

NEW ENGLAND BETTER NEWSPAPER COMPETITION



2022 WINNERS AND JUDGES' COMMENTS



Advertising Promotion and Revenue



CONGRATULATIONS **NEW ENGLAND** BETTER NEWSPAPER COMPETITION **AWARD WINNERS**

This year's competition drew nearly 2,000 entries that were published during the contest year August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022.

The entries were evaluated by the New England Newspaper & Press Association's distinguished panel of judges. The results of the competition listed here recognize the excellent reporting, writing, revenue and audience building activities that are taking place throughout New England — the finalists and winners are listed, along with the judges' comments.

NENPA is proud to celebrate this truly extraordinary work!

Entries were judged in seven categories:

- ◆ **Colleges and Universities**
- ◆ **Weekly Newspapers with circulation up to 5,000**
- ◆ **Weekly Newspapers with circulation more than 5,000**
- ◆ **Specialty and Niche Publications**
- ◆ **News Services and Online News Sites**
- ◆ **Daily Newspapers with circulation up to 15,000**
- ◆ **Daily Newspapers with circulation more than 15,000**

Advertising/Promotion/ Revenue Categories

Advertising

Local Display Ad, Black and White
Local Display Ad, Color
Local Online Ad
Most Creative Use of Small Print Space
Advertiser Campaign
Themed Multiple Advertiser Page(s)
Best Sponsored Content
Automotive Display Ad
Real Estate Display Ad
Best Holiday Ad
Best Health Ad
Best Integrated Campaign for an Advertiser
Special Section/Adv. Supplement Events
Online/Virtual Events
Business Innovation
Best Digital Revenue Building Idea
Excellence in Revenue Collaboration and Partnerships
Best Idea for Generating Revenue

Special Recognition

Best Ad Designer
Advertising General Excellence

Marketing/Circulation/Promotion

Advertising Sales Media Kit
Audience Building Promotion
Specialty Publication Promotion
Digital Product Promotion to Advertisers
Digital Product Promotion to Readers
Advertiser Promotion for Special Section
Niche Publication
Pure Ad Niche Publication
NIE Program / Promotion
Newspaper-Sponsored Event Promotion
Subscription Sales Promotion

College / University Categories

Reporting/Writing

Feature Story
General News Story
Sports Story
Sports Game Story
In-depth Reporting
Multimedia Reporting
Headline Writing
Editorial

Sections and Design

Arts & Entertainment Page / Section
Special Section or Editorial Suppl. Front Page
Opinion Page(s)
Graphic Illustration

Photojournalism

Feature Photo
Sports Photo
General News Photo
Spot News Photo
Photo Series

Digital

Online News Site
Feature Video

Professional Journalism Editorial Categories

News Reporting

Arts and Entertainment Reporting
Business/Economic Reporting
Climate Change or Weather Reporting
Crime and Courts Reporting
Education Reporting
Energy News & Reporting
Environmental Reporting
General News Story
Government Reporting
Health Reporting
History Reporting
Human Interest Feature Story
Investigative Reporting
Local Election Coverage
Local Personality Profile
Obituaries
Pandemic Coverage
Racial, Ethnic or Gender Issue Coverage
Reporting on Religious Issues
Science/Technology Reporting
Social Issues Feature Story
Sports Feature Story
Sports Story
Spot News Story
Transportation Reporting
Community/Audience Involvement
Headline Writing
Right-to-Know

Pages and Sections

Arts and Entertainment Section
Business Page or Section
Editorial/Commentary Page
Event Special Section
Food Page or Section
Front Page
Living Page or Section
Special Section or Editorial Supplement
Sports Section
Special Sports Section

Editorial

Editorial Writing
Commentary
Editorial Cartoon

Columns

Humor Columnist
Political Columnist
Serious Columnist
Sports Columnist

Design

Illustration/Infographics
Overall Design and Presentation Print Publication
Overall Design and Presentation
Special Section
Overall Design and Presentation Niche Product

Digital Publishing

Multimedia Coverage
Website Interactivity and Engagement
Best Infographic on Website
Outstanding Newsletter
Best Website Home Page
Best Overall Website
Best Podcast
Best Overall Mobile Product
News Video
Feature Video
Sports Video
Entertainment Video
Best Use of Social Media

Photojournalism

Contemporary Issues Photo
Feature Photo
General News Photo
News Feature Photo
Personality Photo
Photo Series
Pictorial Photo
Photo Story
Portrait Photo
Sports Action Photo
Sports Feature Photo
Spot News Photo
Photo Illustration

Special Recognition

Combating Misinformation and Restoring Trust
Digital Strategy Excellence
Excellence in Newsroom Collaboration/Partnerships
Best Solutions Journalism Project
Innovator Award
Best Niche Publication
Rookie of the Year
Reporter of the Year
Photojournalist of the Year
General Excellence

Charting a Path to Net Zero

At National Grid, we have a clear roadmap to achieve net zero and deliver more affordable energy to our customers.

It comes from using energy-efficient heat pumps, building a smarter, stronger and cleaner electric grid and driving fossil fuels out of the system to make it ready for the future.

Because at National Grid, we want to save the planet and save our customers some money along the way.

To learn more about our path to net zero, visit nationalgrid.com/fossilfree.



Advertiser Campaign

Combined

1st Place: Mark Dullea, Erik Allison
Record-Journal

Meriden Public Schools - Platt & Maloney HS

"Where are they now"

Dynamic layouts and great photography, along with the "Where are they now" element lend credibility and focus to this winning campaign!

2nd Place: Christy Lynn, Elsie Lynn Parini
Addison County Independent

Bradford Holiday

Joyful, engaging photography really heightens this campaign. Very well done and great layout.

3rd Place: staff
Stowe Reporter

Body Lounge

Varied services and a nice layout in all instances enhance the effectiveness of this campaign

Automotive Display Ad

Combined

1st Place: Kristen Braley
News & Citizen

Lamoille Valley Chevy

Clever use of PUSH IT, PULL IT, TOW IT headline with logo & dog image on top to draw attention. Listings clear and typography choice is good! Winner!

2nd Place: Jorgen Taylor
The Republican

Artioli Dodge

Nicely organized ad with good headline using art to accentuate. Auto images, car descripts easy to read!

3rd Place: Kristen Aiton Muldoon
Ipswich Local News

Var and Truck Exchange

Clear. Smart. Simple. Great cropped image and easy to read text.

Best Digital Revenue Building Idea

Weekly 2

1st Place: Jenna Hunsinger
Addison County Independent

Independent Digital Marketing

First place goes to the Addison Independent for offering a full range of digital services to their advertisers. Great revenue boost as well!

Best Health Ad

Weekly

1st Place: Christy Lynn
Addison County Independent

Porter

Well designed and attractive, this ad offers alot of information presented in an organized way.

2nd Place: Kristen Braley
News & Citizen

Empower Med Spa

Great looking ad, nicely designed, with beautiful color choices.

Best Holiday Ad

Weekly

1st Place: staff
News & Citizen

Wolcott Garage

Cool-looking image with a wonderful holiday greeting headline and personal family wishes. Well done!

2nd Place: Kristen Braley
Stowe Reporter

Valentines Day - Empower Med Spa

Nicely designed ad with strong image and readable, clear layout!
Attractive ad!

3rd Place: Kevin Stanton
The Inquirer and Mirror

Sweet Wicked

Great logo and fun product shot make this small color ad successful.

Best Integrated Campaign for an Advertiser

Combined

1st Place: Christy Lynn, Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Hannaford Meet the Maker

Featuring local artisans and their success stories via The Makery, Career Center is both inspiring and informative. Great campaign.

2nd Place: Noreen Murray, Anne Ewing

Providence Business News

Amgen and RI Bio Integrated Campaign

Well-designed, informative and clear campaign is easy to read and incorporates all of the elements of a successfully branded campaign.

3rd Place: Mary Sharpe

The Inquirer and Mirror

Father's Day Grill Campaign

A consistent image and focus on a traditional activity related to Father's Day brings cohesiveness and focus to this campaign.

Best Sponsored Content

Combined

1st Place: Elsie Lynn Parini, Christy Lynn

Addison County Independent

Sheldon Museum 200th anniversary cartoon series

Nice layout and fantastic local cartoon series highlighting the local museum founder. Engaging and wonderful!

2nd Place: Kelly Ault, Jackie Dagger, Lisa Lynn
Vermont Sports

Vermont's Outdoor Playgrounds, Parts I and II

Beautiful, scenic photography drives this section of sponsored content. Clear, clean design throughout.

3rd Place: Staff

The Inquirer and Mirror

New Year New You

New Year, New You pages combine good editorial content with nicely-designed display ads! Good concept.

Events

Combined

1st Place: RJ Media Sales and Creative Teams

Record-Journal

20th ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS & EVENT

Well-concieved and executed READER'S CHOICE program, complete with Awards / red carpet event! Serves to engage community & create a desirable advertising vehicle. Great job!

2nd Place: Staff

The Keene Sentinel

Radically Rural

Fantastic concept with a combo (post pandemic) in-person event combined with virtual presentation. Melding the concerns of rural communities with the skills of local experts. Unique and important!

3rd Place: Staff

The Keene Sentinel

Business Journal Trendsetters event

Keene Sentinal's Business Journal / Trendsetters highlights local movers and shakers and is packed with well-designed ads. A great pub to pick up all over town and celebrate local talent.

Local Display Ad (Black & White)

Combined

1st Place: Peter Halik

The Inquirer and Mirror

Tall Ship Lynx Wish List

A gorgeous photo of a tall ship dominates this successful b/w ad. Looks great!

Local Display Ad (Black & White), cont.

2nd Place: staff

News & Citizen

Caledonia Fair

Simple, effective heading & clear ticket price information make this ad successful. Nice b/w ad!

3rd Place: Kristen Braley

Stowe Reporter

Body Lounge

Fun, product-centric placement make this b/w work! Nice one!

Local Display Ad (Color)

Daily

1st Place: Megan Connor-Thomas

The Republican

Ponders Hollow Ad

Great-looking modern ad for Ponders Hollow. Typography effective and unobtrusive as it highlights images featuring custom woodworking services. Winner!

2nd Place: Greg Douglas

The Republican

Design To Finish Ad

Strong graphic device to guide viewer's eye to image first, then logo! Logos in the middle of an ad don't usually work, but the one DOES!

3rd Place: Megan Connor-Thomas

The Republican

Frigo's Sandwiches!

Clear, effective food ad with appetizing image, brand takes top billing. Nice ad!

Weekly

1st Place: Christy Lynn, Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Minifactory ad for Summer Guide

Great logo and layout makes this a winner! Interesting guide to activities. Local real life photography and view of business helps make this successful!

2nd Place: staff

Stowe Reporter

FiveStar

Effective use of small space ad with image of equipment and good, solid headline make this work well.

3rd Place: Peter Halik

The Inquirer and Mirror

Nantucket School Department

Clear and well-designed recruitment ad for a local school district makes this stand out and engage the reader/viewer.

Most Creative Use of Small Print Space

Combined

1st Place: Peter Halik

The Inquirer and Mirror

The Inquirer and Mirror Halloween Parade

Great looking banner ad - spooky and nice design for this Halloween event. Works well in this format and really stands out! Winner!

2nd Place: Megan Connor-Thomas

The Republican

Massachusetts Renaissance Faire

Small, packed with information with an engaging and dynamic photo. Well done!

3rd Place: Megan Connor-Thomas

The Republican

Residents of Springfield and Ludlow Water

Simple, effective ad done graphically and to the point. A well-designed small space ad!

Niche Publication, advertising Combined

1st Place: Jane McTeigue, Susie Middleton
Vineyard Gazette

Island Guide, April 2022

Gorgeous cover photo on this pub with simple, modern type masthead and throughout. Beautifully-designed, upscale-looking with a ton of information & features. Great!

2nd Place: Staff
The Keene Sentinel
Extraordinary Women

Interesting and engaging illustration style mixed with photography on cover and throughout this thoughtful, inclusive publication. Looks fantastic.

3rd Place: Staff
The Inquirer and Mirror
Nantucket Restaurant Guide

With a restaurant guide being a die-hard category, this one shines. Great cover type and throughout. Nice layout with menus, etc. Great to keep around!

3rd Place: Polly Mikula
The Mountain Times
GRIP

Design is fun with cool graphics! Advertising in this publication is a must to reach this niche audience.

Online/Virtual Events Daily 1

1st Place: Staff
The Keene Sentinel
Radically Rural

Tremendous participation from people around the country that probably would not have happened with a strictly live event. The partnership between the local newspaper and the entrepreneurship center to showcase rural communities is inspiring!

Pure Advertising Niche Publication Combined

1st Place: McKinley Sanders
Vineyard Gazette

Juneteenth Jubilee on Martha's Vineyard

A beautifully-designed cover and interior pages, packed with infographics and fascinating editorial content. Easily a winner in this category.

2nd Place: Staff
The Keene Sentinel
The Choice Awards

A great Choice Awards publication with a ton of ads, great winner's recognition and well done pages! A nice keeper to have around all year.

3rd Place: McKinley Sanders
Vineyard Gazette
Holiday Catalog December 2021

A lovely Holiday publication with great display ads and a generally exciting vibe throughout. Great to have around!

Real Estate Display Ad Combined

1st Place: Katerina Hrdlicka
News & Citizen
Academy

Well-designed real estate ad for this mortgage company has a beautiful photo, accompanied by text and two agent headshots, nicely done!

2nd Place: Peter Halik
The Inquirer and Mirror
95 Gascoigne Bluff

An intriguing featured property commands this real estate ad. Interesting layout and detailed description - nice ad!

3rd Place: Kristen Braley
Stowe Reporter
Pall Spera

Well organized layout shows featured properties well and provides branding with logo at top of ad. Well done!

Special Section / Advertising Supplement Combined

1st Place: Michelle Johnson

The Republican

CRQ Magazine Spring 2022 Edition

Bold design throughout with well-articulated features and dynamic ads, this section shines. Contents page is clear and serves to guide a reader through this 'keeper' winning special section!

2nd Place: Staff

Manchester Cricket, The

Manchester Cricket's Camp Guide 2022

Commanding front cover visual of kid at camp makes this section stand out! Features about camping life, checklists and reading recommendations round out a great special section!

3rd Place: staff

News & Citizen

RIDE

Vibrant riding photography on the cover and throughout keep the them moving throughout this notable section. Common page headers lend consistency and it's packed with great, relevant display ads!

Themed Multiple Advertiser Page(s) Weekly

1st Place: staff

Stowe Reporter

Whats on the Menu

Even though in B/W...this multi ad directory is crisp, clear and nicely designed. As indicted - a one stop resource for local dining options.

2nd Place: Production Team

The Inquirer and Mirror

Whaler Sports Team Pages

Local boys and girls hockey team photos anchor these pages and create reader interest coupled with good ads for local advertisers.

3rd Place: Staff

Ellsworth American, The

Downtown Ellsworth Shop Local Passport

With a concept to drive consumers to downtown and not just a drive through situation - the page presentation is solid with well-done business card-sized ads.

Advertising Sales Media Kit Combined

1st Place: Ahmad Yassir

Bennington Banner

Vermont News & Media sales media kit

Well-designed media kit. Clear overview of various services offered and clear snapshot of audience reach.

2nd Place: Katerina Hrdlicka

News & Citizen

Rate Card 2022

Visually pleasing. We really like the descriptions of each publication along with details of the communities they serve.

Audience Building Promotion Combined

1st Place: Staff

The Keene Sentinel

The Keene Sentinel Community Impact Report

This impact report from The Keene Sentinel is beautifully-designed, is clear and concise. Winner!

2nd Place: Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Subscribe

This feature page of poetry is a gorgeous page. Nice typography and a clean, clear layout.

3rd Place: Jane McTeigue

Vineyard Gazette

Newspaper Hats

A fun use of a local paper to tie in with a local event. Newspaper hats look great!

Contests

Combined

1st Place: Jenna Hunsinger, full staff

Addison County Independent

Valentine's Contest

Engaging contest for readers. Clear layout and interesting concept. Everyone loves real life challenges! Love this winning contest!

