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Best Alaska History Story	All-Media	First	ANCSA: A Flawed Victory	Rhonda McBride, Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen, Photographer & Editor	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Alaska History Story	First	Michael Carey	An ambitious piece of television reporting that mixes historical and contemporary material very well. Could retain its value as a teaching device for those who want to know more about ANCSA.	More good material than awards to go around. Mary Beth Smetzer's Miss WEIO piece was imaginative - a look at an ignored corner of history. And the Petersburg Pilot piece on Hammer and Wikan (Keith Chaplin) is the kind of piece that local readers will not only enjoy but put in their scrap books. Several pieces were more profiles than history. They seemed misplaced. Michael Carey
Best Alaska History Story	All-Media	Second	Mystery surrounds sub lost in Aleutians during WWII	Mike Dunham	Anchorage Daily News	Best Alaska History Story	Second		Historical detective work in the hands of an accomplished writer. Well told, introducing most readers to an incident undoubtedly new to them.	
Best Alaska History Story	All-Media	Third	America's exceptional because a Frenchman said so?	Rick Sinnott	Alaska Dispatch	Best Alaska History Story	Third		An original essay that treats a stale subject - Palin - with imagination and informed historical perspective. Very nice.	
Best Alaska Outdoor Story	All-Media	First	This Week in AK: Fly Fishing in Bristol Bay	Daysha Eaton, Reporter, Annie Feidt, Producer	Alaska Public Radio Network	Best Alaska Outdoor Story	First	Tom Watson	While not an action-adventure "fishing" story, it had components of the excitement of fishing, coupled with a glimpse of the Native culture. This article takes the "fishing" story to a whole new level beyond just an "outdoor" story. Well done!	All these articles had potentially interesting and attention-keeping story lines, some just expressed it better, more fluidly, with more continuity. I especially appreciated the non-conventional angle to otherwise conventional subject matter. Both first and second place selections, in my mind, took the subject beyond the typical "hook-and-bullet" story.
Best Alaska Outdoor Story	All-Media	Second	Hands On: The Process of 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman'	Katie Spielberger	Capital City Weekly	Best Alaska Outdoor Story	Second		Finally a "hunting" story that doesn't show women emulating the stereotypical macho white hunter image. Instead we see a practical approach, that in its telling, also touches on the resources, adventures and wonderment that makes Alaska so alluring.	
Best Alaska Outdoor Story	All-Media	Third	13KeithUpdate	Tara Bicknell, News and Public Affairs Director	KHNS	Best Alaska Outdoor Story	Third		A well orchestrated interview narrative that carries the story along descriptively as it vividly conveys the intensity and trauma of the experience.	
Best Arts Coverage	Print-Large	First	Teachers learn, students teach at Fireweed Place weaving group led by Della Cheney	Amy Fletcher	Juneau Empire	Best Arts Coverage	First	Doug Kim	Amy Fletcher's story about Della Cheney was such a pleasure to read. Beautifully written, evocative and so informative. I was captivated by the writing and yet learned so much about the craft of weaving. I thought it was expertly structured as well, every section built on the last. I felt like I had taken a real journey. Beautiful work here. I'm thrilled to be able to honor it with first place.	
Best Arts Coverage	Print-Large	Second	A new year, a fresh start for Out North	Maia Nolan-Partnow	Alaska Dispatch	Best Arts Coverage	Second		"A New Year" was a well-written piece, and I was impressed as well by the quality of the reporting. The writer did a great job of getting frank accounts of the situation and crafting a complex story into a coherent narrative.	
Best Arts Coverage	Print-Large	Third	Duke's Alaska	Scott Christiansen	Anchorage Press	Best Arts Coverage	Third		Duke's Alaska was a great subject to portray, and I liked the contrasts in this story, the emphasis on what's different about this artist that sets him apart.	
Best Arts Coverage	Print-Small	First	Footprints of Sasquatch Left Behind by a Resident Artist	Dawnell Smith	F Magazine	Best Arts Coverage	First	Josh Niva		
Best Arts Coverage	Print-Small	Second	Allison: Warden of Culture	Riza Brown	F Magazine	Best Arts Coverage of 31	Second			

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Best Arts Coverage	Radio	First	Rural students take online music lessons	Stephanie Joyce	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Arts Coverage	First	Colin Fogarty		Nice coverage of local arts events and trends.
Best Arts Coverage	Radio	Second	muktukmas redux	Ellen Lockyer KSKA for APRN	Alaska Public Radio Network	Best Arts Coverage	Second			
Best Arts Coverage	Radio	Third	Mountain Shack Theater Alaska hits Valdez	Tony Gorman	KCHU Radio (Valdez)	Best Arts Coverage	Third			
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Large	First	Grizzly attacks teens in wilderness school	Casey Grove	Anchorage Daily News	Best Breaking News Story	First	Stephen Busemeyer	Solid and comprehensive reporting, with good sourcing throughout, excellent detail, and patient, well-paced writing.	
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Large	Second	Frozen beer helped man trapped in snow drift survive	Kyle Hopkins	Anchorage Daily News	Best Breaking News Story	Second		Excellent writing, a tale crafted on the fly from a short interview. A little dramatic at places, but on the whole a good telling of a "there but for the grace of god go I" tale.	
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Large	Third	Car hits, kills marcher in PrideFest parade	Casey Grove	Anchorage Daily News	Best Breaking News Story	Third		Well-written and sensitive report of a true tragedy. Good context and color. One element is missing that could have made it a first-place story: More information about the driver. We have only her name.	
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Small	First	Polaris rallies, escapes multipurpose room's grasp	Lauren Heyano	Sispille	Best Breaking News Story	First	Stephen Busemeyer	Some might consider this a small-time news item in a small-time paper, but at that particular time, it was a pretty big issue, especially for the readership of the paper. Writing was solid, details were rich, and it drew me in.	
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Small	Second				Best Breaking News Story	Second			
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Small	Third				Best Breaking News Story	Third			
Best Breaking News Story	Radio	First	Coast Guard charges helo crash survivor in crewmates' deaths	Ed Ronco, Robert Woolsey	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Best Breaking News Story	First	Corey Flintoff	First place goes to 'Coast Guard Charges Heli Crash Survivor in Crewmates' Deaths' by Ed Ronco and Robert Woolsey. Comment: This is a well-written, well-delivered piece that makes good use of tape and narration to describe the predicament of the officer who survived a disastrous crash.	
Best Breaking News Story	Radio	Second	24MalaspinaRescue	Tara Bicknell, News and Public Affairs Director	KHNS	Best Breaking News Story	Second		Second place goes to '24 Malaspina Rescue,' by Tara Bicknell of KHNS. Comment: Excellent use of tape and narration to tell a compelling rescue story.	
Best Breaking News Story	Radio	Third	Visitor makes 'explosive' find on Sitka beach	Ed Ronco	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Best Breaking News Story	Third		Third place goes to 'Visitor Makes 'Explosive' Find on Sitka Beach,' by Ed Ronco. Comment: Good storytelling, weaving tape and copy in an immediate, engaging way.	
Best Business Reporting	Print-Large	First	Future of Alaska's oil fields may lie in hands of independents	Amanda Coyne	Alaska Dispatch	Best Business Reporting	First	Hal Bernton	"Future of Alaska's Oil Fields" is an intriguing account of an important trend among the small guys in an industry that is key to the state economy. Coyne's writing is crisp and vivid, and clues us into the passions that push people to find new oil.	

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Best Business Reporting	Print-Large	Second	I awarded a tie to "Pebble Advertising Heats Up" and '13 Regional."	Tied at second Lisa Demer and Jill Burke	Tied at second Anchorage Daily News and Alaska Dispatch	Best Business Reporting	Second		I awarded a tie to "Pebble Advertising Heats Up" and '13 Regional."  "Pebble" offered a behind-the-scene look at a public relations battle over a polarizing mining project that would have a huge impact in southwest Alaska.  " 13th Regional" is a real public service, delving into the tangled financial mess of a foundering Native corporation that has never lived up to shareholder expectations.	
Best Business Reporting	Print-Large	Third	Alaska's fat-bike mania spreads its tire track across world	Alex DeMarban	Alaska Dispatch	Best Business Reporting	Third		Hey, that was a great read, and I learned a lot about a bike I barely knew existed. I was fascinated by the back-story on how the fat-bike was developed.	
Best Business Reporting	Print-Small	First	Going digital: Homer's historic theater makes high-tech switch	Michael Armstrong	Homer News	Best Business Reporting	First	Bill White	This is a brightly written, well-organized look back stage at the reasons, costs and benefits of the local movie theater's switch to digital projection. The article deftly blends anecdotes, voices and context.	
Best Business Reporting	Print-Small	Second	New computer helps student stockbrokers take on market and win	Jeremia Schrock	UAF Sun Star	Best Business Reporting	Second		This is a good example of taking readers somewhere they haven't been before to show them how the UAF finance program has melded academics and real-world commerce, and why it matters. The world of high finance and investments can be arcane. But here the reporter makes it tangible and clear.	
Best Business Reporting	Print-Small	Third	Sealaska Plaza models commercial bio-energy conversion	Katie Spielberger	Capital City Weekly	Best Business Reporting	Third		Journalism can help readers see their world with smarter eyes. This is a good example of that -- readers of this feature should no longer see Sealaska Plaza as an ordinary office building, but rather as a sort of monument to innovation. Clear writing and a strong nut help ease the reader through a technical subject.	
Best Business Reporting	Radio	First	Smaller timber sales might help smaller communities	Ed Ronco	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Best Business Reporting	First	Curt Nickisch	This piece was a really nice story that helped explain and personalize a trend of vertical "value add" integration in the timber industry. This story excelled because it combined rich audio storytelling with a consistent focus on the economics driving the trend.	Each of the stories in this competition exhibited solid reporting and took on important issues and did their listeners a good service. The winners largely excelled by finding great characters and scenes and visual writing that humanized the financial tensions in their stories and illuminated the economic forces driving the issue at stake.
Best Business Reporting	Radio	Second	Chamber exodus	Aaron Selbig	KBBI Radio, Homer	Best Business Reporting	Second		This story stuck out because it looked at the counter-intuitive move one local chamber of commerce was making and how that influenced the national debate. The writing was clear and economical, and the stakeholder voices were balanced.	
Best Business Reporting	Radio	Third	Alyeska Trading Company to Close Its Doors	Alexandra Gutierrez	KUCB Unalaska Community Broadcasting	Best Business Reporting	Third		This story is a great example of telling a complicated industry or sector restructuring piece through a real connection point for consumers: a store liquidation. The scene and sound at the opening of the story was compelling. Overall, nice work looking at changes in commercial businesses and how that affects consumers and listeners.	

