



2012

SPJ NORTHWEST EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM CONTEST

HONORING WORK PRODUCED IN 2012

Congratulations to our 2012 Northwest Excellence in Journalism Contest Winners!

Congratulations to all of the outstanding award winners in the 2012 SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism Contest. This annual contest honors the very best in journalism in SPJ's Region 10 which includes Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. This year's contest covers work produced or published in 2012 within our region.

We received more than 1,900 entries from more than 260 news outlets and journalists representing Daily Newspapers (small, mid-sized and large dailies), Non-Daily Newspapers, Alternative Newsweeklies, Magazines, Television (two market sizes), Radio and Online.

Those entries were submitted to judges across the United States – in Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri – to choose our finalists in almost 185 categories. Those winners, listed in the following pages, were honored on Saturday, May 18 in ceremonies in Portland and Seattle.

Society of Professional Journalists

Region 10 is one of 12 regions of the Society of Professional Journalists, a society of approximately 8,000 journalists in the United States and abroad. Our annual contest helps support chapters within our region as well as the overall mission of SPJ.

SPJ's Mission

The Society of Professional Journalists, www.spj.org, is dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press as the cornerstone of our nation and our liberty.

To ensure that the concept of self-government outlined by the U.S. Constitution remains a reality into future centuries, the American people must be well informed in order to make decisions regarding their lives, and their local and national communities.

It is the role of journalists to provide this information in an accurate, comprehensive, timely and understandable manner.

It is the mission of the Society of Professional Journalists:

- To promote this flow of information.
- To maintain constant vigilance in protection of the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press.
- To stimulate high standards and ethical behavior in the practice of journalism.
- To foster excellence among journalists.
- To inspire successive generations of talented individuals to become dedicated journalists.
- To encourage diversity in journalism.
- To be the pre-eminent, broad-based membership organization for journalists.
- To encourage a climate in which journalism can be practiced freely.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Circulation of
25,000 or less

General Excellence

1st place

Post Register

2nd place

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

3rd place

Fairbanks Daily News-
Miner

Comprehensive Daily Coverage

1st place

Staff
The Daily World
“Courthouse attack”

2nd place

Kate Martin & Tahlia
Honea
Skagit Valley Herald
“Extreme cuisine”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Brynn Grimley &
Christopher Dunagan
Kitsap Sun
“From sale to suit...”

2nd place

Mark Freeman
Mail Tribune
“Civil forfeiture and the
OMMP”

3rd place

Eve Byron
Helena Independent
“Milk River Ranch”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff
Kitsap Sun
“3rd grader shot at
elementary...”

2nd place

Jefferson Robbins
The Wenatchee World
“Lost in a heartbeat”

3rd place

Zach Kyle
Post Register
“Faces from the fire:
Gibbonsville”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Whitney Bermes
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Drugged without”

2nd place

Tristan Baurick
Kitsap Sun
“Most police lack
training with mentally ill”

3rd place

Jeff Duewel
Grants Pass Daily
Courier
“Evidence gap leaves
fatality...”

Government & Politics Reporting

1st place

Steven Friederich
The Daily World
“Commissioners
approve...”

DAILY NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION OF 25,000 OR LESS

2nd place

Michelle J. McNiel
The Wenatchee World
“City’s aging fire trucks...”

3rd place

Laura Lundquist
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“On the attack”

Education Reporting

1st place

Leslie Slake
The Daily News
“Death of cursive?”

2nd place

Gail Schnotzler
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Advanced education”

3rd place

Gail Schnotzler
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Growing pains?”

Health Reporting

1st place

K. C. Mehaffey
The Wenatchee World
“Three mothers share their grief”

2nd place

Erinn Unger
Skagit Valley Herald
“Concussion consciousness”

3rd place

Barb Owens
Ellensburg Daily Record
“Healing horses”

Business Reporting

1st place

Christine Pratt
The Wenatchee World
“Pratt & Irwin start a business...”

2nd place

Zach Kyle
Post Register
“No closure: foreclosure practices come under fire”

3rd place

Mark Stayton
Skagit Valley Herald
“No lights, no camera, no...”

Business Column

1st place

Mike Irwin
The Wenatchee World

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

K. C. Mehaffey
The Wenatchee World
“Fighting for the lives...”

2nd place

Matt Batchelder
The Olympia
“Homeless”

3rd place

Amy M. E. Fischer
The Daily News
“Hunger in Southwest”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Amy M. E. Fischer
The Daily News
“Dustin Bean”

2nd place

Inka Bajandas
The News-Review
“Grand marshals from different...”

DAILY NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION OF 25,000 OR LESS

3rd place

Gail Schontzler
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Miracle worker”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Patti Richter
Grants Pass Daily
Courier
“The quinceanera”

2nd place

Natalie St. John
The Daily News
“Sweet 15”

3rd place

Cathy Zimmerman
The Daily News
“Two wheels and a
woman”

Short Feature Story

1st place

Dee Riggs
The Wenatchee World
“One small seat, 3,985
miles”

2nd place

Alex Stuckey
Post Register
“There at the beginning”

3rd place

Laura Lundquist
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Pentax camera”

Long Feature Story

1st place

Chelsea Gorrow
The Daily Astorian
“Flavel family mystery”

2nd place

Peggy O’Neill
Helena Independent
“Bathed in memories”

3rd place

Mike Irwin
The Wenatchee World
“Derby track – career
track”

Arts Reporting

1st place

Mike Irwin
The Wenatchee World
“Faith in art”

2nd place

Edith Decker & Kathleen
Alaks
Grants Pass Daily
Courier
“Oregon Shakespeare
Fest...”