2nd Place: Jenna Hunsinger, Elsie Lynn Parini, Christy Lynn

Addison County Independent

Pet Contest 2022

Call to action for contest ad is well-designed, shows pet photos that everyone loves to see.....Nice entry and follow up!

3rd Place: Erik Allison

Record-Journal

K LaMay's Steamed Cheeseburgers Contest

Fun! A local treat is the best reward in this contest for K. LaMay's! And - of course - featuring the winning product!

Digital Product Promotion to Advertisers

Weekly 2

1st Place: Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Want a Slice - IDM promotion

Fun, summer-themed promotion.

1st Place: Robert Saurer

The Inquirer and Mirror

Advertising our digital and subscriptions

Good job using traditional ads to promote digital subscriptions. Solid plan, executed well.

Newspapers in Education Program/Promotion

Combined

1st Place: Staffs of The Talon and LCN

The Lincoln County News

The Eagle's Talon

A great example of a local newspaper going above and beyond to educate students on the importance of journalism!

Newspaper-Sponsored Event Promotion

Daily 1

1st Place: Staff

The Keene Sentinel

Ruth and James Ewing Arts Awards

Love this partnership to showcase the arts! The support from the newspaper for the contributions by the local arts is wonderful, and it strengthens the relationship to the community.

2nd Place: Staff

Bennington Banner

Harvest Fest

Wonderful event supporting the local community.

Specialty Publication Promotion

Weekly 1

1st Place: John Stanton, Peter Halik,

Mary Sharpe

The Inquirer and Mirror

Promote Nantucket Today

Engaging promotion of magazine to newspaper readers highlighting the gorgeous covers and promoting "what's inside" - well done!

Subscription Sales Promotion

Weekly 2

1st Place: Staff

Ellsworth American, The

Get the Scoop

Get the Scoop is a "sweet" promotion and a creative way to partner with a local business.

Best Idea for Generating Revenue

Specialty

1st Place: Staff

Providence Business News

PBN 35th Anniversary Gala

Excellent revenue generator for the Providence Business News. Very smart to tie in this business publication's anniversary with local businesses creating an event with marketing and advertising opportunities for all. Excellent!

Excellence in Revenue Collaboration and Partnerships

Combined

1st Place: Mary Sharpe

The Inquirer and Mirror

Whaler Sports Collaboration

Effective partnership that is a win for all involved. Congratulations!

2nd Place: Elsie Lynn Parini, Christy Lynn

Addison County Independent

Marquis Movie Reviews

Creative out-of-the-box partnership with local movie theater.

Business Innovation

Combined

1st Place: Staff

The Keene Sentinel

The Keene Sentinel's Community Impact Report

This Community Impact Report is a magnificent example of how newspapers can promote their good work in the communities they serve. Historically newspapers are not the best at

promoting themselves, but the Keene Sentinel has created an effective solution!

2nd Place: Skip Finley

Vineyard Gazette

Juneteenth Jubilee on Martha's Vineyard

Creating a new publication and tying it to events in the community was an excellent way to gain new audience, increase revenue and celebrate an important new holiday.

Best Ad Designer

Combined

1st Place: Sarah Pope

Addison County Independent

Sarah Pope, Designer

With a great typographic sensibility, Ms. Pope shines with these samples of her conceptual and design ability. Wonderful!

2nd Place: Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Elsie Lynn Parini, Best Designer

Ms. Parini's design sense is right on! Commanding small space ads with great type and design makes this designer stand out!

3rd Place: Mark Dullea

Record-Journal

Mark Dullea - Art Director - Best Designer

A solid and engaging design sense is Mr. Dullea's forte. His expert combining of photo images and type make this work fantastic.

Advertising General Excellence

Combined

1st Place: Staff

Providence Business News

Advertising General Excellence

A strong, modern masthead on the front page sets the tone for this publication. Dynamic display ads throughout and pertinent editorial, opinion pages and stats. Winner!

2nd Place: Jon Estey, Jim Kelly, Lisa Wright

Vermont Standard, The

The Vermont Standard

This well-designed publication features a ton of exciting interior sections - ThisWeek, Focus pages with stats and infographics, a Classified section, Entertainment, etc. A wonderful one stop shop!

3rd Place: Staff

Mount Desert Islander

Advertising General Excellence: Business

Neighbors & House & Garden

Love the masthead with quirky illustration and highlight of interior section. Mount Desert Islander is packed with great ads, includes a calendar, Arts & Living section, classified, help wanted, real estate, etc. Thorough coverage, excellent publication.

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College Division

Arts & Entertainment

Page or Section

College

1st Place: Staff

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Six hours to fit in centuries of Indigeneity

Feature story on the Indigeneity Institute teach-in was fascinating. Well-written and informative piece. Creative, eye-catching design and layout.

2nd Place: Caitlin Howard

The Equinox

Redfern turns 40

Great piece about the anniversary of the arts center. The writer gives us a good selection of quotes from current and former students. You can feel the excitement!

3rd Place: Maddison Behringer, Emma Lyons

The Gatepost

Campus Couture

Such fun! Love the creativity!

Editorial

College

1st Place: The Gatepost Editorial Board

The Gatepost

Rushed and Hushed

This editorial combines clean, professional writing with a well-reasoned argument. While making a pointed case against school administrators' decisions, the editorial clearly seeks to persuade rather than excoriate. The piece makes you feel the editorial staff's frustration, but research and logic maintain center stage.

2nd Place: Peter Piekarski

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Chief of limiting experience: CXO Tom Ellett has failed to live up to his title

Of all the entries, this one likely involved the most research. The writer doesn't pull any punches, but he is careful to back his arguments with numbers and quotes. A fine piece of argumentation and old-fashioned journalism.

3rd Place: Staff

The Equinox

Accountability

This editorial presents a measured, thorough account of the facts at hand. Although the paper's staff is clearly issuing an indictment of students' actions and administrators' responses, the editorial effectively lets the sequence of events speak for itself.

Honorable Mention: Thomas DeRoche

The Crier

How alcohol has challenged the Saint Anselm campus

Important piece on the challenges of alcohol on campus, and how the pandemic added to this.

Feature Story

College

1st Place: Steven Bonini

The Gatepost

Kristelle Angelli – A beacon of hope for Campus Ministry

This feature has all the hallmarks of an excellent piece of writing. It engages the reader from the start and provides a fascinating insight into the spiritual journey of a woman from a young, non-believing student to her role in the campus ministry. It is cleanly written with no extraneous fluff to pad out the story and has a natural flow that demands it be read to the end.

2nd Place: Cathy Ching, Haley Alphonse,

Avery Bleichfeld

Huntington News

Northeastern students reflect on experiences, stigmas of dating apps

The creative presentation of this story on the pros and cons of dating apps is a big reason for giving this entry a second place. And the overall theme of the piece is also supported by a diversity of opinions by fellow students - male, female, straight, queer, pro and con. It provided an interesting insight into one of the prevalent trends of our time.

Feature Story, *continued*

3rd Place: Rhi Watkins, Isabelle Curtis

The New Hampshire

New Hampshire joins nationwide efforts to restrict abortion rights

The best stories are told through people and this news feature tackles the important topic of abortion rights by focusing on one person's experience as they deal with the decision for terminating a pregnancy. The story not only gives the reader that perspective but also includes important information on where the state of New Hampshire as well as the rest of the country stands on this controversial issue.

3rd Place: Patrick McGann

The Crier

April honors Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage

The writer brings awareness to the issue of increased violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in this piece. Important topic, would have liked more quotes and sources.

Front Page

College

1st Place: Cloe Tarlton

The Bowdoin Orient

Bowdoin Orient Front Page February, 25

A balanced, organized page that is easy to navigate and includes clean teasers at the bottom directing the reader to a good deal of content inside. Headlines fit well and their sizes are proportional to the space given to each story.

2nd Place: Daniel Passapera, Michael

Sicoli, Connor Lawless

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

The Quinnipiac Chronicle, Volume 92, Issue 8

A clean, eye-catching layout that provides plenty of impact above the fold teasing additional content inside.

Graphic Illustration

College

1st Place: Peyton McKenzie

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Masks optional

Simple and effective! Nicely done!

Headline Writing

College

1st Place: Julie Bobyock

The New Hampshire

Covid College: Zooming in on its impacts on the UNH community

Nicely done, giving just enough info to make the reader want to zoom in on this story.

In-depth Reporting

College

1st Place: Colbi Edmonds, Cameron Morsberger

The Daily Free Press

In-depth Reporting submission_Shiney James Investigation

Tremendous reporting and writing by Colbi Edmonds and Cameron Morsberger exposing the abuse of power by James. Solid investigative reporting holding the powerful accountable.

2nd Place: Walker Armstrong

The Daily Free Press

Christophor Cavalieri Investigation Submission

Superb in-depth investigation and reporting. Walker Armstrong's exhaustive research and reporting exposed a professor's reprehensible behavior.

3rd Place: Max Scheinblum

The New Hampshire

Mill Pond dam series

Well researched and appealing presentation in this well-written, informative series.

Multimedia Reporting

College

1st Place: Katie Langley, Michael LaRocca, Benjamin Yeargin

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

'Hands off our bodies': QU activists protest SCOTUS opinion to overturn abortion protections

The video was shot well and captured many different scenes and voices. The story was well-written. Nice job all around!

2nd Place: Alexandra Huff

The Critic

Peer Leaders Join Together for "Super Slip and Slide"

So much fun! Terrific use of slow motion video!

3rd Place: Tim Wagner

The Equinox

Superbowl LVI

Excellent use of video with student predictions. This brings an entertaining aspect to the story.

News Story

College

1st Place: Dylan Sloan

The Bowdoin Orient

Appellate court issues decision on Frank J. Wood Bridge, both sides claim victory

Dylan Sloan provided solid reporting about an ongoing feud between two groups with different opinions on both sides of the bridge. Well sourced with good quotes. I love that both sides feel they won!

2nd Place: Annie Probert

Huntington News

Husky Ambassadors voice concerns over vaccination policy for tours

Solid reporting and writing on a concerning policy affecting student ambassadors.

2nd Place: Chatwan Mongkol

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Recent lawsuit spotlights mental health unease within Quinnipiac PA program

Good reporting on serious issue. Would love to see a follow up story.

3rd Place: Anna Raley

The Crier

The challenges of elementary education during a pandemic

Important topic shedding light on effects of the pandemic.

3rd Place: Isabelle Curtis

The New Hampshire

UNH profited from Indigenous lands out west

Good use of data and sources. Well written and interesting article.

3rd Place: Kathryn Williams

The Crier

Like some politics with those eggs?

Good report on Christie at Politics and Eggs.

Opinion Page

College

1st Place: Toyloy Brown III, Connor Lawless

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

FOMO is a MOFO

Well written opinion piece. Well reasoned and speaks to the reader.

Special Section or Editorial Supplement

College

1st Place: Staff

The Equinox

Accountability

Congratulations to the staff of the Equinox on their special Accountability section after the theft of their newspapers. Bold, eye-catching layout of the page highlighting the timeline of events was very effective. Good quotes from college faculty. Very well done!

Special Section or Editorial Supplement, *continued*

1st Place: Riley Millette, Connor Lawless

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

'I wish I never played hockey'

Well-written and well-researched, this important story was captivating and revealing of the dangers of impact sports. Strong images rounded out this piece. Congratulations!

Sports Game Story

College

1st Place: Cameron Beall

The New Hampshire

Wildcats' undefeated season falls at the hands of Vermont in America East Championship

The lede is a bit over the top, but grabs the reader's attention. The story is well written and thoroughly reported, and really shows Cameron's knowledge of the team and his attention to detail. Nice work!

1st Place: Alexandra Huff

The Critic

Men's Basketball Shines on Senior Day

Kudos to Alexandra for taking the time to get quotes from players on the team. She also shot some great photos of the game.

Sports Feature Story

College

1st Place: Tom Canuel, Luke Sugar, Anna Raley

The Crier

Crowd cheers Liam Bascle, new soccer star

Heartwarming story about a 7-year-old boy with malignant cancer and how the St. Anselm community showed up to support him. Nicely done!

Feature Video

College

1st Place: Alex Elliot

The New Englander

NEC Takes Over the Peak

Excellent quality video, sound and interviews showcasing winter sports event. Well done!

Online News Site

College

1st Place: The NewEnglander Team

The New Englander

The NewEnglander Website

There is so much to like about this site. It is well organized and easy to navigate with the top menu. The Green Scene and Must Read section make this site a standout.

2nd Place: Staff

The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin Orient Website

The site presents a lot of content and does a great job presenting all aspects of campus life. The features are good and the advertising options easy to understand.

3rd Place: Staff

NECC Observer

NECC Observer website

The site is updated frequently and the "Latest News" section is a great feature. The design could be more modern.

Feature Photo

College

1st Place: Tom Benoit

The Equinox

End of an era

There is so much expression captured in her eyes. I wish I had more information about the context of this photo, but there wasn't a caption included.

Feature Photo, *continued*

2nd Place: Daniel Passapera

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Rebecca Black Fall Fest

Visually creative photo, it gives an '80s vibe.

3rd Place: Donald Halsing

The Gatepost

'Our flag was still there'

This photo just feels like warm summer day.

Good angle to show the size of the flag in relation to the firetruck.

Photo Series

College

1st Place: Shannon Damiano, Mohan Ge

The Daily Free Press

Photo Series: Boston mayoral election night parties

This series does such a great job of capturing the highs and lows for both candidates and their supporters at the end of a historic election.

2nd Place: Soren Frantz

The Equinox

Photo essay: 2022 LEC Championship Game

Excellent photo series displaying the essence of college sports competition. Great job framing the action shots.

3rd Place: Leighah Beausoleil

The Gatepost

126 Years Boston Strong

Good work capturing the reality of running a marathon for all different competitors, volunteers and spectators.

Sports Photo

College

1st Place: Marta Hil

Huntington News

Wheelchair Boston Marathon photo

Terrific action photo. Captured at the right moment, great angle.

2nd Place: Soren Frantz

The Equinox

Soccer player's brother killed

The photojournalist did a beautiful job capturing this powerful emotion of the moment.

3rd Place: Leighah Beausoleil

The Gatepost

Twenty miles to Boston!

Such joy in this runner's face! Speaks to the community of the runners.

Spot News Photo

College

1st Place: Katelyn Arp

The New Englander

New England College After a Snowstorm

Love the creativity of this clever photo.

2nd Place: Daniel Passapera

The Quinnipiac Chronicle

Over 100, including Connecticut officials, protest Ireland's Great Hunger Museum's closure

The photojournalist captured the moment and the mood of this community coming together. Good use of framing with the flags.

3rd Place: Soren Frantz

The Equinox

'Antithetical'

This photo says so much. Captured the mood of the crowd.

College Rising Star

1st Place:

Bella Ramirez

The Daily Free Press

Bella Ramirez's application showed an impressive young journalist with strong and growing skills in writing, broadcasting and web work. She has a demonstrated interest in journalism and, though politics is her self-described area of passion, she has produced stories in a variety of coverage areas. In addition, she is an editor who, from her recommendation, has demonstrated innovation and dedication.



2nd Place:

Jose Rodriguez
NECC Observer

Jose Rodriguez in his application has demonstrated he is passionate about journalism. Between his two editing roles and sports reporting, Jose works extremely hard at his craft and has even taken steps toward his goal of being a sports broadcaster. With his determination to continually improve, Jose shows the promise of a rising star.



Top College Journalist

1st Place:

Colbi Edmonds

The Daily Free Press

The most important factor here: Work that spurred an investigation into a college administrator. Clearly, Colbie is with the times, a leader and has gotten good advice on getting work at professional news orgs while in college. But this work hits the purpose of news: to inform, to reveal, to have an impact.



New England College **Newspaper of the Year**

1st Place: Staff

The Daily Free Press

The Daily Free Press showed impressive coverage of its campus and Boston. The papers submitted strived to be timely, of interest to students regarding campus news and happenings, and well as plugging students into issues about the city of importance to them. There was a sense of urgency and timeliness in the choice of stories and their placement. Like other nominations, the DFP had a variety of sections. It also had a professional and polished look, good Page One teasers, and made efforts to connect to students beyond news and stories.