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Best Comprehensive Reporting	Radio	First	Pelican struggles with absent fish economy (3-part series)	Ed Ronco	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Best Comprehensive Reporting	First	Kelley Griffin	Ed did a great job of illustrating the importance of the cold storage facility and how the town is struggling since its closure. The writing and tape gave me lots of visuals - "something to look at" as Ira Glass would say. The writing was very conversational, and delivered that way too.	
Best Comprehensive Reporting	Radio	Second	Kuskokwim River Flooding Crooked Creek Homes; Despite Dropping Water Levels, Crooked Creek Remains Flooded; Evacuees Return to Crooked Creek; Crooked Creek Residents Pull Together After Flood; Crooked Creek Flood Victims Grateful For New Homes	Angela Denning-Barnes	KYUK	Best Comprehensive Reporting	Second		Angela did a great job following this unfolding story. Since the first piece had phone tape, I assume she wasn't able to land on scene in time, but she still created a clear picture of the destruction and woes faced by the residents. Her stories in the town gave vivid accounts of the flooding and the challenges people were facing, and I like that she went back once new homes were going up, truly comprehensive reporting, and her voicing is strong as well.	
Best Comprehensive Reporting	Radio	Third	Alaska Health Care Cost Series	Annie Feidt	Alaska Public Radio Network	Best Comprehensive Reporting	Third		The stories are a solid look at a very important question, and I applaud Annie for taking the release of a report further like this to explain what it really means. She has command of a complex topic and unpacks it for the listener in manageable chunks.	
Best Continuing Coverage	Television	First	Bering Sea Storm	Ted Land - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Continuing Coverage	First	Bob Gould	good job covering this storm. Not easy to do with such treacherous conditions, even in Alaska. Nice use of new technology (SKYPE, Ustream) to keep viewers updated.	
Best Continuing Coverage	Television	Second				Best Continuing Coverage	Second			
Best Continuing Coverage	Television	Third				Best Continuing Coverage	Third			
Best Current Events/News Blog	All-Media	First	Iditarod Live: The Sled Blog	Kyle Hopkins, Scott Levin, Mike Campbell, Beth Bragg, David Hulen, Bob Hallinen	Anchorage Daily News	Best Current Events/News Blog	First	Ellyn Angelotti	This blog incorporated social media and multimedia into its storytelling really effectively. In addition to providing updates about the Iditarod, it creates an information destination for everything related to the Iditarod including, interactive maps, videos, leaderboard and more.	
Best Current Events/News Blog	All-Media	Second	The Concerned - Current Issues in Alaska	Scott Woodham	Alaska Dispatch	Best Current Events/News Blog	Second		This blog has a great conversational tone which invites reader engagement on important news and events happening in the area.	
Best Current Events/News Blog	All-Media	Third	What Do I Know?	Steven Aufrecht	"What Do I Know?" blog	Best Current Events/News Blog	Third		The "What Do I Know?" blog provides in-depth information about current events complete with direct copies of memos and email. It also boasts active personal engagement in the comments section.	
Best Daily News program	Radio	First	The KMXT Midday Report	Jay Barrett, Jennifer Canfield, Maggie Wall	KMXT Radio, Kodiak	Best Daily News program	First	Tanya Ott		
Best Daily News program	Radio	Second				Best Daily News program	Second			
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Best Documentary	Television	First	Stones in a Backpack: The Burden of Teen Prostitution	Channel 2 News, Rhonda McBride, Reporter, Shawn Wilson, Photographer & Editor, Amy Modig, Artist, Jeff Dowd, Editor, Carly Schreck, Graphics, Steve Rychetnik, Graphics, Cody Sowl, Graphics	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Documentary	First	Bob Gould	good interviews and information regarding this topic. It was straightforward and not overly sensationalized which seemed to give it a bit more credibility.	
Best Documentary	Television	Second				Best Documentary	Second			
Best Documentary	Television	Third				Best Documentary	Third			
Best Editor	Television	First	Best Editor -- Carolyn Hall Jensen -- Alaska Press Club	Carolyn Hall-Jensen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Editor	First	Steve Rhodes	Really nice pacing throughout the entry. Didn't fall in love with quick cuts, but rather molded edit style and pace to fit the story being told. Also did a good job taking advantage of very solid photography with lots of composition variety.	Very solid entries. Both winners demonstrated a real feel for editing -- which means a better experience for the viewer.  I just wish there had been more entrants -- but the winners are very deserving of their recognition.
Best Editor	Television	Second	John Thain Editing Compilation	John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Editor	Second		This entry, while overall not as "clean" as the first place winner -- showed lots of creativity and a good feel for editing. A couple times the effects used were very effective -- in a couple cases would have been nice to maybe play it a little straighter -- but great job overall.	
Best Editor	Television	Third				Best Editor	Third			
Best Editorial Cartoon	Print-All	First	My three entres for the editorial cartoon competition	Peter Dunlap-Shohl	Freelance, Peter Dunlap-Shohl	Best Editorial Cartoon	First	Jimmy Margulies		Since I am not from Alaska, some of the issues in the cartoons were not familiar to me. It hampered my ability to really gauge whether the commentary was on target or not.  Perhaps a brief explanation accompanying the entries which deal with more local topics would enable someone like myself to have a better grasp on the subject matter in the cartoon.
Best Editorial Cartoon	Print-All	Second	Aerial wolf hunting; Move your money; Looks terminal	Michael O'Meara	Homer News	Best Editorial Cartoon	Second			
Best Editorial Cartoon	Print-All	Third	The World According to Chuck	Chuck Legge	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Best Editorial Cartoon	Third			

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Best Education Reporting	Print-Large	First	Should cursive still be taught in school	Danelle Landis	Ketchikan Daily News	Best Education Reporting	First	Isolde Raftery	I loved this story because it surprised me and I learned from it. Well-written and researched -- my hunch is that it was also well read.	I absolutely love stories that surprise me, and these three entries did just that. Danelle's piece about cursive was different and well-researched -- reporters rarely dig into studies and books for their reporting. It was also a fun, light piece that I'm sure spoke to her readers -- we all remember learning cursive and I have never questioned whether it was relevant to our overall learning. Emily's story about two kids gone missing for a few hours surprised me because I didn't really care when I started reading -- where I'm at, if the kids didn't die -- preferably after being held hostage by wolves -- it's not a news story. But Emily showed that what happened here is terrifying and that the school ought to be held accountable. She also included great details about the children -- one decided to hide in the dog house with the dog. What a sweet and sad moment. So visual, too. Molly's story about seniors no longer attending community college because they no longer can access tuition waivers was a wonderful example of how beat reporters get stories you wouldn't necessarily come up with had you helicoptered into town. (Unless you did, in which
Best Education Reporting	Print-Large	Second	JSD investigates after-school program after boys went missing last week	Emily Russo Miller	Juneau Empire	Best Education Reporting	Second		A close second, this was a breaking news investigative piece that succeeded. Very cleanly written with great details. One comment: That detail about the kid in the dog house should have been in the lede.	
Best Education Reporting	Print-Large	Third	Lifelong learning: Older students' experience adds to classroom	Molly Dischner	Peninsula Clarion	Best Education Reporting	Third		This was an interesting story that had me wondering how the reporter got the idea -- I love that! Usually it's pretty obvious how reporters stumble across stories. That said, I think that you buried the REASON why there are fewer seniors -- tuition waivers being axed -- and that you could have found, if possible, seniors who had been at the school before but who could not afford to attend without the waiver. I also think it would have been interesting to speak with teachers -- perhaps the death and dying teacher -- about what goes missing when seniors are no longer there. It might have also been interesting to speak with students about having fewer seniors around, or whether they noticed. When I was in college, I found it pretty irritating that the "golden grads," as they were called, monopolized class discussion time. Maybe these students are more gracious than I was.	

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Best Education Reporting	Print-Small	First	'This really happens': School lunch program copes with student hunger	Brielle Schaeffer	Brielle Schaeffer	Best Education Reporting	First	Isolde Raftery	<p>My heart broke three paragraphs into this story. Brielle did a lovely job unfolding the morning and how it must feel for these parents to ask for help. In just a few words, a brief quote, actually -- "8:30 a.m. confessions" -- she summed up something that has happened so often that it wears on everyone. Lovely piece. One minor comment: These are really tricky stories to write, because they are political, and because they require the personal to succeed. Here, I think a tighter nutgraf four paragraphs in, combining the state bill and the federal pilot program, could have simplified the story somewhat. Although different, the measures speak to the same problem -- food insecurity. I think it also would have been interesting to compare, very briefly, to provide context, Alaska to other states regarding food insecurity among children.</p>	<p>There were many great entries here. Those that stuck out for me had strong ledes and vivid scenes. It's tough for small-town education reporters to unearth fresh stories nearly every day -- successful ones in my view are those that go beyond the press release or the school board meeting and provide context and color that reflects the community.</p> <p>The piece about Lisa Murkowski does a wonderful job of this -- this is a story about a politician who got a flag for a school, which on its face isn't all that interesting. But McKibben really made this piece sing -- in fact, this story, with some more work, could have been a successful profile about the senator. Brielle did a lovely job with her opening scene -- although she was writing about something pretty straight forward, she managed to capture the feeling of despair in a brief quote.</p> <p>Craig's piece about fish tacos made me smile -- I loved thinking about the lunch lady tallying up this secret lunch item.</p>
Best Education Reporting	Print-Small	Second	Citizenship comes with hard work, smiles	McKibben Jackinsky	Homer News	Best Education Reporting	Second		<p>A very close second, this story has a strong lede and could have become a profile about Lisa Murkowski. The details provided -- that her father was there before, and that the two other politicians did not follow through -- are particularly wonderful. Two minor comments: The ending was a little abrupt and I would have liked to have heard from students in the audience after Murkowski left.</p>	
Best Education Reporting	Print-Small	Third	Local Fish Finding Spot at School Lunches	Craig Giammona	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Education Reporting	Third		<p>I was positively charmed by this story, perhaps because I'm not from Alaska. This is a vivid piece, and vividness deserves recognition, but it is also very well reported and packed with information.</p>	
Best Education Reporting	Radio	First	Mock crash targets student drivers	Matt Lichtenstein	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Education Reporting	First	Norman Ellis-Flint	<p>Overall this has powerful content but more than that, it used conceptual design to heighten the emotional impact of the event and allowed the listener to get that sense of next to being there - The writer/producer carried it to the very last moment - Good Stuff !!!</p>	
Best Education Reporting	Radio	Second	Advertising in school	Aviva Hirsch	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Best Education Reporting	Second		<p>A very controversial subject - The use of both adults and students gives a full 360 view of community perspective - Nice reporting.</p>	
Best Education Reporting	Radio	Third	Show 22 Excerpt: The Impact of Charter Schools in the Neighborhood	Jessica Cochran	Kids These Days	Best Education Reporting	Third		<p>Very good social status focus and attempt to get across the need for awareness at both the home and the community at large.</p>	

