

89th National Headliner Awards winners

The 89th National Headliner Award winners honoring the best journalism in the United States in 2022 were announced today. The awards were founded in 1934 by the Press Club of Atlantic City. The annual contest is one of the oldest and largest in the country that recognizes journalistic merit in the communications industry.

The Best in Show Newspapers award went to John Archibald, Ashley Remkus and Ramsey Archibald of AL.com for their series titled [“The Rise and Fall of a Predatory Police Force.”](#) The story won first place in the category for investigative reporting in newspapers not in top 20 media market.

“What an astonishing revelation: A small Alabama town has turned into an extortion racket run by its cops. Within days of publication, the police chief was out as was half the force. So many gold nuggets are to be found in this remarkable series,” the judges said.

The Nick Oza Best in Show Photography Award went to Christina House of the Los Angeles Times for her single day photo story titled “Hollywood’s Finest.”

“An epic tale of Mckenzie Trahan’s love, loss, drugs, motherhood & homelessness on the streets of Los Angeles. We follow Mckenzie for more than two years as she struggles with her addictions, overcomes them, gives birth, loses her child, returns to the streets and eventually gets off the street and into an apartment,” the judges said.

The award was one of 12 won by the Times, including three other first-place awards in feature writing, news series and local news beat coverage.

The digital journalism Best in Show winner went to Scripps News for its narrative podcast titled [“Unfinished: Ernie’s Secret.”](#)

“The fact of the story is simple: a prominent civil rights era photographer was also an FBI informant. But the nuances, humanity and historical context are what separated this work. It draws from a range of sources, including FBI documents and the result is a compelling work of great journalism,” the judges said.

In the radio categories, the Best in Show winner went to Gerard Albert III, Kate Payne and Christine DiMattei of WLRN News in Miami. Their story titled [“The Death-Penalty Trial and Verdict of the Parkland School Shooter”](#) won first place in the breaking news or continuing coverage of a single news event category.

The judges said the story was “thoroughly reported as if the reporter didn’t want to waste ‘space.’ Words painted detailed pictures of the actions and people better than what most would glean from actual visuals. The reporter was truly our eyes and ears in a calm, measured and detail-oriented approach to conveying the courtroom experience and impact.”

The Michael Schurman Best in Show Television Award went to Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and Dannah Sauer of WVUE-TV in New Orleans for [“Drained.”](#) which won first place in the broadcast or cable television stations public service category.

“WVUE’s crack investigative unit commands our attention annually, but this year’s probe into a quirky Louisiana statute that allowed the city of New Orleans and other agencies to ignore court-ordered settlements for eternity was not only shocking in its depth of cruelty, but in its

results,” the judges said. “Shamed by the Fox affiliate, governing agencies released tens of millions of dollars to deserving victims of malfeasance.”

Below are the first-, second- and third-place awards for the newspaper, photography, online, radio and television categories.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SYNDICATES

Breaking News in daily newspapers, all sizes

First Place

[“Horror on the Fourth”](#)

Lynn Sweet, Elvia Malagón, Sophie Sherry, Paul Saltzman and Manny Ramos
Chicago Sun-Times

Judges’ comments: The work by the Chicago Sun-Times on the Fourth of July parade shooting was remarkable. Washington reporter Lynn Sweet happened to be at the parade in a Chicago suburb. She jumped into action with tweets, videos and more. In the holiday-staffed newsroom, an editor both wrote and edited stories to post through social media and on the main website. Their collaboration, with others, was a fine example of professionals at work. And Sweet should be singled out for showing reporters how street reporting is done.

Second Place

“Dallas Love Field Shooting”
Dallas Morning News staff
Dallas Morning News

No Third-Place Award given

Local news beat coverage or continuing story in top 20 media market

First Place

[“The chaotic tenure of L.A. County’s combative sheriff”](#)

Alene Tchekmedyian
Los Angeles Times

Judges’ comments: Public, personal attacks by a powerful sheriff did not deter Alene Tchekmedyian’s determination to uncover abuses by his deputies and a conflict of interest involving weapons permits and donors. She combed documents and convinced terrified workers to speak to her, uncovering a pattern of unethical conduct that played a role in his landslide defeat in the next election.

Second Place

“Edgemere’s Fall”

Natalie Walters
Dallas Morning News

Third Place

“Cuyahoga County corruption and crises”

Kaitlin Durbin
Cleveland.com - The Plain Dealer

Local news beat coverage or continuing story not in top 20 media market

First Place

[“South Stricker Street fire”](#)

Lilly Price, Emily Opilo and Steve Earley
The Baltimore Sun

Judges’ comments: It’s hard to understand why there were no updated protocols for fighting fires in vacant buildings, especially given the number of them in Baltimore. Fortunately, The Baltimore Sun’s reporting got that done. Solid, well-sourced, data-driven reporting, that led to meaningful changes that will help keep first responders safer.

Second Place

“The Deadliest Block”
Savannah Eadens
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Third Place

“Exposing an Inept and Shallow Investigation into the 2020 Election”
Molly Beck and Patrick Marley
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

International news beat coverage or continuing story by an individual or team

First Place

[“Made in Miami: The assassination of Haiti's Jovenel Moise”](#)

Jacqueline Charles, Jay Weaver, Antonio Maria Delgado and Michael Wilner
Miami Herald

Judges comments: "Made in "Miami," a riveting narrative of a kidnapping that led to murder, combined shoe-leather reporting in Haiti with probes of police reports, phone records and indictments. The chief reporter, Jacqueline Charles, described as "a road map to the truth," lays out how the kidnapping came about, how it morphed into a killing, and the aftermath that led to arrests for murder. The details show a multi-layered, multi-national whodunnit that ends with this

frightening summation: "There is nothing to guarantee that a presidential assassination in Haiti cannot happen again."

Second Place

"The War in Ukraine"

Nabih Bulos

Los Angeles Times

Third Place

"Dispatches from a Region in Flux"

Kate Linthicum

Los Angeles Times

News series in daily newspapers top 20 media market

First Place

["Packed In: Overcrowded housing in Los Angeles has brought death by design"](#)

Los Angeles Times Staff

Los Angeles Times

Judges comments: The reporters convey how the COVID-19 pandemic exposed poor housing conditions that developed over decades in LA. They well explain how flawed decisions by leaders led to overpriced and outdated housing and zoom in to detail the deadly effect.

Second Place

"Title IX: Falling Short at 50"

USA Today staff

USA Today

Third Place

"Innocence Sold"

David Fleshler, Spencer Norris and Brittany Wallman

South Florida Sun Sentinel

News series in newspapers not in top 20 media market

First Place

["Publishing Prejudice"](#)

Rob Davis

The Oregonian/OregonLive

Judges' comments: The Oregonian took the bold move of 'investigating its own ugly past' with its 'Publishing Prejudice' project. The goal with the series was to not only reveal how the

newspaper's racist past helped shape the state of Oregon today, but also to reinforce its commitment to representing the community's diverse voices. The Oregonian did both in exemplary fashion. A home run.