2nd Place: Staff

The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin Orient does a great job covering the college, which for a weekly could prove tricky. It's clear that care is taken over how to cover recent events and choose advances to make the editions feel fresh and timely. There is also a focus on the people of Bowdoin, with a variety of types of profiles offered. Overall, stories were impressive, the front had a polished look, the inside was easily to navigate and sought to connect with students. Online, the main story was first posted 3 weeks ago, but most stories were fresher..

3rd Place: The Gatepost

The Gatepost

The Gatepost offered hefty publications for consideration, closely covering its campus. It sought to connect the publication with students through the "Campus Conversations" section and other vehicles.

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Arts & Entertainment Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Julia Ann Weekes

New Hampshire Union Leader

An 'Infinite Storm' hits movie theaters

The writer COULD have just interviewed Pam Bales and readers would have been provided with an interesting feature in advance of the opening of "Infinite Storm." But, the extra interviews and rich details made this entry stand out for both those already familiar with this rescue as well as those coming upon the story for the first time.

2nd Place: Gena Mangiaratti

Bennington Banner

Bennington's Pat Adams a 'multidimensional' thinker, artist, human

A solid profile with rich details of an iconic local artist. But, the Q & A at the end proved particularly illuminating thanks to some very insightful questions.

3rd Place: Dana Barbuto

The Patriot Ledger

Ex-Navy SEAL from Quincy is sensation on YouTube

TIE -- This one was characterized by some lively writing that made it a joy to read. The tone seemed to mirror the "story-telling" aspect of the subject of the profile.

3rd Place: Richard Duckett

Telegram & Gazette

Ten years in tune

TIE -- A very satisfying mix of observational reporting and interviews that went beyond the obvious "official" sources who direct the program.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Shira Schoenberg

CommonWealth Magazine

Murals: an emerging form of community development

Entry was very deeply sourced, and the variety of perspectives provided readers with a fuller appreciation for what the artwork can -- and cannot -- do the the communities that were profiled.

2nd Place: Shira Schoenberg

CommonWealth Magazine

Asian-American/Pacific Islander arts face unique challenges post-COVID

Well reported. Variety of sources helped readers appreciate how the particular traits of these cultures made them fall victim to the pandemic. Fresh take on familiar topic was appreciated.

3rd Place: Kevin Slane

Boston.com

We visited Boston's 2 Van Gogh 'immersive experiences.' Here's which one you should choose.

TIE -- Providing readers with the comparison of the "dueling exhibits" was a real service, particularly given the cost of tickets. Much more informative than doing individual reviews of each show and running them side-by-side.

3rd Place: Peter Chianca

Boston.com

This is the shuttered music venue Bostonians miss most

TIE -- A simply wonderful idea for a story. A real "talker" -- you can almost picture how conversations about this topic would likely surface each time friends gathered to share a "cold one" or two and talk about days gone by.

Arts & Entertainment Reporting

Specialty

1st Place: Kevin Stanton

Nantucket Today

The Collector

Stanton impeccably weaves together the pieces of this story. This strong, descriptive feature is pure delight.

2nd Place: Victor Infante

Worcester Magazine

History of hip hop

Fascinating feature on the "secret" history of hip hop in Worcester.

3rd Place: Tricia Soule

New Hampshire Business Review

Art as a downtown magnet: Rochester Museum of Fine Arts is helping the city reinvent itself
Wonderful pairing of art and economics. Well written.

Weekly

1st Place: Chris Farnsworth

Seven Days

Origin Story

Any reader with a knowledge or love of comics would cherish this lengthy love story to Earth Prime, its origins, and supporters like a first edition. But more importantly, provided any uninducted readers who invested the time to get through it an extremely comprehensive look into what makes comic fans such rabid supporters of this unique type of art and culture.

2nd Place: Pamela Polston

Seven Days

'Coming Clean,' at the Museum of Everyday Life, Shows Us How and Why We Bathe

Avoiding the 'deep dive' cliché, this delightful piece accomplishes many things. Along with an engaging narrative, it helps introduce - or remind prior visitors - about this truly unique and celebrated organic artspace, along with amplifying enough necessary details of its

current exhibit to entice readers to visit and hopefully sustain it.

2nd Place: Rob Kiener

Stowe Reporter

Man of Steel

Good journalism of any genre should explain as much as entertain. This writer seems to have as much skill at drawing compelling and sometimes profound observations from his subject, as the subject has for morphing his relatively tiny model prototypes into huge and beautiful artistic creations. An exceptional A&E feature that showcases process as much as promotion.

3rd Place: Thomas Humphrey

Vineyard Gazette

The Practice

A wonderfully engaging feature full of detail that puts the reader in the room - and makes them feel a part of this activity, even if they've never played a note of music.

Arts & Entertainment Section

Daily

1st Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Berkshire Landscapes: Jan. 29-30, 2022

This section is wonderful! It is visually appealing with fantastic content reflecting the unique community it serves.

2nd Place: Mike Chaiken, and features staff

Republican-American

Weekend

What a fun, full section! The focus on music was presented well. Loved the piece on Graham Nash.

3rd Place: Melanie Hitchcock and

Julia Ann Weekes

New Hampshire Union Leader

NH Weekend

Creative and entertaining section. Love the layout of the section front.

Arts & Entertainment Section *continued* **Weekly**

1st Place: Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Arts + Leisure Feb. 24, 2022

This section features a variety of topics, making it valuable to everyone. The layout is sleek and appealing.

2nd Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Calendar section

This calendar section is brimming with things to do for every reader.

3rd Place: Joanne Briana-Gartner

Falmouth Enterprise, The

Enterprise Arts, Culture & Living

Good variety of categories with all local happenings.

3rd Place: Abraham Storer, Paul Sullivan

Provincetown Independent

Arts & Minds section, June 23, 2022

This creative section perfectly reflects the cultural arts community it serves.

Best Niche Publication

Weekly 2

1st Place: Susie Middleton, Jane McTeigue

Vineyard Gazette

Island Guide

This island guide is stunning. Excellent layout, quality content and beautiful photos. We especially like the addition of 'things to do'

1st Place: Polly Mikula

Mountain Times, The

World Cup Program

Spectacular publication for these winter sporting events. The information is presented in an easy to understand format that is appropriate for both experienced enthusiasts and those new to the event.

2nd Place: Staff

Addison County Independent

Local Food & Farm Guide 2022

This local food and farm guide is awesome. It is a fantastic resource for the area, and a great partnership with the newspaper. Well done!

3rd Place: Staff

Seven Days

Kids VT

Fun publication with good, quality content for parents. Strong advertiser support.

Daily

1st Place: Terry Leavitt, Tom Eastman

Conway Daily Sun, The

North Conway Magazine - Winter 2022

I love this publication! Quality content, vibrant visuals and everything readers need to know about the area.

2nd Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Berkshire Landscapes Magazine

Fantastic features, beautiful design and strong advertiser support.

Weekly 1

1st Place: Gregory Popa

Stowe Reporter

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GregPopa

This is a gorgeous publication that is a treasure for visitors, locals and local businesses.

2nd Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Edible Vineyard

This stunning publication is like a love letter to the island. Congratulations!

3rd Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Vineyard Visitor

This is a great guide to the island.

Best Niche Publication, *continued*

Specialty

1st Place: Lisa Lynn, Angelo Lynn, David Pollard
VT Ski & Ride

Vermont Ski + Ride: Niche publication

This is an amazing publication that serves both the audience and the area's businesses. The content is superb and the design and layout is beautiful.

2nd Place: Lisa Lynn, Shawn Braley,
Angelo Lynn

Vermont Sports

Vermont Sports

Another gorgeous publication. This was a close second place for the service provided to its niche audience.

3rd Place: Staff
Providence Business News

PBN 35th Anniversary

Exceptional publication. Clean, appealing design. We loved the graphics and the content is stellar.

Best Solutions Journalism Project

1st Place: Paul Cuno-Booth, Anthony Payton
Granite State News Collaborative

Prison Education Programs Package

Tremendous solutions journalism project on an important subject. Most prisoners are released at some point in their lives, and this reporting reminds us that educating them is the surest way that they will be productive members of the community when they are released. Great work!

2nd Place: Paul Cuno-Booth, GSNC
Granite State News Collaborative

Do Body Worn Cameras Work? It's Complicated

Interesting piece on a complicated subject, but the reporter did a great job clarifying the effects of body cameras.

3rd Place: Michael Cousineau
New Hampshire Union Leader

What's working

This (ongoing?) series of 'what's working' in New Hampshire is a home run! It is text book 'solutions' and the variety of topics that can be addressed is unlimited.

Best Website Home Page

Daily

1st Place: Staff
Boston.com

Boston.com

The simple clean design of the home page menu makes it easy to find the content. Like the way the home page scrolls and the top menu remains.

2nd Place: Staff
MassLive

Best Website Home Page

Overall design it modern and easy to navigate. Like the "Subscriber Exclusive" branding on the home page.

3rd Place: Staff
Day, The

The day.com homepage

This homepage is well laid out for easy navigation. Like the "Most Read" and "Latest News" menus.

Weekly

1st Place: PBN Staff
Providence Business News

PBN.com

The content is well organized, easy to navigate and balanced to the center of the screen. Like how the home page Topics menu makes it easy to navigate to more in-depth subjects.

Best Website Home Page, *continued*

2nd Place: Graham Smith

Vineyard Gazette

vineyardgazette.com

Well organized, easy to navigate, good visuals.

3rd Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Martha's Vineyard Times homepage

Visually appealing – love the community photos.

Business Page or Section

Daily 2

1st Place: Staff

The Republican

OUTLOOK 2022

The Outlook 2022 section is phenomenal! Nearly every industry in Western Massachusetts is covered. Content, design and visuals make this a must read in the area.

2nd Place: Tony Dobrowolski

The Berkshire Eagle

House hunting? Good luck

Solid, in-depth look at the housing market in the area. Illustrations and charts are eye-catching and provide a lot of data that is easy to understand.

Business/Economic Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Denise Coffey

Cape Cod Times

Yarmouth investment company files for bankruptcy, small investors their money

Well-researched investigative news story explaining how an investment scheme was soured by unscrupulous businessmen, and how area residents got duped. Top-notch news reporting with sharp writing and a strong narrative.

2nd Place: Joann Mackenzie

Gloucester Daily Times

She bought an Apple and got a lemon

Great "David & Goliath" story that many can relate to about a local incident that could have national repercussions if others have faced the same issue as Janet Carlson did. The one quibble is the reporter should have reached out to Apple for comment; or some way to get a sense of how often this happens, if Apple wasn't willing to talk. Otherwise, fun story and well written.

3rd Place: Henry Schwan

Telegram & Gazette

Worcester's need 'dire' for affordable housing

Excellent, nuanced reporting on several sides of the affordable housing issue. Lots of information informs readers of the complexity around affordable housing. A clearer view of possible solutions being discussed would have made it stronger, but overall, well done.

3rd Place: Mary Whitfill

The Patriot Ledger

The New Guard: These developers are leading Quincy's transformation

A good approach to analyzing the growth potential by providing thumbnail profiles and local histories of the developers involved. Well written and researched; provides the reader of the Patriot Ledger with a good sense of who the major players are. It could have used a counter narrative explaining what obstacles to growth stood in the city's way. Perhaps that's in the other two parts, which probably should have been submitted to make this a more complete entry. Still well done on this section.

Business/Economic Reporting, *cont.*

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Johnny Bassett, GSNC Partners Granite State News Collaborative

Invisible Walls Series

Four news organizations banded together to pull off a staggeringly ambitious and comprehensive 8-part series describing how a history of exclusionary zoning has reinforced inequality, poverty, crime, public health, and access to housing and economic opportunity. The un-bylined "Invisible Walls" series is the work of the Granite State News Collaborative, NH Business Review, Business NH Magazine, and NH Public Radio. It's a compelling and enlightening narrative of urban history. While focused on Manchester, NH, its lessons apply throughout the state and, undoubtedly, the region. Must reading.

2nd Place: Erica E. Phillips Connecticut Mirror, The

In Greenwich, recovery from the pandemic recession came quickly

The lede says it all: "Many communities have struggled to stay afloat following the pandemic recession, but Greenwich was buoyant." Erica Johnson's monument to judgment-free reporting draws upon government data, academic scholarship, and shoe-leather interviews to examine the paradox of how and why the pandemic spurred economic growth in Connecticut's wealthiest enclave. Readers are left to draw their own conclusions.

3rd Place: Michael Bonner MassLive

The rebirth of a downtown

THIRD PLACE TIE: This piece, also from "Communities on the Rise" by MassLive, delivers just what its headline promises: It chronicles the rebirth of town that had seen brighter days and offers insights into what went right. Uncritically positive, but good writing and solid reporting prevent the piece from sounding like a real estate ad.

3rd Place: Will Katcher MassLive

Easthampton is no longer 'up-and-coming' as residents and businesses now see a booming community

THIRD PLACE TIE: At its best, MassLive's "Communities on the Rise" series celebrates positive economic growth in a community without falling into mere boosterism. "Easthampton is no longer 'up and coming'" is a prize specimen, detailing and applauding an old mill town's rebirth while also sounding a warning bell for the future. Generously illustrated with photos.

Specialty

1st Place: Greg Ryan Boston Business Journal

A new era for Newmarket

A nuanced portrait of a part of Boston we know for very different reasons. This well-conceived and perfectly executed story is full of surprises and challenges assumptions.

2nd Place: Marc Larocque, Staff Providence Business News

ALL IN with Bally's

This deeply reported accountability story pulls the curtain back on a company that Rhode Island -- a state not known for backing winners - seems to be betting a little too heavily on.

3rd Place: Robert Cocuzzo N-Magazine

A Dress with Success

A beautifully written pandemic success story. (We just want to know: Is Nell Diamond related to Neil Diamond?)

Business/Economic Reporting, *cont.*

Weekly

1st Place: Derek Brouwer, Sasha Goldstein Seven Days

Betting Big on Weed: Hopeful Vermont Cannabis Players See Green in the Coming Retail Market

An extremely deep dive into VT's fledgling legal cannabis industry clearly explores - and explains - every facet of this new and relatively unknown element of economic and community development. The writers did a good job mixing input from myriad front line sources with related government and regulatory details.

2nd Place: Tommy Gardner News & Citizen

Dairy Dazed: Farmers look past Horizon

This two-parter fully details the interactions and pitfalls between a national/global corporate distributor and the mom and pop farmers who aspire to supply it while maintaining a hyper-local, Vermont proud identity and simply surviving and sustaining their livelihood. These features are easy to read and understand, and are delivered in an engaging style.

2nd Place: Tommy Gardner News & Citizen

Liquor merchants educate customers on Russian vodka ban

A crash course in vodka and international commerce with a good old-fashioned dose of civic duty. The writer does a great job capturing the sense of speed and extent an entire state and its particular vendors are willing to go to show solidarity with Ukraine. The segment on sourcing vodka was also an informative bonus!

3rd Place: Joshua Balling The Inquirer and Mirror

Average home price tops \$3 million

This excellent report packs a lot of detail into a relatively quick read - but seems to cover all the bases in a style that is engaging and informative. It not only highlights the challenge, but the endeavors to effectively address it, the frustrations with a stalled statehouse initiative that could already be generating substantial benefits, while incorporating a closing glimpse at the environmental preservation factor.

Climate Change or Weather Reporting

Combined

1st Place: Lily Robinson Harvard Press, The

Preparing for a changing climate (Series)

Well-conceived and executed series with lots of excellent and vital information for residents of Harvard. This is why local journalism is so important. It is stories like these that help people understand and appreciate the practical consequences of climate change in their own backyards. The series benefits from several concise clarifying sidebars that complement the lede articles. In a very tight competition, it was these little extras that made the final difference.

2nd Place: Susan Hunter Duxbury Clipper

Rising Crisis: The Impact of Climate Change on Duxbury

A really well-done set of stories on the challenges facing a local government as it grapples with the consequences of climate change. Plenty of good detail and lots of good sources. The articles do an excellent job of clearly explaining the issues so that readers can better grasp and cope with the threats posed by global warming. It misses out on first by just a hair.