3rd place

Mike Irwin
The Wenatchee World
“Coyote mourns:
sculptor Rich Beyer...”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Autumn Agar & Ryan
Howe
Times-News
“Six man”

2nd place

AJ Mazzolini
East Oregonian
“Bowerman dismissal”

3rd place

Kevin Hampton
Corvallis Gazette-Times
“No head game”

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Gidal Kaiser
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Game of life”

2nd place

Tim Trower
Mail Tribune
“Different strokes”

DAILY NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION OF 25,000 OR LESS

3rd place

Jeff Graham
Kitsap Sun
“Concussions remain a head-scratching injury”

Sports Column

1st place

Tim Trower
Mail Tribune

2nd place

Ben Zimmerman
The Daily News

3rd place

Nathan Joyce
Kitsap Sun

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Rick Doyle
Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

2nd place

Gary Nelson
Mail Tribune

3rd place

Tom Paulu
The Daily News

General Column

1st place

Kate Schell
Albany Democrat-Herald

2nd place

Rachel Hergett
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

3rd place

Brenda Blevins McCorkle
The Daily News

Page Design

1st place

Dave Sager
Mail Tribune

2nd place

Rob Galvin
Mail Tribune

3rd place

Sarah Case
The Daily News

News Photography

1st place

EJ Harris
East Oregonian
“Fatal crash”

2nd place

Jamie Lusch
Mail Tribune
“Memorial”

3rd place

Kevin Launius
Grants Pass Daily Courier
“Released inmates run from jail”

Feature Photography

1st place

Jamie Lusch
Mail Tribune
“Lazer”

2nd place

Eliza Wiley
Helena Independent
“Farewell to ‘walkabout’”

3rd place

Julia Moore
Mail Tribune
“Let’s read”

Portrait Photography

1st place

Mike Greener
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Portrait Denise Malloy”

2nd place

Bob Pennell
Mail Tribune
“Midwife”

3rd place

Alex Pajunas
The Daily Astorian
“The king of vinyl
cried...”

**Sports
Photography**

1st place

Michael Sullivan
The News-Review
“Umpqua Triathlon”

2nd place

Alex Pajunas
The Daily Astorian
“From ecstasy to
agony...”

3rd place

Don Seabrook
The Wenatchee World
“Closely guarded”

**Photo Page,
Story or Essay**

1st place

Alex Pajunas
The Daily Astorian
“Flavel family mystery”

2nd place

Ben Pierce
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Beartooth backcountry”

3rd place

Jeff Horner
Walla Walla Union-
Bulletin
“The camera collection”

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Don Seabrook
The Wenatchee World

2nd place

Jeff Horner
Walla Walla Union-
Bulletin

3rd place

Mike Greener
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

**DAILY
NEWSPAPERS**

Circulation 25,001-
65,000

**General
Excellence**

1st place

The Herald

2nd place

The Columbian

3rd place

The Bulletin

**Comprehensive
Coverage**

1st place

Dan Catchpole
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Property tax
exemptions...”

2nd place

Tracy Lowe
Statesman Journal
“Public money, private
gain”

3rd place

Mark Mulligan, Annie
Mulligan & Debra Smith
The Herald
“The last smokestack”

**Investigative
Reporting**

1st place

Winston Ross
The Register-Guard
“5 ½ miles of trouble”

2nd place

Paula Horton & Kristi Phil
Tri-City Herald
“Twisted trail of deceit”

3rd place

Noah William Haglund & Scott North
The Herald
“Aaron Reardon used public resources...”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff
Statesman Journal
“Flood coverage”

2nd place

Chris Bristol
Yakima Herald-Republic
“West Valley triple murder”

3rd place

Dan Catchpole & Molly Rosbach
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Taylor Bridge fire”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Laura McVicker
The Columbian
“Horror of heroin”

2nd place

Paula Horton
Tri-City Herald
“Twisted trail of deceit”

3rd place

Paula Horton
Tri-City Herald
“Evaluation ordered for accused killer”

Government & Politics Reporting

1st place

Stevie Mathieu
The Columbian
“Elected officials postal privileges...”

2nd place

Dan Catchpole
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Shifting ground”

3rd place

Andrea Damewood
The Columbian
“Official: planned bridge too low”

Education Reporting

1st place

Diane Dietz
The Register-Guard
“No class room”

2nd place

Ty Beaver
Tri-City Herald
“Busey investigation”

3rd place

Betsy Cohen
Missoulain
“Always on the go”

Environment & Science Reporting

1st place

Annette Cary
Tri-City Herald
“Selling a legacy...”

2nd place

Bill Sheets
The Herald
“Kimberly-Clark mill leaves a toxic mess”

3rd place

Eric Florip
The Columbian
“Dam-free river plots
new...”

**Business
Reporting**

1st place

Audrey Dutton
Idaho Statesman
“Zombie debt creeps
onward...”

2nd place

Christian Wihtol & Diane
Dietz
The Register-Guard
“Water fight and
developer’s debts weigh
on”

3rd place

Staff
The Herald
“High hopes: faces of
Washington”

**Business
Column**

1st place

Aaron Corvin
The Columbian

2nd place

Cami Joner
The Columbian

**Social Issues
Reporting**

1st place

Cara Pallone
Statesman Journal
“Hugo Nicolas: a chance
at hope”

2nd place

Ross Courtney
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Easter blowouts”

3rd place

Scott Hewitt
The Columbian
“Saving lives on the
border”

**Personalities
Reporting**

1st place

Julia O’Malley
Anchorage Daily News
“To a handyman who did
his best...”