Second Place

"The Safest Place"

Noelle Crombie, Beth Nakamura and Samantha Swindler
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Third Place

"The Death of the Iowa Democratic Caucus"

Courtney Crowder and Brianne Pfannenstiel
Des Moines Register

Local interest column on a variety of subjects

First Place

[Neil Steinberg](#)

Chicago Sun-Times

Judges' comments: Neil Steinberg is delicate, spare, relatable. In a category laden with feature stories, Steinberg's voice stands out, focusing on everyday events and people and making sense of what might otherwise have been mundane or forgettable. He uses conversations with a stranger on the train to teach history and humanity. He writes columns about his forgetful, elderly father that remind us all of the frustrations and sadness of caring for aging parents. Thoughtful. Poignant but not maudlin.

Second Place

[Theodore Decker](#)

Columbus Dispatch

Third Place

[Myron Medcalf](#)

Star Tribune

Special or feature column on one subject by an individual

First Place

[Soleil Ho](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Judges' comments: To dine at French Laundry, be recognized and shown around by the legendary Thomas Keller himself and want no part of whatever "club" that may imply shows not

only ethics, but a commitment to the reader you're serving. Soleil Ho did that in each piece -- considering cost, accessibility, culture and taste -- while also writing with ease, authority, humor and grace.

Second Place

Marcus Dowling
The Tennessean/Gannett

Third Place

"Brain Matters column"
Richard Sima
The Washington Post

Editorial writing by an individual or team

First Place

["The Uncounted Dead"](#)

Jeffery Gerritt
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Judges' comments: These editorials stand out for several reasons. The writer constructs and presents an argument exceptionally well. The editorials are based in part on original reporting by the editorial board. And the package doesn't rely on the same tired arguments that typically are applied to this subject matter. Outstanding work.

Second Place

David Plazas
The Tennessean/Gannett

Third Place

Helen Jung
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Sports opinion by an individual

First Place

[Ann Killion](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Judges' comments: The best columnists have a "voice." That voice connects with their city's fans because it shares a passion for sport and the community that rises around it. In her San Francisco Chronicle columns, Ann Killion uses that voice to celebrate great achievements but

also to highlight where we've fallen short. Her beat is the intersection between sports and society in contemporary America and she covers it with great passion and insight.

Second Place

Luke DeCock
News and Observer

Third Place

Barbara Barker
Newsday

Sports news writing by an individual or team

First Place

[“Cal Swimming In-depth Reporting”](#)

Scott M. Reid
Southern California News Group

Judges’ comments: Orange County Register reporter Scott M. Reid's reporting on Cal women's swimming coach Teri McKeever stands alongside the most important and impactful sports writing we've encountered. Success in sports, especially over time, can create a sense of untouchability for the athletes and coaches responsible for that success. Reid looked past the NCAA championships and Olympic gold medals to hear directly from the athletes who alleged that McKeever emotionally abused and threatened them, and pressured them to train despite injuries. By insisting on accountability for the most powerful coaches, Reid holds up what's best in sport and in journalism.

Second Place

“NFL Coaching Carousel: How Race Plays a Role”
Sarah Blaskey, Nicholas Nehamas and Rosmery Izaguirre
Miami Herald

Third Place

Ben Goessling
Star Tribune

Sports feature writing by an individual or team

First Place

[Chip Scoggins](#)

Star Tribune

Judges' comments: This collection of stories showcases the reporter's skill at interviewing, his eye for relevant and moving detail, and his versatility as a writer. An outstanding entry in a very strong category.

Second Place

Kevin Armstrong
The Star-Ledger

Third Place

Connor Letourneau
San Francisco Chronicle

Feature writing by an individual in a top 20 media market

First Place

["Fentanyl poisoning, child exploitation and COVID relief fraud"](#)

Michael Finnegan
Los Angeles Times

Judges' comments: Michael Finnegan's Hollywood Drug delivery account of a successful FBI investigation of the drug death of Ray Mascolo. Finnegan's reporting on the federal court beat in Los Angeles uses richly detailed narratives to illuminate how criminals poison unsuspecting drug users with fentanyl, endanger children online and dodge law enforcement after plundering COVID relief programs

Second Place

Brittney Mejia
Los Angeles Times

Third Place

"The Man Who Paid for America's Fear"
Jason Fagone
San Francisco Chronicle

Feature writing by an individual not in a top 20 media market

First Place

[Jennifer Berry Hawes](#)

The Post and Courier

Judges' comments: This reporter dug deep to show why readers should know the truths and horrors of these men's lives -- even those memorialized in death. Their humanity again recognized and their courage honored.

Second Place

Keith Sharon
The Tennessean/Gannett

Third Place

“When a bitter ex vanished with her kids, she vowed to do whatever it would take to find them”
Austin Murphy
The Press Democrat

Business news coverage, business commentary and/or business columns by an individual or team**First Place**

[“Data Center Next Door”](#)

Mike Rogoway
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Judges’ comments: In “The Data Center Next Store,” reporter Mike Rogoway and The Oregonian look at what happens when the world’s biggest and richest companies come to rural Oregon to build their data centers. Rogoway used his expert technology industry knowledge and 15 years of reporting on data centers in rural Oregon to connect the dots and provide a holistic view of the economic, political and environmental impact of these centers. The Oregonian delivered an important service for its readers toward understanding an important business trend that shows no sign of slowing.

Second Place

“Blood and Money”
Andrew Ford
The Arizona Republic

Third Place

“Mortgage Inequality”
Bloomberg Staff
Bloomberg

Education writing by an individual or team**First Place**

[“The Youngest Children in School. Under Arrest”](#)

Andrea Ball, Dian Zhang and Mary Claire Molloy
USA Today

Judges' comments: Readers will no doubt feel shock, heartbreak, and anger when they learn about the treatment of these children. These stories are compelling, and the database is an important component that allows families to research their own departments.

Second Place

“Invisible Schools”

Mike Reicher, Lulu Ramadan and Taylor Blatchford
Seattle Times and ProPublica

Third Place

“Texas' Wild West Teacher Prep Problems”

Talia Richman, Corbett Smith and Emily Donaldson
Dallas Morning News

Health, science and pandemic writing by an individual or team

First Place

[“A New Prescription”](#)

Guy Boulton
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Judges' comments: Guy Boulton took on the complicated mismatch of the cost of health care in the U.S versus the costs of addressing issues such as housing and nutrition that contribute to recurring health problems of low-income residents. His work wove data, experts and real people into an authoritative, to the point, contextual and solutions-oriented package.

Second Place

“Dying for Care”

USA Today staff
USA Today

Third Place

“Fighting for Air”

Talis Shelbourne
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Environmental writing by an individual or team in top 20 media market

First Place

[“Big Plastic”](#)

Bloomberg staff
Bloomberg

Judges' comments: Some consumers feel better recycling their plastics, but this story will make them think twice about that peace of mind. The innovative approach in telling this story kept the reader engaged, as did the good videos and other visuals.

Second Place

“California's Missing Water”
Ryan Sabalow and Dale Kasler
The Sacramento Bee

Third Place

“Can California Save its Endangered Salmon?”
Ian James, Szu Yu Chen and Lorena Iñiguez Elebee
Los Angeles Times

Environmental writing by an individual or team not in top 20 media market

First Place

[“Big Poultry”](#)
Gavin Off, Adam Wagner and Ames Alexander
The Charlotte Observer and the Raleigh News & Observer

Judges' comments: "Big Poultry" examines the rapid growth of poultry farming in North Carolina and its impact on air, water and the lives of farm neighbors. Reporters showed an ingenious use of technology, pairing satellite imagery with existing data to determine that about 230,000 people are living near these farms. Comparing how 10 other states manage this industry added to the power of the series, which already has legislators looking at ways to address some of the problems raised in it.