Climate Change or Weather Reporting, *cont.*

3rd Place: Kevin McCallum

Seven Days

Fave Little State: Climate Migrants From Around America Are Seeking Refuge in Vermont

Climate change has far-reaching consequences and this story stands out because it uncovers a unique angle that might otherwise go unnoticed. The article separates itself from others in the group because of its depth of reporting, its well-woven narrative, and its intelligent presentation.

Combatting Misinformation and Restoring Trust

Combined

1st Place: Paula Routly

Seven Days

From the Publisher columns

This is a brilliant use of the publisher's column to address what, how, and why the newspaper is vital to communities. This should be a staple in every newspaper.

2nd Place: Cecily Weisburgh, James Rinker **The Keene Sentinel**

Combating Misinformation and Restoring Trust

Great use of explainers informing audience about opinion and editorial content that is often confusing to readers.

3rd Place: Heather Morrison, Noah R. Bombard **MassLive**

Story of teens overdosing from fentanyl-laced marijuana proves untrue

Great example of how easily misinformation is spread through social media. MassLive dug in, learned the truth, and revealed how unverified information can easily be mistaken for truth.

3rd Place: Chelsea Edgar

Seven Days

Bestselling Bunk

Chelsea Edgar's reporting on "best-selling bunk" is clear and well-written. Edgar tackled a difficult and complicated subject, and provided a great service to readers.

Commentary

Combined

1st Place: Brad Kane

Worcester Business Journal

My son, in crisis

This was a no-doubter. The tale of a 12-year-old -- the writer's son -- victimized by an overburdened medical system grabbed me from the first sentence. As I read it, I kept waiting for a happy ending, but one never came.

2nd Place: Steve Myrick

Vineyard Gazette

An Island Home Forever, No Matter Where the Road Turns

Like another winner in this category, the topic was the writer's personal travails. It elicited the reader's sympathy without descending to the maudlin.

3rd Place: Paul Schneider

Vineyard Gazette

Waves of Grief Roll in Twenty Years Later

The entries in this category were of uniformly high quality, and this reminiscence of September 11 could have easily won first place in another category.

Community/Audience Involvement Combined

**1st Place: Emily Turner, Staff
Boston.com**

Boston.com Community Section
Well orchestrated online collection of community interest stories, clean design & pertinent questions and responses make this a winner.

**2nd Place: Staff
Providence Business News**
Everybody's Business

Varied and fascinating features about local businesses and their founders/owners. Great focus on minority business owners and leaders. Refreshing, interesting and well-designed.

3rd Place: Hildreth Elementary School students and staff

Harvard Press, The
The Husky Headlines

Husky Headlines is a nicely-designed student section highlighting stories of local interest. Bite-sized stories make this shine.

Crime and Courts Reporting Daily 1

**1st Place: Christopher Williams, Judith Meyer
Sun Journal**

Anatomy of a cold case
An excellent package that explores in depth and with clarity a murder trial and the circumstances around it. The case itself is examined in depth, as are the background of the investigation and the trial's lack of adherence to required transparency. Each segment of the package is well-reported and well-written, giving readers a deep factual basis in which to decide whether the verdict was justly arrived at and whether the court proceeding was conducted appropriately for openness.

**2nd Place: Dan Medeiros
Herald News, The (Fall River)**

Hafer's one regret – the receipts: Inside the Jasiel Correia trial

Good insider look at a highly publicized case. Sheds valuable light for the layman on how cases like this are prepared and tried. Interesting personal observations from the lead prosecutor.

**3rd Place: Erica Moser
Day, The**

The crooks and the cooking oil: inside the world of grease thefts from restaurants

First-rate reporting on an unusual crime. Includes enough details to make the reader familiar with the nature of the thefts, how they're committed, and why they matter. Helpful chart on location of the thefts and of where the alleged thieves came from.

**3rd Place: Julie Manganis
Salem News, The**

John Donovan Sr. trial

A series of stories that could be considered routine coverage of a court case. But the complicated nature of the case and the clarity and readability of these accounts argues that they rise to high-quality reporting and writing. The author demonstrates a strong grasp of the details and complexities of this case that enables her to present it to readers in an easily digestible way.

Daily 2

**1st Place: Stephanie Barry
The Republican**

COLD CASE INVESTIGATION

Good combination of a story about the police investigation and human-interest elements involving both the victim and the police investigator. Strong interviews and quotes from the latter and the collage of photos about the former contribute to personalizing what is also a hard-to-put-down narrative.

Crime and Courts Reporting, *continued*

2nd Place: Greta Jochem

The Berkshire Eagle

The kingpin and the informant

An interesting and compelling narrative well-told. Solid questions asked in multiple interviews help inform this piece and give it an inside-the-story approach.

3rd Place: Stephanie Barry, Patrick Johnson

The Republican

POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING

A fair, balanced and objective account of a controversial subject nationally at this time and locally for this incident. The Republican uses police and other videos both to illustrate its piece and to shape the narrative for this sensitive topic.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Tom Matthews

MassLive

Who killed Jehlon Rose?

Generally clear, linear account of a confusing incident. Interviews with victim's father adds personal element to this crime story. Addition of visuals from the incident add to the drama of the narrative about the crime.

2nd Place: Douglas Hook

MassLive

He had a new baby son and a 2nd chance, then it was all taken away

Well-reported piece, with multiple interviews adding to its depth. Sharp, expressive photos. Detailed and thorough piece.

3rd Place: Scott J. Croteau, Melissa Hanson

MassLive

A 'last chance'

Excellent topic. Credit for pursuing and distilling public records to provide details about the cops' backgrounds and past disciplines.

3rd Place: Holly Ramer

The Associated Press

Therapist-Sex Abuse

Story examines what seems to be a little-known, and curious, wrinkle that allows felons to change their names and thus mask their past crimes, leaving those with whom they interact unaware. That interesting topic bears follow-ups: Why would any state allow this, given the case outlined in this story. Will this case change New Hampshire's law on this? Why was this felon licensed?

Specialty

1st Place: Pat Murphy

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

2021 sees string of multi-million-dollar verdicts for child sex abuse

Different take on a widely reported subject in recent years. Well-written and reported even though in a different medium -- a trade publication -- than more standard news outlets. Offers insights into how to treat victims in such cases, and what they gain from civil case victories.

2nd Place: Bruce A. Percelay

N-Magazine

Breaking Epstein

Excellent inside look at a fascinating subject. Sharp questions evoke interesting and detailed answers. Format is not highly regarded for many news stories but works for this piece. Two stunning portrait photos of Malloy.

3rd Place: Jason Graziadei

N-Magazine

Nantucket's Most Stolen Street Signs

Appropriate touch for a light look at a minor crime topic. Well-reported and written. Neat ending.

Crime and Courts Reporting, *continued*

Weekly 2

1st Place: Tommy Gardner

News & Citizen

Photographer kills wife, self

In-depth and detailed look at not only a tragic murder-suicide but at the motivation and victims involved. Solid follow-up and follow-through reporting to paint a distinct portrait of the victim and their circumstances. Telling interviews with those who knew them helped form that portrait. Good pursuit of public records to obtain additional information. Well-written too.

2nd Place: Cam Blair

Provincetown Independent

Delgizzis Must Shape Up, Says Housing Court

Top-notch reporting and sharp, clear writing paint a bleak portrait, based on public records and court transactions, of law-defying, tenant-abusing landlords. Additional reporting on the landlords' law-breaking beyond this case help finger them as the miscreants they are. Photo of their \$1.7-million home in a swank town was a nice touch to put an exclamation point on this piece.

3rd Place: Julia Wells

Vineyard Gazette

Field Club Pleads Guilty in Drowning Death of Child

Thorough reporting and clear writing on the outcome of the tragic death of a child. Leaves few questions about what happened to cause this death and sparked a lot of emotional comment from readers. Obtained email added heft to this account.

Editorial Cartoon

Daily 2

1st Place: Don Landgren Jr.

Telegram & Gazette

St Vincent cutbacks

Makes excellent use of cartoonists' best weapon: ridicule.

2nd Place: Don Landgren Jr.

Telegram & Gazette

Bishop McManus Flag

A cutting approach to a delicate subject. I wonder what the reaction was.

Specialty

1st Place: Don Landgren Jr.

Worcester Magazine

Dinner and a movie

A great light-hearted take on a disturbing trend - the disappearance of drive-in movies from the American landscape.

2nd Place: Peter Paul Payack

Banker & Tradesman

Ninth Floor, Please

The "ninth-floor" reference may appear to be code, but this publication's readers got the point quickly.

3rd Place: Ramon Sandoval

Worcester Business Journal

Saint Vincent's priorities

In an era when health care and red ink are synonymous, the cartoonist had some fun describing an exception to the trend.

Weekly 1

1st Place: Peter Menice

Hull Times, The

National Grid-lock

Cartoonists on small-town publications don't often picture bad guys, but this one pulls no punches in identifying one. Well illustrated.

Editorial Cartoon, *continued*

Weekly 2

1st Place: Ed Colley

Ipswich Local News

Ukraine Cartoon

This was a quick, emphatic way to link the fights for freedom in Revolutionary America and Ukraine. Nice drawing.

2nd Place: Tim Newcomb

Seven Days

Afghans arrive in America

Thought-provoking, and places refugees in a new light.

3rd Place: Daniel Dejean

Provincetown Independent

Little Free Library

Good for a chuckle.

Editorial Writing

Daily

1st Place: Tracey Rauh

The Eagle-Tribune

Best Editorial Writer

The editorials in this entry are far from strident, are well reasoned, and effective.

2nd Place: Mark Guerringue

Conway Daily Sun, The

Mark Guerringue editorials - CDS

Folksy in tone but serious in purpose, these editorials are a joy to read.

3rd Place: Gregory Stroud

Connecticut Examiner, The

Three Editorials Shine Light on Partly Hidden Public Topics

Well-written and entertaining but emphatic in viewpoint.

Weekly

1st Place: Cyndi Wood

Ellsworth American, The

Ellsworth American editorials

I particularly liked "America on red alert," which skillfully blended history with current happenings.

2nd Place: Julia Wells, Jane Seagrave

Vineyard Gazette

Leadership Gap; Being Seen; Spur to Action

Quietly effective editorials with top-notch analysis.

3rd Place: Marianne Stanton

The Inquirer and Mirror

Editorial Writing

These editorials are clear, civilized in tone, and well-reasoned.

Editorial/Commentary Page

Combined

1st Place: Scott Ritter

Day, The

How the AR-15 conquered America

This page was a reaction to the Buffalo killings. It most effectively combines a wire story, a local column, and a floor-to-ceiling illustration of an AR-15 to make a powerful statement.

2nd Place: Jeff Potter, editor

Commons, The

Roe v. Wade

The Commons is an unusual newspaper and its commentary section is an exemplar of the model. Its five pages of readers' reaction to the Supreme Court ruling against Roe v. Wade are well-packaged.

Education Reporting

Daily

**1st Place: Greta Jochem and
Meg Britton-Mehlisch
The Berkshire Eagle**

What's at core of absence crisis?

Solid enterprise reporting bolstered by great looking and informative graphics. Great example of noticing a trend and then digging to find the causes and issues behind it.

**2nd Place: ELIZABETH ROMAN
The Republican**

EDUCATION EQUITY

Strong coverage of a local issue that is shared by communities across the country. Good mix of sources and voices.

**3rd Place: Vanessa Paoletta
Sun Journal**

Auburn bus drivers balk; school district turns bus operations over to City

Great example of taking the issue that comes out of a meeting and following it through. Nice digging to find out the details of the turmoil inside the transportation department.

News Services and Online News Sites

**1st Place: Tristan Smith
MassLive**

A Tale of Two Schools

This story exposes the shocking disparities between two schools located in the same building. The reporter did a great job of elevating the voices of students impacted by these disparities. Strong writing paints a clear picture of what goes on in these schools for the reader.

**2nd Place: Roberta Baker
Granite State News Collaborative**
Mental Health Series Part 1 and 2

This story shocked me. The writer clearly and quickly gets to the heart of the issue. It is definitely a wake-up call for parents. This is a solid two-part series that shows the reader how

critical mental health is to learning, and the fallout of the pandemic.

**3rd Place: Rhianwen Watkins, Seacoast Online,
GSNC**

Granite State News Collaborative

Young NH teachers leaving the profession. The 'heartbreaking, infuriating' reasons why.

Solid reporting with strong, real-life examples of the teacher crisis, backed by interesting data from across the state.

Weekly

**1st Place: Alison Novak
Seven Days**

Local Commotion: National Divisions on Race and Equity Are Roiling Vermont School Boards
Comprehensive and well-written roundup of the challenges faced by local school boards in the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement, fears over critical race theory and political divisiveness. The stories of several different places facing questions of race and equity were woven into a compelling story.

**2nd Place: Christopher Ross
Addison County Independent**

School safety at Bristol Elementary and Mt. Abe high school

Interesting series of articles about the struggles schools have with discipline. It is easy to see why readers engaged with this series. The interview with the mom of a disciplined student added a side not often seen in coverage.

**3rd Place: Louisa Hufstader
Vineyard Gazette**

Early Childhood Programs Scramble to Meet Demand

Solid reporting on the seemingly intractable problem of child care. Good mix of sources and voices.

Energy News and Reporting

Combined

1st Place: Doug Fraser

Cape Cod Times

Harnessing the Wind

This is truly an outstanding deep dive into all thing wind power with vital information and perspective on how the industry is likely to impact local communities and the state. The best journalism is the journalism that educates, and these stories are a master class.

2nd Place: Christine Legere

Provincetown Independent

Dumping Radioactive Water From Pilgrim Nuclear Plant Into Cape Cod Bay (series of 3 articles)

Excellent reporting on a crucial issue facing Cape Cod Bay communities. These stories show just how important persistent and probing local journalism is to people's health and well-being. These stories do an excellent job explaining the issues so that readers can readily understand them.

3rd Place: Kevin McCallum

Seven Days

Hot Air? Critics Say a Gas Company's Reinvention Is 'Greenwashing'

This story does an excellent job examining the myth vs. the reality of a gas company's environmental marketing pitch. But the story doesn't stop there. It also includes lots of other really good information regarding the difficulty traditional energy companies face trying to go greener.

Environmental Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Michael Casey

The Associated Press

PCB and wildlife

Model of a well-written and reported story that zooms out from a local concern to its broader regional and national implications, in this case

that a pollutant banned long ago continues to wreak havoc in the environment decades later.

2nd Place: Ross Cristantiello

Boston.com

How America saved its iconic bird from extinction

Note: Tied for 2nd place.

Strong contextual report about how our national symbol suffers numerous ongoing environmental threats not just in one state, but across the country.

2nd Place: Lillian Eden

The MetroWest Daily News

Natick, others debate what to do with Charles River Dam spillway

Note: Tied for 2nd place.

An excellent example of a well-sourced local environmental story that delves deeply, but sensitively, into the many interrelated issues around a single problem - an old dam on a local river.

Specialty

1st Place: Sam Moore

MV Bluedot Living

We are All Whalers

A compelling profile of a prominent local scientist that allows the writer to delve deeply and intelligently into the plight of endangered whales.

2nd Place: Robert Cocuzzo

N-Magazine

Night Life

A thoughtful exploration of how the problem of light pollution affects a local community, with a well-reported account of its impacts on wildlife and communities. Gorgeous photography fills out the package.

3rd Place: John Stanton

Nantucket Today

PFAS Problems

A timely and clearly written account that weaves together, in an attractive layout, the

broader issues around this family of "forever chemicals" known as PFAS with a locally emerging concern involving artificial turf that contains it, as well as a offering a miniportrait of a local activist.

Weekly

1st Place: Kevin McCallum

Seven Days

Wildlife Wars: Animal Defenders Struggle to Change Hunting and Trapping Traditions in Vermont

Thoughtful, well-reported and engagingly written feature about controversial hunting and trapping traditions that reveals not only the policy challenges but also the personality conflicts arising around this issue.

2nd Place: Noah Asimow

Vineyard Gazette

Oyster Buyback Spawns New Ecology Program

Insightful and relevant story about an environmental problem with a possible solution, effectively reported and written with panache.