2nd place

Andrea Brown
The Herald
“Rocket chocolate man”

**Lifestyles
Reporting**

1st place

Mike Dunham
Anchorage Daily News
“Two new ziplines open
in Southcentral”

2nd place

Dori O’Neal
Tri-City Herald
“Art of the game”

3rd place

Phil Ferolito
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Goldendale Gym”

**Short Feature
Story**

1st place

Andrea Brown
The Herald
“The Zumba king”

2nd place

Randi Bjornstad
The Register-Guard
“A gift of love”

3rd place

Pat Muir
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Love story”

Long Feature Story

1st place

Julia O'Malley
Anchorage Daily News
"Web search reveals painful..."

2nd place

Alandra Johnson
The Bulletin
"Adler's voice"

3rd place

Michelle Kristine
Theriault
Anchorage Daily News
"Standout Kenyan runner rebuilds his life"

Arts Reporting

1st place

Bob Keefer
The Register-Guard
"Art out of pain"

2nd place

Randi Bjornstad
The Register-Guard
"A murder mystery of Lane County"

3rd place

Jane Gargas
Yakima Herald-Republic
"Breaking into the art world"

Sports Reporting

1st place

Annie Fowler
Tri-City Herald
"Celebrating 25 years"

2nd place

Roger Underwood
Yakima Herald-Republic
"The final inning"

3rd place

Paul Valencia
The Columbian
"Fort, bay building from ground up"

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Jacques Von Lunen &
Ray Legendre
The Columbian
"Brief impact – serious consequences"

2nd place

Ross Courtney
Yakima Herald-Republic
"Beyond the game"

3rd place

Bill Speltz
Missoulian
"Scars don't define who we are"

Sports Column

1st place

Greg Jayne
The Columbian

2nd place

Candace Buckner
The Columbian

3rd place

Joe Kusek
Billings Gazette

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Greg Jayne
The Columbian

2nd place

John Laird
The Columbian

3rd place

Peter Hardin Jackson
The Herald

General Column

1st place

Ed Kemmick
Billings Gazette

2nd place

Cara Pallone
Statesman Journal

3rd place

Lou Brancaccio
The Columbian

Page Design

1st place

Romana Wood
The Columbian

2nd place

Jennifer Krieger
The Columbian

3rd place

Dave Magnuson
The Columbian

Headlines

1st place

Bill Epperheimer
Yakima Herald-Republic

2nd place

Dave Leder
Yakima Herald-Republic

3rd place

Susan Abe
The Columbian

News Photography

1st place

Timothy J. Gonzalez
Statesman Journal
"Saying good-bye"

2nd place

Larry Mayer
Billings Gazette
"Devastating loss"

3rd place

Paul Ruhter
Billings Gazette
"House fire"

Feature Photography

1st place

Zachary Kaufman
The Columbian
"Courage to continue"

2nd place

Timothy J. Gonzalez
Statesman Journal
"Full moon at the fair"

3rd place

Casey Page
Billings Gazette
"Color me rad"

Portrait Photography

1st place

Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian
"Mountain View swim team"

2nd place

Danielle Peterson
Statesman Journal
"Savoring the moment"

3rd place

Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian
"Dog and pony show"

Sports Photography

1st place

T. J. Mullinax
Yakima Herald-Republic
"Holder relays"

2nd place

Timothy J. Gonzalez
Statesman Journal
"Shocked"

3rd place

Troy Wayrynen
The Columbian
“State pole vault champion”

Photo Page, Story or Essay

1st place

Thomas Patterson
Statesman Journal
“End of an era”

2nd place

Steven Lane
The Columbian
“Spartan race”

3rd place

Danielle Peterson
Statesman Journal
“Homecoming queen’s battle”

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Timothy J. Gonzalez
Statesman Journal

2nd place

Zachary Kaufman
The Columbian

3rd place

Casey Page
Billings Gazette

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Circulation 65,001 and over

General Excellence

1st place

The Oregonian

2nd place

The Spokesman-Review

3rd place

The Seattle Times

Comprehensive Coverage

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Amazon: behind the smile”

2nd place

Staff
The News Tribune
“When duty calls”

3rd place

Staff
The Oregonian
“Clackamas mall shooting”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Staff
The News Tribune
“Center of detention”

2nd place

Christine Willmsen
The Seattle Times
“The price of protection”

3rd place

Michael J. Berens
The Seattle Times
“Glamour beasts: the dark side of elephant captivity”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Café racer, spot news”

2nd place

Staff
The News Tribune
“Josh Powell”

3rd place

Staff
The Oregonian
“Clackamas mall shooting”

Crime & Justice Reporting

1st place

Les Zaitz
The Oregonian
“Playground for predators”

2nd place

Rick Bella
The Oregonian
“Murder-Suicide”

3rd place

Jody Lawrence-Turner
The Spokesman-Review
“He got out of that car to kill”

Government & Politics Reporting

1st place

Michelle Cole
The Oregonian
“Child abuse death”

2nd place

Staff
The Oregonian
“Politics of place”

3rd place

Jonathan Brunt
The Spokesman-Review
“Verner preceded her exit with request for back pay”

Education Reporting

1st place

Debbie Cafazzo
The News Tribune
“Charter schools”

2nd place

Nicole Dungca
The Oregonian
“Botched hiring”

3rd place

Donna Gordon
Blankinship
The Associated Press
“Teachers make money selling materials online”

Health Reporting

1st place

Bill Graves
The Oregonian
“Invisible nations, enduring ills”

2nd place

Hal Bernton
The Seattle Times
“Troubled veterans left without health-care benefits”

3rd place

Katy Muldoon
The Oregonian
“Fifty-fifty chance”

Business Reporting

1st place

Dominic Gates
The Seattle Times
“Russian engineers, once turned back...”

