

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
Embargoed Winners List: Hold until Sun., May 20, 2012 @ 12 a.m.

RADIO

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff

KIRO FM

“Amanda Knox verdict”

2nd place

Staff

Oregon Public Broadcasting

“Occupy Portland”

3rd place

Rachael McDonald

KLCC Radio

“Occupiers clean up camp”

General News Reporting

1st place

Brandi Kruse

KIRO FM

“Fight for freedom: the Jason Puracal story”

2nd place

Tom Banse, Colin Fogarty

Northwest News Network

“Big bang at dam launches hope for salmon and kayakers”

3rd place

Bonnie Stewart & David Steves

Oregon Public Broadcasting

“A guide to haze in the Columbia River Gorge”

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Feature News Reporting

1st place

Dan Boyce

Montana Public Radio

“Chet Huntley’s Montana legacy”

2nd place

Chris Sullivan

KIRO FM

“Stunt school”

3rd place

April Baer & Eve Epstein

Oregon Public Broadcasting

“Descendants of migrant labor pioneers gather in Woodburn”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Anna King & Colin Fogarty

Northwest News Network

“Hanford’s flawed safety culture”

2nd place

Libby Casey

Alaska Public Radio Network

“Crew members attempted to turn in Fuglvog”

3rd place

Rob Manning & Eve Epstein

Oregon Public Broadcasting

“Seismic reviews of many Oregon dams way behind schedule”

Special Report

1st place

Staff

KIRO FM

“9/11, 10 years later”

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2nd place

Steve Jackson
Spokane Public Radio
“Norwester 76”

3rd place

Sadie Babits
Boise State Public Radio
“Through a doctor’s eyes”

News Series

1st place

Staff
CoastAlaska
“Sealaska lands bill series”

2nd place

John Ryan & Jim Gates
KUOW Radio
“Danger at work”

3rd place

Dan Boyce
Montana Public Radio
“From Montana to Germany”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Scott Ki
Boise State Public Radio
“Pole dancing”

2nd place

Bill Schwartz
KIRO FM
“Born to run”

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3rd place

Rob Manning & Eve Epstein

Oregon Public Broadcasting

"Giant questions haunt Blazers' fans and their Hall of Fame Lithuanian"

TV, Markets 1-120

General News Reporting

1st place

Chris Ingalls

KING5 TV

"Waterfront welfare"

2nd place

Linda Byron, Kellie Cheadle, Steve Douglas, Randy Eng

KING5 TV

"Bully with a badge"

3rd place

Liz Rocca & Kiyomi Taguchi

KOMO-TV

"Gone...and forgotten"

Feature News Reporting

1st place

Joe Fryer & Ken Jones

KING5 TV

"When September ends"

2nd place

Tim Becker

KOIN TV

"No legs, no limits, living the dream!"

3rd place

John Sharify & Douglas Burgess

KING5 TV

"Defending silence"

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Investigative Reporting

1st place

Liz Rocca, Tri Ngo, Randy Carnell, Jennifer Austin
KOMO-TV
"Terror on the tracks"

2nd place

Tracy Vedder & Kiyomi Taguchi
KOMO-TV
"Vanishing videos"

3rd place

Chris Ingalls, Kellie Cheadle, Steve Douglas
KING5 TV
"Their crime, your dime"

Special Report/Documentary

1st place

Liz Rocca, Randy Carnell, Michelle Morin, Tri Ngo
KOMO-TV
"Problem solvers investigate: terror on the tracks"

2nd place

Nathan Wilson
KOMO-TV
"Help on the homefront"

3rd place

Jill Mullican
KOMO-TV
"Problem Solvers: what if?"

Sports Reporting

1st place

Tim Becker
KOIN TV
"Making memories, missing dad"

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2nd place
Tim Becker & Bill Cortez
KOIN TV
"Defying disease"

3rd place
Michelle Esteban & Kiyomi Taguchi
KOMO-TV
"Queen of the ring"

Photojournalism

1st place
Dan Jackson
KREM-TV
"UPS marathoner"

2nd place
Josh Peterson
KAPP/KVEW-TV
"Stunt plane show"

3rd place
Dan Thesman
KAPP/KVEW-TV
"Local troops deploy to Afghanistan"

TV, Markets 121-210

Spot News Reporting

1st place
Sarah Gravlee & Nicole Grigg
KULR-8 TV
"Manhunt"

2nd place
Sarah Navoy
Fisher Communications
"Emergency landing"

3rd place
Michael Spears
Fisher Communications
"Prosecutor busted for DUI"

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General News Reporting

1st place

Holly Menino

KEZI9 TV

"Remains identified as missing Springfield man"

2nd place

Katie Boer & Bill Goetz

KVAL-TV

"He was eating lunch the last time that we had checked on him"

3rd place

Beth Ford & Tony Gist

KVAL-TV

"Story behind the gunk that stunk up Cottage Grove"

Feature News Reporting

1st place

Jennifer Winters & Bill Goetz

KVAL-TV

"I have more of a need to give that gift than the child has to receive it"

2nd place

Kristina Nelson & Loren Ruark

KVAL-TV

"This is the thrill of a lifetime"

3rd place

Nohelani Graf & Ryan Cummings

KMTR-TV

"Logging on for love"

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Holly Menino

KEZI9 TV

"Remains identified as missing Springfield man"

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2nd place

Whitney Ward
Fisher Communications
"The cost of gangs"

3rd place

Kelly Koopmans & Bill Goetz
KVAL-TV
"It's a job, but..."

