

Category Name		Circ Group(s)		Judge		1st Organization		Open Call Contestant		1st CircGroup		1st Entry		1st Comment		1st Credits		2nd Organization		Open Call Contestant		2nd CircGroup		2nd Entry		2nd Comment		2nd Credits		3rd Organization		Open Call Contestant		3rd CircGroup		3rd Entry		3rd Comment		3rd Credits	
Best Single Story Reporting	Radio	Bob Collins		Alaska Public Media		Radio		"We're still safe?" Nome reckons with sex assaults		I have a friend who's a reporter for the (Almatrogo) Star Tribune. When she was assigned to do a story on the woman holding a Pulitzer for reporting on the violence in her town, she was afraid to do the story with the work he'd do. It's that good. And it's that bad.		Zachariah Hughes		KCAW Radio (Sitka)		You know, it takes a lot of confidence as a writer and producer to start this piece the way you did. AND you did it.		Since 1999, <i>Yukon's</i> not-so-secret surf shop going strong		You know, it takes a lot of confidence as a writer and producer to start this piece the way you did. AND you did it.		It was great. What a way to present the writer with the award.		Enry Kuring		KYUK		As Yasha Train is Delayed Again, Akash Searches For Answers		A heartwarming story well told in a nice narrative form. Loved the description in the intro.		In the Categories		Once again, I'm blown away by the quality of work in this category. I think these judges are doing a great job.		I had to rank in the difference between 1st and 2nd place.		I'm proud to be in the same industry as these journalists.			
The first three entries in this category are the best of the best. I'm not sure if I can pick a clear-cut winner, but I will say that the 3rd place entry is a solid choice.																																									
Best Culture Reporting	Print-Small	Margaret Litman		Petenburg Pilot		Print-Small		Sealaska, PIA to teach sea otter skin tanning class to strengthen cultural identity		This was as well-structured and well-paced.		Brian Vanda		Chit� Valley News		Post-Small		Hatch teaches Tlingit language class		Nice news story with good details and well-edited quotes.		Jenna Kurose		Concord Times		Post-Small		Eyak film premieres at Anchorage International Film Festival		Emily Meister		The first-place winner in this category makes a compelling argument for news details to create an enlightening story.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.							
Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Print-Small	Justin Hinkley		Wrangell Sentinel		Print-Small		Cruise ship season comes to a close at cruise ship docks on Wrangell		The story tackled from every angle an important economic angle for the community. Clear writing and full of details. A field reporter who has done his homework and thinks for the depth of its coverage an important topic.		Caleb Verkert		Skagway News		Post-Small		Sgt. Prester's Lodge changing ownership, becoming cabinetry		No community likes to see one of its landmarks disappear, but this story addressed the issue in a way that was both informative and detailed -- why it had to be, and what it would mean to community going forward.		Leigh Armstrong		Petenburg Pilot		Post-Small		Salmon season misses the mark		Brian Vanda		A crowded field of solid writing and important topics made choosing a winner difficult. The 3rd place entry is a solid choice.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.							
Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Print-Large	Justin Hinkley		Oceans Deeply		Yereth Rosen		Graying of Alaska's Fishing Fleet Puts Key Industry in Peril		Yereth Rosen		Anchorage Daily News		Annie Zak		After years of poor king salmon runs, renowned Kewa River sportfishing		A well-written piece covering an important topic that provides readers a better understanding of the issues at hand.		Annie Zak, Loren Holmes		Alaska Business Monthly		Julie Stricker		Enterprising Entrepreneurs		A story that's important not only as a business feature, but as a social justice story. Story done on a great angle.		Judging this contest often felt like a impossible task, often times because it had to be so good. The 3rd place entry is a solid choice.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.									
Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Print-Large	Betty Russell		Anchorage Daily News		Devin Kelly		Crackdown on Anchorage's standard building helps neighborhoods light bright		A thoroughly reported and well-edited story that provides a good history from neighborhood to neighborhood.		Devin Kelly		Fairbanks Daily News-Miner		Post-Large		Mukowski splits with Trump on climate change		Nice job drawing out the local impacts from the national story in a way that's addition to reporting the senator's position.		Eric McDermott		Peninsula Clarion		Victoria Petersen		Borough chooses to not appeal court decision, updates invocation policy		A very complete report that captures all sides of the discussion.		Victoria Petersen		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.							
Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Radio	Coryn Flottow		KTUU Public Media		Radio		Five rules for investment from Alaska's Permanent Fund Corporation		These pieces stand out for its well-organized presentation of the topic, nicely written and edited, and its appropriate use of actualities and ambience.		Rashah McCreary		KCAW Radio (Sitka)		Radio		Slate entrepreneur rolls out an aviation resolution in the baggage bin		The writing in this piece is vivid and meaningful. The reporter takes us a place few have been before and shows us how an inventor could revolutionize the baggage process.		Robert Wooley		KYUK		Radio		The Done Gold Mine Needs To Move A Mountain: How Close Are They To Making That Happen?		Kroy Shafferberger		Good business reporting goes to the heart of what makes a company tick, their mission, their goals. The topic is complex and sometimes arcane, detailed and sometimes broad. Many of the stories in this category are the community篇, getting comprehensive coverage of a variety of topics. The 3rd place entry is a solid choice.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.							
Best Food Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Gretchen McKay		KTUU-TV (Anchorage)		Television		Harvesting Alaska: Flying Squirrel Bakery		The reporter painted a great picture of people and place. I felt like I was there.		Lauren Maxwell, Nick Swann		First Alaskans Magazine		Vera Steward		A Community Cooks		I love the way the writer was able to weave in her own personal history with that of native Alaskans. Interesting recipes made it a even better read.		Vera Steward		Anchorage Daily News		Annie Zak		How one cargo ship sends ripple through Alaska's food supply chain		Temic reporting. The writer was able to make the story both informative and easy to understand. More of the same will make our fresh produce for granted.		Annie Zak		So many terrific Alaska stories are told from the perspective of culture. The reporter did a great job.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.					
Best Reporting on Science	Radio	Caren Hettland		KTUU Public Media		Radio		Wolves are eating less often near Gulkana. What does that mean for the deer?		Elizabeth Jenkins		Alaska Public Media		Radio		Alt: Rising populations, threat of disease prompt renewed interest in bat research		Ammon Swenson		Alaska Public Media		Radio		Mining science with traditional knowledge, researchers hope to get seal on the issue		Annie Hettland		This was a difficult category to judge. Many of these stories were fascinating and educational, but this one was the most informative. Great work.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.											
Best Profile	Radio	Caren Hettland		KTUU Public Media		Radio		What's the deal with Jurema's benefit guy?		Adelyn Baster		KFSK Radio (Kenai)		Radio		PHD graduate with cerebral palsy ready for new challenges		Angela Denning		KTUU Public Media		Elizabeth Jenkins		The Jurema man built the fully electric boat of his dreams		Elizabeth Jenkins		Such a compelling profile of a people person in this category. I hope it will inspire more to do the same.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.											
Best Culture Reporting	Radio	Erica Hennessy		Alaska Public Media		Radio		An 'Alaskans' and 'Fenton' awards at Anchorage's 13th Annual Search for		Opening speech gave the letter, followed by a speech from the winner. Then a speech from the host.		Ammon Swenson		Alaska Public Media		Radio		Anchorage Museum actress earthquake survivor memo. Her poetry		Kirsten Swann		Alaska Public Media		Radio		Owning an historic strength to prevent problems in the future		Annie Hettland		This was a very competitive category. Each of these stories were well written, very strong entries, some of which made me say "Wow". It was very difficult to pick a winner. This is the best selection of entries that have been submitted this year. The one that stood out was the one that told the story in a way that was compelling and gave the editing they deserved full marks.		For many stories that focused on a culture, this reporter did a great job of reporting to seek out a strong character and tell a bigger, deeper story. I would hope to make the story more intimate and meaningful.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.							