2nd place

C. R. Roberts
The News Tribune
“Convention center might tap general”

3rd place

Kathleen Cooper
The News Tribune
“Strangled by mortgage red tape”

Business Column

1st place

Jon Talton
The Seattle Times

2nd place

Laura Gunderson
The Oregonian

3rd place

Brent Hunsberger
The Oregonian

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Bill Graves
The Oregonian
“Invisible nations”

2nd place

Betsy Hammond
The Oregonian
“Diplomas denied”

3rd place

Brad Schmidt
The Oregonian
“Locked out”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Craig Sailor
The News Tribune
“Gay wedding”

2nd place

Bryan Denson
The Oregonian
“Amanda Marshall profile”

3rd place

Gabriel Companario
The Seattle Times
“Invisible injuries grip young”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Tan Vinh
The Seattle Times
“Lemme tell you...”

2nd place

Grant Butler
The Oregonian
“Going vegan”

3rd place

Tan Vinh
The Seattle Times
“Go fly a kite at Long Beach”

Short Feature Story

1st place

Nicholas K. Geranios
The Associated Press
“20 years after Ruby Ridge”

2nd place

Tan Vinh
The Seattle Times
“Good karma at Wallace Falls”

3rd place

Katy Muldoon
The Oregonian
“The stuff of storybooks”

Long Feature Story

1st place

Becky Kramer
The Spokesman-Review
“The new American”

2nd place

David Stabler
The Oregonian
“Survival of the flutist”

3rd place

Anna Griffin
The Oregonian
“Hidden in plain sight”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Lindsay Schnell
The Oregonian
“Fred Thompson”

2nd place

John Hunt
The Oregonian
“Obituary for Johnny Pesky”

3rd place

Aaron Fentress
The Oregonian
“Colt Lyster”

Sports Feature Story

1st place

Danny O’Neil
The Seattle Times
“Ryan Leaf’s life of lies...”

2nd place

Sandy Ringer
The Seattle Times
“Kathie Goertzen: a mother’s strength...”

Sports Column

1st place

John Canzano
The Oregonian

2nd place

Jerry Brewer
The Seattle Times

3rd place

Larry Stone
The Seattle Times

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

John Webster
The Spokesman-Review

2nd place

Gary Crooks
The Spokesman-Review

3rd place

Lance W. Dickie
The Seattle Times

General Column

1st place

Steve Duin
The Oregonian

2nd place

Susan Nielsen
The Oregonian

3rd place

Mónica Guzmán
The Seattle Times

Page Design

1st place

Audra Stephens
The News Tribune

2nd place

Rich Boudet
The Seattle Times

3rd place

David Miller
The Seattle Times

Headlines

1st place

Colin Powers
The Oregonian

2nd place

William Kossen
The Seattle Times

3rd place

William Kossen
The Seattle Times

News Photography

1st place

Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times
“Same sex marriage”

2nd place

Colin Mulvany
The Spokesman-Review
“Reflection of a fire”

3rd place

Beth Nakamura
The Oregonian
“Rally photo”

**Feature
Photography**

1st place

Elaine Thompson
The Associated Press
“Flying child”

2nd place

Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Snowy owl released”

**Portrait
Photography**

1st place

Bettina Hansen
The Seattle Times
“Solitary confinement”

2nd place

Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“Boxing blue”

**Sports
Photography**

1st place

Colin Mulvany
The Spokesman-Review
“Roughing”

2nd place

Ted S. Warren
The Associated Press
“Celebrating perfection”

3rd place

Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“Ring of dreams”

**Photo Page,
Story or Essay**

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Same sex marriage”

2nd place

Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times
“Covered: for faith, for
respect, for pride”

3rd place

Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“The new American”

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Erika Schultz
The Seattle Times

2nd place

Bettina Hansen
The Seattle Times

3rd place

Elaine Thompson
The Associated Press

**Graphics &
Illustrations**

(all 3 circulation
groups together)

1st place

David Miller
The Seattle Times

2nd place

Robert Kelton
The Herald

3rd place

Marsha Matta
The Columbian

ALTERNATIVE WEEKLIES

Crime and Justice Reporting

1st place

Andrea Damewood
Willamette Week
“The first 30 seconds”

2nd place

Jessica Mayrer
Missoula Independent
“What happened to Gabriel?”

3rd place

Jamie Rogers
Missoula Independent
“Dead man waiting”

Government & Politics Reporting

1st place

Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“When stacks attack”

2nd place

Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“Block busters”

3rd place

Joe O’Sullivan
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“Homeland droneland”

Environment and Science Reporting

1st place

Corey Pein
Willamette Week
“Fisherman’s wrath”

2nd place

Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“What the muck?”

3rd place

Matthew Frank
Missoula Independent
“Pulp fiction”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Dameon Pesanti
Missoula Independent
“It’s every Montanan’s land...”

2nd place

Nina Shapiro
Seattle Weekly
“Cedar Grove: reduce, reuse, revolting”

3rd place

Nina Shapiro
Seattle Weekly
“Alison Holcomb”

Arts Reporting

1st place

Staff
Willamette Week
“Art breaker”

2nd place

Matthew Singer
Willamette Week
“Buried alive”

3rd place

Tiffany Harms
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“Communal vibe”

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Martin Cizmar
Willamette Week
“Beer of the future”

ALTERNATIVE WEEKLIES | NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

2nd place

Leah Sottile
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“American beauty”

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Corey Pein
Willamette Week
“The evolution of Eileen Brady”

2nd place

Nigel Jaquiss
Willamette Week
“The smartest guy in the room”

3rd place

Leah Sottile
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“Holy war on women”

Critiques & Reviews

1st place

Chris Stamm
Willamette Week
“Aged and warped”

2nd place

Lillian Young
Seattle Chinese Times
“Vulgaria takes on a unique Hong Kong flair”

3rd place

Lillian Young
Seattle Chinese Times
“A simple life...”