Special Report/Documentary

1st place

Katie Boer, Loren Ruark, Adam Grunseth
KVAL-TV
"Extreme Katie - 4-part series"

2nd place

Erin Maxson & KDRV Staff
KDRV-TV
"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Southern Oregon"

3rd place

Staff
KULR-8 TV
"Big Sky all-stars celebration"

Sports Reporting

1st place

Dan Boyce
KBZK-TV
"A Montana marlin"

2nd place

Dirk Weishaar
KVAL-TV
"Battling back: Sheldon's Damian Nunez survives cancer scare "

3rd place

Nick Krupke
KVAL-TV
"Kaptivating Kidz: come one, come all"

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Photojournalism

1st place

Tony Gist

KVAL-TV

"Discarded things can be really significant' "

2nd place

Bill Goetz & Tom Adams

KVAL-TV

"'Giant Killers' tells story of 1937 Oregon champs"

3rd place

Adam Grunseth & Katie Boer

KVAL-TV

"No blades. That's against the rules."

ONLINE

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff

The Columbian Online

"Washougal standoff"

2nd place

Staff

The Oregonian

"Portland police evict Occupy Portland campers"

3rd place

Staff

Billings Gazette Online

"Gas explosion destroys Billings home"

Special Report/Enterprise

1st place

Sarah Stuteville

The Common Language Project

"Never going home: young Iraqi refugees dream of Seattle, wait in limbo in Syria"

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2nd place

Staff

The Seattle Times Online

“Elwha: the grand experiment”

3rd place

Laura Kaufman

Crosscut.com

“Struggling newsstand a last bastion of real Pike Place character”

Arts/Entertainment/Lifestyle

1st place

Knute Berger

Crosscut.com

“Best of 2011: Allen takes a close look at himself and others”

2nd place

Staff

KING5.com

“Seattle man proposes with ‘Sound of Music’ flash mob”

3rd place

Christopher Solomon

MSN Real Estate

“Don't demolish that old house; recycle it”

Business Reporting

1st place

Harris Meyer

Crosscut.com

“Will Swedish limit choices for women and the dying under Providence deal?”

2nd place

John Stang

Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business

“Whistleblower raises questions about safety concerns at Hanford”

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3rd place

Melinda Fulmer

MSN Real Estate

“More short sales bring new scam: flopping”

Sports

1st place

Brent Champaco

Patch.com University Place

2nd place

Chris Hansen & Glenn Nelson

HoopGurlz.com

“Elite prospect battles rare disease”

3rd place

Bob Condotta, Amy Bergstrom, Robert Wickwire

The Seattle Times Online

“UW Husky football and UW Husky stadium coverage”

Commentary

1st place

Monica Guzman

Geekwire

“Issues in digital life”

2nd place

Pete Jackson

Crosscut.com

“Cantwell’s cheaper shoes are pinching”

3rd place

Kai-Huei Yau

Tri-City Herald Online

“Behind the fold”

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Photography

1st place

Joshua Trujillo

SeattlePI.com

“Occupy Seattle photos”

2nd place

Erika Schultz

The Seattle Times Online

“Synchronized swimming championships”

3rd place

Lucas Anderson

KING5.com

“Seattle students walk out to protest education cuts”

Gallery/Slideshow

1st place

Bob Brawdy, Paul T. Erickson, Richard Dickin, Kai-Huei Yau

Tri-City Herald Online

“Faces of cancer”

2nd place

Liz Kishimoto

The Spokesman Review Online

“A world apart, a common bond”

3rd place

Chantal Anderson

The Common Language Project

“Born in Bangladesh”

Video

1st place

Alex Stonehill

The Common Language Project

“Never going home: young Iraqi refugees dream of Seattle, wait in limbo in Syria”

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Jamie Francis

The Oregonian Online

“Pendleton cowboy Jack Sweek – one memory, framed in silver”

3rd place

Mark Mulligan, Annie Mulligan

The Daily Herald Co. Online

“Cascade Quest: Sled dog racing”

Interactive Graphic or Resource – NOT JUDGED YET

1st place

Micky Hulse

The Register-Guard Online

“PCT Oregon 2011”

Best New Site of 2011

1st place

EarthFix Staff

Oregon Public Broadcasting

EarthFix

2nd place

John Cook, Todd Bishop, Rebecca Lovell, Jonathan Sposato

Geekwire

Geekwire

3rd place

Emilie Ritter Saunders, Molly Messick

Boise State Public Radio Online

“State Impact Idaho”

Best Online Community Engagement

1st place

Staff

KING5.com

KING5 Social Media

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2nd place

Staff

Seattle Met Magazine

Seattle Met Online

3rd place

Cory Bergman & Amy Duncan

Breaking News

“Breaking News on Google+”

Innovation Award

1st place

Sarah Jane Rothenfluch, John Kin, John Rosman, Ellen Lee

Oregon Public Broadcasting

“National Book Awards”

2nd place

Carol Smith & Jim Gates

Investigate West

“Farming along the Duwamish”

3rd place

Staff

KING5.com

“KING5 Mobile”

Best Site – General News

1st place

Staff

The Seattle Times

The Seattle Times Online

2nd place

Staff

Oregon Public Broadcasting

OPB News

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3rd place
Staff
KING5.com
KING5.com

Best Site – Specialized Subject

1st place
Glenn Nelson & Chris Hansen
HoopGurlz.com
“ESPN HoopGurlz”

2nd place
Joan Cartan-Hansen, Kris Freeland, Rick Penticoff, Stephanie Dickey
Idaho Public Television Online
“D4K”

3rd place
Les Zaitz & Ed Madrid
The Oregonian Online
“Rajneeshees in Oregon: the untold story”

Best Site – Hyperlocal

1st place
Staff
LOL Dudez, LLC
“The B-Town Blog”

2nd place
Halley Griffin & KOMO News Staff
KOMONews.com
“Tacoma KOMO”

3rd place
Dana E. Neuts
iLoveKent.net
“iLoveKent.net”

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MAGAZINES

General Excellence

1st place

Staff

Montana Quarterly

General Reporting

1st place

James Ross Gardner

Seattle Met Magazine

“The girl on the bridge”

2nd place

Bruce Barcott

Seattle Met Magazine

“The Elwha's last dam summer”

3rd place

James Ross Gardner

Seattle Met Magazine

“Diary of a deadly year”

Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Chris Grygiel

Seattle Magazine

“Seattle’s mini mayors”

2nd place

Lee Van Der Voo

Portland Monthly Magazine

“To protect & serve”

3rd place

Matthew Halverson

Seattle Met Magazine

“Elizabeth Campbell will not back down”

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Environmental Affairs

1st place

Anna King

Seattle Magazine

“Safe enough?”