Second Place

“The Changing Gulf Coast”
Tristan Baurick
The Times-Picayune

Third Place

“The Unstoppable Ocean”
Kate Cough and Alex MacLean
The Maine Monitor

Investigative reporting in newspapers in top 20 media market

First Place

[“Dangerous Dwellings”](#)
Alan Judd, Willoughby Mariano and Johnny Edwards

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Judges' comments: For decades, slumlords have been the targets of investigative journalism. But The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's journalism on this topic in 2022 was a standout for its depth and reporting. As the nominating letter noted: "Tens of thousands of metropolitan Atlantans are trapped in apartment complexes with rampant crime, squalor or outrageous safety hazards." For reporters, it was an uphill battle. They needed to fight to get basic information, such as code enforcement violations, and then build their own database. Most importantly, the project had results: Local governments cracked down on landlords, many of them out-of-state private equity firms.

Second Place

"Hidden Highway Hazard"

Stephanie Zimmermann and Lauren FitzPatrick
Chicago Sun-Times

Third Place

"The Man Who Played Hollywood"

Amy Kaufman and Meg James
Los Angeles Times

Investigative reporting in newspapers not in top 20 media market

First Place and BEST IN SHOW

["The Rise and Fall of a Predatory Police Force"](#)

John Archibald, Ashley Remkus and Ramsey Archibald
AL.com

Judges' comments: What an astonishing revelation: A small Alabama town has turned into an extortion racket run by its cops. Force surges in size, acquires a tank and drug dogs. Visitors and residents are festooned with tickets for the most minor of violations. Within days of publication, the police chief was out as was half the force. So many gold nuggets are to be found in this remarkable series.

Second Place

"Danger on the Docks"

Thad Moore and Jennifer Berry Hawes
The Post and Courier

Third Place

"Cash Not Care"

Cary Spivak and Mary Spicuzza
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Public service in newspapers in top 20 media market

First Place

[“Tracked”](#)

The Associated Press staff

The Associated Press

Judge’s comments: This impressive, expansive package is a valuable primer for anyone with a phone, who steps outside, who orders something online. We are being watched. The rise of AI is an ever-changing, ever-evolving reality, and these stories highlighted how this tool can impact our individual rights as parents, POC, activists and community members. In other words, all of us.

Second Place

“Cal State: Failing Women”

Kenny Jacoby

USA Today

Third Place

“Leaked Racist Tape Upends L.A. Politics”

Los Angeles Times Staff

Los Angeles Times

Public service in newspapers not in top 20 media market

First Place

[“Google’s Water”](#)

Mike Rogoway

The Oregonian/OregonLive

Judges’ comments: This city cut a water rights deal with Google at the expense of its own citizens and then went to court to avoid releasing the details publicly. The parties eventually settled and the Oregonian's reporting on the consequences of the deal is outstanding. This series will no doubt lead to policy changes. But equally important are the questions it raises about the relationship between governments and companies they hope to attract /keep, especially with regard to transparency.

Second Place

“Transfer Tax”

Eli Segall

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Third Place

“Racism in the KCPD”

Glenn E. Rice, Katie Moore and Luke Nozicka
The Kansas City Star

Editorial cartoons

First Place

[Clay Bennett](#)

Chattanooga Times Free Press

Judges’ comments: Artistic expression, message and significance were wrapped up nicely in this submission, generating a-ha moments, sadness and relevance. The clarity and simplicity of the artwork was excellent and the variety of topics demonstrated the depth and breadth of news events in 2022.

Second Place

Adam Zyglis
The Buffalo News

Third Place

Michael Ramirez
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Journalistic innovation

First Place

[“SFNext”](#)

Jonathan Krim, Laura Wenus, Noah Arroyo, Cintia Lopez, Gary Baca, Adriana Rezal and Audrey Brown
San Francisco Chronicle

Judges’ comments: The San Francisco Chronicle devoted massive resources to try and help solve some of the intransigent problems of San Francisco. Through a series of innovative online and in-person communication methods they are showing how solutions journalism can be applied on a large scale. It will be great to see results on this continuing project.

Second Place

“My Take by Kristin Brey”
Kristin Brey, Bill Schulz and David Haynes
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Third Place

“Shape Your L.A.”
Los Angeles Times Staff
Los Angeles Times

Best political coverage

First Place

[“Kansas Decides”](#)

Katie Bernard, Jonathan Shorman and Kevin Hardy
Kansas City Star

Judges’ comments: In a strong smorgasbord of political coverage, The Kansas City Star brought insight into three significant public issues. Included in the entry we learned that Kansas cut what appears to be a bad deal for economic development; the high-profile case of a legal prosecution gone awry and an excellent look at the role of churches in the abortion debate.

Second Place

Dallas Morning News staff
Dallas Morning News

Third Place

“Money & Influence in Pennsylvania”
Angela Couloumbis
Spotlight PA

MAGAZINES

Coverage of a major news event or topic

First Place

[“The Long Goodbye”](#)

Geoff Colvin
Fortune Media

Judges’ comments: “The Long Goodbye” brought force the realities of McDonald's decision to leave Russia in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was a stunning decision for the Golden Arches to walk away from a significant portion of its world-wide business. The writing was fluid and the reporting detailed.

Second Place

“On the 10th Green at Pinetree”
Brian Burnsed
Sports Illustrated

Third Place

“Xi's Police State in the U.S.”

Didi Kirsten Tatlow

Newsweek

Feature writing by an individual on a variety of subjects

First Place

[“Tall Order”](#)

Brian Burnsed

Sports Illustrated

Judges’ comments: Mavericks 7'6" center Shawn Bradley's career ends in a bicycle crash. Paralyzed from chest down, he sets a daily goal of getting from wheelchair to bed without assistance. Reported without sentimentality.

Second Place

“TikTok Troubles”

Olivia Carville

Bloomberg

Third Place

“‘I’m the Operator’: The Aftermath of a Self-Driving Tragedy”

Lauren Smiley

WIRED

Speciality News Coverage

First Place

[“The Crypto Story”](#)

Matt Levine

Bloomberg

Judges’ comments: Bloomberg's crypto story offered newbies to the field a primer on understanding what crypto is all about and how far and wide it reaches. The digital graphics and illustrations added the needed to the reader's understanding.

Second Place

“Cosmopolitan: The Mental Health Issue”

Cosmopolitan staff

Cosmopolitan

Third Place

“Neuralink Wants to Get Inside Your Head”

Jeremy Kahn and Jonathan Vanian

Fortune Media

In-depth Story or Series on a Major News Event

First Place

[“It's Not Over”](#)

Cosmopolitan staff

Cosmopolitan

Judges’ comments: “It's Not Over” report on 2022 reproductive rights examines the fight for abortion services in multiple delivery venues. The rising expense of abortion procedures along with the heartbreak of turning patients away and forcing them to travel significant distances is also covered.