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Best Environmental Reporting	All-Media	Second	AK: Rhubarb Renaissance	Ellen Lockyer	KSKA Radio	Best Environmental Reporting	Second		The reporter did a superb job of story telling, helping to inform and excite her listeners about a plant many may not have thought much about before. And one that could give Alaska agriculture a boost. It was also presented with great context. I think I will go out and plant some rhubarb this year.	
Best Environmental Reporting	All-Media	Third	SOS Initiative Information War Heats Up	Daysha Eaton, Reporter	KDLG	Best Environmental Reporting	Third		The reporter did fine job of using a media tour as a springboard to explain what was at stake in an election involving a massive mining project.	
Best Feature Photo	Print-Large	First	Dumpster-diving bears	Bill Roth	Anchorage Daily News	Best Feature Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Clear winner, just a wonderful photo. One of our favorites in all the years we've been judging the Alaska Press Assn contest.	Very strong category, numerous contenders for win, place or show.
Best Feature Photo	Print-Large	Second	Memorial wreaths	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best Feature Photo	Second		Powerful image conveys mood and solitude.	
Best Feature Photo	Print-Large	Third	Sliding into a splashdown	Michael Penn	Juneau Empire	Best Feature Photo	Third		Nice daily feature executed perfectly by photographer.	
Best Feature Photo	Print-Small	First	Cama-i 2011: Iiakellrit Quyurrluteng	Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery	The Delta Discovery	Best Feature Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Nice moment and reasonably clean composition in a bust visual situation.	
Best Feature Photo	Print-Small	Second	Timber tumble	Wes Hanna	Kodiak Daily Mirror	Best Feature Photo	Second		Good seeing by photographer, simple and clean.	
Best Feature Photo	Print-Small	Third	Slaaviq in Bethel	Photo by Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery	The Delta Discovery	Best Feature Photo	Third		Not a lot of drama in this photo, but photographer worked well in tight quarters.	
Best General News Story	Print-Small	First	Nome recovers after super storm	Diana Haecker	Nome Nugget	Best General News Story	First	Warren Wheat	Although poorly served by its headlines, Nome Recovers, this story about the preparations for approaching storm and the damage it caused includes impressive details. Diana Haecker touched all the bases. The text and art work well together.	
Best General News Story	Print-Small	Second	Former pregnant teen thanks CSS with \$10,000	Patricia Coll Freeman	Catholic Anchor	Best General News Story	Second		This unusual story opens with a lede that invites the reader to continue. The reader is rewarded with a well-written piece that flows smoothly making effective use of quotes to move the reader through this good read, with a message.	
Best General News Story	Print-Small	Third	Warmer than walking: Students fight the cold with winter biking	Ian Larsen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best General News Story	Third		What a surprise! Nice enterprise. One of the few entries in the category that is not based on official actions or announcements, or disasters. Well done.	
Best General News Story	Television	First	Gas Price Flashback	Jason Lamb - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best General News Story	First	Jeff Christian		
Best General News Story	Television	Second	Alaska Goes Hollywood	Rebecca Palsha/reporter, Carolyn Hall-Jensen/photog	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best General News Story	Second			

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Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Large	First	Port of Anchorage: A billion-dollar mess?	Lisa Demer	Anchorage Daily News	Best Government or Political Reporting	First	Laura McGann	Infrastructure stories are tough to write in an accessible way. I thought this story did a really nice, thorough job.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Large	Second	Goose Creek prison hits speed bump	Richard Mauer	Anchorage Daily News	Best Government or Political Reporting	Second		Really thorough reporting job with a nice writing touch.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Large	Third	BROKEN BUDGETS: Amid deficit gloom, some states enjoy surpluses	Becky Bohrer	The Associated Press Alaska	Best Government or Political Reporting	Third		Nice job of writing a local story that puts Alaska in a national context.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Small	First	City Job is 'Like Gold'; 82 Seeking It	shannon haugland	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Government or Political Reporting	First	Laura McGann	This story broke a fascinating piece of news and then transitioned into a broader story about unemployment. It's tough to keep talking about a big issue like unemployment in a digestible tangible way. This story did it.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Small	Second	Code designed to keep rules consistent	Michael Armstrong	Homer News	Best Government or Political Reporting	Second		It's tough to make city ordinances a fun read. This piece went creative with the lede and I think it worked.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Print-Small	Third	Rally for reauthorization - The Denali Commission's future at stake	Dawnell Smith	Alaska Contractor	Best Government or Political Reporting	Third		This piece is well-reported and thorough.	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Radio	First	State releases first batch of Palin e-mails	Casey Kelly	KTOO TV-Radio	Best Government or Political Reporting	First	Paul Glickman		
Best Government or Political Reporting	Radio	Second	Oil Tax Debate comes to UAA	Andy Fischer	KRUA	Best Government or Political Reporting	Second			
Best Government or Political Reporting	Radio	Third	Comments coming in for Petersburg borough	Joe Viechnicki	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Government or Political Reporting	Third			
Best Graphic - Online	All Media	First	Men's Shootout by the numbers	Kevin Powell	Anchorage Daily News	Best Graphic - Online	First	Susie Cagle	A thoughtful and dynamic compilation of text, mapping and illustration.	
Best Graphic - Online	All Media	Second	INTERACTIVE GRAPH: ASD Budget	Jeffrey Rivet	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Graphic - Online	Second		Intuitive interface packed with information.	
Best Graphic - Online	All Media	Third	INTERACTIVE MAP: Number of Refugees to the USA	Jeffrey Rivet	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Graphic - Online	Third		Good balance of design, information and interactive element.	
Best Graphic - Print	Print-Large	First	Drive time	Pam Dunlap-Shohol	Anchorage Daily News	Best Graphic - Print	First	Scott Griffin	Very clean and easy to comprehend. Good color selection.	
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Best Humor	All Media	First	Ode to Marmot Day	Mike Dunham	Anchorage Daily News	Best Humor	First	David Offer	To retrain the spirit of the writing of this delightful entry, this comment should be in rhyme, too. It's not. Sorry about that. This poetry (?) had me laughing out loud. I bet readers enjoyed it, too.	What a fun category for a judge! Thank you. I enjoyed reading or listening to all of the entries.
Best Humor	All Media	Second	The Most Famous Auction in Alaska	Lorien Nettleton	KTNA Radio (Talkeetna)	Best Humor	Second		Some people say journalists take themselves too seriously. Not this reporter who got into the spirit of the bachelor auction and did a great job of bringing it to listeners.	
Best Humor	All Media	Third	Occupy North Pole! Resist the Fat Man (but take his cookies)	John Straley, Robert Woolsey	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Best Humor	Third		A nice piece on the sad life of overworked, under-appreciated Elves Occupied North Pole! to protest. Nice job.	
Best Illustration	All Media	First	UV caribou	Aaron Jansen	Alaska Dispatch	Best Illustration	First	Jimmy Margulies		
Best Illustration	All Media	Second	Conflicts run deep in Alaska fisheries regulatory council	Aaron Jansen	Alaska Dispatch	Best Illustration	Second			
Best Illustration	All Media	Third	Born to Snitch	Aaron Jansen	Alaska Dispatch	Best Illustration	Third			
Best Investigative Reporting	All Media	First	Crew Members Attempted to Turn in Fuglvog	Libby Casey	Alaska Public Radio Network	Best Investigative Reporting	First	Amy Pyle	Alaska Public Radio does a fine job of digging behind the simmering politics to weave a simpler tale of greed and opportunism. A very detailed and balanced report, told in a succinct and balanced fashion.	
Best Investigative Reporting	All Media	Second	Signs of abuse weren't pursued by various authorities	Lisa Demer, Rich Mauer	Anchorage Daily News	Best Investigative Reporting	Second		In the annals of investigations of child protective services issues, this Anchorage Daily report stands out as a fine example of simply telling this chilling story from the many shreds of evidence it uncovered without getting bogged down in the bureaucratic details.	
Best Investigative Reporting	All Media	Third	Havoc in the herd: Administration responds to muskoxen deaths	Kelsey Gobroski	UAF Sun Star	Best Investigative Reporting	Third			
Best Light Feature	Television	First	He's Found His Calling	Ted Land - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Light Feature	First	John Sharify	Terrific story, extremely well shot and written and crafted. Loved the foreshadowing of the character by hearing him every once in a while at the beginning. Really enjoyed watching this story.	
Best Light Feature	Television	Second	The Frantic Life of Kids in a Choir	Ken Fankhauser	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Light Feature	Second			
Best Light Feature	Television	Third	Special Thanks: 6-Year-Old Anchorage Boy Thankful to Survive a Moose Attack	Christine Kim - Reporter, Albert Lutan - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Light Feature	Third			
Best Long Feature	Print-Large	First	Alaska squadron rescues troops in fierce battle	Mike Dunham	Anchorage Daily News	Best Long Feature	First	Lane DeGregory	This war story put me on the ground, sprayed me with gunfire and bloodied me in the battle that the brave squadron endured. Bravo.	I enjoyed reading these entries, which spanned such a wide range of subjects and storytelling techniques. Some of them were uniquely Alaska, others could have taken place in any community. In most stories, the reporting was as solid as the writing. I only longed for more scene-setting: writers, take me there with you, like the first-place winner who let the hero hold a cup of green tea as he told his grizzly tale.
Best Long Feature	Print-Large	Second	Missing in action	Scott Christiansen	Anchorage Press	Best Long Feature	Second		A wild ride through an underworld most readers know nothing of. Great reporting and storytelling.	

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Best Long Feature	Print-Large	Third	As howling storm battered Alaska, ham operators provided vital link	Jill Burke	Alaska Dispatch	Best Long Feature	Third		Great details and in the moment writing, showing an unusual and often hidden side of weather reporting.	
Best Magazine Cover	Print-All	First	First Alaskans: Finding the Light	Annette Potter, Wayde Carroll	First Alaskans Magazine	Best Magazine Cover	First	Mark Blaine	This felt like the most universal cover with a strong image and typography working closely together.	First Alaskans has a classic and engaging look. The photography is very good and the concepts are strong. The logo/masthead provide a consistent brand to the publication with interesting use of type and graphics. These covers promise substantial and interesting content within.
Best Magazine Cover	Print-All	Second	First Alaskans: The Fortitude of Sarah	Annette Potter, Wayde Carroll	First Alaskans Magazine	Best Magazine Cover	Second		The cover subject had me wanting to know more about who this woman is. Solid photography, good lines mixed with clear grid.	
Best Magazine Cover	Print-All	Third	Century of Soboleff. Alaska icon shares 102 years of wisdom	Steve Quinn, Photographer, Editor, Annette Potter, Designer	Steve Quinn	Best Magazine Cover	Third		This one is the equal of the first two, but the photo isn't as solid.	
Best Magazine Design	Print-All	First	First Alaskans: August 2011	Annette Potter	First Alaskans Magazine	Best Magazine Design	First	Mark Blaine	Design is a great complement to the storytelling both in images and text. It's a very cohesive look and feel.	First Alaskans uses rich material %ÛÛ photos and stories %ÛÛ and meshes them with pitch perfect design. Alaska Contractor and Alaska Business both have a very structured look that is appropriate to their audience.
Best Magazine Design	Print-All	Second	The Alaska Contractor	Justin Ritter, Rachael Fisher	Alaska Contractor	Best Magazine Design	Second		Very businesslike, to the point, which serves its readership well. Strong organization.	
Best Magazine Design	Print-All	Third	Alaska Business Monthly (March 2011, October 2011, November 2011)	Candy Johnson, Art Director	Alaska Business Monthly	Best Magazine Design	Third		Tight layouts, clear organization.	
Best Magazine Feature	Print-All	First	Alaska Food Challenge, Eating local for a year	Susan Sommer, Author	Alaska Business Monthly	Best Magazine Feature	First	Joel Shurkin	Interesting piece on unlikely subject for Alaska. Didn't think it could be done.	
Best Magazine Feature	Print-All	Second	Tundra Times, Howard Rock and ANCSA	Julie Stricker, Author	Alaska Business Monthly	Best Magazine Feature	Second		Fine human interest story.	
Best Magazine Feature	Print-All	Third	Wind Farms, Part of the rural energy solution	Tracy Kalytiak, Author	Alaska Business Monthly	Best Magazine Feature	Third			
Best Media Website	All Media	First	alaskadispatch.com	Alaska Dispatch Staff	Alaska Dispatch	Best Media Website	First	Sara Rupp		
Best Media Website	All Media	Second	KTUU.com	Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Media Website	Second			
Best Media Website	All Media	Third	adn.com	ADN staff	Anchorage Daily News	Best Media Website	Third			
Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	Television	First	Jackie Purcell Meteorologist for Alaska Press Club	Jackie Purcell - Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	First	Dave Salesky	Ms. Purcell, has a straight no weather hype delivery. She uses every tool in a meteorologists tool box. Satellite imagery, weather buoy information even home video. Weaving all those elements together, she tells the weather story. The story in this case one of the worst storms to hit Western Alaska in 40 years. A good job of keeping your cool when during a breaking weather crisis.	In a state with so much weather, known as the birthplace of storms, I'm truly surprised by the lack of entries in this category. So much weather in one place and so few entries. I know meteorologists that would kill to report about the weather extremes and wild storms that Alaska brews up. I hope in the future other contestants will come forward.
Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	Television	Second				Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	Second			