2nd place

Bruce Barcott

Seattle Met Magazine

“The Elwha's last dam summer”

3rd place

Maria Dolan

Seattle Magazine

“Troubled waters”

Science & Health Reporting

1st place

Leslie Forsberg

Alaska Airlines Magazine

“Fragile beauty”

2nd place

Naomi Ishisaka

Seattle Magazine

“UW scientist Henry Lai makes waves in the cell phone industry”

3rd place

Mark Mendiola

Horizon Air Magazine

“Advanced studies”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Kasey Cordell

Portland Monthly Magazine

“The hidden war”

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2nd place

Eric Scigliano
Seattle Met Magazine
“The language of the land”

3rd place

James Ross Gardner
Seattle Met Magazine
“Diary of a deadly year”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Neal Thompson
Seattle Met Magazine
“The carver’s life”

2nd place

Sarah Stuteville
The Common Language Project
“The return: one Marine's story of a mission accomplished, but not really over”

3rd place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met Magazine
“Elizabeth Campbell will not back down”

Personal Service Reporting

1st place

Jessica Voelker
Seattle Met Magazine
“Yoga for life”

2nd place

Laura Dannen & Ariana Dawes
Seattle Met Magazine
“The best places to work... and play”

3rd place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met Magazine
“23 reasons it's great to be a pet in Seattle”

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Magazine Departments

1st place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met Magazine
“Quote unquote”

2nd place

Karen Brooks
Portland Monthly Magazine
“Restaurant review”

3rd place

Rachel Ritchie
Portland Monthly Magazine
“Long story short”

Travel Reporting

1st place

Jessica Voelker
Seattle Met Magazine
“Return to Red Mountain”

2nd place

Tyrone Beason
Pacific Northwest Magazine
“My personal Mideast peace”

3rd place

Ken Marsh
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Seasonal sojourn”

Leisure & Lifestyle Reporting

1st place

Diana Wurn
Seattle Magazine
“Upward dog(s)”

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2nd place

Heidi Dietrich

Pacific Northwest Magazine

“Puget Ridge's family spirit: co-op living in W. Seattle”

3rd place

Kurt Batdorf

Snohomish County Business Journal

“Dick's opens, and there is much rejoicing”

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

1st place

Tom Colligan

Portland Monthly Magazine

“Studio City”

2nd place

Neal Thompson

Seattle Met Magazine

“The man who invented winter”

3rd place

Brandien Davis, Bond Huberman, Dana Standish

Seattle Magazine

“Fall arts preview”

Business & Consumer Affairs Reporting

1st place

Zach Dundas

Portland Monthly Magazine

“A stitch in time”

2nd place

Stuart Glascock

Seattle Business

“Mobile marketing”

3rd place

Bruce Barcott

Seattle Met Magazine

“Putting the Eddie back in Eddie Bauer”

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Sports Reporting

1st place

Joe Runyan

Alaska Airlines Magazine

“Leader of the pack”

2nd place

Bill Reader

Pacific Northwest Magazine

“Former boxing champ Greg Haugen fights on”

3rd place

Matthew Halverson

Seattle Met Magazine

“The redemption of Ryan Leaf will be televised”

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Randy Gragg

Portland Monthly Magazine

“The birth of a park”

2nd place

Bill Virgin

Seattle Business

“It’s not OK”

3rd place

Kathryn Robinson

Seattle Met Magazine

“Unnecessary roughness”

Headlines

1st place

John Levesque

Seattle Business

2nd place

Staff

Horizon Air Magazine

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3rd place
Staff
Seattle Magazine

Cover Design

1st place
Andre Mora
Seattle Met Magazine
“Reasons to love winter”

2nd place
Peter Vogel & Jason Blackheart
Portland Monthly Magazine
“Farmers markets: an insider's guide”

3rd place
Staff
425 Magazine
“Best of 425 – 2011”

Spread Design/Photo Essay

1st place
Sue Boylan & Hayley Young
Seattle Magazine
“Dow rising “

2nd place
Deborah Richardson & Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Cultivating the student-housing market’

3rd place
Michael Novak
Portland Monthly Magazine
“The hidden war”

Cartoons & Illustrations

1st place
Owen Freeman
Seattle Met Magazine
“Diary of a deadly year”

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2nd place

Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Find big business in self-storage”

3rd place

Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Is there a doctor for the house?”

Sports Photography

1st place

H. Roger Evans
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Alaska links”

2nd place

Ron Niebrugge
Horizon Air Magazine
“Tahoe treasures”

3rd place

Jamie Francis
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Central Oregon”

Feature Photography

1st place

William Anthony
Portland Monthly Magazine
“The villain”

2nd place

Rick Dahms
AAA Washington/Journey magazine
“Safe & sound”

3rd place

Patrick J. Endres
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Glacier grandeur”

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ALTERNATIVE NEWSWEEKLIES

General Excellence

1st place

Staff

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Matthew Frank

Missoula Independent

“Above the law”

2nd place

Nicholas Deshais

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“The bulldog”

3rd place

Rick Anderson

Seattle Weekly

“He killed Edwin Pratt”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Caleb Hannan

Seattle Weekly

“Lawrence Williams: no Romeo”

2nd place

Jessica Mayrer

Missoula Independent

“Theirs for the taking”

3rd place

Joe O’Sullivan

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“Narrow escape”

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Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Corey Pein

Willamette Week

“The other Portland”

2nd place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“Nowhere-near-the-border patrol in Forks”

3rd place

Nicholas Deshais

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“Olympia or bust”

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place

Joshua Frank

Seattle Weekly

“Hanford’s nuclear option”