Second Place

“Cocaine Express”

Bloomberg Staff

Bloomberg

Third Place

“The road to Jan. 6 ran through St. Louis”

Paul Wagman

Gateway Journalism Review

PHOTOGRAPHY AND GRAPHICS FOR DAILY NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, NEWS SERVICE AND SYNDICATES

Spot news photography

First Place

[“Evacuation”](#)

Evgeniy Maloletka

The Associated Press

Judges’ comments: The civilian casualties of war are captured by AP photographer Evgeniy Maloletka as we see an injured pregnant woman rushed to a hospital on a stretcher through the rubble of a bombed out city, only to lose her baby and her life.

Second Place

“Fleeing War”

Emilio Morenatti
The Associated Press

Third Place

“Funeral for FDNY firefighter Jesse Gerhard of Islip”
Alejandra Villia Loarca
Newsday

Feature photography

First Place

[“Holi Dance”](#)

Mark Graves
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Judges’ comments: A perfect moment of celebration that was well composed, showed jubilation, and filled with color.

Second Place

“Prayers for the Ukraine”
Thomas A. Ferrara
Newsday

Third Place

“Evening Wave”
Leonard Ortiz
Southern California News Group

Sports action or sports feature photography

First Place

[“Broken Bat”](#)

Keith Birmingham
Southern California News Group

Judges’ comments: OUCH! A broken bat flies through the mask of the home plate umpire and sends him to the hospital. Keith's picture captures the moment the bat strikes his face.

Second Place

“Ain't That a Kick in the Head”
Hans Gutknecht
Southern California News Group

Third Place

“Mo Donegal”

Thomas A. Ferrara

Newsday

Individual photo portfolio**First Place**

Thomas A. Ferrara

Newsday

Judges’ comments: Thomas A. Ferrara – with a sports-heavy portfolio – wins the individual portfolio because his pictures capture great moments which are both well composed and fun to view. His subjects come to life through their gyrations and antics.

Second Place

Tom Fox

Dallas Morning News

Third Place

Alejandra Villa Loarca

Newsday

Staff photo portfolio**First Place**

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel staff

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Judges’ comments: The staff portfolio award goes to Milwaukee because every picture in the entry was good-to-great, which elevated it above its competition.

Second Place

Dallas Morning News staff

Dallas Morning News

Third Place

“Dunia, A Journey of Courage”

Newsday Staff

Newsday

Single day photo story

First Place and BEST IN SHOW

“Hollywood's Finest”

Christina House

Los Angeles Times

Judges’ comments: An epic tale of Mckenzie Trahan's love, loss, drugs, motherhood & homelessness on the streets of Los Angeles told through the lens of Christina House. We follow Mckenzie for more than two years as she struggles with her addictions, overcomes them, gives birth, loses her child, returns to the streets and eventually gets off the street and into an apartment.

Second Place

“The Fight Against COVID, a Chaplain Says, Unfolded on ‘Sacred Ground’”

Francine Orr

Los Angeles Times

Third Place

“A Month of Terror in Bucha, Ukraine”

Erin Trieb

Insider

Multiple day photo story

First Place

“Fatal Dose: A City’s Fentanyl Failure”

The Chronicle Staff

San Francisco Chronicle

Judges’ comments: San Francisco is ravaged by the deadly scourge of fentanyl. This portfolio slams you in the face again and again with visual manifestation of the human wreckage fentanyl addiction inflicts. From death to desperation, these pictures show the impact of the epidemic.

Second Place

“Destination Williamsport, Scenes from the 2022 Little League World Series”

Thomas A. Ferrara

Newsday

Third Place

“Quiet and Sadness in Uvalde”

Maye-E Wong, Dario Lopez-Mills and Jae C. Hong

The Associated Press

Portrait

First Place

["Roz Stafford-Grady smokes a cigar"](#)

Tom Fox

Dallas Morning News

Judges' comments: Tom Fox's portrait brings new meaning to a "smoke filled room" as cigar bar owner Roz Stafford-Grady puffs proudly on her cigar.

Second Place

"Portrait of Nafiah Ikram"

J. Conrad Williams Jr.

Newsday

Third Place

"Smokey in Red"

Jovanny Hernandez

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Pictorial**First Place**

["Ice Bridge"](#)

Mike De Sisti

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Judges' comments: Pictorial excellence displays great composition, textures, contrasts and moments. This aerial photo showing a bridge spanning an icy river has all the stuff of a great pictorial image.

Second Place

"Citi Field"

Thomas A. Ferrara

Newsday

Third Place

"Wildfire Haze"

Kristyna Wentz-Graff

OPB

ONLINE

Online investigative reporting for digital-only website

First Place

[“Thousands in northeast Oregon left with unsafe drinking water after years of state inaction”](#)

Oregon Capital Chronicle staff

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Judges’ comments: The Oregon Capital Chronicle took a serious pollution problem, which the state had known about for 30 years, and pointed a light at it and sparked reform. Thousands of homes were hooked to wells that were tainted by nitrates from a variety of sources. The news outlet’s research resulted in emergency declarations and fines against the polluters.

Second Place

“Patients for Profit: How Private Equity Hijacked Health Care”

KFF Health News staff

KFF Health News

Third Place

“Cannabis Card Game”

Ed Mahon

Spotlight PA

Online investigative reporting for digital partnerships with other news outlets

First Place

[“The Uber Files”](#)

International Consortium of Investigative Journalists staff

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Judges’ comments: The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' investigation revealed how Uber literally took the world's leaders, its customers and its drivers for a ride as it pursued world dominance.

Second Place

“Pentagon contractors engaged extensively in trafficked workers despite ‘zero tolerance’ pledges”

Staff

NBC News, The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, The Washington Post and Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism staff

Third Place

“The Ericsson List”

Sydney P. Freedberg, Maggie Michael and Amir Musawy

International Consortium of Investigative Journalists

Online beat coverage

First Place

[“Who Counts?”](#)

Center for Public Integrity staff

Center for Public Integrity

Judges’ comments: A detailed report on voting issues from the history of noncitizens voting to gerrymandering. An important contribution to understanding how a democracy works, and the challenges of equitable voting.

Second Place

“Documenting the Death Penalty”

Liliana Segura and Jordan Smith

The Intercept

Third Place

“Space Beat Coverage”

Elisha Sauers

Mashable

Online news video up to three minutes

First place

[“Eternal Optimists: Farmers Battle Historic Drought”](#)

Rebecca Slezak

Dallas Morning News

Judges’ comments: The video combined elements of good storytelling by showing how ranchers adapted to battle drought, providing the facts and conveying emotion in a well-edited piece.

Second place

“Inside the Forecast: Dems Attempt to Dodge Inflation Woes”

Renee Klahr, Steve Shepard and Monica Akhtar

POLITICO

Third place

“The Real Impact of a 1-Foot Rise in Sea Level”

National Investigative Unit and National Digital News Desk

Hearst Television

Online news video 3 to 10 minutes

First Place

[“GMA Digital: Dear Future Survivor”](#)

GMA Digital staff

ABC News

Judges’ comments: “Dear Future Survivor” is an extremely moving telling of how young mass-shooting survivors have been affected. The video, produced to mark the 10th anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, gives voice to teens through letters they've written to “future survivors.” It’s personal and powerful and brought tears to one veteran journalist’s eyes.