Business Reporting

1st place

Andrea Damewood
Willamette Week
“Rent a pup”

2nd place

Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“Who killed KPOJ?”

3rd place

Daniel Walters
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“The meat grinder”

Sports Reporting

1st place

John Locanthi
Willamette Week
“Chip Kelly’s secret offense”

2nd place

Casey Jarman
Willamette Week
“Last man standing”

3rd place

Mike Bookey
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“Big football”

Special Section

1st place

Staff
Willamette Week
“Take me to the river”

2nd place

Mike Bookey
Pacific Northwest
Inlander
“Dining out”

3rd place

Martin Cizmar
Willamette Week
“The caffeinator”

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

General Excellence

1st place

The Chronicle

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

2nd place

Bainbridge Island Review

3rd place

Issaquah Press

General News Coverage

1st place

Rosette Royale

Real Change

“Gravity of abuse”

2nd place

Edith Walden

The Guemes Tide

“Clark Point fire”

3rd place

Jessie Stensland

Whidbey News-Times

“Did ‘voices’ drive

him...?”

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Stephanie Schendel

The Chronicle

“Cold case cracked”

2nd place

Stephanie Schendel

The Chronicle

“Police: dead toddler

‘systematically

tortured’”

3rd place

Charles Lam & Will

Livesley-O’Neill

Northwest Asian Weekly

“Yesler Terrace

redevelopment”

Government and Politics Reporting

1st place

Lisa Broadt

The Chronicle

“Conflicts of interest”

2nd place

Rosette Royale

Real Change

“The ride is over”

3rd place – TIE

Charles Lam & Tiffany

Ran

Northwest Asian Weekly

“Tweet from McKenna

policy aide...”

3rd place – TIE

Carrie E. Rodriguez &

Matt Phelps

Kirkland Reporter

“Eastside pastor vows to

fight same-sex marriage

legislation”

Education Reporting

1st place

Amy Nile

The Chronicle

“Outrage in Onalaska”

2nd place

Amy Nile

The Chronicle

“Pe Ell teacher accused”

3rd place – TIE

Kevin Birnbaum

Catholic Northwest

Progress

“Struggling school to

start bilingual academy”

3rd place – TIE

Lillian O’Rorke

Issaquah Press

“Cougar Ridge students

study zombies to hunt

honeybee killer”

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Health Reporting

1st place

Celeste Gracey
Issaquah Reporter
"Kindering helps special needs babies"

2nd place

Bianca Fortis
The Chronicle
"Twenty years later, victims recall the pain"

3rd place

Breanne Coats
Business Examiner
"Private practices become endangered species"

Environment and Science Reporting

1st place

Kyle Spurr
The Chronicle
"The river draws closer"

2nd place

Holly Smith Peterson
Business Examiner
"Aquaculture gets boost"

3rd place

Raechel L. Dawson
Kirkland Reporter
"Residents, City of Kirkland seek solution"

Business Reporting

1st place

Marc Stiles
Puget Sound Business Journal
"Sodo inflation"

2nd place

Cary Rosenbaum & Julie Bock
The Omak-Okanogan Chronicle
"Gas war"

3rd place

Amy Nile
The Chronicle
"Seniors fuming over experience with Centralia travel company"

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

Kevin Birnbaum
Catholic Northwest Progress
"Have Catholics come home?"

2nd place

Vera M. Chan-Pool
Pacific Publishing Co.
"Sexual abuse: the silent epidemic"

3rd place

Lisa Broadt
The Chronicle
"Breaking the cycle of addiction"

Personalities Reporting

1st place

Dee Camp
The Omak-Okanogan Chronicle
"He's always ready to tie one"

2nd place

Lillian O'Rorke
The Issaquah Press
"Harvard grad leaves Microsoft"

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

3rd place

Valerie Bauman
Puget Sound Business
Journal

"Tom Douglas, executive
of the year"

Lifestyles Reporting

1st place

Aaron Burkhalter
Real Change
"The people's library
checks out"

2nd place

Lisa Broadt & Diana
Torres
The Chronicle
"Guadalupe bridges
language"

3rd place

Dee Camp
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle
"Growing up as a 'dam
kid'"

Arts Reporting and Criticism News & Features

1st place

Jennifer Karchmer
Whatcom Watch
"Take a look at
Iceland..."

2nd place

Vera M. Chan-Pool
Pacific Publishing Co.
"Finding art in the
afterlife"

3rd place

Charles Lam &
Evangeline Cafe
Northwest Asian Weekly
"Musical legend Lea
Salonga rises from
Manila to Broadway"

Sports Reporting

1st place

Josh Suman
Sound Publishing
"After sports program
puts Bellevue's
disadvantaged on equal
footing"

2nd place

Lillian O'Rorke
Sammamish Review
"Skyline graduate Tela
Crane sets U.S."