3rd Place: Lucas Thors, Rich Saltzberg and

George Brennan

The Martha's Vineyard Times

PFAS and school field project

Classic watchdog reporting that tracks local government action on a key environment issue in the area (PFAS and groundwater pollution), while weaving in a national angle about a problematic government expert.

Event Special Section

Combined

1st Place: Emily Hamilton

Seven Days

The Magnificent 14

Great layout, fantastic design and photos! Love this Top 14 must dos!

2nd Place: Staff

Vineyard Gazette

Book Festival, August 6, 2021

New Yorker magazine - like take on literary content. Nice special events pages!

3rd Place: Brad Kane, Mitchell Hayes,

Erika Sidor

Worcester Business Journal

WBJ 40 Under Forty, Class of 2021

Well done 40 under 40 section.

Nice layout.

Food Page or Section

Daily

1st Place: Gregory Stroud

Connecticut Examiner, The

One Week in, Port Of Call Shows Polish

My only quibble here is referring to a week-old restaurant as "reliable" (and also curious why you were critiquing a week-old restaurant in the first place.) But happy to overlook a writer's different notions of time and its meaning when the writer has a great grasp of rhythm and authoritative voice. Stroud has an admirable knack for explaining food and drink without condescending to readers who never before considered wine dinners.

1st Place: Gregory Stroud

Connecticut Examiner, The

A Remarkable Showing Of Twenty-Something

'Volcanic Wine' at Mystic's Shipwright's

Daughter

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Food Page or Section, *continued*

Specialty

1st Place: Marianne Stanton

Nantucket Today

Island Food, Island Culture

I wish this story included pictures of the showcased soups, or better descriptions of how they taste, but the terrific anecdotes more than compensate for what's missing. Strong reporting on an essential topic.

2nd Place: Kevin Stanton

Nantucket Today

C is for Chartreuse

Super fun.

3rd Place: Kevin Stanton

Nantucket Today

Grilling Sea Bass

Nice use of complementary text and images to reassure and inspire readers unsure about whole fish cookery.

Weekly

1st Place: Jordan Barry, Melissa Pasanen,

Maggie Reynolds

Seven Days

June 22 Food Section

Informed and enthusiastic, this section is the clear champion of its category: Copy, images, and design work together to excite the reader's appetite and imagination.

2nd Place: Elsie Lynn Parini

Addison County Independent

Hungry for something new

Nice job reflecting your community's diversity.

Front Page

Daily

1st Place: Evan Berkowitz

The Berkshire Eagle

Front Page: Nov. 13, 2021

There is excellence on every inch of this page. Investigative stories too often fall short on art,

but this presentation makes it a must-read — and a story for everyone in North Adams to be talking about.

2nd Place: Jim Flynn

Republican-American

We Lost Everything

Effective pairing of high-impact photo and headline demonstrating no fear of playing the big story big.

3rd Place: Jim Flynn

Republican-American

Power Struggle

This is a busy page, but it reflects a Sunday edition that has something for everyone, while highlighting a serious environmental threat for river herring and other fish who can't swim upstream to spawn.

Weekly

1st Place: Dave Plath

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Wild things

This front page wins the category by a neck — a long one. Simply gorgeous, with a creative use of artwork and typography.

2nd Place: Kristin Walser

Boston Business Journal

Sept. 3 2021 front page

This page makes clear not only the usefulness of this issue of the magazine for the Boston voter but also the historic nature of the mayoral contest.

3rd Place: Matt Selva

Mainebiz

Mainebiz Nov. 1, 2021

The headline treatment and photo have the readers seeing some fun in their future.

General News Story

Daily 1

1st Place: Joe Difazio

The Patriot Ledger

A tale of two Quincys

Excellent story about building boom in Quincy and wrestling with retaining historic heritage. Details and descriptions take the reader right into the story

2nd Place: Paul Leighton

Salem News, The

Beverly Assisted Living

Multi-part series on assisted living building closing for reno, leaving residents out in the cold. Reporter did a good job of getting all sides of this story.

3rd Place: Ethan Forman

Gloucester Daily Times

Two miracles kept seamen alive

Just a darned good read. And with a happy ending.

Daily 2

1st Place: Cyrus Moulton

Telegram & Gazette

Scattered, Camps, aid for homeless pose challenge for Worcester

Nice piece on closing a homeless camp. Reporter told all sides of a controversial story. It was well written and balanced and deserving of first place.

2nd Place: Greta Jochem

The Berkshire Eagle

The problem next door

Reporter looked at run-down properties in North Adams and then talked to neighbors and (some) owners to detail some of the worst examples. Interviews really made this story.

3rd Place: Danny Jin

The Berkshire Eagle

Cannabis has become a significant moneymaker in the Berkshires

What made this story prize-worthy was its details, especially the graphics. Who knew the Berkshires was a hotbed of pot growing and selling. Nice reporting.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Ginny Monk and Andrew Brown

Connecticut Mirror, The

CT towns got \$1.5 billion from feds. They've budgeted roughly 1% for housing

Housing shortage in Connecticut, but too few federal Covid funds are being used to alleviate it. Well-written, data-driven investigative story. Worthy of first place.

2nd Place: Emilia Otte

The Connecticut Examiner

Rent hikes leave mobile home residents in a bind

Good reporting on the story of a mobile home park in Connecticut which faces rent increases and other problems, but corporate owners don't seem to care. Lots of good interviews.

3rd Place: Tristan Smith

MassLive

Greenfield police chief denies alcoholism, racism accusations

Greenfield, Mass. police department faces not only budget cuts but racism in the department, and a chief who has a lot of personal problems. Good local coverage with multiple interviews.

General News Story, *continued*

Specialty

1st Place: Nancy Lavin, Staff

Providence Business News

Can Providence's working waterfront be both livable and an economic engine?

This story separates itself from the rest because it covers an important topic with unrivaled thoroughness. Deeply sourced and researched, it is well-organized and insightful while offering vital historical perspective.

2nd Place: Katherine Hamilton

Worcester Business Journal

Downsized: Shrinking Polar Park developments

This story excels at showing in concise detail the pending financial consequences facing Worcester's Polar Park tax district. Well-presented and researched it lays out in an easy to grasp format the challenges the city faces and why it is important for readers to know.

3rd Place: Marc Larocque

Providence Business News

A Rank and File Revival

This story does an excellent job exploring changes in Rhode Island's labor market that have led to a resurgence in union activity. There are many wrinkles to the issue and this story does a good job exploring them and what the future could hold.

Weekly 1

1st Place: Aaron Calvin

Stowe Reporter

130 cows, historic barn lost in Percy farm fire

We forget sometimes that a fire story is more than just about the flames. This story does an outstanding job of exploring seemingly every conceivable consequence of this fire and in doing so provides readers with invaluable insights into its ripple effects.

2nd Place: Patrick Cronin

Hampton Union

Neo-Nazi group sparks outrage in downtown Hampton. Town struggles with how to respond.

This story does a nice job of exploring the struggles of one town's efforts to contain hate speech while respecting free speech rights. Often these kinds of stories focus on the event and not the discussions going on behind the scenes. This one works to provide context and perspective.

3rd Place: Patrick Cronin

Hampton Union

Hampton neighbors at odds over rogue animals destroying yards

This is a well-written, well-organized and thorough examination of a dispute among neighbors that as boiled over to involve town officials and public policy. It's also a fun read.

Weekly 2

1st Place: Matthew Roy

Seven Days

The Real Estate Rush, Other Factors Have Pushed Homeownership Out of Reach for Many Vermonters

In the end, I could not articulate any intelligent reasons for why one of these stories was better than the other. Indeed, they are essentially two inseparable aspects of one story, which is the title of series of which they are parts - "Locked Out." Impeccably reported, deeply sourced, thoughtfully and dispassionately presented, they bring a serious public policy issue to life. Very impressed that seemingly every possible angle and perspective was smartly presented and examined.

1st Place: Derek Brouwer

Seven Days

Renters' Prison: How a Merciless Market of Unchecked Rent Hikes Traps Vermont Tenants

**2nd Place: Fran Lynggaard Hansen
Commons, The**

'The people are the place, and the place is the people'

This story does a wonderful job connecting the past to the present and in doing so educates readers about aspects of their community they likely never know existed. These kinds of stories are important because they dig deeper than simply reporting on procedure.

**3rd Place: Ben Glickman, Cam Blair
Provincetown Independent**

They Worked for Napi for Years; Now They're Being Evicted

Too often stories like these fall through the cracks and are never reported. It's tough to flush out what's going on when one side refuses to comment, but this story does a nice job of digging to get enough details so that readers have a clear understanding of what's really going on.

Government Reporting

Daily

**1st Place: Andrew Rice, Andree Kehn, Judith Meyer, Mark LaFlamme
Sun Journal**

Shelters not allowed

Wow! This is an amazing multi-part series on homelessness in Auburn and Lewiston that covers all sides of the issue in a captivating manner. The work of Andrew Rice, Andree Kehn and Mark LaFlamme shows that local journalism still matters.

**2nd Place: Breanna Edelstein
The Eagle-Tribune**

The absent selectman

Breanna Edelstein broke a fascinating story about a selectman in Atkinson, NH who also is a police chief in PA. Breanna's reporting pushed the issue of the residency rules in both states into the public eye.

**3rd Place: Michael Gagne
Record-Journal**

Nonprofits challenge Meriden city tax assessments

Michael Gagne's excellent multi-story focus on non-profits in Meriden being taxed as for-profit businesses is eye-opening and very easy to read.

News Services and Online News Sites

**1st Place: Staff
Connecticut Mirror, The**

The Kosta Diamantis saga

The CT Mirror never lets up with its excellent series covering the saga of a state official who became the subject of an FBI probe and lost his job. The Mirror kept - and is still keeping the spotlight shining on this story the public needs to know.

**2nd Place: Shira Schoenberg
CommonWealth Magazine**

Unpaid \$3,056 tax bill may cost Oxford man his \$254,000 home

Shira Schoenberg uses the story of an elderly man who may lose his home for unpaid real estate taxes to give readers a fine in-depth look into this issue on a wider statewide basis.

**3rd Place: Riley Robinson
VTDigger.org**

The cans we kick: Vermont lawmakers requested 99 new reports this year

Riley Robinson does a thorough job reporting on the large number of reports that are slowing Vermont's government from getting much done. This story is a must-read for those in Vermont wondering what takes so long is getting things done.

Government Reporting, *continued*

Specialty

1st Place: Greg Ryan

Boston Business Journal

Key state job-training programs are poised for expansion. How effective are they?

Here is an example of journalism that goes well beyond what government representatives say is going on. Greg Ryan exposed the Massachusetts' jobs program for it is – the good and its shortcomings.

2nd Place: Nancy Lavin, Staff

Providence Business News

Shades of Green

This is a tremendous, well-researched story on what is and should be happening in terms of development on the Providence waterfront. It's a complex issue, made very clear and understandable by Nancy Lavin. The editorial adds even more clarity to the problem and possible solutions.

3rd Place: Nancy Lavin, Staff

Providence Business News

Who is a Minority?

Excellent story on Rhode Island's treatment of minorities in business and the issue of what constitutes a minority. Nancy Lavin also reports on how Rhode Island falls short in this area. Adding to the reporting is an editorial that spells out what should happen.

Weekly

1st Place: Anne Wallace Allen

Seven Days

Democracy How?

Ann Wallace Allen has put together a grand story of interesting and compelling information about the changes being made in Vermont's Town Meeting Day. It's balance and fascinating reading!

2nd Place: Patrick Cronin

Hampton Union

Hampton selectman joins effort to remove NH voting machines

Patrick Cronin wrote a balanced and detailed story about a group's effort to do away with voting machines. Patrick made sure that people on all sides had a voice in this story while objectively using real facts as the story's guide in countering the myths.

3rd Place: Aaron Calvin

News & Citizen

Varnum Library: Former director threatens legal action

Nice job by Aaron Calvin on a very sensitive story about a former library director threatening to sue Jeffersonville, VT. Aaron did an excellent job in getting information and quotes from people on the type of issue that is usually pretty difficult to get on the record. He does well in letting the people involved tell their stories.

Headline Writing

Combined

1st Place: George Brennan

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Penne for his thoughts

The main head is very clever and just enough of a tease to make the reader scan the subhead. Definitely gives one reason to chuckle -- and read the story, which is the whole point.

2nd Place: Don Seiffert

Boston Business Journal

Taking an outside-the-box approach to the casket business

Very clever play on words, with just enough information to clue the reader into the story topic.

Headline Writing, *continued*

**3rd Place: Teresa Parker, Edward Miller,
K.C. Myers**

Provincetown Independent

Pickleball Players and Peeved Neighbors Trade Volleys

Nicely done headline and subhead, although the additional pun (Select board lobs....) might be a bit much. Overall, good, creative writing.

Health Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Heather Bellow

The Berkshire Eagle

Health Reporting: Berkshire nursing homes series

Reporting on nursing homes is challenging, particularly during the pandemic, but that hasn't deterred Heather Bellow from exposing the problems with care inside Berkshire County's nursing homes. Through patient, family and staff interviews and documents, she has exposed lack of proper staffing, worsened by the pandemic, and has used inspection reports to hold nursing home leaders accountable. Her series is a great example for local reporters who want to investigate nursing homes.

2nd Place: Emily Bader, Andree Kehn

Sun Journal

Legacy of Pain

The Legacy of Pain series is an exemplary series explaining the devastation caused by the opioid crisis. Emily Bader skillfully tells the stories of the characters that drive her narratives and backs up her reporting with data and easy-to-understand charts and graphs. It is clear that Bader has examined the crisis from multiple angles, including the connection between substance use and childhood trauma, potential solutions, such as trauma-informed recovery, and the multi-generational impact of the crisis. Bader's series can be a roadmap for other

journalists who want to explore the opioid crisis in their region.

3rd Place: Brad Petrishen

Telegram & Gazette

Fighting the enemy up close

Brad Petrishen introduces the readers to a dangerous group of chemicals called PFAS -- and their potential link to cancer among firefighters -- through the story of a firefighter and his wife, who has been relentlessly looking for answers. He carefully explains the current state of research and science and weaves in ongoing discussions among policymakers and politicians.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Katy Golvala

Connecticut Mirror, The

As hospital systems grow in CT, rural patients lose services

In her story, "As hospital systems grow in CT, rural patients lose services," Katy Golvala investigates and explains how hospital mergers, particularly in rural areas, can lead to service cuts, affecting the vulnerable population.

2nd Place: Erica E. Phillips

Connecticut Mirror, The

Catholic health system's acquisition of Day Kimball hospital raises concerns

"Catholic health system's acquisition of Day Kimball hospital raises concerns" explains what could happen when a Catholic health system acquires a secular hospital, an issue that's not often covered in the news.

Health Reporting, *cont.*

3rd Place: Roberta Baker

Granite State News Collaborative

Traveling nurses: a tug between supply and demand

Traveling nurses became critical for many hospitals during the pandemic, but they've also been the subject of controversy, or as Baker puts it, it's been a "thorny issue." "Traveling nurses: a tug between supply and demand" thoroughly explains the issue, using examples in nursing homes and hospitals.

Specialty

1st Place: Bob Sanders

New Hampshire Business Review

Health insurance metamorphosis; Private insurers gain Medicare market share

Bob Sanders' stories demonstrate his deep understanding of the U.S. health insurance system, including Medicare and workplace insurance. He explains the topics clearly and explores the nuances thoroughly.

2nd Place: Jacquelyn Voghel

Providence Business News

BROWN'S PRESCRIPTION

JACQUELYN VOGHEL has done a great job explaining a failed merger involving a university and two health systems, and the pros and cons of such mergers and partnerships.

3rd Place: Kris Olson

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

Counsel for those with brain injuries recount 14-year quest for services

Kris Olson does a nice job following a 14-year case and the attorney behind it, who didn't give up his quest to create a better state system to provide services to people with brain injuries.