Best Sports Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Barrett Stinson		Skagway News		Print-Small		Wrestling invitational brings Southeast Alaska athletes to Skagway 4 miles		Dan Fox		No Winner		Post-Small		Wrestling invitational brings Southeast Alaska athletes to Skagway 4 miles		With only one entry, was tempted to just pick the best. But I didn't want to. Then, I realized that the reporter did a great job of explaining some terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader. The photo was very visual. Excellent vantage of the action. The reporter did a great job of capturing the moment. The two wrestlers were facing each other and there is a real action shot.		Kirsten Swann		Alaska Public Media		Radio		The actions were very well-timed. Strong, dynamic, graphic. The reporter did a great job of explaining some terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader. The photo was very visual. Excellent vantage of the action. The reporter did a great job of capturing the moment. The two wrestlers were facing each other and there is a real action shot.		Annie Hettland		Only one entry, the judging program made it difficult to pick a winner. But I have to say that it's a high finish if that's what it is.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.									
Best Sports Photo (Large)	Television/Radio/Print-Large	Barrett Stinson		Juneau Empire		Print-Large		Basketball		Lori Koenig, a referee during for the ball. This was an unusual moment in it. The top. Even so, would it cross in from the left? The ball was in the air and the whole basket.		Michael Penn		Anchorage Daily News		Loren Holmes		Flag Football		Nice clean composition and a great expression on the viewer's face helped this photo clinch second place.		Loren Holmes		Anchorage Daily News		Robert Hallinan		Sprint Masking		Loren the dog expressions are the clean look of the photo with the out of focus background adding depth and dimension without being distracting.		Bob Hallinan		Of the six entries, the top three stood out from the others, but not so much each other. Strikingly, not a lot in the photo to work with, but the timing of the moment went on to tell, and the placement of the ball was perfect.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.					
Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Television/Radio/Print-Large	Barrett Stinson		Alaska Magazine		Post-Large		Poolsicle		Beautiful clean composition, color and feel. Just jumps off the page. Easy to pick this one.		Jeff Schultz		Anchorage Daily News		Robert Hallinan		Raven in the Sun		Nice seeing and execution with the proper exposure to make this a compelling image that feels mysterious.		Bob Hallinan		Post-Large		Eagles		Nothing wrong with this image. An instant moment captured for sure, but something else set the first two photos.		Michael Penn		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.									
Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Barrett Stinson		The Northern Light		Post-Small		Deneil		Best image quality in the category. A lovely painterly feel and composition of a hazy scenic subject.		Chase Burnett		Palmerston Pilot		Post-Small		Fight for life		Of the three eagle photos submitted in this category, this one is featured by the best moment and technical execution.		John Hancock		Peterson's Pilot		Post-Small		Gazing on herring		A clean composition well executed.		Carl Byers		Of the few entries, this one is the best. Quick. A painterly view with the right lighting and composition.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.					
Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Post-Small/Print-Large	Elizabeth Walters		Anchorage Daily News		Vicky Ho		Cautionary Tales		Vicky Ho		Skagway News		Post-Small		Fish Trial - A little mystery		Andrew Chremas		Peninsula Clarion		Post-Large		Jeff Hennessy - "Peson and Rial", Oct. 11, 2015, "When bad conditions become challenging," Jan. 20, 2016, "Hunting the King Salmon," Jan. 31, 2016		Jeff Hennessy		This is always my favorite category to judge. I like the variety of subjects and each article is unique and perfect for the category.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.											