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Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	Television	Third				Best Meteorologist / Weather Anchor	Third			
Best Multimedia Presentation	All-Media	First	Iditarod 39	Scott Levin, Kyle Hopkins, David Hulen, Bob Hallinen, Beth Bragg, Anne Raup	Anchorage Daily News	Best Multimedia Presentation	First	Mark Dolan	Strong package - a lot of variety and information. Aerial gallery was pretty gratuitous and unnecessary (would have been stronger if there had been some aerials of mushers) But overall very complete and informative.	Many of the entries would have been stronger had they been edited much tighter. Some of the entries weren't multimedia pieces at all!
Best Multimedia Presentation	All-Media	Second	Ice Journey to Nome	Channel 2 News Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Multimedia Presentation	Second		Some good variety here - smart decision to use some video produced by the Coast Guard, although some of that video would have benefited from some editing. But overall, a good variety of information put together in an interesting format	
Best Multimedia Presentation	All-Media	Third	What I Have: A woman confronts terminal breast cancer	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best Multimedia Presentation	Third		Strong Visuals - and good audio that REALLY needed editing - too many dead audio spots in the piece. The whole piece was too long - it would have been better had it been broken into chapters. A better edit would have moved this piece up.	
Best News Anchor	Television	First	Megan Mazurek Anchor Reel	Megan Mazurek, Jared Mazurek	KYUR KTBY	Best News Anchor	First	Deborah Potter	Strong newsreading skills combined with on-air personality put Megan's entry on top.	
Best News Anchor	Television	Second	Amy Chausse- anchor	Amy Chausse	KXD	Best News Anchor	Second			
Best News Anchor	Television	Third				Best News Anchor	Third			
Best News Photo	Print-Large	First	Mother reacts to cold-case first-degree murder verdict in the death of her teenaged daughter Bonnie Craig.	Bill Roth	Anchorage Daily News	Best News Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Clear winner in this category, powerful moment captured cleanly without visual distractions.	
Best News Photo	Print-Large	Second	Ray Redington Jr. tips his cap to fans as he approaches the ramp to Front Street in Nome on Tuesday.	Stephen Nowers	Alaska Dispatch	Best News Photo	Second		Nice job shooting into the rising sun. Powerful composition.	
Best News Photo	Print-Large	Third	Accused of texting while driving, hit and run death	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best News Photo	Third		Another strong moment of human drama, loose composition hurts impact of photo a little though.	
Best News Photo	Print-Small	First	Herring Pull in Seiner	James Poulson	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best News Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Good reaction by photographer to capture fast-breaking news. Nice composition & the birds add a pleasant visual surprise.	
Best News Photo	Print-Small	Second	Dog rescued	Michael Armstrong	Homer News	Best News Photo	Second		Unexpected moment shot pretty well, not your everyday spot news photo.	
Best News Photo	Print-Small	Third	Kodiak Rocket Launch	James Brooks	Kodiak Daily Mirror	Best News Photo	Third		Nice composition and light take this photo to third place.	
Best Newscast Producer	Television	First	Alaska Press Club Newscast Producer Entry - Ashleigh Ebert Channel 2 News	Ashleigh Ebert - Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Newscast Producer	First	Andres Oess	Nice use of nats for cold open, and excellent first piece. The intro to the package slightly dated it with the use of "last night." Could have made it more active with more immediate writing. Nice use of storm video throughout. Perhaps break away from two shots to vary weather coverage? However, overall, very strong weather segment.	
									Good topical writing in the cold open for the town hall, and very good selection of music. Sound from someone in the first piece may have made it even stronger.	
									Was a little confused by the final newscast. The umbrella lead seemed a little bit of a stretch.	

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Best Newscast Producer	Television	Second	Alaska Press Club Producer Reel - Jordana Anderson Channel 2 News	Jordana Anderson	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Newscast Producer	Second		<p>Lots of "lip flap" in headlines. Aunt and Uncle sound was so strong in the 2nd piece why not use a sound pop in the headline instead of just anchor talking over them? Sound on the tanker story did not add much. I was hoping for some emotion or reaction out of it.</p> <p>I felt the 2nd newscast was, actually, the stronger newscast. It felt more immediate and had a good pace, even with a live interview. One warning: the video used at the top of the Don Young story showed him in the beanie, but was not written to in the copy. In that case it could be construed as editorializing or demonstrating an opinion about Young. Fortunately, the anchor explained it as he tossed to the interview. Don't assume that the viewer will know what that video was from, and avoid using "wallpaper".</p>	
Best Newscast Producer	Television	Third	A-Block: KTVA Newscast 5/24/11 PART 1	Neil Torquiano, Producer, Helen Matchett, Director	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Newscast Producer	Third		<p>Good use of sound in headlines. However, the first piece was much too long, and did not keep my attention. Dueling phoners bogged down the story, and I would have preferred to see the real person much higher up.</p> <p>Lots of meeting video in the Ted Stevens story. We did not see a picture of him until more than 40 seconds into the story.</p> <p>More meeting video in the liquor story. I'm assuming the list of names was the actual vote, but it was not compelling.</p>	

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Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Radio	First	Show 49: Postpartum Mood Disorders	Sarah Gonzales, Producer, Shana Sheehy, Host, Jessica Cochran, Contributor	Kids These Days	Best Ongoing Public Affairs	First	Sadie Babits	<p>This public affairs show delivers on its promise to connect Alaskans together through a topic that most people can easily relate to, kids. This show rose to the top for its particular topic. The host is conversational and engaging, asked thoughtful questions. Combine that with guests in studio and out along with comments, and you end up with an engaging hour of radio. The ending also caught my attention with the audio postcard capturing "me time" ideas for busy parents. One critique is that this ending would have been stronger if we heard from more parents at the top of this audio postcard than the experts. Overall, a strong show, engaging topic... all leading to a top public affairs program.</p>	<p>The competition in "Ongoing Public Affairs" was really tough. Shows ran the gamut from parent/ kids advice to health issues to lectures and more.</p> <p>I was listening for a few key items in each entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- originality</li> <li>- creativity</li> <li>- how well the show connected/ engaged people into the conversation and how the show gave a "sense of place"</li> <li>- how well did the show/ segment keep a listener's attention.</li> <li>- production value {phone tape, audio levels etc}</li> </ul> <p>The three winners rose to the top for all of these elements and more. That said each entry had a distinct value and it was clear that these shows and segments were vital to the communities each station serves.</p>
Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Radio	Second	In Other News- March 26, 2011	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Second		<p>Loved the fresh approach to a tough subject! This segment has a "This American Life" feel to it and what's even more awesome is that the show is done by teens! A great use of tape, a fresh approach to telling a complex story. The set up could have been stronger with "why are we telling this story now" sentence or two that connects the piece to Alaska. But overall, high production value, great use of sound! Hopefully these young producers will stay in radio and keep bringing their creative approach to the airwaves. Nice work!</p>	

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Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Radio	Third	The Alaska Fisheries Report with Jay Barrett	Jay Barrett	KMXT Radio, Kodiak	Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Third		A vital topic that's key to Alaskans - the fisheries report. This show packs a lot in but overall the news value is high. The host's introduction had me at the beginning referencing why the show apparently has to keep talking about why people put fish down their pants. For a serious straight up public affairs show, this was refreshing. In terms of production value: Don't cut out people's breaths to save time... give the segments more space to breath. Instead look for areas that get bogged down that could easily be edited out to make up time. And keep your listeners smiling because you can't help but smile when you hear about a guy who puts shrimp into his pants. Nice work!	
Best Online Video Journalism	All Media	First	Iditarod 2011 Ceremonial Start	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best Online Video Journalism	First	Casey McNerthney	Very well edited. The video does well even without an accompanying story.	
Best Online Video Journalism	All Media	Second	First Person: Alaska Tiger's Toothy Troubles	Mark Thiessen	The Associated Press Alaska	Best Online Video Journalism	Second		Good length, and it was a good idea to have the endodontist be the narrator.	
Best Online Video Journalism	All Media	Third	Military Widows Bond in the Alaska Wilderness	Mark Thiessen	The Associated Press Alaska	Best Online Video Journalism	Third		This would have been placed higher if the specific stories of loss were told in a way that elicited more emotion. But it was likely a more straightforward AP style that had the video produced this way, and was done as well as it could be in that style.	
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Small	First	Mariner homecoming magic	Deb Purington	Homer News	Best Page Layout & Design	First	Brian Sanford	This great mix of story and art elements really showcases just how exciting and important an event this was for Homer. Separating the box-score information via couple of photos was clever.	All the entries were solid or better; three others were worthy of honorable-mention status. Well-done by all.
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Small	Second	Petersburg Pilot, May 5, 2011 (cover)	Orin Pierson	Petersburg Pilot	Best Page Layout & Design	Second		This gives a great photo the best-possible play, and the "Coming" and "Going" treatment makes the potentially mundane much more interesting. Clean, well-balanced page.	
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Small	Third	Petersburg Pilot, May 12, 2011	Orin Pierson	Petersburg Pilot	Best Page Layout & Design	Third		Good play of good art, combined with a clean design, makes this page a winner. The art and headline complement each other well.	
Best Photojournalist	Television	First	Best Photojournalist -- Carolyn Hall Jensen -- Alaska Press Club	Carolyn Hall-Jensen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Photojournalist	First	Darren Durlach	The winning photojournalist had a wonderfully varied reel that demonstrated their ability to shoot at a high level under myriad news equations. The first story was a nat pack that demonstrated their ability to tell a story without the need of a writer. The story was solid, strong moments, and complete. It was smart on the gas prices story to have customers looking at previous gas prices on the computer. A nice way to change up the bland 'ole gas prices story. The last three stories were extremely strong. The wolverine story was really funny and well shot. That guy was a super memorable character. Many of the stories unfolded and kept your attention by strategically placing surprises throughout. Really nice job.	

