

# ASSOCIATION OF FOOD JOURNALISTS, INC. PRESS RELEASE

## *AFJ Names Finalists in Awards Competition 2011*

The Association of Food Journalists announces 54 finalists in its Awards Competition 2011.

The awards recognized excellence in all aspects of food journalism.

This year's competition drew 280 entries in 15 categories. The finalists are listed in alphabetical order in each category. Placement of finalists will be announced at AFJ's Awards Competition 2011 banquet in Charleston, SC, on Oct. 6. Cash awards are \$300 for first place and certificates for all winners.

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 Deborah Hartz-Seeley of Lighthouse Point, FL.

AFJ, now in its 37th 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 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 COVERAGE 135,000 & Under Circulation**

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

Tommy Simmons, Food Editor, and Cheramie Sonnier, Assistant Food Editor;  
*The Advocate*

Andrea Weigl, Food Writer, *News & Observer*

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

Jolene Ketzenberger, Food Writer, *The Indianapolis Star*

Nancy J. Stohs, Food Editor, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Bob Batz Jr. & Staff, Food Editor, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

### **BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COVERAGE 200,001 & Over Circulation**

Carol Mighton Haddix, Food Editor, *Chicago Tribune*

Miriam Morgan, Food Editor, and Jon Bonné, Wine Editor, & Staff, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Joe Yonan, Food Editor, *The Washington Post*

**BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE  
172,000 Circulation & Under**

Brooke Foster, Editorial Contributor, *Riverfront Times*: “What Happens When You Take The Same Shopping List to Four Very Different Markets?”

Jonathan Gold, Staff Writer, *LA Weekly*: “Moveable Beast: L.A. Weekly’s 99 Essential Restaurants”

Jonathan Gold, Staff Writer, *LA Weekly*: “99 Things to Eat in L.A. Before You Die”

**BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD FEATURE  
172,001 & Over Circulation**

Jane Black, Reporter, *The Washington Post*; “Homegrown”

Jon Bonné, Wine Editor, *San Francisco Chronicle*; “A Grape Is Revived — Quietly”

Sophie Brickman, Staff Writer, *San Francisco Chronicle*; “The Life at The Laundry”

**BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD NEWS STORY**

Kristen Hinman, Staff Writer, *Riverfront Times*; “The Humane Society and Big Agriculture Slug It Out Over Animal Rights”

Jennifer Justus, Reporter, *The Tennessean*, “Homeless But Not Hungry”

Maureen O’Hagan, Staff Reporter, *The Seattle Times*, “Is Raw Milk Safe?”

**BEST NEWSPAPER FOOD COLUMN**

Jennifer Bain, Food Editor, *Toronto Star*

Sophie Brickman, Staff Writer, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Anne Brockhoff, Freelance Journalist, *The Kansas City Star*

**BEST NEWSPAPER RESTAURANT CRITICISM**

Ian Froeb, Staff Writer, *Riverfront Times*

Jonathan Gold, Staff Writer, *LA Weekly*

Edmund Tijerina, Food Writer, *San Antonio Express-News*

**BEST NEWSPAPER SPECIAL FOOD PROJECT**

Kim Ode, Staff Writer, *Star Tribune*, Minneapolis; “A Baker’s Dozen”

Jill Silva, Food Editor/Critic, *The Kansas City Star*; “Far Away From Food”

Jill Silva, Food Editor/Critic, & Cindy Hoedel, Magazine Writer; *The Kansas City Star*, “35 People, Places and Things That Make Us Drool”

**BEST FOOD FEATURE IN A MAGAZINE**

Brett Anderson, *The Oxford American*, “The Great White Hope”

Liz Johnson, Freelance Writer, writing in *Arrive*, Dinner Conversations”

Maureen O’Hagan, *The Seattle Times*, “School Lunch”

**BEST INTERNET FOOD NEWS OR FEATURE STORY**

Michele Kayal, Freelance Journalist, Associated Press; “Dorie Greenspan: French Food and Flaming Kitchens”

Ronni Lundy, Editor in Chief, *TheZenChilada.com*; “Tamales”

Andrew Schneider, Senior Public Health Correspondent, *aolnews.com*; “Regulated or Not, Nano-Foods Coming to a Store Near You”

### **BEST FOOD VISUAL**

Rob Goebel, Photographer, *Indianapolis Star*, “Autumn Apples”

William Hogan, Studio Photographer, *Chicago Tribune*, “Strawberry Ice”

Daniel Marsula, Art Director, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, “Pressure Cooker”

### **BEST FOOD BLOG**

[blogs.dallasobserver.com/cityofate](http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/cityofate), Staff, *Dallas Observer*

[seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/allyoucaneat](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/allyoucaneat), Nancy Leson, Food & Restaurant  
Columnist, *The Seattle Times*

[voices.washingtonpost.com/all-we-can-eat/](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/all-we-can-eat/), Food Staff, *The Washington Post*

### **BEST FOOD ESSAY**

Besha Rodell, Food & Drink Editor, *Creative Loafing*, “Around the Clock at Waffle  
House”

Robert Sietsema, Staff Writer, *The Village Voice*, “An Open Letter to Josh Ozersky”

Jessica Thomson, Writer, Leite’s Culinaria ([www.leitesculinaria.com](http://www.leitesculinaria.com)); on gluten  
intolerance

### **BEST FOOD MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION**

Gretchen McKay, Food Writer, & Steve Mellon, Videographer; *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*  
and [post-gazette.com](http://post-gazette.com)

Katharine Shilcutt, Staff Writer, *Houston Press*

Tom Sietsema, Restaurant Critic, *The Washington Post*