3rd place

Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle
"Horse dies in suicide
race"

Editorial & Commentary

1st place

Michael Dashiell
Sequim Gazette

2nd place

Matt Phelps
Kirkland Reporter

3rd place

Brian Mittge
The Chronicle

General Column

1st place

Brian Mittge
The Chronicle

2nd place

Patrick Clifton Wilkins
West Side Newspaper

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

3rd place

Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle

Page Design

1st place

Jon Williams
Real Change

2nd place

Devon Marie Bergeron
The Chronicle

3rd place

Jon Williams & Amy Pelz
Real Change

News Photography

1st place

Roger Harnack
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle
“Optimism grows on
fireline”

2nd place

Pete Caster
The Chronicle
“The hand of love and
life”

3rd place

Cary Rosenbaum
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle
“In the life of fire”

Feature Photography

1st place

Pete Caster
The Chronicle
“Race day jitters”

2nd place

Jon Williams
Real Change
“Waterfront for all?”

3rd place

Marcus Donner
Puget Sound Business
Journal
“Coco pie baker”

Sports Photography

1st place

Pete Caster
The Chronicle
“Somewhere under the
rainbow”

2nd place

Pete Caster
The Chronicle
“Heads up”

3rd place

Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle
“Rocky landing
prevented”

Photo Portfolio

1st place

Pete Caster
The Chronicle

2nd place

Damian Mulinix
The Chinook Observer

3rd place

Al Camp
The Omak-Okanogan
Chronicle

Portrait Photography

1st place

Anthony Bolante
Puget Sound Business
Journal
“Luly Yang Portrait”

2nd place

Stephen Brashear
Catholic Northwest
Progress
“Ready to serve God’s
people”

NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS | MAGAZINES

3rd place

Steven James Wyble
Nisqually Valley News
“Portrait of Virginia”

MAGAZINES

General Excellence

1st place

Montana Quarterly

2nd place

Seattle Met

3rd place

Portland Monthly

General Reporting

1st place

James Ross Gardner
Seattle Met
“Fire at Sanctuary of the Apes”

2nd place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met
“The smartest sucker in the room”

3rd place

Kris Farnen
Alaska Magazine
“Red roofs and black bread...”

Government and Politics Reporting

1st place

Josh Feit
Seattle Met
“Inslee’s challenge”

2nd place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met
“Should he stay or should he go?”

3rd place

Matthew Halverson
Seattle Met
“Crash course”

Environmental Affairs

1st place

Maria Dolan
Seattle Magazine
“Taking a dive”

2nd place

Tim Sohn & Corey Arnold
Portland Monthly
“Red Sea”

3rd place

Eric Lucas
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Desert Allure”

Science and Health Reporting

1st place

Ann Hedreen
Seattle Met
“Laughter and forgetting”

2nd place

Maureen O’Hagan
The Seattle Times
“Seattle’s sage bionetworks seeks a drug-discovery...”

3rd place

Michelle Martin
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Fitting in fitness”

Social Issues Reporting

1st place

James Ross Gardner
Seattle Met
“Mean kids”

2nd place

Kyle Hopkins
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Cultural heritage”

MAGAZINES

3rd place

Alison Barnwell
Portland Monthly
Magazine
“Dark journey”

Personalities

1st place

James Ross Gardner
Seattle Met
“The law and John
Henry...”

2nd place

Allison Williams
Seattle Met
“The Brothers Whitaker”

3rd place

Eric Hansen
Portland Monthly
“The lion’s song”

Personal Service Reporting

1st place

Carol Tice
Horizon Edition
Magazine
“Ready for retirement”

2nd place

Ben Raker
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Scholarship savvy”

3rd place

Michelle Martin
Horizon Edition
Magazine
“Rest up”

Magazine Departments

1st place

Kathryn Robinson
Seattle Met
“Back fence”

2nd place

Zach Dundas & Marty
Patail
Portland Monthly
“Mudroom”

3rd place

Aaron Scott
Portland Monthly
“Culturephile”

Travel Reporting

1st place

Allison Williams, Laura
Dannen & Kathryn
Robinson
Seattle Met
“Trippin’”

2nd place

Allison Williams
Seattle Met
“2012 Northwest Travel
Awards”

3rd place

Allison Williams,
Charlotte Austin, Bruce
Barcott & Craig Romano
Seattle Met
“Mount Rainier National
Park...”

Leisure and Lifestyle Reporting

1st place

Rachel Ritchie & Karen
Brooks
Portland Monthly
“Best restaurants”

2nd place

Allecia Vermillion
Seattle Met
“BeerBook 2012”

3rd place

Leslie Forsberg
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Time travel”

MAGAZINES

Arts and Entertainment Reporting

1st place

Kristin Kendle
South Sound Magazine
“Ghosts in downtown Tacoma”

2nd place

Bill Reader
The Seattle Times
“Seattle’s Bob Rivers...”

3rd place

Lora Shinn
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Rocking the cradle”

Business and Consumer Affairs Reporting

1st place

Lisa Wogan
Seattle Business
“Chasing vitality”

2nd place

Eric Gold
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Portland goes global”

3rd place

Laura Dannen, James
Ross Gardner, Matthew
Halverson & Karen Quinn
Seattle Met
“Insider’s guide to gaming”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Ken Marsh
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“An extraordinary catch”

2nd place

Erika Frederickson
Montana Headwall
“Long shots”

3rd place

Craig Hill
Horizon Edition
Magazine
“Rough riders”

Editorial and Commentary

1st place

Knute Berger
Seattle Magazine
“Furry, pampered – and diabetic”

2nd place

Bill Virgin
Seattle Business
“Terminal illness”

3rd place

John Levesque
Seattle Business
“Handle with care”

Headlines

1st place

Ethan Chung, Lisa
Patterson & Lauren
Foster
425 magazine

2nd place

Staff
Seattle Magazine

3rd place

Staff
Alaska Airlines Magazine

Cover Design

1st place

Margaret Elson
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Alaska grandeur”

2nd place

Andre Mora
Seattle Met
“100 best bottles of Washington wine”

3rd place

Kate Madden & Michael Novak
Portland Monthly
“The food lover’s guide to Portland”

Spread Design/ Photo Essay

1st place

Andre Mora
Seattle Met
“The law and John Henry...”