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Best Photojournalist	Television	Second	John Thain Photography Compilation	John Thain	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Best Photojournalist	Second		This entry was solid from top to bottom with some nice pacer nats and some memorable moments. I really liked the toys for tots story, the story about the homeless boy at the vigil and the thanksgiving day story. I also thought the last story about the soldier was strong with some nice sequences and surprises. The winning entry showed more versatility on different assignments and overall had more memorable stories.	
Best Photojournalist	Television	Third	Ken Fankhauser Photography Compilation	Ken Fankhauser	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Best Photojournalist	Third		The photographer showed strength in composition and sequencing, but overall, I think a couple of stories hurt this entry for going further in the contest. I question the journalistic value of the Mt Hood Slips story and raking leaves piece. If it's not great content and doesn't have any important info for viewers than I'm afraid it doesn't belong in a news photographer competition. That being said, the photographer showed skill on all of the entries.	
Best Picture Story	Print-Large	First	Mount Marathon	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best Picture Story	First	Randy Cox	A well-done, complete picture story here. Each photo serves the narrative, with good compositional variety. No redundancy here at all.  Well done!	Like in the other category, I'm disappointed there are no more entries in this great category. Here's where the photographer gets to shine beyond the capturing of a single moment. Here, the narratives being told, with the clarity of good picture editing, holds greater reward for both contestants and viewers. Redundancy is a problem with many of these picture groups and tighter story lines would enhance many of these approaches. Where are the stories of single individuals?
Best Picture Story	Print-Large	Second	Fish Creek Dipnet Salmon Fishing	Bob Hallinen	Anchorage Daily News	Best Picture Story	Second		Again, a story with good variety and each photo serving a purpose within the story being told. Close-up ender photo is a treat and a clever approach to the standard fare.	
Best Picture Story	Print-Large	Third	The long goodbye for Afghanistan deployment	JR Ancheta	JR Ancheta Freelance	Best Picture Story	Third		Well, pretty much the same photo repeated five times, but within that lack of variety there are wonderful moments that pull this back into a legitimate story approach.	
Best Picture Story	Print-Small	First	Sitka surfing	James Poulson	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Picture Story	First	Randy Cox	Much the more interesting set of photos with a strong beginning and ending photo. Perhaps one photo too many in the middle. Good seeing, good story, good use of long lenses.	Sure with there would be more entries in this category to increase the level of competition and to see a broader range of work. Hard to believe there are only two entries worth this category from the entire state.
Best Picture Story	Print-Small	Second	Jewels & Cowboys	Orin Pierson	Petersburg Pilot	Best Picture Story	Second		It's an event that, to some degree, is like shooting fish in a barrel, but this photographer did a good job with variety of angle and height of action. Good ending photo as well.	
Best Picture Story	Print-Small	Third				Best Picture Story	Third			
Best Profile	Print-Large	First	Of work & weeds	Brian Smith	Peninsula Clarion	Best Profile	First	Paula Span	A fine sense of place, which is part of this person.	

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Best Profile	Print-Large	Second	The sweet sourdough For River Mike Cranford, isolation is in-tent-ional	Reba Lean	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Best Profile	Second		Admirable attention to detail.	
Best Profile	Print-Large	Third	Words of Grace for a Century. At 102, Soboleff's quiet power remains a cultural social force in Alaska	Steve Quinn, Writer, Photographer	Steve Quinn	Best Profile	Third		A rich biography.	
Best Profile	Print-Small	First	Reading runes: Kenai man shares the magic	Brielle Schaeffer	Brielle Schaeffer	Best Profile	First	Paula Span	Descriptive, evocative portrait of a local mystic.	Honorable mention to Katie Spielberger of Capital City Weekly for "Learning to Fly with Boyce Bingham"
Best Profile	Print-Small	Second	Family experiments with sustainable farming on Douglas	Richard Radford	Capital City Weekly	Best Profile	Second		Carefully observed and engagingly written.	
Best Profile	Print-Small	Third	Delisle participates in walk she created 16 years ago	Katie Emmets	Skagway News	Best Profile	Third		You-are-there reporting.	
Best Profile	Radio	First	Dance Diva's legacy lives on	Shane Iverson	KYUK	Best Profile	First	Elizabeth Meister	good voices. nicely structured. made me want to see her dance.	
Best Profile	Radio	Second	Hi, I'm Matt	Max Jungreis	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Best Profile	Second		very heartfelt interview. music and sfx good in some places, a little too much in others. very important story.	
Best Profile	Radio	Third	Sailor Charts Solo Trip into the Record Books	Alexandra Gutierrez	KUCB Unalaska Community Broadcasting	Best Profile	Third		like the interview on his boat.	
Best Radio Feature	Radio	First	AK: Riding the Whistle Stop Train	Annie Feidt	Alaska Public Radio Network	Best Radio Feature	First	Susanna Capelouto	This is an excellent example of audio storytelling. It made me want to ride this train. Clever writing, strong scene setting, multiple voices and perspectives made this as much a story about a train as it was about the people who ride it.	I am always amazed by the radio talent that comes out of Alaska. It is not easy to pick the top three entries in this category. It confirms that journalism is strong in your state. Something to be proud of.
Best Radio Feature	Radio	Second	Walk to Whittier returns with new meaning	Tony Gorman	KCHU Radio (Valdez)	Best Radio Feature	Second		Very clever beginning. This story had several layers and was more than just about a walk.	
Best Radio Feature	Radio	Third	Bear cub one of many moved out of town	Matt Lichtenstein	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Radio Feature	Third		This was the kind of story where you walk away with having learned a lot. Good scene setting and production values.	
Best Reporter	Television	First	2012 Alaska Press Club Reporter Entry	Jason Lamb - Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Reporter	First	Boyd Huppert		A close contest between the first and second place finishers. Both showed good range and are adept at capturing moments.
Best Reporter	Television	Second	Lauren Maxwell Reporting Compilation	Lauren Maxwell	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Reporter	Second			The third place entry lacked the variety called for in the instructions, yet the reporter (and photographer) did well under difficult circumstances.
Best Reporter	Television	Third	Ted Land - Best Reporter Entry	Ted Land - Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Reporter	Third			
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Large	First	Inmates hope for success outside after time inside	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	First	Casey McNerthney		
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Large	Second	Crow Hill fire is 18th suspicious blaze in two months	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Second			

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Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Large	Third	Illegal immigrant cop defends himself in letter to judge	Patti Epler	Alaska Dispatch	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Third			
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Small	First	Changing hearts, minds: First graduate of new program re-enters society	Brielle Schaeffer	Brielle Schaeffer	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	First	Casey McNerthney		
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Small	Second	Goose Creek Correctional Center	Rindi White	Alaska Contractor	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Second			
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Print-Small	Third	Three Sitka men plead guilty to illegally killing moose in fall of 2010	Keith Chaplin	Petersburg Pilot	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Third			
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Radio	First	Sitka CG aviator faces uncertain future after hearing	Matt Miller	KTOO TV-Radio	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	First	Doug Doyle	This entry stood out in the crowd for the judges. Great ability to tell the story through narrative and extremely emotional and relevant audio. In-depth coverage here. Terrific job of getting instrumental people to comment on the crash and the issue. Well done.  Excellent delivery in a long involved piece.	Enjoyed the entries here. Children's Center piece was well done but sounded more like the reopening of the center or a profile instead of a crime story. Reporter used natural sound really well.  The Waterman story also showed solid in-depth coverage of the case, but wasn't told in a clear manner. Still appreciate the work there.
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Radio	Second	Kevin Thornton death unfolds	Rosemarie Alexander	KTOO TV-Radio	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Second		Even though the reporter used mostly phone tape, she was able to weave the cuts well to tell the tragic story of a beating death. Good research and work. Took the time to get solid interviews and comments. Nice work.	
Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Radio	Third	Court issues final judgement for roadless rule on Tongass	Matt Lichtenstein	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Reporting On Crime or Courts	Third		Tough story for some listeners to understand, so reporter did a good job in getting good tape. Good narrative. Solid reporting.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Large	First	State policy leads beluga team to remove Alaska scientists	Richard Mauer	Anchorage Daily News	Best Reporting on Health or Science	First	Charles Ornstein	A fascinating and important story about how an Alaska rule does not permit state employed scientists to speak their minds on advisory panels. Given the comments on the story, it is clear it touched a nerve.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Large	Second	Lone Bear will roam at the Run for Women	Beth Bragg	Anchorage Daily News	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Second		This article gives voice to a small segment of breast cancer survivors—men. With a nice writing style and good quotes, the writer shows how breast cancer transformed an Alaska man.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Large	Third	Care in a 'desperate place'	Brian Smith	Peninsula Clarion	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Third		A touching story about the global experiences of a new local surgeon. What could have been a boring story was most certainly not.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Small	First	Whale 68: Humpback a valuable research subject in life and after death	Katie Spielberger	Capital City Weekly	Best Reporting on Health or Science	First	Charles Ornstein	This story does a nice job tracing Snow's impact in life and in death. The writer does a nice job explaining the challenges the National Park Service faced trying to turn Snow's skeleton into an exhibit at Glacier Bay National Park.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Small	Second	Student insurance leaves many without coverage	Andrew Sheeler	UAF Sun Star	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Second		This story helps take a complicated topic, health insurance, and makes it relevant to readers. The writer shows how students at UAF technically have insurance but it leaves much to be desired.	