Best News Photo	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Barrett Stinson		Anchorage Daily News		Loren Holmes		House damaged by earthquake		This was the only photo with an operational live or two witness. What's more, the reporter did a great job of explaining what was going on and the photo looks great. The reporter did a great job of explaining what was going on and the photo looks great.		Loren Holmes		No Winner		Corona Times		Post-Small		Wind storm breaks 100-foot Polar Bear		Ted Barrios		Wind storm breaks 100-foot Polar Bear		Only two entries in the category. Closely related to the one above. The reporter did a great job of explaining what was going on and the photo looks great.		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.													
Best Blog	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Bob Collins		The Midnight Sun		Matt Burton		The Midnight Sun political blog, www.midnightsunpoliticalblog.com		Smartly written, informative, interesting, humanizing. Everything I want a newscaster to be.		Matt Burton		Erik Krikland		Anchorage Daily News		Superior writing, nice writing style and lots of links for more information. Very informative.		Enry Kuring		The Spindland		Victoria Petersen		The Spindland		Victoria Petersen, Lexi Brown, Samantha Davenport, Young Kim		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.											
Best Reporting on Health	Post-Small	Bob Ortega		Arctic Sounder		Post-Small		It's not time for you to go!		This story made good use of quotes from experts and sources. The reporter did a great job of explaining what was going on and the photo looks great.		Shady Grove Oliver		Skagway News		Post-Small		Breaking through mental health barriers		Dan Fox		Wrangell Sentinel		Post-Small		Staying healthy for the new school year		Caleb Verkert		I hope to be in the same industry as these journalists.											

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Best Reporting on Health	Print-Large	Bob O'Reilly	Peninsula Clarion	Print-Large		"Health care providers call for syringe exchange"	This story offers views of both drug users and health care providers with differing views on the issue. The reporter does a good job of presenting both sides of the story.	Eric Thompson	Anchorage Daily News	Print-Large		Alaska officials want medical providers to pay back millions in medical payments of uncompensated care.	Sold reporting on how a state agency is providing medical providers and could affect the state's budget.	Tegan Hanlon	Alaska Business Monthly	Print-Large	Responsible Pain Management	Print-Large	Issue: Stone Grounds		
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Radio	Julie Siple	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Radio		For this east man, making healthy means going to prison	This is a compelling story. Great use of sound bites and in-person tape. And such interesting big-picture legal questions. I liked the reporter's take on what you reviewed multiple legal files, etc., to see if there was a pattern. I also liked the reporter's take on the "no one is perfect" line. What an amazing story - and such a nice job telling it.	Robert Waskay	KTOO Public Media	Radio		After a month of silence, family of Juneau man killed by police in February demands answers	Great reporter, well-told story. Cody's final moments are amazingly told, with voices that bring me his story to life. The reporter did a great job of presenting police and investigators and the family. Honorable mention for the humor of the police.	John Steinberg	KPCB Radio (Juneau)	Radio	Alien sentenced for fatal July 4 van crash	Issue: Stone Grounds	Great work all around - a nice place left through these. I was left thinking about so many big picture legal questions. I think the reporter will be hard to choose.		