2nd place

Dennis Wunsch & Deborah Richardson
Scotsman Guide Media
“Don’t be deviled by details”

3rd place

William Greenlaw
Alaska Magazine
“Novarupta”

Cartoons and Illustrations

1st place

Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Gazing into the future...”

2nd place

Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Clear a path to close on distressed properties”

3rd place

Dennis Wunsch
Scotsman Guide Media
“Saddle up for lending’s ups and downs”

Sports Photography

1st place

Patrick J. Endres
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Touring the last frontier”

2nd place

Daniel Root & Michael Novak
Portland Monthly
“The big bet”

3rd place

Jeff Schultz
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Team spirit”

Feature Photography

1st place

John McDonald
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Showcase 2012”

2nd place

Jon Cornforth
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Natural forces”

3rd place

Eric Kauszenski
Alaska Airlines Magazine
“Showcase 2012”

ONLINE

Spot News

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Café racer, online spot news”

2nd place

Staff
KATU.com
“Clackamas Town Center shooting”

3rd place

Staff
Statesman Journal
“Flooding in the Mid-Valley”

**Special Report/
Enterprise**

1st place

Staff
Oregon Public
Broadcasting
“Coal in the Northwest”

2nd place

Staff
Oregon Public
Broadcasting
“Clean Water Act
anniversary”

3rd place

Staff
Statesman Journal
“Home, foreclosed”

**Arts/
Entertainment/
Lifestyle**

1st place

Sadie Babits, Adam
Cotterell & Jessica Murri
Boise State Public Radio
“BSPR arts and culture”

2nd place

Judy Lightfoot
Crosscut.com
“Can you be a human
being after prison?”

3rd place

Morgan Holm
Oregon Public
Broadcasting
“OPB arts & life”

Business

1st place

Katrina Barlow
The Seattle Times
“Regional economy
report”

2nd place

Molly Messick
Boise State Public
Radio| State Impact
“A rancher, a logger and
economic fate”

3rd place

John Stang
Crosscut.com
“Gregoire’s case for
medical pot...”

Sports

1st place

Glenn Nelson
HoopGurlz
“Stall call in Oregon”

2nd place

Ryan Pitts & Staff
The Spokesman-Review
“Sports sites”

3rd place

Brent Champaco
Patch Media Corp.
“Curtis girls’ improbably
run to a state title”

Commentary

1st place

Mónica Guzmán
GeekWire

2nd place

Craig Medred
Alaska Dispatch

3rd place

Frank Catalano
GeekWire

Photography

1st place

Joshua Trujillo
SeattlePI.com

ONLINE

2nd place

Loren Holmes
Alaska Dispatch

3rd place

Nick Adams
AdamsVisuals

Gallery/ Slideshow

1st place

Loren Holmes
Alaska Dispatch
“Iditarod Trail sled dog
race”

2nd place

Joshua Trujillo, Sofia
Jaramillo & Lindsey
Wasson
SeattlePI.com
“Photos of the year”

3rd place

Loren Holmes
Alaska Dispatch
“Kaktovik, between two
worlds”

Video

1st place

Katie Campbell
EarthFix
“Drained: urban
stormwater”

2nd place

Ben Pierce
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
“Morel season”

3rd place

Genevieve Alvarez &
Ellen Banner
The Seattle Times
“A bag’s journey...”

Interactive Graphic or Resource

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Local Olympian
database”

2nd place

Whitney Stensrud
The Seattle Times
“The family of Thonglaw”

3rd place

Dan Catchpole
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Tax shift interactive”

Best Web Design

1st place

Staff
Seattle Met
Seattlemet.com

2nd place

Staff
Statesman Journal
StatesmanJournal.com

3rd place

Scott Schaefer &
Michael Brunk
South King Media
The B-Town Blog (Burien)

Best New Site of 2012

1st place

Staff
EO Media Group
“Discover our coast”

2nd place

Bob C. Sherwin
Golferswest.com

3rd place

Staff
The Seattle Globalist

Best Online Community Engagement

1st place

Evonne Benedict
KING5.com

2nd place

Dana E. Neuts
iLoveKent.net

ONLINE | RADIO

3rd place

Crindalyn Lyster &
Patrick Alexander
EO Media Group
Oregon Coast Today

Innovation Award

1st place

Staff
The Seattle Times
“Election 2012
coverage”

2nd place

Morgan Holm & Staff
Oregon Public
Broadcasting
OPB Magazine

3rd place

Laura Dannen, Patrick
Kehoe, Danielle Zorn &
Katie Vincent
Seattle Met
“67 ways to stay sane
this winter”

Best Site, General News

1st place

Staff
Oregon Public
Broadcasting

2nd place

Staff
Alaska Dispatch

3rd place

Dann Miller
Yakima Herald-Republic

Best Site, Specialized Subject

1st place

Staff
Oregon Public
Broadcasting
“EarthFix: news fixed on
the environment”

2nd place

Travis Hay
Guerilla Candy

3rd place

Kristin Wong & Rebekah
Schilperoort
MSN/Microsoft
“The heart beat blog”

Best Site, Hyperlocal

1st place

Tracy Record
West Seattle Blog

2nd place

Staff
South King Media
The B-Town Blog

3rd place

Staff
South King Media
The Waterland Blog

RADIO

Spot News Reporting

1st place

Paula Wissel
KPLU
“First marriage license
issued...”