Second Place

“Nye County Crash Investigation”

Rachel Aston, Arthur Kane and Rhonda Prast

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Third Place

“Why People Risk Their Lives Hunting For Deadly Explosives”

Insider Staff

Insider

Online video 10 to 30 minutes**First Place**

[“ABC News Live: The Women Left Behind”](#)

ABC News Live staff

ABC News

Judges’ comments: Ian Pannell’s 22 years of experience covering Afghanistan gave viewers the historical context of the all-too-human story of the women and girls left behind in Afghanistan. The writing, visuals and interviews offered an intimate look at the heartbreak and resilience of the women in the aftermath of the U.S. withdrawal.

Second Place

“Inside the Dance School Helping Kenya’s Teen Mothers”

Bloomberg Staff

Bloomberg

Third Place

“4 Deaths, 4 Serious Injuries”

Newsday staff

Newsday

Digital presentation of a single news topic

First Place

["The Safest Place"](#)

Mark Friesen, Noelle Crombie, Samantha Swindler, Dave Killen and Beth Nakamura
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Judges' comments: The Safest Place gives students a chance to tell the story of gun violence in their own words. The presentation features include video, photo and text that are easy to follow and together they take readers into the school and into the lives of those directly and indirectly affected by incredible pain and loss.

Second Place

"In Survivors' Words"

Seattle Times staff
Seattle Times

Third Place

"Fatal Dose: A City's Fentanyl Failure"

The Chronicle Staff
San Francisco Chronicle

Digital presentation of a single features topic

First Place

["The Planet's Most Threatened Flight Path, and the \\$3 Billion Plan to Protect It"](#)

CNN staff
CNN

Judges' comments: Call to Earth, the multimedia presentation by CNN documenting the growing dangers facing migratory birds, captures the audience. The flow of the reporting through audio, images, video and mapping was a delight. A complex subject explored almost to the point of entertainment. Well done.

Second Place

"First Foods: How Native People are Revitalizing the Natural Nourishment of the Pacific Northwest"

Lynda Mapes, Erika Schultz and Lauren Frohne
Seattle Times

Third Place

"Warehouse Nation"

Insider Staff
Insider

Social media

First Place

[“The POLITICO Show on Snapchat”](#)

Jackie Padilla, Meiying Wu, Dan Ashwood, Monica Akhtar and staff
POLITICO

Judges’ comments: The POLITICO show feels native to the platform. The journalists draw in viewers by showing their personalities while providing news in the concise constraints Snapchat requires.

Second Place

“GMA Digital: Breaking the Mental Health Stigma for Black Women”
GMA Digital staff
ABC News

Third Place

“ABC News Digital: ClimateNOW”
ABC News Digital staff
ABC News

Civic/political affairs podcast

First Place

[“Going for Broke”](#)

Ray Suarez, Alissa Quart, Shannon Henry Kleiber and Staff
Economic Hardship Reporting Project
To The Best Of Our Knowledge from WPR/PRX

Judges’ comments: In "Going for Broke," we are pulled into the life of real people who have had profound economic problems in their life. With in-depth interviews, this podcast takes you in-depth and discusses potential solutions. Host Ray Suarez, who has been open about his economic struggles, does a nice job in the interviews.

Second Place

“High Turnout, Wide Margins”
Brianna Lennon, Eric Fey and KBIA Staff
KBIA-FM

No third-place award given

Narrative podcast

First Place and BEST IN SHOW

[“Unfinished: Ernie's Secret”](#)

Staff of Scripps News & Stitcher

Scripps News & Stitcher

Judges’ comments: In a category with many strong entries, “Unfinished: Ernie's Secret” stands out. The fact of the story is simple: a prominent civil rights era photographer was also an FBI informant. But the nuances, humanity and historical context are what separated this work. It draws from a range of sources, including FBI documents and the result is a compelling work of great journalism.

Second Place

“SOLD OUT: Rethinking Housing in America”

Molly Solomon and Erin Baldassari

KQED

Third Place

“Sent Away”

Curtis Gilbert, David Fuchs, Jessica Miller and Will Craft

APM Reports, KUER and The Salt Lake Tribune

Information podcast

First Place

[“Embodied”](#)

Embodied Staff

North Carolina Public Radio WUNC

Judges’ comments: This podcast wraps you in the warmth and comfort of a conversation with a good friend. She's sitting right across from you and telling you about things quite private. Listen; there's a lot you're going to learn and that may make you feel better, too!

Second Place

“Click Here”

Dina Temple-Raston, Sean Powers, Will Jarvis and Karen Duffin

Recorded Future News

Third Place

“Twenty-Four Seven: A Podcast About Caregiving”

Kitty Eisele and staff

Texas Public Radio

Criminal justice and/or crime podcast

First Place

[“Murderville, Texas”](#)

The Intercept staff

The Intercept

Judges’ comments: Suspenseful, dramatic, deeply reported, important, emotionally resonant. These are the words that come to mind after listening to the "Murderville, Texas" podcast. Intercept reporters Liliana Segura and Jordan Smith fully employ the podcast format to tell a compelling and relevant story about the scariest of criminal-justice nightmares: a death row inmate who may be innocent.

Second Place

“Unsealed: The Tylenol Murders”

Staff of the Chicago Tribune and At Will Media

Chicago Tribune/At Will Media

Third Place

“Cruel & Unusual”

A.J. Lagoe, Brandon Stahl and Gary Knox

KARE-TV

RADIO STATIONS

Radio stations newscast, all markets

First Place

[“WBAL News Now at 5 a.m.”](#)

WBAL-AM staff

WBAL-AM

Judges’ comments: Here's a broadcast that feels warm and friendly, even when delivering somber news. We'd welcome listening to these voices first thing in the morning, providing stories behind the headlines and well-executed presentation of the need-to-know info to start the day.

Second Place

“Texas Standard for Nov. 9, 2022”

Texas Standard staff

Texas Standard

Third Place

“TPR's Morning Edition Newscast anchored by Norma Martinez”

Norma Martinez and TPR News Staff

Texas Public Radio

Radio stations breaking news or continuing coverage of a single news event

First Place and BEST IN SHOW

[“The death-penalty trial and verdict of the Parkland school shooter”](#)

Gerard Albert III, Kate Payne and Christine DiMattei

WLRN News

Judges’ comments: Story thoroughly reported in bites less than 5 minutes each with updates in each bite. It was as if the reporter didn't want to waste "space." The reporter’s words painted detailed pictures of the actions and people better than what most would glean from actual visuals. He was truly our eyes and ears in a calm, measured and detail-oriented approach to conveying the courtroom experience and impact.

Second Place

“Raleigh Mass Shooting Coverage”

North Carolina Public Radio WUNC News Staff

North Carolina Public Radio WUNC

Third Place

“Deadly Stricker Street Row Home Fire”

WBAL-AM staff

WBAL-AM

Radio stations feature and human interest story, all markets

First Place

[“The Military is Trying to Protect America's First Black Marine Base from Storms and Rising Seas”](#)

Jay Price

North Carolina Public Radio WUNC

Judges’ comments: This piece details the importance of restoring historical buildings despite climate change issues while also highlighting the unsafe and inhumane conditions African-African soldiers had to endure. Being able to track down people who were able to describe that period made this story very impactful. Their painful description underscores race issues from that period. Overall, it’s a tight production that displays how race relations negatively impacted the Marines and the importance of maintaining buildings used by the first Black Marines.