Best Culture Reporting	Television	Brian McCrone	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Television	Zuli Bailey, Musical Messenger	The editor gave this mother broken bones and frostbitten toes. At 71, he's not ready to stop singing.	Rhonda McBride, WITI 10	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Alaska Native Speaker of the Year: "Language Emergency"	Entertaining story matter. Structurally interesting.	Travis Kucharski	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Mitigation Board's Great Last Review	Great character. Could have gotten more detail.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds		
Best Short Feature	Print-Large	Karen Lansen	Anchorage Daily News	Tegan Hanlon		The editor gave this mother broken bones and frostbitten toes. At 71, he's not ready to stop singing.	Tegan Hanlon	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Print-Large	Debuting to coincide with Alaska's inauguration day	Entertaining story matter. Structurally interesting.	Matt Button	Anchorage Daily News	Print-Large	Alaska's only eagle was vanquished. So a Wisconsin tourist bought the tree a new one.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Television	Brian McCrone	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Morning news anchor takes viewers inside the world of the paramedics	Shawnie call to action. Informative, useful information.	Anna Aramini, Mike Nederbrink	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Rhonda Ross	Well-shot. Great character in plant at the intersection of the category health & science.	Tracy Sinclair, Mike Nederbrink	Print-Small	Packing Stability	Lots of good detail about the issue.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Magazine Feature	Print-Small/Print-Large	Margaret Litman	Alaska Business Monthly	Print-Large	Off the Gulf: Ace Thompson	This is a compelling, engaging read that makes the subject relatable. Nice use of limited word count.	Kathy MacKenzie	Alaska Contractor	Print-Small	Fred up for Ice and Snow Roads	New detail on an Alaska-specific issue.	Nancy Erickson	Alaska Contractor	Print-Small	Packing Stability	Lots of good detail about the issue.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds		
Best Media Website	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Jim Flynn	The Northern Light	Print-Small				TV Staff	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Television	Alaska Native Speaker of the Year: "Language Emergency"	Entertaining story matter. Structurally interesting.	Joe Shugemeyer, Elizabeth Roman, Chris McRae	Anchorage Daily News	Print-Large	Alaska's only eagle was vanquished. So a Wisconsin tourist bought the tree a new one.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds		
Best Solo Journalism	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Jim Flynn	Anchorage Press	Offshore Ships	Finding Her Voice: Anchorage-born reporter finds her calling in her reporting on 'Definition of Resistance'	Findings that O'Hara Ships are not as young for the time. It's a reminder that reporters have their own hands.	O'Hara Ships	Anchorage Press	Offshore Ships	Teaching performers. Too young for the time. It's a reminder that reporters have their own hands.	O'Hara Ships	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds				
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Print-Large	Brian McCrone	Anchorage Daily News	Marc Lester	Alaska's only eagle was vanquished.	Great headline. Very, very well-written.	Mark Lester	Anchorage Daily News	Print-Large	Alaska's eagle gives a single Anchorage break-in. One was set in a mural. Where was the rest?	Fascinating how the writer broaches a Anchorage break-in, and showed the reporter's own personal range of effects on a city. Great reporting.	Michelle Theriot Boots	Anchorage Daily News	Kyle Hopkins	Secret report says Anchorage police botched investigation into drug dealing by Alaska National Guard recruiters	Important reporting.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Print-Small	Brian McCrone	Arctic Sounder	Print-Small	Alaska Native women respond to Schneider sentencing	Compelling, sound stories behind the headlines. The reporter did a great job of showing character development.	Shady Grove Oliver	Wrangler Sentinel	Print-Small	Alaska Supreme Court gives opinion on local pregnancy debate	When they attempt to reach the reporter, she is not available. Great reporting.	Cindi Vierkant	Peterburg Pilot	Print-Small	Train ordered to pay \$50,000 to Alaska Native council	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Online Video Journalism	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Wes Pope	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Television	Bethel Search and Rescue	Early the best entry in the category. Very well-told story. Great use of sound bites and images. Out of the ice encounters with the bear, the reporter's own personal range highlights the dangerous impacts of the climate change.	John Train	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	From start to finish, by the 1,000-word video, it's a great story.	