

# CHRIS DAINES

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Experienced reporter, editor and photojournalist capable of independent research and development. Skilled multitasker capable of balancing and prioritizing complex workloads. Creative and accurate assessor of information and its development to stories. Skilled pagination and copy editing abilities. Keen observer with a willingness to accept and carry out assignments requiring travel and investigation.

## Experience

**Reporter** 2008 - 2009 | The Orange County Register - Orange County, Calif.

- Maintained active reader relationships in Dana Point beat, developing confidence through accurate and unbiased reporting.
- Tripled the number of Dana Point Web hits within the first six months of employment, and maintained more than 80,000 monthly pageviews for personal byline.
- Synthesized complicated water conservation issues, planning commission issues and vital city council decisions in a way that engaged and kept residents reading.

**News Editor** 2007 - 2008 | Daily Herald - Provo, Utah

- Managed 10 designers and copy editors while maintaining previous copy editing and designing responsibilities. Established new organization methods to improve page flow and accuracy.
- Directed daily news budgeting meetings to determine newsworthiness and placement of local and wire content. Worked directly with photographers and reporters for enterprise design.
- Assisted in development of niche products and special sections in print and on the Web to stimulate ad revenue and generate reader interest beyond the front page.

**Copy Editor / Page Designer** 2006 - 2007 | Daily Herald - Provo, Utah

- Maintained strict deadlines. Acted as reporter when needed.
- Worked with a successful team of copy editors to ensure reporting was factual and responsible, with strict Associated Press style. Trained new editors in both AP style and pagination.
- Provided engaging and clean news page design using art and typography.

**Arts and Entertainment Editor** 2006 | Daily Sundial - Northridge, Calif.

- Developed and reported on original and localized entertainment content.
- Managed writers, reporters and copy editors in team effort to meet deadlines for a daily paper.

**Staff Photographer / Staff Writer** 2005-2006 | Daily Sundial - Northridge, Calif.

- Photographed and reported on news, breaking news, feature, sports and profiles for publication.
- Met daily deadlines in a cooperative team environment.

**Documentary Photographer** 2005 | Peruvian American Medical Society – Peru

- Volunteered as translator and documentary photographer for a three-week medical mission Peru

**Freelance Reporter / Writer** 2003 | Crescenta Valley Sun – La Crescenta, Calif.

- Contributed reporting and photography in a weekly publicized local paper

**Facilities Maintenance Ass. / Freelance Writer** 2003 – 2006 | Idealab – Pasadena, Calif.

- Maintained physical, clerical, organizational, and planning aspects of a medium-sized company's facilities. Exposure to various business methods and office environments. Authored original content for 100-page Web site for tools.com project.

## Skills

- Software Proficiency – MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Macromedia Studio and HTML
- Language Fluency – English, Portuguese, conversational Spanish

## Education

- B.A. in Journalism, 2006 – California State Univ. Northridge

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