Second Place

“Where do I belong?”

Dan Gunderson

MPR News

Third Place

“A love letter to Haitian Creole: Kreyòl Pale, Kreyòl Konprann”

Wilkin Brutus

WLRN News

Radio stations documentary or public affairs**First Place**

[“Uvalde: What's Next?”](#)

Laura Rice, Leah Scarpelli and Rhonda Fanning

Texas Standard

Judges’ comments: Perhaps, as the journalists hope, the conversations initiated by this reporting will lead to lasting changes and fewer losses of life. For sure, the voices captured by the Texas Standard need to be heard. The pain, hope and challenges are reminders of the need for ongoing repair aimed at removing the feeling of constant danger.

Second Place

“WBAL News Now Extra - Leaked SCOTUS Opinion”

Robert Lang

WBAL-AM

Third Place

“Selections from WLRN program The Sunshine Economy”

Tom Hudson and Elisa Baena

WLRN News

Radio stations news series**First Place**

[“Secrecy and Violence”](#)

Ally Jarmanning

WBUR

Judges’ comments: This is an intrepid investigation into records about domestic violence and abuse cases, and the shrouding of information by law that ultimately did more to harm victims than protect them. What better mark of success for this reporting than a call to action for

Massachusetts lawmakers to file a bill to create a commission to probe problems uncovered in this reporting.

Second Place

“Kids Ask”

Susie An

WBEZ Chicago

Third Place

“It is happening here: Massachusetts has a growing neo-Nazi movement”

Phillip Martin and the GBH News Staff

GBH News

Radio stations health/science/pandemic story

First Place

[“Florida's severe child psychiatrist shortage keeps one provider in Miami-Dade up at night”](#)

Verónica Zaragovia

WLRN News

Judges’ comments: This report provides a fascinating and informative look at the lack of child psychiatrists in the Miami-Dade area. The report covers the extent of working pediatric psychiatrists’ burnout and the critical, unmet needs of the area’s children and teens. The report features compelling stories from doctors talking about the stress of the job, as well as parents discussing their children’s needs with the psychiatrist profiled in the piece. The broadcast sheds light on a critical issue in the Miami-Dade area and represents excellent journalism.

Second Place

“Thousands of workers got covid on the job -- then had to fight for workers' comp”

Beth Healy and Saurabh Datar

WBUR

Third Place

“Privacy researcher worries about a ‘scenario where everyone is a sheriff’ post-Roe”

Dina Temple-Raston, Sean Powers, Will Jarvis, Karen Duffin and Priska Neely

Recorded Future News and Gulf States Newsroom

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators newscast

First Place

[“Bloomberg Radio Newscast: 5 a.m. on February 24, 2022”](#)

Bloomberg Radio staff

Bloomberg Radio

Judges' comments: A lively broadcast with lots of little news nuggets just right for sharing and making one seem smart and current at the morning meeting. Reports expertly address the world-stage story of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but also cover other local, regional and national stories in both breadth and depth that yield solid comprehension.

Second Place

"CBS World News Roundup"
Steve Kathan and Paul Farry
CBS News Radio

No third-place award

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators breaking news or continuing coverage

First Place

["As Roe Is Overturned, Workplaces Scramble To Address Employee Benefits Around Abortion Care"](#)

Meghan McCarty Carino and Diantha Parker
Marketplace

Judges' comments: Because of her advanced preparation, this reporter moved quickly, anticipating and answering people's questions almost as quickly as it was announced that Roe vs. Wade was overturned. Further coverage examined some employer business practices and company-sponsored health benefits that might change to reflect the new landscape for personal health decisions while maintaining privacy for employees.

Second Place

"Terror in Uvalde"
CBS News Radio staff
CBS News Radio

Third Place

"Breaking News: Russia Invades Ukraine"
Bloomberg Radio staff
Bloomberg Radio

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators feature and human interest story

First Place

["Grief and Grit: Ten years after Sandy Hook, one woman continues to wrestle with her double loss"](#)

Tovia Smith, Catherine Laidlaw, Walter Ray Watson and Elizabeth Baker

NPR

Judges' comments: Sandy Hook's impact on the families affected is put on display in this feature. The slice of life aspects included show a family's struggle to overcome loss on a daily basis. The sound, actualities, and narration make you feel compassion and hope that ten years later, families can find some shred of relief from the heartbreak they suffered.

Second Place

"Nasta's Story"

Jason Beaubien, Polina Lytvynova and Nashant Dahiya

NPR

Third Place

"In Chicago, handguns turned into high-capacity machine guns fuel deadly violence"

Frank Main, Tom Schuba, Cheryl W. Thompson and Matt Kiefer

NPR

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators documentary or public affairs

First Place

["Inside the Global Fight for White Power"](#)

Scripps News & Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting

Judges' comments: This documentary adds to a growing global conversation and sounds another alarm that neither the public, religious leaders, nor counterterrorism officials can afford to ignore.

Second Place

"Pink Card"

Shima Oliaee

ESPN Films

No Third-Place award

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators news series

First Place

["The special education teacher shortage"](#)

Lee Gaines, Dylan Peers McCoy and Nicole Cohen

WFYI and NPR

Judges' comments: NPR offers a sweeping yet personal account of a critical issue facing America's schools: the widening gap between the need and supply of teachers gifted in the art of special education.

Second Place

"The New Ground Zero For Unions: Coffee Houses"

Andrea Hsu

NPR

No Third-Place award

Broadcast radio networks and syndicators pandemic coverage/project

First Place

["Life In and Out of Lockdown: Covid In China"](#)

Jennifer Pak and John Buckley

Marketplace

Judges' comments: Jennifer Pak leads us authoritatively through China's streets to bring personal texture to the Covid crisis in Asia and provides insight to the broader effects the pandemic has on supply chains worldwide.

Second Place

"U.S. Forest Service Is Short Thousands of Firefighters Amid Pay Raise Delay"

Nova Safo and Amir Bibawy

Marketplace

Third Place

"Pediatricians Brace For The End of Covid Vaccine Funding"

Nancy Marshall-Genzer and Diantha Parker

Marketplace

TELEVISION

Broadcast or cable television stations newscast

First Place

["11 News at 5:00 - Stricker Street Fire"](#)

Hannah Hoffman, Don Horner, Doug Monahan and the WBAL-TV 11 News Team

WBAL-TV

Judges' comments: Newscast with team coverage of fire covered from various compelling angles moving at the pace of the news itself as it unfolded. The newscast was thrown into being

live at several locations and getting sound as well as footage that showed the enormity of the fire. As the newscast unfolded, the status of the firefighters was revealed, changing the course of the show. The press conference married to the split screen brought viewers to the scene of what ultimately could be a crime scene because of the condition of the abandoned buildings.

Second Place

“NewsCenter 5 at 6 p.m.: November 21, 2022”

WCVB staff

WCVB

Third Place

“Marengo Plant Explosion KCCI 8 News at 5 p.m.”

KCCI TV staff

KCCI TV

Broadcast or cable television stations coverage of a live breaking news event

First Place

[“Breaking News - Stricker Street Fire”](#)

WBAL-TV 11 News Team

WBAL-TV

Judges’ comments: WBAL provided fast and in-depth coverage from multiple angles when firefighters were killed in a row house fire, a tragedy of historic proportions for Baltimore.