2nd place

Molly Messick
Boise State Public Radio
“Former Micron CEO
Appleton leaves his
mark...”

3rd place

Staff
KUOW
“Café racer shooting”

RADIO

General News Reporting

1st place

Molly Messick
Boise State Public Radio
“A rancher, a logger and economic fate”

2nd place

Dan Boyce
Montana Public Radio
“Sheep boom”

3rd place

Ashley Gross
KPLU
“Is Amazon.com taking over the world?”

Feature News Reporting

1st place

Ashley Gross
KPLU
“How do you bankroll a tomato battle in Seattle?”

2nd place

David Nogueras
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“As craft brewery sales climb, growlers fill with beer”

3rd place

Courtney Flatt
Northwest Public Radio
“The case of the great horned owl mix up”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

John Ryan & Jim Gates
KUOW
“Oil spill gear ‘crushed like a beer can’”

2nd place

Bonnie Stewart
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Costly Davy Crockett oil spill could have been prevented”

3rd place

Patricia Murphy
KUOW
“Less than honorable: sexual assault in the U.S. military”

Special Report

1st place

Kamna Shastri & Nathan Friend
KUOW
“Broken notes”

2nd place

Jessica Partnow
The Seattle Globalist
“Refugees in Puget Sound: navigating a new home...”

3rd place

Rob Manning
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Learning with less”

News Series

1st place

Staff
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Clean water: the next act”

2nd place

Staff
KPLU
“If it’s legal: five ways legal pot could affect your life”

3rd place

Rob Manning
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Learning with less”

TELEVISION

Markets 121 to 210

General News Reporting

1st place

Kellie Cheadle, Chris Ingalls & Steve Douglas
KING-TV
“Bad apples”

2nd place

John Sharify
KING-TV
“Teens behind bars”

3rd place

Joe Fryer & Doug Burgess
KING-TV
“The chaplain”

Feature News Reporting

1st place

Vince Patton, Michael Bendixen & Nick Fischer
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“Ice diving”

2nd place – TIE

Staff
KING-TV
“Ali’s guiding lights”

2nd place – TIE

Laural Porter
KGW-TV
“Julius’ incredible run”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Kellie Cheadle, Susannah Frame & Steve Douglas
KING-TV
“Fraud on the job”

2nd place

Kellie Cheadle, Linda Byron & Steve Douglas
KING-TV
“Cop watch: bully with a badge”

3rd place

Kellie Cheadle, Chris Ingalls & Steve Douglas
KING-TV
“Trail of the gun”

Special Report/ Documentary

1st place

John Sharify
KING-TV
“It’s just so powerful”

2nd place

Molly Shen, Michele Morin, Tri Ngo & Pete Lowell
KOMO-TV
“Healing our heroes”

3rd place

Kami Horton
Oregon Public Broadcasting
“The suffragists, an Oregon experience”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Joe Fryer & Doug Burgess
KING-TV
“Winning souls”

2nd place

Timothy Becker & Justin Beach
KOIN-TV
“The promise to Bruce Lee”

3rd place

Sauni Symonds
Idaho Public Television
“Outdoor Idaho: climbing Idaho”

Video Photography

1st place

Katie Campbell &
Michael Werner
KCTS9

“Quileute Tribe fights
changing climate”

2nd place

William Clifton Cortez
KOIN-TV

“Finding freedom”

3rd place

Jon Knorr
KOMO-TV

“Flatland skimboarding”

TELEVISION

Markets 121 to 120

Live Breaking News

1st place

Staff
NBC Montana

“Bitterfoot wildfires”

2nd place

Sarah Gravlee & Nicole
Grigg

Max Media

“High Plains fire”

3rd place

William Joseph Wadley
KECI

“Propane tank explodes”

General News Reporting

1st place

Frances Watson
Fisher Communications
– KEPR TV

“Sex offender living near
elementary school...”

2nd place

William Joseph Wadley
KECI

“Teen disappears in
Clark Fork”

3rd place

William Joseph Wadley
KECI

“Browning reacts to
Ronald Smith clemency”

Feature News Reporting

1st place

Katie Boer
KVAL-TV

“Extreme Katie: fast-
paced rodeo...”

2nd place

Marnee Banks
Montana Television

Network

“Pink ribbon boudoir”

3rd place

William Joseph Wadley
KECI

“26 Montanans granted
citizenship”

Investigative Reporting

1st place

Matt Finn
KIMA-TV

“Potential puppy mill”

2nd place

Heather Walker
Fisher Communications

“Troubled officer”

3rd place

Scott Harris Zoltan
KCFW/Bonten Media

“Flathead blast victim
not alone...”

Special Report/ Documentary

1st place

Dan Boyce
Montana Public Radio
“From the people:
Montana’s 2012 ballot
measures”

2nd place

Marnee Banks
Montana Television
Network
“The business of paying
taxes”

Sports Reporting

1st place

Katie Boer
KVAL-TV
“Extreme Katie: ‘if you
do tip over’ ...”

2nd place

Jason Carter
KMVT-TV
“Senators’ sounds”

3rd place

Katie Boer
KVAL-TV
“Extreme Katie: fast-
paced rodeo...”

Video Photography

1st place

Dan Carpenter
KTUU-TV
“Moravian Children’s
Home”

2nd place

Melanie Tubbs
KEPR TV
“Robot fruit picker
changing agriculture”

3rd place

Robert Reid Scott
KDRV
“Ashland Mountain”

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