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Best Reporting on Health or Science	Print-Small	Third	Toddler's skeleton changes knowledge of the past	Kelsey Gobroski	UAF Sun Star	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Third		The writer took a widely reported story, that of a 11,500-year-old skeleton, and made it relevant to a local audience. It had the right amount of local color and quotes to give it resonance.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Radio	First	Bed bugs in the Y-K Delta	Angela Denning-Barnes	KYUK	Best Reporting on Health or Science	First	Tom Banse	Good writing and pacing. Confident narration.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Radio	Second	Sea otters tagged for population study	Ed Schoenfeld, CoastAlaska News	CoastAlaska	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Second		Story sustained listener interest. Good interviews and opened with ear-catching sound.	
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Radio	Third	Rural Alaska Program's Success Attract Outside Dentists	Angela Denning-Barnes	KYUK	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Third		Another tape-to-tape transition, hooray.	
Best Same-Day Feature	Television	First	"Those Swords Look Pretty Long"	Ted Land - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Same-Day Feature	First	Ann Herbst	great moments--cringeworthy. nice writing, solid photography.	some really nice stories--great competition in this category.
Best Same-Day Feature	Television	Second	Christmas Bird Count	John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Same-Day Feature	Second		nice, pretty photography, good nats. hide the mic!!!! (on birdhouse)	
Best Same-Day Feature	Television	Third	Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels	John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Same-Day Feature	Third		good emotion from folks, nice continuity and shots	
Best Scenic Photo	Print-Large	First	Northern Lights over Takotna	Bob Hallinen	Anchorage Daily News	Best Scenic Photo	First	Randy Cox	Just an eerie photo that evokes the strangeness of nature in a way that contrasts with the simplicity of a rural-looking homestead. In what appears to be a well-executed time-exposure, the saturation of those bright green northern lights captures my fancy. Nicely done!	Where are the captions. Most of these photos are missing that. That hurts some of these photos and is such an easy inclusion. It really ought to be a cause for disqualification in my opinion if a caption is not included. Have any of these photos been published, in print or online, without that? I seriously doubt it. Preachy, I know, but this is words and pictures working together and that always presents pictures in a stronger, more complete context.  A strong set of photos here, the winners.
Best Scenic Photo	Print-Large	Second	Flock of Geese	Bill Roth	Anchorage Daily News	Best Scenic Photo	Second		You can just feel all those wings and features and web-feet leaving the water in unison. Ahh, the magic of flight and the seemingly effortless ability these birds have to break the bonds. A peak at nature in a wonderfully telescopic view.	
Best Scenic Photo	Print-Large	Third	Ice cave	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Scenic Photo	Third		I'm shivering just looking at that icy-blue cave as a single, tiny human appears to be photographing while being photographed. Nice composition.	
Best Scenic Photo	Print-Small	First	Layers of solitude	Ron Loesch	Petersburg Pilot	Best Scenic Photo	First	Randy Cox	Just a lovely scene captured. The mirror-like quality of the water on that day, at that time, with those elements provides a painterly view that's almost mono-chromatically beautiful. An excellent photo!	Better captions would help greatly. Not all scencis have to be shot with telephoto lenses either. It'd be nice sometimes to see something much closer. A nice grouping of entered photos, though.
Best Scenic Photo	Print-Small	Second	Bubblenet feeders	Ron Loesch	Petersburg Pilot	Best Scenic Photo	Second		Well, there's a moment captured that's probably rather rare. Juxtaposing some of earth's largest creatures against some of the smaller birds is a found moment like no other. Captured by this photographer, it's a rare treat!	

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Best Scenic Photo	Print-Small	Third	Listen to me!	Jeff Brady	Skagway News	Best Scenic Photo	Third		Yes, it's that tried and true caption technique of anthropomorphic commentary. It's corny as can be, and yet it certainly seems to fit in this instance. A good moment captured whether there's eagle intent to castigate its mate or not.	
Best Series	Print-Large	First	Shell gambles billions in Arctic Alaska push	Lisa Demer	Anchorage Daily News	Best Series	First	Levi Pulkkinen	A well-reported, ambitious take on an issue that must be both relevant to Alaska readers and divisive in the community.	
Best Series	Print-Large	Second	The Forgotten Rescue	Craig Medred	Alaska Dispatch	Best Series	Second		Well done narrative that didn't lose sight of the bigger picture.	
Best Series	Print-Large	Third	Illuminating Hope	Logan Tuttle	Peninsula Clarion	Best Series	Third		The first entry in this series was a real bright spot among all of the entries here. Strong reporting, with good voice, throughout.	
Best Series	Print-Small	First	Cold Ocean Chemistry	Kelsey Gobroski	UAF Sun Star	Best Series	First	Levi Pulkkinen	Solid reporting and good writing anchored this series.	
Best Series	Print-Small	Second	Nets set for fish board: Commercial fishermen have eye on process, proposal; Sporting interests: Kenai Peninsula sport fishermen have varied ideas for fish board; Looking for personal space: Personal-use fishery participants represent growing segment ...	Brielle Schaeffer	Brielle Schaeffer	Best Series	Second		This showcased wonderful reporting supported by an strong grasp of complex subject matter. It's too bad the structure of the series -- separate items on each stakeholder group, with representatives from each making unanswered claims -- prevented the writer from exploring the conflicts at hand. Still, her expertise with the topic really showed and the writing was both artful and direct.	
Best Series	Print-Small	Third	Fish reg debate on in Anchorage; Drift fleet nets more restriction ... ; Fish board ups Kenai goals ... ; Hands off ... ; Being there no easyfeat; Board of Fisheries adjourns: Status quo kept in sport fisheries	Brielle Schaeffer	Brielle Schaeffer	Best Series	Third		Good beat reporting.	

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Best Serious Feature	Television	First	The Perfect Gift	Jason Lamb - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Serious Feature	First	Terry Bulger		There was no question that the three stories awarded in this category deserved to be honored.  The difficult decision was trying to justify the placement of a first, second, and third place.  A strong argument can be made for any of these stories to be placed in the first position.  But in the end after viewing the pieces multiple times a final decision became clearer.  If the category was "Best Story" "This is Heaven on Earth" is a sure winner.  The story is spectacular! The sound from the people coming in and out of the water is so natural, that it defines the term "natural sound". But considering the category is "serious feature" I felt it unfair to place it ahead of the other two stories. I hope that was not a case of over thinking on my part.  The Perfect Gift shows great storytelling, with great commitment.
Best Serious Feature	Television	Second	Recovery	Lauren Maxwell, John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Serious Feature	Second			
Best Serious Feature	Television	Third	This is Heaven on Earth	Ashton Goodell - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Serious Feature	Third			
Best Short Feature	Print-Small	First	Video game addiction: some psychologists say it's real	Heather Hamilton, Nicole Luchaco	The Northern Light	Best Short Feature	First	Nancy Bartley	Good sources, strong beginning. A compelling read.	
Best Short Feature	Print-Small	Second	Hope soars high in St. Michael	Heather Hamilton	The Northern Light	Best Short Feature	Second		Very moving quotes. Nice work.	
Best Short Feature	Print-Small	Third	Charity Green on the art of recovery, perseverance, and 'hunting'	Richard Radford	Capital City Weekly	Best Short Feature	Third			
Best Single Story Reporting	Radio	First	The Pebble Mine and the Arctic Science Conference	Mike Mason	KDLG	Best Single Story Reporting	First	Laura Lorson	A story that could have been very dry, told in such a way that it engaged my interest throughout. Good writing, well-chosen sound and a very nice audio mix distinguished this piece from a crop of good entries this year.	A nice set of entries this year. Nothing stood out as particularly "not-good." Making a judgment came down to really fine-point details. Sounds like the folks in Alaska have a lot of great choices when it comes to deciding where to get their news.
Best Single Story Reporting	Radio	Second	Processing workers arrive in town	Stephanie Joyce	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Best Single Story Reporting	Second		A well-told story with excellent sound. A unique approach to telling what's fundamentally a story about the intersection of commerce and the lives of itinerant workers. One of the best angles for an economic story I've heard in a while.	

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Best Single Story Reporting	Radio	Third	Fuel Prices to Raise in Bethel	Angela Denning-Barnes	KYUK	Best Single Story Reporting	Third		An engaging slice-of-life feature with solid audio and a very nice delivery. The reporter sounds confident and natural, and tells the story very well.	
Best Social Media Package	All Media	First	Ch2KTUU	Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Social Media Package	First	Abraham Hyatt	The first, second and third place winners in this year's contest are separated by a very small margin. They all have solid social media presences. KTUU rose to the top because it excels in some of the most important categories: authenticity, creativity, engagement. It's clear that the station has made its audience an integral part of how it finds, develops and reports on the news.	
Best Social Media Package	All Media	Second	Alaska Dispatch	Eric Christopher Adams, Ben Anderson, Scott Woodham, Tony Hopfinger, Amanda Coyne, Jill Burke	Alaska Dispatch	Best Social Media Package	Second		Alaska Dispatch has the most engaged Facebook audience of all the contestants, it experimented with different kinds of Twitter storytelling and it joined a new service without duplicating other social media efforts. But aside from a few notable exceptions, writers and editors have little or no social media presence and there is limited interaction with the audience.	
Best Social Media Package	All Media	Third	ADN Twitter and Facebook	ADN staff (primarily David Hulen)	Anchorage Daily News	Best Social Media Package	Third		Anchorage Daily News has a strong social media presence and a core group of staff members that are actively engaged with their audience.	
Best Solo Video Journalist	Television	First	39396.00	Ashton Goodell - Reporter/Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Solo Video Journalist	First	Kevin Torres	I really enjoyed your photography, editing and storytelling in this piece. I would have liked to have seen better lighting on the hallway interviews. Also, the second zoom shot at the top wasn't necessary. Great piece! Caught me by surprise. I really enjoyed the writing on the first piece. Also, there was a great sequence between shoveling and playing basketball. Nice work.  **contest admin note -- KTUU's Ashton Goodell entered two single stories. Kevin Torres the judge awarded her a 1st and 2nd place. Heather Hintze received a 3rd place for her compilation. Since this is a compilation category it was brought to Kevin's attention. He decided to award Ashton 1st place (based on the two she entered in the contest), Heather 2nd place and he chose not to award a 3rd place.	It was clear Ashton deserved first place in this category. Her storytelling, photography and editing stood out among the others. Nice work by all. I'd like to see more entries next year.  **contest admin note -- KTUU's Ashton Goodell entered two single stories. Kevin Torres the judge awarded her a 1st and 2nd place. Heather Hintze received a 3rd place for her compilation. Since this is a compilation category it was brought to Kevin's attention. He decided to award Ashton 1st place (based on the two she entered in the contest), Heather 2nd place and he chose not to award a 3rd place.