Second Place

“Mosquito Fire Threatens Foresthill”

KCRA 3 News Staff

KCRA

Third Place

“Car Crashes Through Apple Store”

WCVB staff

WCVB

Broadcast or cable television stations continuing coverage of a single news event

First Place

[“The Search for Harmony Montgomery”](#)

WMUR News Staff

WMUR-TV

Judges' comments: A compelling look about a missing girl who had not been seen in two years was a compelling mystery that was covered at all angles. The news team gathered excellent video, covered holes in the system, and an exploration of levels of accountability in regard to the state's child protective services. From beginning to end this continuing news coverage chased a story, gave viewers a mystery, and opened the doors to ultimately solve the case. Records research, locating people, and gathering sound from experts showed the depth and time it took to put these packages together.

Second Place

"MBTA Safety Lapses Trigger Federal Investigation"

WCVB staff

WCVB

Third Place

"Aftermath of the Fern Hollow Bridge Collapse"

WTAE staff

WTAE

Broadcast or cable television stations feature, sports or human interest story

First Place

["Hero of the American River"](#)

KCRA 3 News staff

KCRA

Judges' comments: In a comic-book-style graphical treatment, this high-energy story provides a glimpse into the daily efforts of a river kayaker to recover sunken treasure - cell phones, watches, and even prosthetic limbs - from the riverbed and return them to their owners. The hero's personality is well matched with the dynamic use of video and photo media, complemented by effective sound design, earning high marks for informative, entertaining content.

Second Place

"Carolina Impact / Racetrack Revival"

Jeff Sonier and Doug Stacker

WTVI PBS Charlotte

Third Place

"Lowriding: An Expression of Chicano Culture"

KCRA 3 News staff

KCRA

Broadcast or cable television stations public service

First Place and BEST IN SHOW

[“Drained”](#)

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and Dannah Sauer
WVUE-TV

Judges’ comments: WVUE’s crack investigative unit commands our attention annually, but this year’s probe by Lee Zurik into a quirky Louisiana statute that allowed the city of New Orleans and other agencies to ignore court-ordered settlements for eternity was not only shocking in its depth of cruelty, but in its results: Shamed by the Fox affiliate, governing agencies released tens of millions of dollars to deserving victims of malfeasance. Louisiana in general and New Orleans in particular is fortunate to have Zurik and WVUE on guard for public interest.

Second Place

“Stop Mass Shootings: The Search for Solutions”
KXAN Investigates | kxan.com
KXAN

Third Place

“Accountability after Uvalde”
Tony Plohetski and the KVUE News Staff
KVUE-TV

Broadcast or cable television stations documentary or series of reports on the same subject

First Place

[“BURNED: Six Hours in December”](#)

Chris Hansen and Chris Vanderveen
KUSA

Judges’ comments: This powerful documentary takes you there, moment by moment, while wildfires burned in the Boulder, Colorado, area. Two people were killed and entire neighborhoods were destroyed in a matter of hours. This documentary tracked the event, using videos posted on social media, police body cameras, and home surveillance cameras. The videos were geotagged to provide moment-by-moment tracking of the fire’s advance. The documentary’s footage also was interspersed with compelling interviews with people affected by the fires. Meanwhile, the report was put together using acquired footage because the station’s open records request for official documentation was denied because the case is under investigation. The reporter did the project anyway, demonstrating journalism at its best.

Second Place

“Lori Jane Gliha Investigates: Teens Getting Guns”

Lori Jane Gliha, Noah Skinner, Steve Wozny and Kevin Burr
FOX31

Third Place

“Still Practicing: Tracking Problem Doctors”
KXAN Investigates
KXAN

Broadcast or cable television stations investigative reporting

First Place

[“Outside the Office”](#)

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and Dannah Sauer
WVUE-TV

Judges’ comments: Just astonishing: The mayor of New Orleans and her bodyguard disappear into a city-owned apartment for hours at a time; no work gets logged and the mayor attacks the station’s reporter as disrespectful when the story comes out. But the station’s intrepid use of public surveillance tapes tell the story with devastating authority.

Second Place

“(dis)Honorable”
Dave Biscobing and the ABC15 Staff
ABC15 Arizona

Third Place

“The Dark Side of Cedar Point”
11 Investigates
WTOL 11

Broadcast or cable television stations business and consumer reporting

First Place

[“Wage Theft: When Bosses Don't Pay”](#)

CBS News Sacramento - CalMatters
CBS News Sacramento

Judges’ comments: Low-wage and minority workers are most likely to be underpaid for their time on the clock, but the CBS Sacramento - CalMatters team uncovers more ways in which California businesses may be shortchanging workers’ paychecks, especially if those workers are unaware of labor laws and employee rights. Even when challenging employers for their due amount, various state systems hinder the process and businesses don’t end up paying out, but

the reporting uncovers solutions being piloted with success that could be adopted state-wide, and beyond.

Second Place

“Driver Data for Sale”

Bennett Haeberle and Chris Kettler

WBNS-TV

Third Place

“Supply Chain Woes”

Mark Hyman and Larry Deal

WJLA-TV

Broadcast or cable television stations health/science/pandemic reporting

First Place

[“Weight of the Nation”](#)

Mindy Basara and Mike French

WBAL-TV

Judges’ comments: Excellent, high-end production values for writing, shooting, editing and graphics/animations across all aspects of this reporting that in classic TV style keeps the viewer engaged, and constantly hits the “but wait, there’s more” delivery of pertinent content. Obesity is an epidemic, and not a cosmetic issue, with various contributing factors and potential solutions explored. The best “bite” of the five-part series has a medical doctor commenting on the seemingly ridiculous eventuality of companies literally putting food in consumers’ mouths. While the comment is meant as a bit of tongue-in-cheek sarcasm, the reporting shows that based on history, it’s the next step in ease of consumer access to food.

Second Place

“Mentally Ill, Waiting in Jail”

Susannah Frame, Kellen Harrel and Eric Desrosiers

KING TV

Third Place

“Essential: Iowa’s EMS Emergency”

James Stratton

KCCI TV

Broadcast or cable television stations environmental reporting

First Place

[“Fallout”](#)

Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee and Tim Geraghty
WKRC-TV

Judges' comments: A testament to the power of journalism, WKRC's "Fallout" series continues to unveil startling and disturbing findings about the high rates of cancer and illnesses due to the enriched uranium produced at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) in Pike County, Ohio. From climbing into a family's attic to gather evidence of high levels of enriched uranium and then daringly exposing findings of plutonium residue from recycled Soviet nuclear warheads, the reporting sparks ire from government officials. Federal legislators then investigated the Department of Energy's "cover-up" of the "fallout," as a result of this reporting.

Second Place

"Living With Forever"
Danny Freeman, Jim O'Donnell and Dan Lee
NBC10/Telemundo62

Third Place

"Forecasting Our Future"
WBAL-TV 11 News Team
WBAL-TV

Broadcast or cable television stations severe weather reporting

First Place

["January Blizzard Wallops Massachusetts"](#)

WCVB staff
WCVB

Judges' comments: Powerful video and WCVB's trademark production skills when tested by adversity once again earn it top honors when a blizzard rakes Boston. There's little "As you can see ..." coverage in the station's arsenal – its far-flung correspondents all come up with an authoritative and unique angle for their outpost.