2nd place

James Pitkin

Willamette Week

“Plastic crusader”

Health Reporting

1st place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“The anti-vaccine epidemic”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“Nowhere-near-the-border patrol in Forks”

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2nd place

Daniel Walters

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“Lost in the shuffle”

3rd place

Eric Flowers

The Source Weekly

“Treading water in Foreclosureville”

Education Reporting

1st place

Daniel Walters

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“Dropout crisis”

2nd place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“Deaf jam”

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

1st place

Casey Jarman

Willamette Week

“Return of the mack”

2nd place

Jonathan Walczak

Seattle Weekly

“Ryan Henry Ward paints the town”

3rd place

Ellis Conklin

Seattle Weekly

“Pete Dexter lets it bleed”

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Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Corey Pein

Willamette Week

“Cheat local”

2nd place

Jordy Byrd

The Pacific Northwest Inlander

“Seeds of change”

3rd place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“Ethan Stowell, empire builder”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Aaron Mesh

Willamette Week

“Voodoo child”

2nd place

Keegan Hamilton

Seattle Weekly

“The (alleged) adventures of Phoenix Jones”

3rd place

Nina Shapiro

Seattle Weekly

“The evolution of John McKay”

Business Reporting

1st place

Keegan Hamilton

Seattle Weekly

“Porn, piracy & BitTorrent”

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2nd place

Nicholas Deshais
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Size matters”

3rd place

Corey Pein
Willamette Week
“NikeLeaks”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Jonathan Crowl
Willamette Week
“Gang green”

2nd place

Rick Anderson
Seattle Weekly
“Suicide, horses & Omak's most notorious minute”

3rd place

Luke Baumgarten
The Pacific Northwest Inlander
“Winning”

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Nigel Jaquiss
Willamette Week

2nd place

Stacy Nguyen
Northwest Asian Weekly

Special Sections

1st place

Rick Anderson
Seattle Weekly
“War isn't over: remembering Washington's war dead”

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2nd place
Staff
Willamette Week
“Restaurant guide”

3rd place
Staff
Northwest Asian Weekly

Page Design

1st place
Ben Mollica
Willamette Week

2nd place
Chris Bovey
The Pacific Northwest Inlander

3rd place
Han Bui
Northwest Asian Weekly

Graphics & Illustrations

1st place
Chris Bovey
The Pacific Northwest Inlander

2nd place
Hawk Krall
Willamette Week

3rd place
Stacy Nguyen
Northwest Asian Weekly

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NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

General Excellence

1st place

Staff

Sequim Gazette

General News Reporting

1st place

Greg Lamm & Steve Goldsmith

Puget Sound Business Journal

“Other people’s money”

2nd place

Steve Wilhelm & Steve Goldsmith

Puget Sound Business Journal

“Rising in the South”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Zachary Van Brunt & Dee Camp

The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

“Shootings shock community”

2nd place

Warren Kagarise, Christina Lords, Kathleen R. Merrill

The Issaquah Press

“It was like being in a war zone amid shoot out”

3rd place

Caleb Heeringa

Sammamish Review

“Sahalee man pulls neighbor from burning building”

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Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Celeste Gracey

Issaquah & Sammamish Reporter

“A park out of place; can Lake Sammamish State Park find a future, support in the community?”

2nd place

Celeste Gracey

Issaquah & Sammamish Reporter

“A tale of two cities”

Education Reporting

1st place

Aaron Burkhalter

Real Change

“The staggering cost of student debt”

2nd place

Katie Murdoch

The Weekly Herald

“Joan Jett: Scriber kids are rock ‘n roll”

3rd place

Matt Phelps

Kirkland Reporter

“New Northwest University program in Kirkland gives local teens a place to grow their musical talents”

Health Reporting

1st place

Holly Smith Peterson

The Business Examiner

“Is a national defense crisis looming?”

2nd place

Katherine Luck

Journal Newspapers

“Local firefighter battles cancer with the help of friends”

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3rd place

Sebastian Moraga

SnoValley Star

“North Bend woman joins cancer walk for her dad”

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place

Katherine Luck

Journal Newspapers

“The mating game”

2nd place

Kevin Birnbaum

Catholic Northwest Progress

“Science and the sacred mingle in new documentary”

3rd place

Sue Ellen White

The Whidbey Examiner

“Rain brings high-water problems”

Business Reporting

1st place

Heidi Dietrich

Puget Sound Business Journal

“The defender: inside the PR operation that helped to free Amanda Knox”

2nd place

Holly Smith Peterson

Business Examiner

“Transalta transition plan still unclear”

3rd place

Jeanne Lang Jones

Puget Sound Business Journal

“Business at the brink”

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Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Celeste Gracey

Issaquah & Sammamish Reporter

“When help means life – or death”

2nd place

Rosette Royale

Real Change

“The misrepresentation of Sharon Lee”

3rd place

Bianca Fortis

The Chronicle

“Finding a home for the holidays”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Valerie Bauman

Puget Sound Business Journal

“Feet on the ground: Jeff Raikes...”

2nd place

Carrie Wood

Kirkland Reporter

“Kirkland community celebrates life of prominent artist diagnosed with terminal leukemia”

3rd place

Caleb Heeringa

Sammamish Review

“Sammamish 9/11 survivor, conflicted about bin Laden death, remembers”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Gabrielle Nomura

Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing

“Visitors come face-to-face with their worst nightmares at Beaver Lake Park”

**2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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2nd place

Katherine Luck
Journal Newspapers
“Roller derby queens”

3rd place

Katherine Luck & Elizabeth Griffin
Journal Newspapers
“Jobs that make us squirm”

Arts Reporting & Criticism News & Features

1st place

Gabrielle Nomura
Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing
“From corps dancer to choreographer”

2nd place

Gabrielle Nomura
Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing
“Repping suburbia in a city hip-hop scene”

3rd place

Jennifer Karchmer
Whatcom Watch
“To tweet or not to tweet”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Joshua Suman
Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing
“Head Games | concussions in youth sports, the Lystedt Law and a local response”

2nd place

Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Escape from Alcatraz!”