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Best Solo Video Journalist	Television	Second	Heather Hintze Solo Video Journalist Compilation	Heather Hintze	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Best Solo Video Journalist	Second		I think with a bit more work, perhaps an NPPA workshop under your belt, you'll do really well. The shots were fine, but not too creative. Focus on storytelling and not generic news writing.	
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Best Solo Video Journalist	Television	Third				Best Solo Video Journalist	Third			
Best Specialty News Program	Television	First	Homeless in Anchorage: Dying for a Solution	Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Specialty News Program	First	Bob Gould	I liked the set up piece that helped set the stage for the town hall meeting. Well produced special.	
Best Specialty News Program	Television	Second				Best Specialty News Program	Second			
Best Specialty News Program	Television	Third				Best Specialty News Program	Third			
Best Sports Columnist	Print-Large	First	New editor wants to play on your team; Long-winded; Heads Up (and other warning shouts)	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Sports Columnist	First	Devlyn Brooks	Klas is right: He should heed his own writing. The columns are a bit long and could use a talented editor to tighten them up. However, he writes about local sports and I do love that in a local columnist. Leave covering the pros to those overpaid hacks in the big cities. If you're writing for a community paper, indulge your readers with local columns. ... Kudos to Klas for doing so.	
Best Sports Columnist	Print-Large	Second				Best Sports Columnist	Second			
Best Sports Columnist	Print-Large	Third				Best Sports Columnist	Third			

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Best Sports Columnist	Print-Small	First	Fish This! Vapors; Just Passing By; Coho Secrets	Andrew Cremata	Skagway News	Best Sports Columnist	First	Devlyn Brooks	Andrew is a marvelous yarn-spinner, a throwback to all of the great outdoors columnists I read in "Outdoor Life" growing up. He separates himself with vivid details, crisp writing that keeps a reader engaged and always a nice payoff at the end. ... Good work, Andrew. You've earned the recognition.	Even in a category with few entries, there is a clear winner by far. Using marvelous storytelling skills, a flair for vivid description and a hint of humor, outdoors columnist Andrew Cremata writes a column that leaves me wanting more when he's done. ... Andrew, give me a call if you ever need a fishing partner. I'd gladly come along. Other entrants would do well to think local with their sports columns. Too often local sports writers try to write about national sporting situations and fail because the reader can get a better story written by someone closer to the action almost every time. Stick to telling a story that your local readers can't get somewhere else. Then you'll see the payoff.
Best Sports Columnist	Print-Small	Second				Best Sports Columnist	Second			
Best Sports Columnist	Print-Small	Third				Best Sports Columnist	Third			
Best Sports Feature	Print-Large	First	Brother Our Savior	JEREMIAH BARTZ	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Best Sports Feature	First	Devlyn Brooks	Everything a sports story should be: A story of human endurance and strength that rings with the sports fan just as much as it does with the non-sports fan. A good lede gets the reader into the story and thanks to good narrative writing, the writer never gives the reader the opportunity to quit reading. Good show. Best in the class by far!	Competitive division: While there clearly was a standout story, there was a tough competition for second and third places. ... Just a little more attention to detail separated the second- and third-place stories from the others that ranged from fourth to seventh place. The writers in the category would do well to spend some more time on writing grabbing, engaging ledes and to focus on telling a story. Remember that a good story has a beginning, middle and end.
Best Sports Feature	Print-Large	Second	Kayhi's touchdown machine	Richard Larson	Ketchikan Daily News	Best Sports Feature	Second		Clever extended lede that keeps the reader engaged. Story about the right length, meaning it's not too long which tends to happen with these player profiles. ... Just a well-rounded player profile. Everything a reader of this sports team expects from beat coverage.	
Best Sports Feature	Print-Large	Third	From Ninja Turtle to MMA star	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Sports Feature	Third		The lede was the most surprising and most rewarding bit of the story: Nice payoff for the reader. I liked that the story was about someone on the periphery on mainstream sports. I think it's this kind of sports feature that can bring new readers to the sports section.	

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Best Sports Feature	Print-Small	First	From The Press Box	Craig Giannonna	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Sports Feature	First	Devlyn Brooks	By far the best feature in the bunch. I'm a bit disappointed that the lede - which was rich with intrigue - led me astray. I thought the story was going to be all about the ref and his infamous call. However, the story was a mixed jumble of personal profile/event feature. The writer would have been better off separating the two story strands. However, the standout lede and crisp writing are enough to win the day.	Overall, there were a number of pieces that likely should have been entered into another category. I saw several game or event stories that were disguised as features thanks to a clever lede, and several other pieces that were just simply sports columns. That decreased the field of eligible winners, but the writers of these three pieces separated themselves from the field. They deserved to win.
Best Sports Feature	Print-Small	Second	Rugby in the blood: Women's rugby club recaps successful season	Erin McGroarty	The Sun Star	Best Sports Feature	Second		Solid team profile that tells the story of a niche sport to a readership that is used to balls and pucks. Solid-but-not flashy writing, but the story does the job it was designed to do. Some advice however: Don't start stories with a quote lede.	
Best Sports Feature	Print-Small	Third	Gunderson's play has Seawolves rising in standings	Taylor Hall	The Northern Light	Best Sports Feature	Third		Exactly what you'd expect of a player profile. When the followers of this hockey team look for beat coverage, this is what they desire. However, the story does use a lot of cliche sports jargon, which it could do without.	
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Large	First	Baker wins Iditarod in record time	Mary Pemberton	The Associated Press Alaska	Best Sports Game/Event Story	First	Mike Kays		
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Large	Second	Alaska Aces win their second Kelly Cup	Doyle Woody	Anchorage Daily News	Best Sports Game/Event Story	Second			
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Large	Third	'Mean Machine' puts 'Thunder' on his back to win rematch	Klas Stolpe	Juneau Empire	Best Sports Game/Event Story	Third			
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Small	First	'Big game' about more than football	McKibben Jackinsky	Homer News	Best Sports Game/Event Story	First	Mike Kays	You told a story better than anyone else. It didn't excite me that much though because most of the big game stuff was predictable...but you used your material well. I would have preferred an early description (score) of the game I saw and a more clearer context-impact (what does this really mean for a guy dropping in town and picking it up? I think you could have come up with a better hook. Not a great first-place story but better than the rest.	
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Small	Second	UAA-UAF split series, UAF wins shootout and cup	Taylor Hall	The Northern Light	Best Sports Game/Event Story	Second			
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Print-Small	Third	Bittersweet week on court for Seawolves, Aden	Taylor Hall	The Northern Light	Best Sports Game/Event Story	Third			
Best Sports Photo	Print-Large	First	Frosty Skier	Bob Hallinen	Anchorage Daily News	Best Sports Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Really stood out of the crowd for us, perfectly shot to give the image impact.	Another strong category, really fun to judge.
Best Sports Photo	Print-Large	Second	Soccer heads	Michael Penn	Juneau Empire	Best Sports Photo	Second		All the elements come together in this photo, nice peak action.	
Best Sports Photo	Print-Large	Third	Bronc riding	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Best Sports Photo	Third		Nice job by photographer, we wish we could a face, may have finished higher than third.	
Best Sports Photo	Print-Small	First	Warriors win BRJHS wrestling crown	Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery	The Delta Discovery	Best Sports Photo	First	Chris Wilkins	Use of tight lens helps us get into the action much quicker, good & clean composition.	One of the weaker overall categories we judged.
Best Sports Photo	Print-Small	Second	Dyment, Lady Warriors lead Bethel to top at BRHS NYO meet	Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery	The Delta Discovery	Best Sports Photo	Second		Nice job capturing peak action by photographer.	

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Best Sports Photo	Print-Small	Third	Tiny fan gets wrestlemania	Greg Lincoln/The Delta Discovery	The Delta Discovery	Best Sports Photo	Third		Sweet little moment overcomes loose composition and busy background.	
Best Sports Reporting	Print-Small	First	Three Local Wrestlers Take State Titles	Craig Giannona	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Sports Reporting	First	Chris Day	Strong writing with excellent quotes from players and coaches.	
Best Sports Reporting	Print-Small	Second	Skagway climber summits McKinley	Mark Abadi	Skagway News	Best Sports Reporting	Second		A solid human-interest story on mountain climbing. It's great the Skagway climber reached the summit, but the most interesting part of the story was sharing a camp with a climber who died later. Perhaps, that should have been the initial focus of the story with the climber reaching the summit introduced later in the story. Would have liked to see more description about the climb.	
Best Sports Reporting	Print-Small	Third	Alpine Run Set for Saturday	Craig Giannona	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Best Sports Reporting	Third		A solid advance on the Alpine Run. Nice take on the missing element %Ü blood %Ü and the changes that have taken it out of the mix.	
Best Sports Reporting	Radio	First	Tower and McKinney emerge victorious in inaugural Valdez Summit to Sound Challenge Tower and McKinney emerge victorious in inaugural Valdez Summit to Sound Challenge	Tony Gorman	KCHU Radio (Valdez)	Best Sports Reporting	First	Tom Goldman	see attached note	would like to see MORE entries! would like to see more FEMALE entries! entrants need to remember there is inherent drama in sporting events - but bringing out that drama doesn't just mean telling us what happened in event. we need context and personalities to make it resonate that much more. Entrants have to remember that just interesting sound alone DOES NOT always make for a good listening experience. they need to record background ambience from wherever they gather sound, and use that to smooth transitions in pieces. that's the NPR way and all radio reporters should emulate! Yes you want to jar listeners with CONTENT...not with bad production. good efforts all around.
Best Sports Reporting	Radio	Second	Pipeline Bowl	Tony Gorman	KCHU Radio (Valdez)	Best Sports Reporting	Second		see attached note	
Best Sports Reporting	Radio	Third	Gold Medal tournament sparks rivalries, respect	Casey Kelly	KTOO TV-Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Third		see attached note	
Best Sports Story	Television	First	Fans of the Shootout	Corey Allen-Young, John Thain	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Best Sports Story	First	Stan Heist	Well told story of the commitment of fans who travel a long way to support their team. Great anticipation and action images, with crisp and compelling natural sound. Visuals showing screaming fans in a backdrop of empty seats highlights the passion of the supporters.	
Best Sports Story	Television	Second	fishing report 2011	Rich jordan-photographer/producer/editor x3, Lauren Magiera-writer/reporter x3	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Sports Story	Second		A strong entry with a nice dramatic arc. As the success on the water builds and builds, the energy and pacing moves nicely along with it.	
Best Sports Story	Television	Third				Best Sports Story	Third			
Best Spot News Story	Television	First	"That Looks Terrible"	Carolyn Hall-Jensen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Spot News Story	First	Deborah Potter	Well shot and edited, this nat sound package tells a complete story from the point of view of those involved. Nicely done!	
Best Spot News Story	Television	Second	Gas Line Break	Jason Lamb - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Spot News Story	Second			

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Best Spot News Story	Television	Third	Hillside Fire	Jason Lamb - Reporter, Carolyn Hall Jensen - Photojournalist	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Spot News Story	Third			
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Large	First	Iditarod 2011	Jill Burke, Craig Medred	Alaska Dispatch	Best Sustained Coverage	First	Mike Holmes	The Dispatch provided vivid coverage of a big event. Great use of quotes, along with some nice photos. These stories were almost as good as being there. But warmer.	I have to say, this was a fun contest to judge.
										The wide range of story subjects was pretty amazing.
										Clearly, there's a lot more going on in Alaska than most of us down here in the Lower 48 realize.
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Large	Second	Climate stories	Yereth Rosen	Yereth Rosen	Best Sustained Coverage	Second		This entry offered very accessible reporting on some varied and complex subjects. The reporter used a wide variety of sources and mercifully avoided scientific jargon when possible.	
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Large	Third	Hollywood Alaska: State lures movies, TV shows with public subsidies	Kyle Hopkins	Anchorage Daily News	Best Sustained Coverage	Third		An interesting, reader-friendly look at the burgeoning film industry. I would guess this is a popular feature.	
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Small	First	Winter fuel delivery for Nome	Sandra L. Medearis	Nome Nugget	Best Sustained Coverage	First	Mike Holmes	A comprehensive report on an important subject. The Nugget's coverage, I'm sure, offered a real public service in keeping Nome residents abreast of developments. It's rare for a "local" story to span an ocean and several countries.	This contest included perhaps the widest range of story topics I've seen in such a competition. And all were interesting.
										Clearly, Alaska papers are willing to grab onto a subject and not let go.
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Small	Second	Who owns the bridge; Aug. 24 mtg to address deteriorating bridge; Bridge fix in progress; Assembly kicks in funding for bridge rehab project; Tall Tree bridge work to be completed by Nov. 20; Bridge replaced, residents want road maintained	McKibben Jackinsky	Homer News	Best Sustained Coverage	Second		This was a fascinating look at a really unusual situation. The stories showed diligence in reporting and offered a number of viewpoints. There was an abundance of good information for readers.	
Best Sustained Coverage	Print-Small	Third	Proposed charter halibut catch rule could change Homer's fishery; Halibut, halibut % holy (really) halibut; SEE COMMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL HEADLINES	Michael Armstrong, McKibben Jackinsky, Hal Spence	Homer News	Best Sustained Coverage	Third		The paper clearly recognized the significance of the new fishing rules on an important local business.	
Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	All Media	First	Perfect Flight	James Brooks	Kodiak Daily Mirror	Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	First	Russ Kendall	Lovely photos, nice visual variety.	
Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	All Media	Second	Kayaking Bear Glacier's blue ice	Eric Christopher Adams	Alaska Dispatch	Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	Second		Nice celebration of nature's scuptures	
Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	All Media	Third	Befouled couch interrupts students' afternoon	Ben Peterson	Sispille	Best Use of Story & Photographs by a Journalist	Third		Different, offbeat, quirky	