Weekly

1st Place: Chelsea Edgar, Colin Flanders

Seven Days

The Doctor Won't See You Now: Patients Wait Months for Treatment at Vermont's Biggest Hospital

"The Doctor Won't See You Now" is a revealing investigation into a health system that's rapidly grown at a cost to patient care. Through dozens of interviews with patients and staff, the duo exposes the long wait times for specialty care at a medical center and show how the pandemic worsened the situation. They also describe how large health systems try to sideline independent physicians, even if they would benefit from collaborating with those physicians.

2nd Place: Colin Flanders

Seven Days

The Doctor Is Out: Why Independent Physicians Are Disappearing From Vermont

Through in-depth reporting, Colin Flanders shines a light on the reasons behind the plight of independent physicians, particularly in rural areas, and informs the reader about the important role private doctors play in our health care system.

3rd Place: Aaron Calvin and Avalon Styles

Ashley

News & Citizen

Staffing shortage creates disparity in nursing pay

"Staffing shortage creates disparity in nursing pay" explains the role of traveling nurses during the pandemic and the concerns with the amounts that nurse staffing agencies charged compared to before the pandemic. The story is fair and balanced.

3rd Place: K.C. Myers, Jasmine Lu

Provincetown Independent

Outer Cape Lives in Health-Care Limbo

"Outer Cape Lives in Health-Care Limbo" clearly captures the problem of primary-care provider shortage, that's exacerbated in the area by factors such as high housing prices and retiring doctors.

History Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Steve Collins

Sun Journal

'It changed people's minds about me'

First rate account of perhaps the dirtiest trick in modern presidential politics - sabotaging Sen. Muskie's campaign. Good digging, and very authoritative writing.

2nd Place: Josie Albertson-Grove

New Hampshire Union Leader

The strike that was the beginning of the end for Amoskeag

I liked how the article conveyed how the strike had lasting effects right up to today's labor force.

3rd Place: Tom Eastman

Conway Daily Sun, The

Surprising history of slavery - CDS

Mid-18th century history in New Hampshire reported and written with terrific style.

Specialty

1st Place: Bruce A. Percelay

N-Magazine

Witness to History

Heart-stopping detail at the center of one of the biggest events in the nation's history. Congrats to the magazine for convincing Mr. Card to give the interview.

2nd Place: Craig Semon

Worcester Magazine

Remembering the time Al Pacino came to Worcester's El Morocco

What fun! Thanks for the memories!

3rd Place: Kris Olson

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

New BC Law website pays tribute to nation's second Black lawyer

Great topic and project and look forward to further research into his career.

Weekly

1st Place: Louisa Hufstader

Vineyard Gazette

A Community Rediscovered: Black History in the Oak Bluffs Campground

The bonding of blacks into Martha's Vineyard's history is one of the best stories about America.

2nd Place: Chris Farnsworth

Seven Days

Memorial Days: The History and Uncertain Future of Burlington's Memorial Auditorium

Nicely written history with an edge for the future.

3rd Place: Tristan Ashlock

Ipswich Local News

Ipswich Mills Strike

This article underscores how the acceptance of labor unions is likely one of New England's most important historical developments.

Human Interest Feature Story

Daily 1

1st Place: Megan Fernandes

Fosters Daily Democrat

Korean War vet and POW nearly died, saw his best friend killed. He urges: 'Never forget'

A compelling interview with a member of a rare and vanishing breed: the American war hero.

2nd Place: Steve Pfarrer

Daily Hampshire Gazette

Catalog of Complaints

This is an impossibly fun story idea, and it's perfectly executed.

3rd Place: Julian Mendoza

Greenfield Recorder, The

Blue Origin astronaut

This is so wonderfully written, the reader has the sensation of experiencing apogee with the Blue Origin executive.

Human Interest Feature Story, *continued*

Daily 2

1st Place: Mark Reynolds, Whitman Littlefield Providence Journal

A Fight For Redemption

This highly compelling package is a master class in making sense of an international conflict for a local audience.

2nd Place: Heather Bellow The Berkshire Eagle

Teen joins growing number of women pilots
Beautifully written takeout on a truly remarkable teen.

3rd Place: RON CHIMELIS The Republican

STANDING TALL, COMMON CAUSE

The writer has a lot of fun comparing and contrasting these two unlikely friends, and as readers, we're happy to join him for the ride.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Steve Jensen Connecticut Examiner, The

Lessons of Geese and Men in a Morning Field
Steve Jensen delivers a charming birds-eye view of a fading pastime by accompanying a group of retired waterfowl experts on a pre-dawn goose hunting excursion. Employing real-time narration, Jensen observes first-hand both the joys and inevitable frustrations of an unproductive hunt amidst a backdrop of pristine beauty. Throwbacks to a time when hunters were portrayed as self-reliant and virtuous, these suburban outdoorsmen share knowledge and nuggets of wisdom with the newbie in their midst, spinning yarns and explaining the rudiments of their craft. Quotes from this wisecracking band – long-time pals with squirrely nicknames to match – provide background, context and a healthy dose of humor. And though everyone goes home empty-handed, the camaraderie makes it all

worthwhile. Ultimately, Jensen's tale is less about enjoying this shared activity than the "transformative impact" of companionship and how it nurtures bonds that last a lifetime.

2nd Place: Emilia Otte Connecticut Examiner, The

Stamford Ukrainian School Upholds Language and Traditions Amidst Worries About War

In her first five paragraphs, Emilia Otte sets the stage for this feature treatment of young Ukrainians enrolled at an ethnic school in Stamford, Conn., where weekend classes help preserve cultural bonds while also providing emotional sanctuary from unsettling news involving relatives in Eastern Europe. Otte skillfully incorporates quotes from adults (teachers and school administrators), high-schoolers and even kindergartners to reinforce the war's impact on all parts of Connecticut's Ukrainian community. Especially poignant are reflections from a 16-year-old who struggles with the knowledge that she enjoys a privileged American lifestyle while friends and family members back home face daily horrors and an uncertain future. Nicely done.

3rd Place: Erin Petenko VTDigger.org

Fox Market is Vermont's 1st LGBTQ+ bar in 15 years. What took so long?

Erin Petenko's advocacy piece uses East Montpelier bar as a springboard to explore evolving LGBTQ issues in Vermont. Writing could be more tightly focused, but the shifting landscape as queer folk gain visibility and acceptance makes for thoughtful reading. Passages that address fragmentation – if not outright prejudice – within the LGBTQ community itself are especially compelling.

Human Interest Feature Story,

continued

Specialty

1st Place: Robert Cocuzzo

N-Magazine

Action Hero

The attention to color, detail and texture make this profile such a satisfying read.

2nd Place: Robert Cocuzzo

N-Magazine

Fast Track

Masterfully written, with a terrific sense of rhythm.

3rd Place: Kevin Stanton

Nantucket Today

A Big Fish and a Sharp Knife: The Journey of Edmar Piano

Great storytelling skills bring us right into the kitchen with this unlikely chef.

Weekly 1

1st Place: Rob Kiener

Stowe Reporter

A town responds

This is a beautifully told story that brings the reader headlong into the drama.

2nd Place: Tommy Gardner

Stowe Reporter

A Buffalo Man

You can tell the writer had fun with this lighthearted piece, and we're having fun along with him.

3rd Place: Joshua Balling

The Inquirer and Mirror

President Gives Young Avery Advice

A touching snapshot into a poignant exchange with the president. Lovely!

Weekly 2

1st Place: Bill Eville

Vineyard Gazette

An Educational Partnership That Soars

This elegantly written profile both informs and surprises.

2nd Place: Sally Pollak

Seven Days

Woodstock Steeplejack Daniel Quinn Welcomes

Wearies Hikers

A lively piece about a truly colorful character.

3rd Place: Steve Goldstein

Seven Days

A Beloved Former Vermont Lake Monsters

Mascot Reflects on a Long Career

This is a really fun read, and a highly effective use of the Q&A format.

Humor Columnist

Combined

1st Place: Eric Williams

Cape Cod Times

Curious Cape weekly column

2nd Place: Doug Brendel

Ipswich Local News

Outsiders Heat Wave

3rd Place: Saralee Perel

Cape Cod Times

To my abba (dad) and my zayde (grandpa) for

Father's Day; Your very own columnist

Illustration/Infographics

Combined

1st Place: Kristina Walser

Boston Business Journal

Covid Boomtowns and Busts

Wonderful illustration, pages of beautifully-designed text and infographics. An absolute standout and winner!!

2nd Place: Nicole Jackson, Leslie Garrett

MV Bluedot Living

What.On.Earth: Food for Thought

Well done online look at numbers and content relating to climate change. Easily digestible and great looking!

3rd Place: Ezra Veitch, Chris Farnsworth

Seven Days

Costume Party

Great solution to story-telling history of local parade. Attention-getting graphic illustrations are both engaging and well done!

Investigative / Enterprise Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Emily Bader, Andree Kehn

Sun Journal

Legacy of Pain

A thorough and compelling series of stories on one of the most serious problems facing communities in Maine and across the nation.

2nd Place: Breanna Edelstein

The Eagle-Tribune

The downfall of David Russell

A terrific example of digging deep to uncover the story behind the story. An excellent piece of investigative reporting.

3rd Place: Chris Larabee

Greenfield Recorder, The

Failures at United Arc

An example of solid enterprise reporting on an institution that serves some of the most vulnerable in the community.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Johnny Bassett, GSNC partners

Granite State News Collaborative

Invisible Walls Series

An in-depth examination--with multiple angles--of a long-overlooked government policy that helps lock in poverty and crime in neighborhoods that provide little or no escape. Well done!

2nd Place: Andrew Brown, Kasturi Pananjady

Connecticut Mirror, The

Billions collected, millions returned

An excellent piece of enterprise reporting that holds the powerful accountable.

3rd Place: Paul Cuno-Booth, Jonathan Van

Fleet, GSNC

Granite State News Collaborative

"Why did I get Stopped" Series

An excellent piece of reporting that sheds light on a troubling practice in need of reform.

Weekly

1st Place: Mindy Haskins Rogers, Virginia Ray

Commons, The

Legacy of abuse in Brattleboro area schools

This series of stories illustrates the point that it is never too late to confront and unravel the impact of sexual abuse. An excellent example of digging deep to expose the truth.

2nd Place: Noah Asimow, Maia Coleman

Vineyard Gazette

Review of Records Sheds Light on State Forest Trail Cutting

Sometimes investigative reporting is all about answering the question "how did this happen," Through an extensive examination of public records, these reporters uncover the answer and reveal exactly what went wrong.

Investigative / Enterprise Reporting, *continued*

3rd Place: Bob Sanders

New Hampshire Business Review

NH investors entangled in real estate 'Ponzi' scheme; The dark side of 1031 exchanges

In-depth reporting that unravels the details of how a Ponzi scheme stripped vulnerable investors of their life savings and the role a NH middleman played in the process.

Living Page or Section

Combined

1st Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Berkshire Landscapes: Nov. 20-21, 2021

Although there were some strong entries in this category, The Berkshire Eagle's Thanksgiving-week living section stands head and shoulders above the rest. From the delectable cover story on alternative pumpkin pies to the back-end natural and artistic landscape pages, Features Editor Jennifer Huberdeau projects a style and substance that gives this 12-page section its characteristic appeal. Huberdeau's fingerprints, as well as her byline, are literally all over this issue – which bookends syndicated crosswords, columns and comics with plenty of local content. Very well done!

2nd Place: Teresa Parker

Provincetown Independent

Inside/Out section, July 21, 2022

What could be more evocative of summers on Cape Cod than blueberries, big stripers and stands of daisies soaking up the sun? The Provincetown Independent's July 21 entry serves up a pitch perfect pot-pourri of seasonal scents and scenery that is so authentically Cape Cod readers may want to dig out their old Patti Page LPs. Amy McGuiggan's historical narrative on an 1893 shipwreck that took the lives of 26 mariners makes for compelling reading, as does story on former Ralph Lauren designer who developed a cottage business reconstructing

worn clothing with artistic repairs. Definitely good beach reading.

3rd Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Community

This expansive 20-page section brimming with local content features regular columns from six island communities – a throwback to the day when local weeklies routinely published roundups of birthdays, significant anniversaries and other notable items compiled by neighborhood correspondents. Likewise enjoyable were a report on protected shorebirds, a compelling historical piece on flooding in Edgartown, and a 55-Plus section geared towards senior citizens. While first-person cover story on paddleboarding introduces readers to an interesting and fun activity, it does seem an exceedingly generous promotion for a local paddleboard outfitter.

Local Election Coverage

Combined

1st Place: Chelsea Edgar, Sasha Goldstein

Seven Days

Vermont's Congressional primary

Consisting of eight stories by staff writers Chelsea Edgar and Sasha Goldstein, Seven Days' entry – which chronicles a Democratic primary to succeed incumbent U.S. Rep. Peter Welch – is the clear winner in this category. Featuring thorough reporting and concise writing, Seven Days' comprehensive coverage transcends standard political fare by avoiding campaign clichés in favor of insight and analysis. In her opening piece, Edgar reports on retail politics practiced by the campaign's two front-runners – Lt. Gov. Molly Gray and state senate President Becca Balint – as they glad-hand onlookers at a series of Memorial Day parades. Edgar's tongue-in-cheek description of Balint's "canine-first public relations strategy" (distributing Milk Bones along the parade route) is priceless. Subsequent stories are likewise effective, especially a mid-July "Congressional

Countdown” which clearly defines each candidate while updating readers on new developments in the race. Perhaps most impressive is Goldstein’s campaign finance reporting – which includes an eye-opening take on website “red boxing” (sometimes used to circumvent laws which limit coordination between campaigns and so-called “super PACs”) and a post-election wrap-up on how a cryptocurrency billionaire had quietly funneled \$1.1 million to the winning candidate’s campaign. A top-notch election post-mortem completes the package, and shows why – when it comes to election coverage – Seven Days wins in in a landslide.

2nd Place: Angela Carella
Connecticut Examiner, The

Postal Delays Hamper Absentee Ballots in Stamford Election

Given pervasive efforts to de-legitimize election outcomes across the country, Angela Carella’s take on how postal service cutbacks affected absentee voting in a Connecticut state house election is particularly timely – and serves as an important cautionary tale. That a batch of 81 absentee ballots arrived at the Stamford town clerk’s office a week after Election Day would be alarming enough, but to hear election officials report similar experiences in other Connecticut voting districts is especially ominous. Although there’s nothing fancy about Carella’s straightforward approach – she simply lays out the facts, plugs in the quotes and gets out of the way – she deserves extra credit for a punchy lede that sets the stage. The only silver lining here (which Carella might have mentioned) is that absentee voting remains Connecticut’s only mail-in option – rather than the more far-reaching programs adopted in neighboring states.

3rd Place: Josie Albertson-Grove
New Hampshire Union Leader

New faces, new issues in races for school boards
Effective piece on how blowback from COVID-19 policies related to mandatory masking and remote learning is reshaping traditional New

Hampshire school board races – a grass-roots dissonance gaining traction in many locales. Staff writer Josie Albertson-Grove does commendable work introducing readers to a new breed of parental activist, initially motivated by anxieties over pandemic restrictions, but now by a determination to rein in the educational establishment.

Local Personality Profile

Daily

1st Place: Mark Hayward

New Hampshire Union Leader

The Ballad of River Dave

A splendidly creative take on what had been a long-running news story in New Hampshire. The Ballard of River Dave offers proof that a good story can be told in many ways. The accompanying photo is at once heart-warming and heart-breaking.

2nd Place: ELIZABETH ROMAN

The Republican

BEN SWAN

Thanks to the skillful telling of this story, it is clear Ben Swan is worthy of the news event that likely gave rise to this profile, the naming of an elementary school in his honor. A very enjoyable story to read. Well presented, too -- the use of historic photos adds a nice layer to the storytelling.

3rd Place: Domenic Poli

Greenfield Recorder, The

Leverett couple on a mission

Solid reporting lays the foundation of this tight profile -- the couple’s background explains clearly why they decided to help Ukrainian refugees.

Local Personality Profile, *continued*

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Matt Vautour

MassLive

Timmy Allen is thriving in Act 2

Expert storytelling that was impossible to stop reading. Matt Vautour weaves a narrative with detail and drama, making the most out of the interviews and journals he used as source material. The clear winner in a very competitive contest.