3rd place

Al Camp & Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle
“Oh poop!”

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Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Roger Harnack

The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

“Time for a change at PUD”

General Column

1st place

Matthew Wilemski

North Seattle Herald-Outlook

Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing

2nd place

Heija Nunn

Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing

3rd place

Brian Mittge

The Chronicle

Page Design

1st place

Sheyna Watkins

The Chronicle

2nd place

Sarah Burk

The Liberty Lake Splash

3rd place

Jon Williams

Real Change

News Photography

1st place

Damien Mulnix

The Chinook Observer

“Rescue of Dale Ostrander”

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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2nd place

Al Camp

The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

“Swimming lessons”

3rd place

Christina Lords

The Issaquah Press

“‘It was like being in a war zone’ amid shootout”

Feature Photography

1st place

Chris Geier

The Chronicle

“Our Lady of Guadalupe”

2nd place

Chris Geier

The Chronicle

“Halloween”

3rd place

Marcus R. Donner

Puget Sound Business Journal

“Savored: Ever the quirky pioneer, The Pink Door turns 30”

Sports Photography

1st place

Roger Harnack

The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

“Touchdown imminent”

2nd place

Al Camp

The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle

“Peasley whips field”

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3rd place
Pete Caster
The Chronicle
"Celebration time"

Photo Portfolio

1st place
Chad Coleman
Bellevue Reporter/Sound Publishing

2nd place
Damian Mulinix
The Chinook Observer

3rd place
Chris Geier
The Chronicle

DAILY NEWSPAPERS – SMALL-SIZED DAILIES (CIRCULATION < 25,000)

General Excellence

1st place
Staff
The Daily News

Comprehensive Coverage

1st place
Carly Flandro & Daniel Person
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
"Green Town USA"

2nd place
Jennifer Moody
Albany Democrat-Herald
"A family torn apart"

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3rd place

Brynn Grimley & Christina Henry
Kitsap Sun
“Private condos, public debt”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Josh Farley
Kitsap Sun
“Investigation finds favoritism in Bremerton police youth program”

2nd place

Kate Martin
Skagit Valley Herald
“A taxing matter”

3rd place

Gail Schontzler & Jodi Hausen
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Montana State professor sex scandal”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

AnneMarie Knepper
Albany Democrat-Herald
“Cascadia post office burns”

2nd place

Gail Schontzler
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Florida man shot by deputies was obsessed with young genius”

3rd place

Mike Johnston
Ellensburg Daily Record
“Waterlogged”

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Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Adam Pearson
The Chronicle
"Life without a license"

2nd place

Jeff Duewel
Grants Pass Daily Courier
"Memories of "I-5 Killer" live on"

3rd place

Tony Lystra
The Daily News
"Treatment delayed"

Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Amanda Ricker
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
"In need of change? City Commission to consider new panhandling restrictions"

2nd place

Damian Mann
Mail Tribune
"Here's the deal"

3rd place

Bennett Hall
Corvallis Gazette-Times
"The Great Riparian Conspiracy"

Education Reporting

1st place

Paris Achen
Mail Tribune
"OK, so you cut \$12 million "

**2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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2nd place

Reba Lean
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
"Portrait of a failing school"

3rd place

Bennett Hall
Corvallis Gazette-Times
"What's wrong with special ed?"

Health Reporting

1st place

Howard Huntington & Jim Moore
Grants Pass Daily Courier
"Medicare checkup"

2nd place

Scott Terrell & Tahlia Honea
Skagit Valley Herald
"His final choice"

3rd place

Dee Riggs
The Wenatchee World
"HIV then and now"

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place

Bennett Hall, Mark Ylen, Don Boucher
Corvallis Gazette-Times
"Trickle-down effect"

2nd place

DD Bixby
The News-Review
"Bloom & gloom"

3rd place

Tristan Baurick
Kitsap Sun
"Bainbridge residents living in the shadow of landslides"

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Business Reporting

1st place

Staff

The Daily Astorian

“The fate of our forests (4-part series)”

2nd place

Erik Olson

The Daily News

“Delta dusting”

3rd place

Jason Bacaj

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

“A new hope for Montana mining”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Sheila Hagar

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

“No more tomorrows: local suicides hit crisis level”

2nd place

DD Bixby

The News-Review

“Talkin' 'bout my generation”

3rd place

Barbara LaBoe

The Daily News

“Resurrected: one house, many lives”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Reba Lean

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

“For River Mike Cranford, isolation is in-tent-ional”

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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2nd place

Jodi Hausen
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Pioneering doc”

3rd place

Amanda Ricker
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Dinosaur hunter”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Tahlia Honea
Skagit Valley Herald
“Living in the moment”

2nd place

Linsay Cathey & Patti Richter
Grants Pass Daily Courier
“Tattoo”

3rd place

Sven Berg, Zach Kyle
Post Register
“Broken silence: weekend races bring noise, excitement to Atomic City”

Short Feature Story

1st place

K.C. Mehaffey
The Wenatchee World
“A site to never forget”

2nd place

Rachel Hergett
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Saintly style: stolen St. Francis statue returned to owners -- with makeover”

3rd place

Charles Ward
Juneau Empire
“What's in a name?”