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Best User-Submitted Online Package	All Media	First	Reader-submitted	ADN staff (primarily Anne Raup, Scott Levin)	Anchorage Daily News	Best User-Submitted Online Package	First	Suzanne Yada		It's increasingly important to reflect your communities in any way you can, and all the entries in this category do exactly that in some way. The best of the bunch was the Anchorage Daily News's many user-submitted photo galleries, which have a great mix of news and weather photos included with fun and funny galleries. I felt like I got to know Alaska a little better through these photos!
Best User-Submitted Online Package	All Media	Second	Photo Gallery: Western Alaska Storm	Channel 2 News Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best User-Submitted Online Package	Second			
Best User-Submitted Online Package	All Media	Third	What was the last thing that made you really happy?	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Alaska Teen Media Institute	Best User-Submitted Online Package	Third			
Best Weekly Newspaper	Print-All	First	Feb. 17, Aug. 18 and Nov. 17 editions	Nome Nugget Staff	Nome Nugget	Best Weekly Newspaper	First	Cheryl Thompson	Amazing front-page photos, great layout. Bravo! How can I subscribe?	
Best Weekly Newspaper	Print-All	Second	Best Weekly Newspaper	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Best Weekly Newspaper	Second		Love the totally local flavor of this weekly. Nice photos. And the "Pet Tail" feature every week caught my eye. There's something for everyone in this publication.	
Best Weekly Newspaper	Print-All	Third				Best Weekly Newspaper	Third			
Best Writer	Television	First	2012 Alaska Press Club Writing Entry	Jason Lamb - Channel 2 News	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Best Writer	First	John Sharify	Writing is more than the words you write, but how you construct the piece and weave the narrative. Great job on doing all those things on most of the stories. You write with feeling, and rhythm, and a strong delivery. It's all pleasing to the ear. You write lean resisting the temptation to do what many writers do, which is to overwrite. I really enjoyed the stories and how you constructed them, and how you wrote them.	
Best Writer	Television	Second	Lauren Maxwell Writing Compilation	Lauren Maxwell	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Best Writer	Second			
Best Writer	Television	Third				Best Writer	Third			
Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	All-Media	First	Palin/Trump in 2012 - a marketing dream team, Time to clear the water and the air, Where is King Solomon when you need him?	John R. Moses	Juneau Empire	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	First	David Offer	The editorial on the whistle-blowing lifeguards and water quality at the local pool is a terrific example of how a newspaper can provide leadership and a voice in the community. All three of these editorials were well written, and the Trump/Palin edit showed a great sense of humor.	A real pleasure to read all the entries in this category. There was a lot of excellent writing and good examples of community leadership on the editorial page.
Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	All-Media	Second	Collected columns by Shannyn Moore	Shannyn Moore	Anchorage Daily News	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Second		A close call between first and second place in this category. One need not agree with the viewpoints of this writer to recognize the strength of her writing. Gate Raped was a truly powerful, compelling piece.	

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Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	All-Media	Third	Amanda Coyne - Alaska Mash	Amanda Coyne, Craig Medred, contributor	Alaska Dispatch	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Third		The writer combines detailed reporting and strong writing in all three articles in this entry. They are long but worth reading from start to finish.	
Public Service Award	All-Media	First	Stones in a Backpack: The Burden of Teen Prostitution	Channel 2 News, Rhonda McBride, Reporter, Shawn Wilson, Photographer and Editor , Amy Modig, Artist, Jeff Down, Post Production Editor, Steve Rychetnik, Graphics, Carly Schreck, Graphics, Cody Sowl, Graphics	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Public Service Award	First	Howard Weaver	I found the KTUU series "Stones In A Backpack" comprehensive and accessible, addressing a problem that has often been reported but rarely examined in depth. The station obviously worked hard to make it easy to follow and equipped viewers with a wide overview of a problem that deserves attention.	Both the winner, KTUU's extensive overview of teen prostitution in Alaska, and the second place winner, the Dispatch's "Syndicate Fish Wars," showed initiative, energy and commitment. They are very different in approach and thus difficult to compare.
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Public Service Award	All-Media	Second	Fish wars: The fight over Alaska's halibut catch	Craig Medred	Alaska Dispatch	Public Service Award	Second		The Alaska Dispatch showed initiative in addressing a more narrow concern but one that might have gone unnoticed otherwise: a halibut allocating controversy they called "Fish Wars."	
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The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Print-All	First	Collected columns by Shannyn Moore	Shannyn Moore	Anchorage Daily News	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	First	Cheryl Thompson	OMG! I loved these columns. They made me reflect and appreciate things just a little more. These stories resonated with me and I suspect lots of readers. Really nice job.	
The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Print-All	Second	Coffee with Rose - During Black History Month, remembering that African-American heroes don't need to be public figures; Politicizing Pebble; Street Fight	Mike Dingman	Anchorage Press	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Second		It was the "Coffee with Rose..." column that catapulted this entry! Kudos for having a Tuesdays-with-Morrie kind of feel!	

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The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Print-All	Third	Child's act of kindness shines light in sometimes-dark world; Clean it up, Grandma; Homer-grown nurses	McKibben Jackinsky	Homer News	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Third		Everybody can relate to these columns! Keep 'em coming! Congratulations	
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Large	First	Education	Terry Miller, Danelle Landis, Tom Miller	Ketchikan Daily News	Best Page Layout & Design	First	Brian Sanford	Pages that convey the huge impact of a disaster or other major event generally win top prizes, mainly because they show the reporters' and designers' ability to think on their feet. In this case, the design and art are as enterprising as the story itself, and it required a lot of collaboration to pull this off. The issue of the future of cursive writing is big nationwide, and I doubt many papers will be able to outdo this presentation.	The judge considered two main things in this contest: creativity and response to breaking news. Several entries deserve honorable-mention status; it was tough to select three finalists.
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Large	Second	Epic Storm	Pam Dunlap-Shohol	Anchorage Daily News	Best Page Layout & Design	Second		Incorporating four main elements -- three bursts of information and a fantastic photo -- up high makes this page equally appealing above and below the fold. It's difficult to imagine a passerby seeing this in a newspaper box and not picking it up. Outstanding work.	The judge considered two main things in this contest: creativity and response to breaking news. Several entries deserve honorable-mention status; it was tough to select three finalists.
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Large	Third	May 6 Play Cover	Kevin Powell	Anchorage Daily News	Best Page Layout & Design	Third		Does the photogenic nature of the Blue Man Group give this page bonus points? Yes, but it incorporated many up- and downpage elements without losing the reader. The same could be said for ADN's Rusted Root page, which is 99 percent as good as this one.	The judge considered two main things in this contest: creativity and response to breaking news. Several entries deserve honorable-mention status; it was tough to select three finalists.
Best Short Feature	Print-Large	First	Haunted Halls and a lonely lady at Anchorage's West High	Doug O'Hara	Alaska Dispatch	Best Short Feature	First	Brian Sanford	This entry is fantastically researched, well-written and of interest to a large swath of readers. It effectively conveys feelings of both dread and amusement.	A couple of other entries warrant honorable mention status, but these three really stood apart. Great storytelling and reporting by all three winners.
Best Short Feature	Print-Large	Second	Retired FBI agent starting over at Anchorage police academy	Casey Grove	Anchorage Daily News	Best Short Feature	Second		The reporter did a great job with fascinating subject matter. The strong lede hooks the reader.	A couple of other entries warrant honorable mention status, but these three really stood apart. Great storytelling and reporting by all three winners.
Best Short Feature	Print-Large	Third	Raft of rats on vessel in Aleutians draws ire of exterminator	Alex DeMarben	Alaska Dispatch	Best Short Feature	Third		This story is a mix of news and features, casting a spotlight on both the "Aleutian Solution" exterminator and the particular type of rats involved. Very informative and well-written.	A couple of other entries warrant honorable mention status, but these three really stood apart. Great storytelling and reporting by all three winners.
Best General News Story	Print-Large	First	Will \$77 million airport in remote Alaska prove inaccessible?	Ben Anderson	Alaska Dispatch			Warren Wheat	An extraordinarily well-written example of journalism's watchdog responsibility. The detail is easily read, the copy flows smoothly. No technical term or geographical reference is left unexplained making the piece accessible to the newest resident as well as lifetime Alaska residents.	The entries for Best General News Story spoke volumes of the outstanding quality of journalism being practiced by in Alaska.
Best General News Story	Print-Large	Second	Anatomy of an Alaska bear mauling rescue	Patti Epler	Alaska Dispatch				A remarkably detailed behind-the-scene look at the strengths and flaws of search and rescue in Alaska as revealed by the efforts to reach NOLS outdoor students mauled by a grizzly bear. for improvements?	The entries for Best General News Story spoke volumes of the outstanding quality of journalism being practiced by in Alaska.
Best General News Story	Print-Large	Third	Palin emails show the governor Alaskans once knew	Craig Medred	Alaska Dispatch				An outstanding job of reporting Sarah Palin's released e-mails in context showing her transition from a young governor to a battle-wearied, media-baiting public figure.	The entries for Best General News Story spoke volumes of the outstanding quality of journalism being practiced by in Alaska.

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Best Commentary Blog	All- Media	First	Alaska Life Blog	Craig Medred	Alaska Dispatch			Abraham Hyatt	Medred's blog is strong mix of reportage and first person perspective. Unlike many bloggers he enjoys the backing of one of the region's significant news organizations, and he's taken the best from both the traditional news and the blogging worlds to create a dynamic, forceful blog.	
Best Commentary Blog	All- Media	Second	"What Do I Know?" blog	Steven Aufrecht	Steven Aufrecht				Aufrecht's posts are a reminder of the journalistic freedom and fun that blogging allows. Jumping from topic to topic, he successfully treads that delicate line in blogging between ego fulfillment and serious insight.	
Best Commentary Blog	All- Media	Third	KTD on the GO!	Erin Kirkland	Kids These Days				Kirkland has crafted a warm, well-written blog that's part narrative and part how-to on family and childrearing.	