2nd Place: Christopher Gavin

Boston.com

Rhythm of the game: How Fenway Park organist

Josh Kantor plays fan requests on the fly

Fun profile on a person who is well known (if you have ever attended a Red Sox game) and yet unknown. Interesting topic and a well-told story.

3rd Place: Shira Schoenberg

CommonWealth Magazine

DeLeo feels 'right at home' in new academic life

A thorough "where are they now" profile on one of Beacon Hill's most prominent politicians whose final act is in high education.

Specialty

1st Place: Jason Graziadei

N-Magazine

Nantucket's Last Lobsterman Ready to Call Quits

Clearly the winner. Jason Graziadei skillfully introduces us to a lobsterman who is the last of his profession on Nantucket, hanging it up due to the growing pressures and decreasing profits. Not only is this a strong profile, but it also is an allegory for a unique way of life that is fading away on the island.

2nd Place: John Stanton

Nantucket Today

Rob Benchley: Observations from the Edge of the World

Wonderful profile on a Nantucket icon. John Stanton handles the story well, and of course Rob Benchley's photos help tell his story beautifully.

3rd Place: If More than 3 names type: Staff The Charlotte News

*In spite of pain, Jaunich wins Fulbright
Scholarship, headed to Vanderbilt*

Inspiring story of a young man who overcame the odds -- and the pain -- of a rare condition. The reporter isn't afraid to say it like it is ("If anyone deserves a Fulbright Scholarship, it's Kyle Jaunich.") and that only enhances the reader's appreciation for the story.

Weekly

1st Place: Ken Picard

Seven Days

*The Firing of Skiing Legend John Egan Leaves
Many Die-Hard Downhillers Soured on
Sugarbush*

Fascinating look at a skiing legend who lost his job at Sugarbush. The writer demonstrates a true sense of place that gives authenticity to the storytelling, and while falling short of saying exactly "why" John Egan was let go, the strong reporting provides plenty of clues.

2nd Place: Bill Eville

Vineyard Gazette

*Nature's Champion Gives Island Wildlife a Seat
at the Table*

Detailed look at a life devoted to the natural habitat on Martha's Vineyard. The reporter does an excellent job introducing us to Luanne Johnson, so much so we feel like we know her.

3rd Place: Ella Niederhelman

Ipswich Local News

Michael Coelho Grammy Nomination

Interesting profile told well by the reporter. It is easy to root for the subject, Michael Coelho, thanks to the crisp storytelling of reporter Ella Niederhelman.

Obituaries

Daily

1st Place: Larry Parnass

The Berkshire Eagle

The Miguel they knew

In many publications, the news of this young man's death would have been a brief, and it would have left people with no idea of who he was, just the tragic events around his death. Those events are complicated, and this approach created room for nuance, humanity and shows the role great local journalism can play in reflecting what's happening in the community. In this case, it's not just a tragic death, but a circle of people remembering a young man beyond his worst moment. The reporter here did great work in getting out of the way and letting people remember him.

2nd Place: Jonathan Phelps

New Hampshire Union Leader

Santa's best helper

This obituary could have been full of cliches and Christmas song lyrics. Instead, it's told skillfully by showing who Marshall was and all the ways he embodied generosity and kindness. This is a story that even the Grinch would love. (See how I fell into the cliché trap?!) Well done.

3rd Place: Rachael Devaney

Cape Cod Times

Human rights advocate Susan Quiñones remembered for love of law, ability to solve problems

A touching, detailed and thorough story that shows instead of tells all the ways one woman worked to make her community better.

Weekly

1st Place: Robert Cocuzzo

N-Magazine

Mahon of the People

Obits are often sad, but they can contain joy. This one feels less like a memorial and more like a celebration of a man who became part of the

fabric of his community. It's funny, warm, and clear-eye. Well done.

2nd Place: Tom Recchio

Provincetown Independent

Author and Vietnam Veteran Michael Lee Dies at 76

The artistry of this obituary made it stand out, and so did the gentle touch of writing about a man who fought in Vietnam. It flows beautifully and leaves the reader feeling as if they've lost a friend.

3rd Place: Aaron Calvin

Stowe Reporter

Marvin Moriarty: Olympic skier, bar brawler, fashion influencer

This subject's tragic death leads the story, but it doesn't define it. Instead, we get to know a person and how he lived, not just how he died. Nicely done.

Outstanding Newsletter

Combined

1st Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

The Minute

2nd Place: Riley Robinson, Sarah Mearhoff, Lola Duffort

VTDigger.org

Final Reading

Overall Design and Presentation of a Niche Product

Combined

1st Place: Staff

Seven Days

Staytripper Winter 2021-22

Excellent cover shows how strong imagery with strong but only-as-much-as-needed typography and text can lead to a powerful presentation. The inside spreads are uniformly well executed. This is a strong design all the way through.

2nd Place: Matt Selva

Mainebiz

Mainebiz Fact Book 2022

The cover shouldn't work, but it does with its expressive typography and separated imagery. It feels like something out of the Paul Rand school. The inside spreads are strong with a huge variety of storytelling techniques including infographics. There's a lot of color but it never becomes overwhelming.

3rd Place: David Pollard

VT Ski & Ride

VT SKI + RIDE Design: Season Preview entry

I can see the publication's designer at work on these pages. There is a visual sensibility here that ties the work together. This project engages with the grid in a more modern way than most of the other work I have seen in this contest. "The Two Futures of Skiing" opening spread is the strongest interior spread in this whole category with dynamic imagery, typography and strong overall impact. I would have placed this higher if I did not feel that some of the photography is cropped to make a spread work rather than to improve the picture or storytelling.

Overall Design and Presentation of a print newspaper

Combined

1st Place: Kristina Walser and Christina Grogan

Boston Business Journal

March 11-17 2022 issue

Smart use of illustrations and staff photography combine with varied storytelling techniques throughout an overall book that is well-paced for the reading experience. This is business news that makes itself open to a more general audience via clean execution and strong, hierarchical design with a modern grid. The typography is elegant for a range of content, including shorter news pieces, cover stories and listings.

2nd Place: STAFF

The Republican

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The publication's visual cohesiveness is a feat worthy of recognition. The use of visuals, grid and typography seem to all speak with one voice, which makes navigation through the publication feel deliberate and well-paced.

2nd Place: Staff

Seven Days

November 3, 2021

A well-executed weekly, with thoughtful pacing throughout the book. The use of color and expressive typography throughout is consistent, providing visual interest while still maintaining the overall voice of the publication. There's also a variety of visuals, from illustrations to photography.

3rd Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Overall Design - Sept. 11, 2021

There is a lot of ambition in the visual storytelling here, from the opening package on 9/11 on A1 to the two-page spread that effectively uses just text in its presentation. The overall publication suffers from being a bit of a design hodge podge, with vestiges of a prior redesign hanging around.

Overall Design and Presentation of a Special Section

Combined

1st Place: Christina Grogan

Boston Business Journal

40 Under 40 2021

Great cover. The photo is a great choice, bringing a lot of energy to the conceit. The typography of the cover line is also super strong. I love the alternating spreads where there's a full-page splash against a simpler layout. It helps keep the variety going throughout.

2nd Place: Mitchell Hayes

Worcester Business Journal

WBJ 40 Under Forty, Class of 2021

The portraits are fun and are deployed in such a way that it sustains a visual through line for the whole 40 under 40 feature. It's very cleanly presented all around with a solid cover.

3rd Place: Anne Ewing

Providence Business News

PBN 35

The conception and execution of this special section is well considered, with an opening spread for each of the sections to help with navigation. Points for the timeline at the start.

Pandemic Coverage

Daily

1st Place: Shawne K. Wickham

New Hampshire Union Leader

It's much harder now

Excellent journalism. Good idea, well organized and so well written.

2nd Place: Mark Reynolds

Providence Journal

The Path Not Taken

Harrowing tale about the downward spiral of life. Calm yet dynamic writing. You want to root for this guy.

3rd Place: Michael Gagne

Record-Journal

Tracking how area schools respond to COVID-19

Well presented, obligatory roundup written with aplomb and sensitivity.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Alison Kuznitz

MassLive

Massachusetts is on the verge of firing a partially COVID vaccinated state worker

One woman against the system. The reader gets to know her. A chilling tale of an uncaring bureaucracy. A story told in perfect pitch.

2nd Place: Jenna Carlesso and Katy Golvala

Connecticut Mirror, The

As COVID hangs on, the 'new normal' is leaving many behind

Holding a mirror up at a point in time in a threatened society. Poignant, relevant, well told.

3rd Place: Kelan Lyons, Dave Altimari

Connecticut Mirror, The

A cancer patient was sent to prison for DUI. Two months later, he was dead from COVID.

Vivid, heart breaking story. Exposes a judicial system in need of reform.

Weekly

1st Place: Staff

Provincetown Independent

Pandemic Coverage of the July 2021

Provincetown Covid Cluster

Well written, dazzlingly so in places, on how COVID wreaked havoc on one town's business community.

2nd Place: Joan Eliyesil

Harvard Press, The

Reporter's Notebook: Ten days with COVID-19:

A cautionary tale

One woman's gripping tale of falling sick to COVID and surviving.

Pandemic Coverage, *continued*

3rd Place: Bill Eville

Vineyard Gazette

TestMV Helped Island Weather the Pandemic Storm

A clear fine-tuned look at the selfless people who set up testing sites on the island.

3rd Place: Pat Murphy and Kris Olson

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

Assorted pandemic coverage

tie for 3rd place. The Lawyer's Weekly left no stone unturned in chronicling with clear, crisp writing how the disease affected the criminal justice system.

Political Columnist

Combined

1st Place: Kevin Landrigan

New Hampshire Union Leader

Why weren't anti-vaccine mandate protesters arrested?

Landrigan's columns are thought provoking and written well.

2nd Place: Bob Waite

Ipswich Local News

Bob Waite Political Columns

3rd Place: William Marvel

Conway Daily Sun, The

William Marvel politics - CDS

Racial, Ethnic or Gender Issue Coverage

Daily

1st Place: Heather Bellow

The Berkshire Eagle

Redlining

An outstanding in-depth report on how redlining in Pittsfield's West Side, dating back to the 1930s and even further, left the city's Black community disadvantaged in terms of both housing and economic prospects. Much of the first story is devoted to a recently issued report and reaction to it. In the second story, the voices of West Side residents are heard. "I'm gonna get my family out of here," said one Black resident. "I think there's a better chance of being able to do better in life if we get out of this area. Pittsfield is dying."

1st Place: Larry Parnass

The Berkshire Eagle

On West Side, it's been a long wait for economic justice

Please note that I am awarding one first-place award for two related stories — the one directly above this and this accompanying story.

2nd Place: Rachael Devaney

Cape Cod Times

Indigenous remains are a hot item for museums and private collectors

Excellent reporting on the fate of Indigenous remains on Cape Cod, and the advocacy of tribal leaders in making sure that those remains are returned to them and interred in a respectful way. We learn that remains and other Indigenous objects are sometimes held in museums and in private collections. And there is a very good second story about objects at Harvard's museums that should be returned. That story was broken by the Harvard Crimson, but the Cape Cod Times reporter does her own reporting and adds a considerable amount of context and depth.

Racial, Ethnic or Gender Issue Coverage, *continued*

3rd Place: Michael Cousineau **New Hampshire Union Leader**

In search of a workable future

A well-executed multi-story report on the changing demographics of New Hampshire. There are skillfully executed infographics as well as some interesting personal stories. My only reservation is that this story was sponsored by the New Hampshire Solutions Journalism Lab, which raises the expectation that we are going to find proposed solutions. I really don't see any of that. And though a front-page quote about "the colored kids at our school" is spoken by a Black student, I wonder if it was necessary. The preceding quote was sufficient. The AP Stylebook says: "Use 'Negro' or 'colored' only in names of organizations or in rare quotations when essential." I don't think this was one of those rare occasions — especially on page one.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Johnny Bassett, GSNC partners **Granite State News Collaborative**

Invisible Walls Series

A tremendous example of collaborative reporting by several news organizations on a complex problem: how discriminatory zoning laws have reinforced racism and led to housing inequities, biased policing, public health disparities and other social ills. A model of hard-hitting investigative reporting that illuminates problems that might not otherwise come to light.

2nd Place: Heather Morrison **MassLive**

When people of color go missing in Massachusetts, who looks for them?

"Missing white woman syndrome," as it has come to be known, involves the disproportionate media attention given when white, affluent women go missing. This outstanding series turns that on its head by

examining what happens when Black people go missing: not much. This excellent series also takes a look at much-needed reforms. The lead anecdote is especially compelling. A Black man went missing 11 years before these stories were published, and he was still missing, with little interest shown by law enforcement — a stark contrast to white women who have become household names.

3rd Place: Auditi Guha **VTDigger.org**

Vermont's multicultural liaisons help create bridges between new immigrant families and schools

A fine piece of in-depth reporting on multicultural liaisons in Vermont's public schools, especially in Winooski and Burlington, who help immigrant families from places such as the Middle East and Africa overcome language barriers and assist with them in navigating the local school systems so that their children can obtain the best education possible.

Specialty

1st Place: Renee Cordes **Mainebiz**

Fighting for Equity

Solid reporting informs readers about the barriers many women face getting funding for start-ups. Good interviews and examples demonstrating bias really help tell this important story.

2nd Place: Monica Benevides **Worcester Business Journal**

Who tells the news?

No surprises in this story, since management in newsrooms has long been predominantly male and white, but pulling together these details to show how slow things are to change is an important service to readers and moment for introspection (maybe) for media companies.

Racial, Ethnic or Gender Issue Coverage, *continued*

3rd Place: Dave Solomon

New Hampshire Business Review

Discriminatory lending persists: Stubborn obstacles remain for non-white borrowers in NH
Important coverage of the uphill fight New Hampshire's minorities face in the lending marketplace.

Weekly

1st Place: K.C. Myers

Provincetown Independent

Jamaican Business Owners Come to the Front of the House

This is an excellent, well-nuanced story about the Jamaican population in Provincetown. The writer skillfully gives us reporting that is a feel-good story that also provides some hard truths about the racism they had to overcome in order to succeed.

2nd Place: Avalon Styles Ashley

Other Paper, The

Report: Ex-teacher & Racist hanging remark

Important reporting on a racist incident at a local high school that was met with indifference. The behavior described is shocking, yet the reporter reveals that the teacher at issue continued to teach for three months after supposedly resigning — to the mental health detriment of the student who he had targeted.

3rd Place: Jeff Potter

Commons, The

A mural with meaning

A well-told story about a mural produced by young people celebrating diversity in their community. Deeply reported, with a lot of descriptive language that brings the reader directly to the scene.

Reporting on Religious Issues *Combined*

1st Place: Stephanie Barry

The Republican

FIREBRAND PRIEST STILL HARBORS ANGER

A powerful and comprehensive story about this priest's fight to expose hypocrisy in the church and the retribution he endured. Very well done, thorough reporting and good recounting of the historical timeline.

2nd Place: Kris Olson

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

In long-running fight over Wayland cremains, latest round goes to loved ones

Fascinating court case that highlights a conflict most people would not have considered when burying cremains of a relative. Solid reporting and clear writing.

3rd Place: Larry Parnass

The Berkshire Eagle

A survivor's quagmire

Good reporting in this perplexing tale about the continuing mistreatment of a church sex abuse survivor by the church's ineptitude in record-keeping and accounting for documents filed long ago.

3rd Place: Shawne K. Wickham

New Hampshire Union Leader

In these holy days, a search for shared values

A well-written feature that highlights an important relationship among the members of this group of women from different religions. It's a good read and would leave most readers feeling good.

Right-to-Know

Combined

1st Place: Rich Saltzberg

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Tisbury Police investigations

See comments for Oak Bluffs entry.

1st Place: Rich Saltzberg

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Oak Bluffs Police Investigations

Both the Oak Bluffs and Tisbury police investigations are excellent examples of newsroom persistence in the face of secrecy. By investing significant time into obtaining public records and appealing violations of the open meeting law, The Martha's Vineyard Times showed a deep and long-term commitment to the public's right to know about government.