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Long Feature Story

1st place

Tahlia Honea

Skagit Valley Herald

“Keeping the family together”

2nd place

Mary Beth Smetzer

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

“Singapore man was seeking adventure near bus on Stampede Trail”

3rd place

Jeff Graham

Kitsap Sun

“Teen, fighting for life in Haiti, finds new one in Belfair”

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

1st place

Staff

Helena Independent Record

“The bray”

2nd place

Michael Gallagher

Ellensburg Daily Record

“State of the theater”

3rd place

Steven Friederich

The Daily World

"The alley is his canvas"

Sports Reporting

1st place

Tim Trower

Mail Tribune

“A feather in Stetson's cap”

2nd place

Sean Forbes

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

“Spin cycle: Tour de Bozeman's first stage filled with fast, spectator-friendly excitement”

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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3rd place

Gidal Kaiser

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

“A real Butte-y: Hawks win first title since 2003”

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Nathan Joyce

Kitsap Sun

“Newspaper bear”

2nd place

Rachel Hansen

The Wenatchee World

“Derby does it”

3rd place

Colter Nuanez

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

“Modern-day warrior”

Sports Column

1st place

Ben Zimmerman

The Daily News

2nd place

Rick Anderson

The Daily World

3rd place

Zach Urness

Grants Pass Daily Courier

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Don Jenkins

The News-Review

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2nd place
Gary Nelson
Mail Tribune

3rd place
Tricia Jones
The News-Review

General Column

1st place
Cathy Zimmerman
The Daily News

2nd place
Steve Lundeberg
Albany Democrat-Herald

3rd place
Rochelle Feil Adamowsky
The Wenatchee World

Page Design

1st place
Eric Martin
Mail Tribune

2nd place
Sheyna Watkins
The Chronicle

3rd place
Abby Lowell
Juneau Empire

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News Photography

1st place

Jamie Lusch

Mail Tribune

“Inferno outside Rogue River”

2nd place

Eric Engman

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

“Courtroom outburst”

3rd place

Brian Myrick

Ellensburg Daily Record

“Stopping the flood”

Feature Photography

1st place

Jeff Horner

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

“Adjustment to standing room only”

2nd place

Michael Penn

Juneau Empire

“Brown bag jazz”

3rd place

Frank Varga

Skagit Valley Herald

“Fresh clams to go”

Portrait Photography

1st place

E. J. Harris

East Oregonian

“Man on a mission”

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2nd place

Jesse Skoubo

Albany Democrat-Herald

“Ridin’ dirty”

3rd place

E. J. Harris

East Oregonian

“Craft comeback”

Sports Photography

1st place

Jamie Lusch

Mail Tribune

“Raiders survive”

2nd place

Don Seabrook

The Wenatchee World

“Face first slide”

3rd place

E. J. Harris

East Oregonian

“Buck wild”

Photo Page – Story or Essay

1st place

John Wagner

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

“Yukon Quest International sled dog race”

2nd place

Jordan Stead

Skagit Valley Herald

“From gangbanger to God-fearing”

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3rd place

Jeff Horner

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

“On the road again”

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Don Seabrook

The Wenatchee World

2nd place

Mark Ylen

Albany Democrat-Herald

3rd place

Nick Wolcott

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

Graphics & Illustrations – All Circulation Sizes Judged Together

1st place

David Badders

The Oregonian

2nd place

Bob Kelton

The Daily Herald Co.

3rd place

Jared Johnson

The Wenatchee World

DAILY NEWSPAPERS – MID-SIZED DAILIES (CIRCULATION 25,001 – 65,000)

General Excellence

1st place

Staff

Statesman Journal

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Comprehensive Coverage

1st place

Alan Gustafson

Statesman Journal

"Behind Oregon's death row"

2nd place

Vince Devlin, Kurt Wilson

Missoulian

"Marine Tomy Parker begins long recovery after losing both legs and one hand in IED blast"

3rd place

David Lester

Yakima Herald-Republic

"Yakima River Basin: more users, more conflicts"

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Michael Rose & Tracy Loew

Statesman Journal

"Courthouse Square: engineered to fail"

2nd place

Cami Joner & Gordon Oliver

The Columbian

"Bank of Clark County"

3rd place

Nick Budnick

The Bulletin

"A systemic problem"

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Kathie Durbin & Eric Florip

The Columbian

"A flood of water, emotions"

2nd place

David Lester

Yakima Herald-Republic

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“White swan burns”

3rd place

Debra Smith, Amy Daybert, Eric Stevick, Diana Hefley
The Daily Herald Co.

“Jayme had so much more to give us”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Alan Gustafson
Statesman Journal
“Debate is revived”

2nd place

Laura McVicker
The Columbian
“Child sex trafficking on rise”

3rd place

Phil Ferolito
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Custody battle”

Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Government & Political Reporting
Andrea Damewood
The Columbian
“Where are the women in Clark County politics?”

2nd place

Alan Gustafson
Statesman Journal
“Governor withholds execution emails”

3rd place

Staff
The Daily Herald Co.
“Need to know”

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Education Reporting

1st place

Staff

Statesman Journal

"The smaller they are, the harder they fall"

2nd place

Adriana Janovich

Yakima Herald-Republic

"Pregnot"

3rd place

Jacques Von Lunen

Tri-City Herald

"Lingering legacy"

Health Reporting

1st place

Andy Perdue

Tri-City Herald

"Faces of cancer"

2nd place

Paris Achen

The Columbian

"Medicaid muddles search for a physician"

3rd place

Marissa Harshman

The Columbian

"When trust is betrayed"

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place

Cara Pallone & Denise Ruttan

Statesman Journal

"Going with the flow"

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2nd place

Chelsi Moy

Missoulian

“University of Montana scraps \$16-million heating plant, apologizes for 'eco-terrorism' remark”

3rd place

Kathie Durbin & Eric Florip

The Columbian

“A flood of water, emotions”

Business Reporting

1st place

Michelle Dunlop

The Daily Herald Co.

“New life for the mighty 767”

2nd place

Tom Lutey

Billings Gazette

“New wheat economy creates big winners, losers”

3rd place

Andrea Damewood

The Columbian

“Red tape snares food carts”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Diana Hefley

The Daily Herald Co.

“Drug court, arts program giving kids a chance at a clean slate”

2nd place

Paris Achen

The Columbian

“Second parenthood a grand challenge”

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3rd place

Keila Szpaller, Linda Thompson

Missoulian

“Struggling to make ends meet, mother carries onward, providing for her daughters”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Sarah Weiser

The Daily Herald Co.

