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"Wiener Take All: A Dogumentary" was the undisputed hit of this year's Tacoma Film Festival, with two sold-out shows and a third, added, screening playing to a half-full auditorium at the Grand Cinema on Tuesday night. Nothing else in the weeklong event came close, said the Grand's executive director, Philip Cowan.

The second most popular picture was the opening night film, "On Paper Wings." It was a documentary about a little-known World War II episode in which the Japanese military tried to attack the U.S. with bombs attached to large paper balloons.

A program of comedy shorts attracted the third-largest audience of the fest, and a documentary titled "Crawford," about the small town near President Bush's Texas ranch, came in fourth. Another shorts program, this one made up of mini drama, was the fifth most popular offering.

Cowan said total festival attendance was around 1,700, a figure close to the number of tickets sold last year.

The festival wraps up Thursday with a 6:30 p.m. gala awards banquet at the Temple Theater, 47 St. Helens Ave. Awards will be handed out to films in four categories: documentary, local film, short and audience favorite.

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