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**

**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”

**2nd place**
Kate Martin & Tahlia Honea
Skagit Valley Herald
“Extreme cuisine”

**Spot News Reporting**

**1st place**
Staff
Kitsap Sun
“3rd grader shot at elementary...”

**2nd place**
Jefferson Robbins
The Wenatchee World
“Lost in a heartbeat”

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

**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 Slape
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 Batcheldor
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…”
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”
General Column

1st place
Kate Schell
Albany Democrat-Herald

2nd place
Rachel Hergett
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

3rd place
Brenda Blevins McCorkle
The Daily News

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

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 CIRC. OF 25,001-65,000

General Excellence
1st place
The Herald

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  
Missoulian  
“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

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”

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”

3rd place
Pat Muir
Yakima Herald-Republic
“Love story”

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”

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”

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”

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

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 CIRC. 25,001-65,000 | CIRC. 65,001 AND OVER

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
“When 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”

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”

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”

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 Lyerla”

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”
**Sports Photography**

**1st place**
Colin Mulvany
The Spokesman-Review
“Reflection of a fire”

**2nd place**
Beth Nakamura
The Oregonian
“Rally photo”

**3rd place**
Ted S. Warren
The Associated Press
“Celebrating perfection”

**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

**Feature Photography**

**1st place**
Elaine Thompson
The Associated Press
“Flying child”

**2nd place**
Alan Berner
The Seattle Times
“Snowy owl released”

**3rd place**
Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“Ring of dreams”

**Portrait Photography**

**1st place**
Bettina Hansen
The Seattle Times
“Solitary confinement”

**2nd place**
Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“Boxing blue”

**3rd place**
Kathy Plonka
The Spokesman-Review
“The new American”

**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”
**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”

**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…”

**Government & Politics Reporting**

**1st place**
Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“When stacks attack”

**2nd place**
Aaron Mesh
Willamette Week
“Block busters”

**3rd place**
Nina Shapiro
Seattle Weekly
“Cedar Grove: reduce, reuse, revolting”

**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”
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”

**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”
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”

3rd place
Breanne Coats
Business Examiner
“Private practices become endangered species”

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

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
“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”
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### MAGAZINES

#### 3rd place
Alison Barnwell  
Portland Monthly Magazine  
“Dark journey”

#### 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”

#### Personalities

#### 2nd place
Allison Williams  
Seattle Met  
“The Brothers Whitaker”

#### 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’”

#### Leisure and Lifestyle Reporting

#### 2nd place
Allecia Vermillion  
Seattle Met  
“BeerBook 2012”

#### 3rd place
Leslie Forsberg  
Alaska Airlines Magazine  
“Time travel”
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”

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”

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
Bill Virgin
Seattle Business
“Terminal illness”

Headlines

1st place
Ethan Chung, Lisa Patterson & Lauren Foster
425 magazine

2nd place
Staff
Seattle Magazine

3rd place
Staff
Alaska Airlines Magazine

Editorial and Commentary

1st place
Knute Berger
Seattle Magazine
“Furry, pampered – and diabetic”

2nd place
John Levesque
Seattle Business
“Handle with care”

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
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
“Tax shift interactive”

3rd place
Dan Catchpole
Yakima Herald-Republic
“The family of Thonglaw”

Best Web Design

1st place
Staff
Seattle Met
Seattlemet.com

2nd place
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, 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”
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”

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”

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

3rd place
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”

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”

2nd place – TIE
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”
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”

General News Reporting

1st place
Frances Watson
Fisher Communications – KEPR TV
“Sex offender living near elementary school...”

2nd place
William Joseph Wadley
KECI
“Propane tank explodes”

3rd place
Sarah Gravlee & Nicole Grigg
Max Media
“High Plains fire”

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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