Second Place

"5.1 Magnitude Quake: Danger on the Fault Lines"
Katie Nielsen, Devin Fehely, Brian Hackney and KPIX-TV Staff
KPIX-TV

Third Place

"March 5th Tornadoes"
KCCI TV staff
KCCI TV

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators newscast

First Place

[“NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt in Lviv, Ukraine: March 7, 2022”](#)

Staff of NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt

NBC News

Judges’ comments: This contest entry puts viewers in a position of being witnesses to current events. In this case, it’s a war and the poignant story of those trying to survive. A reminder of how the war affects those of us thousands of miles away with higher gas costs really brings it home. But there are appropriately brief snippets including the latest about Covid and Bill Cosby, too.

Second Place

“World News Tonight with David Muir: Live from the Ukrainian Border”

World News Tonight with David Muir staff

ABC News

Third Place

“Top Story with Tom Llamas - Uvalde”

Staff of Top Story with Tom Llamas

NBC News NOW / MSNBC

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators coverage of a major news event

First Place

[“Breaking News: Hurricane Ian”](#)

NBC News/MSNBC staff

NBC News/MSNBC

Judges’ comments: The network placed reporters in Florida’s cities of Naples, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Orlando, and Punta Gorda to show the effects of Hurricane Ian on the area - as it was happening. The report featured powerful footage of storm surge in Naples, showing cars floating in the streets. Reporters were being lifted off their feet in the wind. Later, there were interviews with residents affected by the storm in its aftermath. This breaking news coverage featured very compelling footage and stories.

Second Place

“The CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell: Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade”

Jan Crawford, Kate Rydell and Brian Gottlieb

CBS News

Third Place

“The Dobbs Decision on Saturday Today”

Staff of Weekend Today

NBC

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators continuing coverage of a major news event

First Place

[“The Horrors of Bucha”](#)

World News Tonight with David Muir, Nightline and ABC News Live Prime staff

ABC News

Judges’ comments: In the early days of the Ukraine war, ABC gains access to the pummeled town of Bucha and reveals in stark and disturbing detail the crimes of war, showing us the evidence and allowing the witnesses to tell of the horrors. It is a trial prosecutor’s performance and leaves no doubt.

Second Place

“180 Days: The War in Ukraine”

ABC News Nightline staff

ABC News

Third Place

“Uvalde 365: A Year in the Community”

ABC News staff

ABC News

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators feature, sports or human interest

First Place

[“On the Road: Dexter The Dog”](#)

The CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell

CBS News

Judges’ comments: How does Steve Hartman manage to find, newscast after newscast, these stirring stories that speak directly to the heart? Dexter, who taught himself to walk upright after an accident, teaches us all, as Hartman says in the typically vivid writing of his features, that we can all learn how to stand tall.

Second Place

“CBS Sunday Morning: Finders Keepers”

Martha Teichner, Michelle Kessel and Remington Korper
CBS News

Third Place

“The Message”
ESPN staff
ESPN

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators documentary or series of reports on the same subject

First Place

[“World’s Untold Stories: The Brain Collectors”](#)

CNN staff
CNN

Judges’ comments: One of those stories that you come across once in a lifetime -- a bizarre bank of preserved brains. Great storytelling and photography not only illustrate the oddity of the story but the moral dilemmas facing researchers who can use the stored brains not only for medical research but for a better understanding of science's role in society.

Second Place

“The Model City: How Police Reform Failed In Breonna Taylor's Hometown”
Scripps News Investigative Team and Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting Staff
Scripps News Investigative Team and Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting

Third Place

“A Sense of Community”
Al Jazeera English staff
Al Jazeera English

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators investigative report

First Place

[ABC News Studios “IMPACT x Nightline: Caffeine Jungle”](#)

Staff of IMPACT x Nightline
ABC News

Judges’ comments: ABC Nightline goes to the source to audit the claim that a brand of coffee is sustainably produced – and shows us how empty the claim is when its cameras reveal children in Latin America working in the fields rather than attending school.

Second Place

“Crime Without Punishment”

CBS News staff

CBS News

Third Place

“Unseen Battle: Young Veterans Facing Breast Cancer”

Andrea Nejman, Chris Daniels and Alex Brauer

Spotlight on America

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators news magazine program

First Place

[“Impact x Nightline - Aftermath: The Dobbs Effect”](#)

Staff of Impact x Nightline

ABC News

Judges’ comments: This program gave us captivating storytelling that covered all sides of the debate about abortion after the Dobbs decision was handed down by the Supreme Court. The report is very much a product of our time, and it provided excellent interviews, a close examination of abortion-related issues, and, most important of all, people’s heart-felt stories.

Second Place

“A Sense of Community: Iten”

Michael Onyeigo and Staff

Al Jazeera English

Third Place

“Katrina Brownlee: The Good Cop”

48 Hours staff

48 Hours

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators business and consumer reporting

First Place

[“Celsius coverage”](#)

Paige Tortorelli, Scott Zamost and Kate Rooney

CNBC

Judges’ comments: CNBC breaks dramatic new ground by tracking down and getting former employees of a troubled crypto currency company on the record, explaining how it had become obvious that the concern had been active in manipulating markets. A deep dive into an opaque world.

Second Place

“Frontover Dangers”

Vicky Nguyen, Joe Enoch, Adiel Kaplan, Jean Lee and Jamie Nguyen
NBC News

Third Place

“Rossen Reports”

Rossen Reports Team
Hearst Television

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators health/science/pandemic reporting**First Place**

[“Going Home”](#)

ESPN staff
ESPN

Judges’ comments: A story that shows the difference one health care provider can make in bringing someone back from the brink -- along with the dogged determination of a fighter who was fighting for his life because of COVID. A fine example of the storytelling craft.

Second Place

“Private Practice”

Joce Sterman, Scotty Smith, Daniela Molina, Bailey Williams, InvestigateTV and Arnolt Center for Investigative Reporting Staff
InvestigateTV

Third Place

“A Toxic Feed: Social Media and Teen Mental Health”

Jeremy Raff, Natasha Del Toro and team
Al Jazeera English

Broadcast television networks, cable networks and syndicators environmental reporting**First Place**

[“60 Minutes: Return to Gorongosa”](#)

Scott Pelley, Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte and Warren Lustig
CBS News

Judges’ comments: When an elephant suddenly joins Scott Pelley’s interview set in Mozambique with Greg Carr, an entrepreneur, and conservationist, they are hardly startled; they

pause in wonderment as it is a reminder of the purpose of this 60 Minutes story. Scott Pelley once again brings us exceptional reporting in this powerful and inspirational story of the rebuilding of a national wildlife conservation park decimated by years of civil war. With unrivaled cinematography, this first-rate production takes us on a journey of how one entrepreneur transformed Gorongosa National Park for both the animals and people, as sustainable human development was integral to the project.

Second Place

“CBS Sunday Morning: Forever Chemicals”
Lee Cowan, Sari Aviv and George Pozderec
CBS News

Third Place

“Sylvia Earle: Diving for Hope”
CNN staff
CNN