“The battle within: trying to find the man inside the marine”

2nd place

Chelsi Moy

Missoulian

“UM physics professor with ALS leaves his mark on university, Missoula community”

3rd place

Capi Lynn

Statesman Journal

“Something special”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Thomas Patterson

Statesman Journal

“Ivan and Dot: Life in a constant state of leaving”

2nd place

Barbara Curtin

Statesman Journal

“Bringing poetry home”

3rd place

Mary Ann Albright

The Columbian

“Running shoeless”

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Short Feature Story

1st place

Marissa Harshman
The Columbian
"Saving precious time"

2nd place

Jane Gargas
Yakima Herald-Republic
"A dream (prom) come true"

3rd place

Meg Wochnick
The Olympian
"In memory of Mom"

Long Feature Story

1st place

Donna Healy
Billings Gazette-Daily
"Tiny Billings girl thrives on her family's love"

2nd place

Mike Faulk
Yakima Herald-Republic
"At home on the river"

3rd place

Alejandro Dominguez
The Daily Herald Co.
"Faith to go forward: After terrible accident, young man finds solace"

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

1st place

Jane Gargas
Yakima Herald-Republic
"Image-maker"

2nd place

Barbara Curtin
Statesman Journal
"Salem grad playing the opera scene"

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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3rd place

Barbara Curtin

Statesman Journal

“Back stage busy body”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Scott Sandsberry

Yakima Herald-Republic

“Basketball tournament changes: costly turnover”

2nd place

Paul Valencia

The Columbian

“Breaking point for McKenzie?”

3rd place

Greg Jayne

The Columbian

“From Class A to majors?”

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Scott M. Johnson

The Daily Herald Co.

“The rise of 'The Wildcat,' Everett's first sports superstar

2nd place

Matt Calkins

The Columbian

“From prejudice to pride”

3rd place

Nick Lockridge

Missoulian

“Dressed for success: Hellgate seniors find way to stand out in crowd”

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Sports Column

1st place

Matt Calkins

The Columbian

2nd place

Greg Jayne

The Columbian

3rd place

Bill Speltz

Missoulian

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

John Laird

The Columbian

2nd place

Carol MacPherson

The Daily Herald Co.

3rd place

Lou Brancaccio

The Columbian

General Column

1st place

Sally Mauk

Missoulian

2nd place

Spencer Hatton

Yakima Herald-Republic

3rd place

K. Williams Brown

Statesman Journal

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Page Design

1st place

Jennifer Krieger
The Columbian

2nd place

Dave Magnuson
The Columbian

3rd place

Shannon Hofstad
Tri-City Herald

Headlines

1st place

Bill Epperheimer
Yakima Herald-Republic

2nd place

Robert Oster
The Columbian

3rd place

Bob Sisson
The Columbian

News Photography

1st place

Zachary Kaufman
The Columbian
"House fire"

2nd place

Bob Brawdy
Tri-City Herald
"Family dog at fatal house fire"

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3rd place

Sarah Weiser
The Daily Herald Co.
“Fatal crash”

Feature Photography

1st place

Casey Page
Billings Gazette
“Dancer crossing”

2nd place

Paul T. Erickson
Tri-City Herald
“Santa's helper”

Zachary Kaufman
The Columbian
“Carnival worker”

Portrait Photography

1st place

James Woodcock
Billings Gazette-Daily
“PTSD medication”

2nd place

Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian
“Child sex trafficking on rise”

3rd place

David Grubbs
Billings Gazette
“Frostbite”

Sports Photography

1st place

Bob Zellar
Billings Gazette
“Hillclimb”

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2nd place

Paul Ruhter
Billings Gazette
"Bronc Buck"

3rd place

Walter Hinick
The Montana Standard
"Race to the sky start"

Photo Page – Story or Essay

1st place

Zacary Kaufman
The Columbian
"Rainbow family gathering"

2nd place

David Grubbs
Billings Gazette
"The life of Gabby"

3rd place

Paul T. Erickson
Tri-City Herald
"Easy swing band"

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Kai-Huei Yau
Tri-City Herald

2nd place

Richard Dickin
Tri-City Herald

3rd place

Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian

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DAILY NEWSPAPERS – LARGE-SIZED DAILIES (CIRCULATION 65,001+)

General Excellence

1st place

Staff

The Seattle Times

Comprehensive Coverage

1st place

Jonathan Martin

The Seattle Times

“Marijuana coverage”

2nd place

Richard Read & Motoya Nakamura

The Oregonian

“After the tsunami: reporting from Japan”

3rd place

Les Zaitz

The Oregonian

"The Rajneesh all these years later"

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Michael J. Berens & Ken Armstrong

The Seattle Times

“Methadone and the politics of pain”

2nd place

Staff

The Oregonian

“David Wu: The fall of a congressman”

3rd place

Sean Robinson

The News Tribune

WestNet

**2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff

The Seattle Times

“Gas leaks cause explosion that rattles North Seattle”

2nd place

Dominic Gates

The Seattle Times

“Boeing, union seal deal”

3rd place

Winston Ross

The Register-Guard

“A town under a dragnet”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Bryan Denson

The Oregonian

“The spy's kid”

2nd place

Mike Carter & Steve Miletich

The Seattle Times

“Seattle Police coverage – culture of mistrust”

3rd place

Jeff Manning, Brent Walth

The Oregonian

“An Oregon Department of Justice investigation”

Government & Political Reporting

1st place

Harry Esteve, Michelle Cole, Ryan Kost

The Oregonian

“Cashing in”

2nd place

Saul Hubbard

The Register-Guard

“Outrage in Oakridge, manager in middle of fiscal storm”

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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3rd place
Ron Judd
The Seattle Times
"Mount Rainier park ex-official scrutinized on land deal"

Education Reporting

1st place
Betsy Hammond
The Oregonian
"Portland Public Schools' building plan comes with premium price tag"