Not really a story here, but the footage is so detailed, it's interesting to watch.	Loren Holmes	No Writer		Two strong entries and several with solid reporting on technical issues and/or story.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Multimedia Presentation	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Wes Pope	BBC	Cody Laka	The US state that grows residents \$1,000 every year	Solid interactive explainer. Works especially well as an introduction to the PTD's new website.	Michael Dooney, Cody Laka	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Television	Harvesting Alaska Partnership: Digging Deeper	Solid local food reporting, videos were shot and edited well.	Gina Roman, Jessica Shugemayer, Lauren Maxwell, Heather Hinrichs, Jennifer L. Richey, Jennifer Daniels, McBride, Nick Sean, Kevin Kellher, Phillip Johnson	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	MULTIMEDIA MAP: Operation Afghanistan: Alaska's Spartan Brigade	Interactive map dominates the entry, would love to see more focus on the PTD's new website.	Sidney Sullivan, Blake Dab, Albert Lutze	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Television	Cynthia Sewell	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Liz Raines	Candidate's campaign credentials don't check out	Well-researched, intriguing, and informative. This story does not have a good techy mystery as it education the reader on the political process.	Liz Raines	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Four election for our state. How will the race to the City of Valdez play out after a cyber attack	Well-researched, intriguing, and informative. This story does not have a good techy mystery as it education the reader on the political process.	Daniel Kirby, Beth Venge, Shawna Wilson	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Alaska Governor sworn in on 'Title deeded' above the Arctic Circle	A great mix of color and a heat on the political, gubernatorial.	Liz Raines, Jared Muzak	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Small/Print-Large	Cynthia Sewell	Kodak Daily Mirror	Gabe Shulman	Waiting for the wave: All across Kodiak, people rushed to safety	A nicely-detailed, well-organized story, well-researched, and well-written, accompanied with a gripping, organic video. A reporter's accomplishment is reporter's second day of work.	Gabe Shulman	The Northern Light	Print-Small	DEVELOPING: 2.0 magnitude earthquake causes damage and deals extensive damage to UVA campsite damage	During a regular disaster, the story reader has a different approach to keep the reader interested. It's the reporter's job to keep the reader interested.	Robin O'Donnoughue	Juneau Empire	Print-Large	Pet cemetery cited for leaving dead animals out, attracting bears	Dead pets, mauling bears, and a local reporter's wonderful news break, this is an "only if" award."	Alex McCarthy	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Culture Reporting	Print-Large	Margaret Litman	Point Alaskans Magazine	Vera Steward	Hooked	What hooked me (not intended). Lots of great detail.	Tamara Iserberg	Alaska Magazine	Print-Large	Caribou's Prodigies: The importance of the Porcupine herd to the Geen's people	Nice racing, nice interpretation of photos and text for the whole package.	Peter Mather, Charley Swaney	Juneau Empire	Aleks McCarthy	Lovely sense of place in this article. Nice weaving of different perspectives.	Aleks McCarthy	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds			
Best Picture Story	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Ted Warren	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Winter 2018	A beautifully photographed look at a iconic race, with great use of aerial views and a sense of the environment. The behind-the-scenes images are great, too, especially the pictures of the stock of cigarette packs, which visually conveys the time duration and location of the course.	Loren Holmes	Final Alaskans Magazine	Vera Steward	Aleks Family Fish Camp	This is a photo of great beauty. This is one of those photos that make you go "Wow."	Wayne Card	Print-Small	O'Hara Ships	One Day or Brother Francis	O'Hara Ships	This was a pleasant category to judge, a white, there is some great photo.	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Feature Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Ted Warren	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Print-Small	Walking the Walk	A good feature draws you in and makes you want to learn more about the scene. This is clearly composed and well-told. The reporter did a great job of making the photo look larger than life.	James Poulton	Cordova Times	Print-Small	Fourth of July bubbles	This has a lot of potential, with the reporter doing a great job of capturing the moment and the reporter's own words and of expressive faces. What kept this from being a great photo is the MOMENT. If there was a finger pointing the bubbles, or a hand reaching for the bubbles, or someone jumping to reach it. It would have been a great photo. The reporter did a great job of capturing the moment and would have been elevated to higher levels if the reporter had kept the camera up high and for using the rule of thirds for the bubbles. It's really interesting, just lacking moment.	