Shockey, *The Village Voice*, "Tracking Down the City's Moonshiners"

<http://www.villagevoice.com/2011-08-03/news/brooklyn-nyc-moonshiners-distillers-whisky/>

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE 200,001 & Over Circulation

FIRST: Lee Dean, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, "Pop! Pop! Popcorn!"

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/taste/116324499.html>

SECOND: Renee Enna, *Chicago Tribune*, "Devil in Disguise"

http://pdfarchive.usa.tribune.com/archive/2011/06/20110629/CT/FOOD-FOOD/300dpi/06-29-11_CTC_FOOD_WED_N_6_6-7.pdf

THIRD: Rick Nelson, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, "Wild Thing"

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/taste/112902719.html?refer=y>

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD NEWS STORY

(tie for third place)

FIRST: Beth Barrett, *LA Weekly*, "L.A. Farmers Markets Exposed"
<http://www.laweekly.com/2011-11-10/news/l-a-farmers-markets-exposed/>

SECOND: Brett Anderson, *The Times-Picayune*, "Oyster Business Still Has Troubles by the Sack"
http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2011/05/new_orleans_family_oyster_comp.html

THIRD: Stacy Finz and Amanda Gold, *San Francisco Chronicle*, "As State's Farmers Age, a New Breed is Meeting Growing Need for Food"

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/California-s-young-farmers-break-traditional-mold-2424450.php>
<http://www.sfgate.com/food/article/Dinner-Bell-Farm-s-new-breed-of-ranchers-2424448.php>

THIRD: Lisa Sorg, *Independent Weekly*, "Chew on This"
<http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/why-you-should-care-about-the-food-safety-modernization-act/Content?oid=1950088>

BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COLUMN

FIRST: Jason Wilson, columnist writing in *The Washington Post*
SECOND: Jason Wilson, columnist writing in *San Francisco Chronicle*
THIRD: Jennifer Bain, Food Editor, *Toronto Star*

BEST NEWSPAPER RESTAURANT CRITICISM

(tie in second place)

FIRST: Craig LaBan, Restaurant Critic, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
SECOND: Michael Bauer, Executive Food and Wine Editor, *San Francisco Chronicle*
SECOND: Leslie Brenner, Restaurant Critic and Dining Editor, *Dallas Morning News*
THIRD: Brett Anderson, Restaurant Critic and Features Writer, *The Times-Picayune*

BEST NEWSPAPER SPECIAL FOOD PROJECT

FIRST: *Creative Loafing* (Atlanta), "The Food Issue", Besha Rodell, Food & Drink Editor
SECOND: *San Francisco Chronicle*, "49 Mile S.F. Food Tour", Food & Wine Staff
THIRD: *Seattle Times*, "Feeling the Weight: A Children's Tale of Temptation, Comfort and Compulsion", Maureen O'Hagan, Reporter

BEST INTERNET FOOD NEWS OR FEATURE STORY

FIRST: Katharine Shilcutt, Staff Writer, *Houston Press*, "Tale of Two Dinners"
http://blogs.houstonpress.com/eating/2011/12/a_tale_of_two_dinners_ava_kitc.php
SECOND: Michele Kayal, Contributor, Associated Press, "For Pepin, Cooking is About Technique, Not Stardom"
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/03/jacques-pepin-career_n_917335.html
<http://french.eforegate.com/2011/12/21/jacques-pepin-cooking-all-about-technique/>
THIRD: Jane Lear, Freelance Writer, The Zenchilada.com, "Putting the Gullah Back in Gumbo"
<http://issuu.com/TheZenchilada.com/docs/issueno.3/63>

BEST FOOD VISUAL

FIRST: *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* for "Blueberries", Laurie Skrivan, Photographer
SECOND: *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* for "Apples & Honey", Larry Roberts, Photographer
THIRD: *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* for "Bunches of Biscuits", Stephanie Cordle, Photographer

BEST FOOD BLOG

(tie in third place)

FIRST: *The Village Voice*, Staff
SECOND: *LA Weekly*, Amy Scattergood, Food Blog Editor
THIRD: *San Francisco Chronicle*, Paolo Lucchesi, Staff Writer; Michael Bauer, Executive Food & Wine Editor, & Jon Bonné, Wine Editor
THIRD: *The Seattle Times*, Nancy Leson, Food & Restaurant Columnist

BEST FOOD ESSAY

FIRST: David Hagedorn, writer/columnist writing in *The Washington Post*, "Mothering Heights"
http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/mom-i-cook-because-of-you/2011/09/26/gIQAMdeMLL_story.html

SECOND: Nancie McDermott, *Edible Piedmont* magazine, "Lunch Counter Sit-Ins"
<http://onlinedigeditions.com/publication/?i=91646>
Click to page 22.

THIRD: Laura Hahnefeld, *Phoenix New Times*, "My Year of Eating Dangerously"
<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/2011-01-20/culture/my-year-of-eating-dangerously/>