2nd place
Sue Palmer
The Register-Guard
"Lessons in survival"

3rd place
Jody Lawrence-Turner
The Spokesman-Review
"Controlled success"

Health Reporting

1st place
Hal Bernton, The Seattle Times
Patricia Murphy, KUOW
"The weight of war" (joint project with KUOW)

2nd place
Maureen O'Hagan
The Seattle Times
"Feeling the weight: fighting childhood obesity | a special report"

3rd place
Alison Boggs
The Spokesman-Review
"Ironman: A journey to wellness"

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place
Becky Kramer & Jed Conklin
The Spokesman-Review
"Radioactivity on the reservation"

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2nd place
Craig Welch
The Seattle Times
"Salmon virus in Northwest"

3rd place
Craig Welch, Steve Ringman, James Blethen
The Seattle Times
"Costs, danger loom at Hanford"

Business Reporting

1st place
Richard Read
The Oregonian
"Jeld-Wen struggles financially"

2nd place
Melissa Allison & Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times
"Costa Rican coffee farmers and climate change"

3rd place
Mike Rogoway
The Oregonian
"Data centers: the cloud rolls into Oregon"

Business Column

1st place
Jon Talton
The Seattle Times

2nd place
Laura Gunderson
The Oregonian

3rd place
Bill Virgin
The News Tribune

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Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Staff

The Seattle Times

“Social issues reporting regarding the census”

2nd place

Mike Francis

The Oregonian

“Privacy, truly, is gone”

3rd place

Matt Volz

Associated Press

“Indian youth suicide crisis is baffling”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Betsy Hammond

The Oregonian

“Despite homelessness and hardship”

2nd place

Serena Markstrom

The Register-Guard

“Choosing joy”

3rd place

Kathleen Merryman

The News Tribune

“Cecil Leading Horse: the long road to sober”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Laurie Robinson

The Oregonian

“A pair of Oregon ranchers open their land and hearts”

2nd place

Randi Bjornstad

The Register-Guard

“Returned in his honor”

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3rd place

Erik Lacitis

The Seattle Times

“Bus-schedule collector at 10; bus-route planner at 39”

Short Feature Story

1st place

Mark Baker

The Register-Guard

“Bikini brouhaha”

2nd place

Matt Volz

Associated Press

“Rare fortune-telling machine found in Old West town”

3rd place

David Stabler

The Oregonian

“Coming home after 43 years”

Long Feature Story

1st place

Sarah Stuteville

The Common Language Project

“Young Iraqi refugees dreaming of Seattle wait in limbo in Syria”

2nd place

Anne Saker

The Oregonian

“War bride”

3rd place

Lynda V. Mapes

The Seattle Times

“Tunnels: Seattle's boring past filled with thrills”

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

1st place

David Stabler

The Oregonian

“An actor at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, goes to a ‘beautiful extreme’”

2011 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition
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2nd place

Jeff Baker

The Oregonian

“Todd Grimson turns his dreams into 'cinematic realism,' vampire novels, and literature”

3rd place

Misha Berson

The Seattle Times

“Gershwin classic 'Porgy and Bess' to take stage at Seattle Opera”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Geoff Baker

The Seattle Times

“Key owner's fortunes sink along with M's”

2nd place

George Schroeder

The Register-Guard

“Pressed to serve”

3rd place

Steve Miletich, Eric Pryne, Emily Heffter

The Seattle Times

“Arena proposal surfaces”

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Rachel Bachman

The Oregonian

“Nike's holy grail”

2nd place

Anne M. Peterson

Associated Press

“No minivans or orange slices: PNW soccer is cool”

3rd place

Ryan Divish

The News Tribune

“Eric Wedge”

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Sports Column

1st place

Jerry Brewer

The Seattle Times

2nd place

George Schroeder

The Register-Guard

3rd place

John Canzano

The Oregonian

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Susan Nielsen

The Oregonian

2nd place

Lynne Varner

The Seattle Times

3rd place

Joni Balter

The Seattle Times

General Column

1st place

Steve Duin

The Oregonian

2nd place

Danny Westneat

The Seattle Times

3rd place

Lynne Varner

The Seattle Times

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Page Design

1st place

Rick Lund, Aaron Jaffe, Gabriel Campanario
The Seattle Times

2nd place

Susan Jouflas
The Seattle Times

3rd place

Mark Evans
The Seattle Times

Headlines

1st place

Bill Kossen
The Seattle Times

2nd place

Amy Reinfenrath
The Oregonian

3rd place

Paul Johnson
The Register-Guard

News Photography

1st place

Randy L. Rasmussen
The Oregonian
"Pepper spray"

2nd place

Dean Rutz
The Seattle Times
"Vancouver riots after Stanley Cup loss"

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3rd place
Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“Extending a warming welcome”

Feature Photography

1st place
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Love on the Run”

2nd place
Dan Pelle
The Spokesman-Review
“Seasonal suspension”

3rd place
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Occupy protest kiss”

Portrait Photography

1st place
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Rose and helping hands”

2nd place
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Barkis & CanjoMan”

3rd place
Paul Carter
The Register-Guard
“Robert J. Carey, dog tags with bullet hole”

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Sports Photography

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John Lok

The Seattle Times

“Driver leaps from burning hydroplane”

2nd place

Lui Wong

The News Tribune

“Maureen Tremblay”

3rd place

Brian Davies

The Register-Guard

“Claire Thomas tangles with the hurdle”

Photo Page – Story or Essay

1st place

Paul Carter & Rob Romig

The Register-Guard

“Called to duty”

2nd place

Steve Ringman

The Seattle Times

“Elwha: The grand experiment to tear down two dams...”

3rd place

Dean Koepfler

The News Tribune

“Labor Day photos”

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Photo Portfolio

1st place

Erika Schultz

The Seattle Times

2nd place

Alan Berner

The Seattle Times

3rd place

Dan Pelle

The Spokesman-Review