Emily Mesar	Chilkat Valley News	Print-Small	Fighting a mag	A nice action-filled feature that is clearly composed and well-told. The reporter did a great job of capturing the moment and the reporter's own words and of expressive faces. What kept this from being a great photo is the MOMENT. If there was a finger pointing the bubbles, or a hand reaching for the bubbles, or someone jumping to reach it. It would have been a great photo. The reporter did a great job of capturing the moment and would have been elevated to higher levels if the reporter had kept the camera up high and for using the rule of thirds for the bubbles.	Kyle Clinton	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Feature Photo (Large)	Television/Radio/Print-Large	Ted Warren	Juneau Empire	Print-Large	Pole Dip	A great layering of human reaction from a scary event. Nicely done in selecting a group of people and capturing their expressions in it.	Michael Penn	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Mouse blocks traffic	Nice composition and low angle to make the mouse look even larger than the cars and the people. The lighting is great, where the legs look like they are walking.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Robert Hallinan	Mouse Crossing	It was difficult choosing between 2nd and 3rd place on this one. New photo capturing human reaction from a scary event. If a tighter crop would have elevated this higher in the category, I think it would have.	Bob Hallinan	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Arts & Culture Criticism	Print-Small/Print-Large	Kerry Clawson	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Matt Burton	"Captain Toad" is a gem of a Mario world masterpiece	This review makes a clear case that the game is a masterpiece. The reporter's cleverness and thinking in "Captain Toad" make the game well worth playing.	Matt Burton	Anchorage Press	Jean Bundy	Art Sleuth: Unpacking Art of Fandom	This review captures the humor of an art show and the art of the art show itself in various ways.	Jean Bundy	Anchorage Press	Jean Bundy	Overpacking Culture: Impress After the Show: Unpacking Art of Fandom	This critique offers interesting analysis of the art show and the art of the art show itself in various ways.	Jean Bundy	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best General News Story	Television	Aaron Eells	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Vine Road Afterschool			Dave Goldstein	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Operation Afghanistan: Afghan Translator risks life for a better one	Blame Deep, Albert Lutze	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Cop saves a life	It's difficult to exercise a photographic eye when you are not a fan of the genre. I think this is a good photo, but it's not the best.	John Train	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds		
Best Environmental Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Jewell Shimer	KTVU TV (Archetype)	Trying to avoid another "Ecoan Vade"			Mike Nederbrink, Mike Ross	Final Alaskans Magazine	Vera Steward	Shuttle	Searching for a cause for the sea bird deaths	Dana Campbell	KTUU TV (Archetype)	Television	Searching for a cause for the sea bird deaths	It's a reminder that for certain moments, there is a desire to give up on your photographs, but you have to keep pushing through them.	Tracy Sinclair, Eric Seal	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	
Best Profile	Print-Small	Christina Myer	Extreme Alaska	Print-Small	History professor reflects on life and death	Jesse Lundell	The Northern Light	Robin O'Donnoughue	UAA professor elected international chair of the Arctic Council	Robin O'Donnoughue	Wrangler Sentinel	Print-Small	Jesse Lundell, coast of the Lady Rose, to write	Check the Party	KNOM	Story 49: Sharing Your Voice, Story, Your Alaska	Good use of ambient sound, clear, close-up of video and a nice direction for the video. Well done.	Zoe Gosselin	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds
Best Audio Program or Podcast	Radio	Amy Robinson	Alaska Public Media	Radio	Midnight Oil: The Big Thaw	Engaging listening to these series. The best production value, engaging writing and conversational delivery. All of these series are well worth listening to and keep listeners	KBBI Radio, Homer	Radio	Check the Party	Great delivery and good information on both the voice and the history of the hood texture. Shortening the introductory material and breaking down longer pieces	Jeff Lockwood	KNOM	Radio	Story 49: Sharing Your Voice, Story, Your Alaska	Thank you for allowing me to judge this year. I enjoyed the variety of the entries and I placed them based on what I value in a good story. I think the judges did a great job of narrowing down the field. I think the stories were hard to choose.	Zoe Gosselin	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds	Issue: Stone Grounds		