2nd Place: Christopher Williams, Judith Meyer
Sun Journal

First Amendment fight for access

When shut out of a remote judicial hearing, the Sun Journal could have easily acquiesced and accepted secrecy. Instead, the newsroom dug in under substantial financial and time constraints to pry open the courtroom doors and tell a story that needed to be told.

3rd Place: Aaron Calvin

News & Citizen

Johnson Village Lineman resigns; Newspaper sues over

The News & Citizen's successful effort to obtain a public official's resignation letter is a reminder of the power local newsrooms can wield in their community. Rather than accepting secrecy, the newspaper devoted significant resources to fighting for transparency and ensuring compliance with the state's public records law.

Science/Technology Reporting

Combined

1st Place: Sam Moore

MV Bluedot Living

Accounting for Carbon: The Woodwell Climate Research Center

A fine, in-depth portrait of the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Falmouth, MA. The story brings the place and the people to life. It's particularly good on the idealism and remarkable persistence of the center's founder, George Woodwell.

2nd Place: Marta Hill

Boston.com

MIT scientists have done the 'impossible' with new super-thin, stronger-than-steel sheets

A clear and vivid explanation of what may turn out to be a great breakthrough in the engineering of nano-materials.

Serious Columnist

Daily

1st Place: Mark Hayward

New Hampshire Union Leader

Teen who OD'd was in 'such a dark place'

Mark Hayward's columns are effective in tackling issues of broad importance to the city he covers by focusing on the people faced with difficult decisions because of those issues and how they're responding.

2nd Place: Bob Audette

Brattleboro Reformer

Bob's observations: 'It was my job to protect my son'

3rd Place: David Collins

Day, The

David Collins columns

Serious Columnist, *continued*

Weekly

1st Place: Bill Eville

Vineyard Gazette

Straight, No Chaser, With Humor and Heart;

Finding a Foothold as a Father

Bill Eville writes with poignancy and vulnerability about experiences that no doubt resonate with his readers and community.

2nd Place: Leslie Garrett, Lily Olsen

MV Bluedot Living

Dear Dot

3rd Place: Kai Potter

Provincetown Independent

Surfing

Social Issues Feature Story

Daily

1st Place: Mary Whitfill

The Patriot Ledger

Statewide shortage, development boom lead to sky-high rents in Quincy

This story takes a deep dive into the housing crisis affecting Greater Boston with an intensive look at Quincy and other South Shore communities. It gets the reader's attention with a relatable anecdote before going on to include a good balance of expert voices and relevant data points that cut through some of the complications of the housing shortage to paint a clear picture of why things are as they are.

2nd Place: Josie Albertson-Grove

New Hampshire Union Leader

Still no answers

This story explores a specific tragedy while asking larger questions about New Hampshire's child protection division, telling the moving story of a little boy who seemingly died because of failures in the system. It's an important piece of public service journalism that shows some of the things that can go wrong and the terrible consequences that can follow.

3rd Place: Megan Fernandes

Fosters Daily Democrat

'They came in like we were nothing': Dover woman with housing voucher evicted

This story examines the increasing difficulty of renting homes for people with Housing Choice vouchers, focusing on New Hampshire's desirable Seacoast area, where many landlords are looking to maximize their profits on passive investments. It evokes empathy with a personal anecdote before going on to include a good balance of expert voices and relevant data points.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Dialynn Dwyer

Boston.com

Series: Crisis at Mass. and Cass

Everyone's heard of the encampments at Mass. and Cass, even if they've never seen them in person. Dialynn Dwyer examines the issue from all sides, demonstrating to Boston.com readers why there are no easy solutions.

2nd Place: Ginny Monk

Connecticut Mirror, The

Mental health care at Killingly High School

A comprehensive look at the battle in a Connecticut town over bringing mental health counseling to the high school.

3rd Place: Riley Robinson

VTDigger.org

Parents lobby Legislature to expand housing choices for Vermonters with developmental disabilities

A thoughtful report on the struggle aging Vermont parents face in ensuring their children with developmental disabilities will have a place to live when the parents die or become incapacitated.

Social Issues Feature Story, *continued*

Specialty

1st Place: Katherine Hamilton

Worcester Business Journal

The Boardroom Gap: Barriers to advancement

This story uses a large amount of data from across multiple industries to show the disparities between women and men in leadership roles and supports the numbers with interviews that examine the situation, its causes, and even possible solutions. It's the kind of journalism that reminds us that longstanding disparities are still very much with us but also offers analysis and hope for improvement.

2nd Place: Lucia Maffei

Boston Business Journal

Tourniquets, first-aid kits and lab space: How Boston's tech community is helping Ukraine

This story localizes international events by looking at how Boston-area Ukrainians and others in the technology sector supported Ukrainian people following the Russian invasion. It both humanizes events that are far away geographically and highlights some of the ways that people with or without lots of money and access to facilities can help those in need on the other side of the world.

3rd Place: Giselle Rivera-Flores

Worcester Business Journal

Unheard by the inner circle

This story looks at the challenges and frustrations of Black women and Latinas fighting for equity in systems that support both sexism and white supremacy. It is thoughtful in looking at the stereotypes and expectations that undermine women of color and unfairly question their competency and candid in showing their worries and anger about being underestimated and forced to present themselves according to someone else's rule book.

Weekly

1st Place: Paul Benson

Provincetown Independent

No Lease, Triple Rent, and a Move-Out Date

This story looks at the microcosm of one small apartment building to examine the larger housing crisis in Provincetown, a community with a unique set of challenges for full-time residents. It centers the voices of older residents displaced by a new landlord while examining some of the market forces that are making the vacation town nearly impossible to live in for more than a few days at a time.

2nd Place: Christine Legere

Provincetown Independent

On the Front Lines in Waco, Texas

This story localizes the national issue of abortion access by focusing on one doctor who is dedicated to helping give women freedom of choice. It provides a glimpse into the lives of people who seek abortion services while also examining the culture war around the issue and the challenges facing medical providers working to keep abortions available.

3rd Place: Jamie L. Costa

Sandwich Enterprise, The

Survivor's Tale: Women Share Their Stories About Domestic Abuse

This story, part of a larger series on domestic violence, puts survivors at the center and shows readers the terrible traumas they have endured while offering an understanding of why abused people often feel financially or emotionally unable to leave their abusers. It is an exercise in empathy on a topic for which it is all too easy for outsiders to say it could never happen to them.

Special Section or Editorial Supplement

Daily

1st Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Summer Previews

This summer guide is phenomenal! It works for locals and visitors and great for the whole summer. Art, music, theater – even the best places to hike – are all covered.

2nd Place: Staff

Day, The

More than a Month

Love the name of this special section. This is a really well done celebration of the local African American community. Excellent profiles and photos.

3rd Place: STAFF

The Republican

OUTLOOK 2022

This massive section celebrating Western Massachusetts is a valuable service to both the readers and the businesses in the area. Good advertising support!

Weekly

1st Place: Staff

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Voices on the Housing Crisis

Kudos to the Martha's Vineyard Times for committing the time and resources to develop this important section. Would love to see a follow up with possible solutions.

2nd Place: Staff

Seven Days

2022 Primary Voters' Guide

This complete guide to Vermont primaries is an excellent tool to help readers understand the candidates and the issues.

3rd Place: Susie Middleton, Jared Maciel *Vineyard Gazette*

The Vine

Excellent publication showcasing life on the Vineyard.

Special Sports Section

Combined

1st Place: Lisa Lynn

Vermont Sports

Access/Ability: How Vermont's Adaptive

Athletes and Programs Are Changing Sports

This is such a great special section highlighting accessibility for adaptive athletes. Vermont Sports did a stellar job telling the stories of the athletes that have disabilities along with programs that have helped them.

2nd Place: Lloyd Jones

Conway Daily Sun, The

Spring Sports Supplement - CDS

This special section was a comprehensive preview of all of the local spring sports. What a treat for readers!

Sports Columnist

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Matt Vautour

MassLive

Kyrie Irving doesn't get to decide when Celtics fans stop hating him

2nd Place: Chris Cotillo

MassLive

Red Sox star Xander Bogaerts will have Jerry Remy's No. 2 on his back, memory on his mind in 2022

3rd Place: Brian Robb

MassLive

How one Ime Udoka chess move unlocked Celtics Game 4 comeback win

Daily

1st Place: Mike Walsh

The Berkshire Eagle

Runners High

2nd Place: Lloyd Jones

Conway Daily Sun, The

The Golf Column - CDS

3rd Place: Marty Basch

Conway Daily Sun, The

Marty Basch Biking Column - CDS

Weekly

1st Place: Karl Lindholm

Addison County Independent

Remember me now: Ken Burton; One play: a steal of home

2nd Place: Scott Gaillard

New Boston Beacon

New Boston Hunter

Sports Feature Story

Daily 1

1st Place: Phil Stacey

Salem News, The

Grand Love

Well-told story that resonated in its humanity. The themes of love and sacrifice shined through.

2nd Place: Tim Dumas

The MetroWest Daily News

50th anniversary of Kathrine Switzer's participation in Boston Marathon

Interesting follow-up to an important milestone in our country's sports history.

3rd Place: Tim Whelan and Tommy Cassell

The MetroWest Daily News

Bus driver shortage affects high school sports

Good job of thorough reporting on a subject that is not as "sexy" as some stories, but is an important cog in scholastic athletics.

Daily 2

1st Place: Alex Hall

New Hampshire Union Leader

Call her Coach

Well-told story of someone overcoming adversity with real-life grit and determination. Her attitude and enthusiasm comes through loud and clear in the story.

2nd Place: Jen Toland

Telegram & Gazette

Family Tradition

Story that does a very good job connecting the dots among family members, and showing why family relationships are most important.

3rd Place: CYNTHIA SIMISON

The Republican

MAGICAL SEASON, WONDERFUL LIVES

Interesting "where are they now" story. Hits all of the right notes, going into detail with several of the participants.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Matt Vautour

MassLive

Timmy Allen is thriving in Act 2

Detailed and well-written. Perfectly conveyed the emotions of all of those involved. Great flow.

2nd Place: Chris Mason

MassLive

How Cole Strange went from 'the backside of a damn wheelbarrow' to Patriots first-round pick

Descriptions made me feel as if I was in East Tennessee.

3rd Place: Souichi Terada

MassLive

How Celtics' Derrick White went from high school afterthought to first-round pick to Boston's core

Well-told underdog story.

Sports Feature Story

Specialty

1st Place: Lisa Lynn

VT Ski & Ride

Why is Everyone So Angry at Vail Resorts?

Excellent deep dive into the success and challenges of Vail Resorts and the impact it is having on the local businesses and communities.

2nd Place: Lisa Lynn, Mo Wilson

Vermont Sports

Moriah Wilson: The Real Story (Vermont Sports)

This piece is wonderful. Telling the story of Moriah's life and outstanding accomplishments instead of simply focusing on her tragic death.

3rd Place: Grant Welker

Boston Business Journal

Local colleges navigate a whole new world of athlete endorsement deals

3rd Place: Victor Infante and Veer Mudambi

Worcester Magazine

A great night out

Weekly 1

1st Place: David Wolcott Jr.

Old Colony Memorial

Robert Lee is the first unified sports athlete to receive Plymouth North's Iron Eagle Award

Well-written, heartwarming story.

2nd Place: David Wolcott Jr.

Old Colony Memorial

THEN & NOW: 40 years of success for the Plymouth North girls soccer program

A wonderful look back and celebration of the girls soccer program!

3rd Place: Anthony Leggett, Erika Brown

Manchester Cricket, The

MSA: A Legacy of Great Sailing

Wonderful feature on the Manchester Sailing program. Beautiful presentation with photography.

Weekly 2

1st Place: Chris Farnsworth

Seven Days

Senior Olympian Flo Meiler Shares Her Secrets to Staying Fit

Fascinating feature story - go Flo!

1st Place: Melissa Pasanen

Seven Days

A Former Chef Finds Peace and a New Career in Fly-Fishing

Strong writing sharing Eisenberg's unexpected career change.

2nd Place: Noah Asimow

Vineyard Gazette

Scram, Albies! Bluefin Tuna Caught from Shore

2nd Place: Jasmine Lu

Provincetown Independent

Learning Moderation From Marathons

Jasmine Lu does a beautiful job sharing Navas' journey from athlete to addiction and back.

3rd Place: Calli Remillard

Falmouth Enterprise, The

A Brush With Curling

Calli Remillard you're really, really good!

Sports Section

Combined

1st Place: Staff

Boston.com

Sports

Attractive, well-written sports section. Photos make the stories pop.

1st Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

The Huddle: Oct. 26, 2021

Phenomenal football section!

Sports Story

Daily / News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Chris Cotillo

MassLive

Can his Boston Red Sox teammates name all 11 teams he has pitched for?

This delightful piece is entertaining and well written. Such a unique way to profile Rich Hill.

2nd Place: Tom Westerholm

Boston.com

'I had to finish this'

Heartwarming stories about Boston Marathon runners and their reasons for running.

Weekly

1st Place: Andy Kirkaldy

Addison County Independent

Panther women's hockey claims DIII crown

Well written story that grabs the reader from the first sentence.

2nd Place: Tommy Gardner

News & Citizen

Raiders repeat as tennis champs

I could read Tommy Gardner's work all day long. His writing is rich and descriptive, drawing the reader in.

3rd Place: John Osborn

Harvard Press, The

Bromfield boys soccer wins in overtime for fourth consecutive state championship

Well written!

Spot News Story

Daily

1st Place: Shawne K. Wickham

New Hampshire Union Leader

Officer talks despondent man off I-95 bridge

Solid next-day report with a judicious use of strong quotes and a great job of holding onto the reporting information that resulted in a jaw-dropping ending. It tied an already-emoitonal story up with more emotion. Storytelling 101. Kudos to the writer. This is anything but a notebook dump, which is not always the case.

2nd Place: Staff

Cape Cod Times

'Bomb Cyclone' hits Cape Cod

A full, all-bases-covered, easy-to-digest team reporting effort at an time when that is just what readers need. Good context, too, that puts the storm in perspective without having to wait for that in a follow-up story days later, though I am certain there was much more of that to come. Nothing fancy here, just the important facts.

3rd Place: Matarazzo, Ruthman, Boughton

Republican-American

We Lost Everything

Well-rounded next-day account of a significant community tragedy. Two-story package serves up rich context, historical significance, descriptive writing that adds to a sense of place, and the kind of full reporting that allows the story to be written with a sense of authority that is not lost on the reader. Good quotes, not great quotes, and not an over-reliance on them. These comments relate to the next-day spot news coverage, not the full series of follow-up stories, though those speak to the community-service journalism this newspaper is committed to.

Spot News Story, *continued*

Weekly

**1st Place: R. Holhut, F. Lynggaard Hansen,
J. Potter**

Commons, The

Package: Brattleboro breaks ties with Rescue Inc.

Remarkable success story of planning and execution, this report, coming on the night before the weekly paper's day of publishing. A full, fully-vetted account of an important community issue. Well reported, written, edited, headlined, and presented story about a longish community forum. What a long night of work it had to have been for this news team. Kudos for the quick, diligent turnaround when it would have been easy to brief out and chase for the next edition. This effort checks all the spot-news boxes, to be sure.

2nd Place: Rich Saltzberg

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Ocean View gutted by fire

A Johnny on the Spot moment? Indeed. But it is the good work that followed, in real time and after, that is to be applauded for this excellent spot-news effort. Sense of urgency is a news instinct, after all. In this case, there was that, photos to boot, and the follow-up that ties up an important, small community story of this ilk.

**3rd Place: Jason Graziadei, David Creed,
Kit Noble**

N-Magazine

Nantucket Current - Veranda House fire spot news story

Solid first-hours report of a significant news event that was chased in the days to come. This report is straightforward, informational, with color and context, which are the simple components of a true spot news story. It is the breaking of news events like this that are important and that set the stage for fuller reporting to come. Good public service work.

Transportation Reporting

Daily

1st Place: Dialynn Dwyer

Boston.com

Airlines mishandle thousands of wheelchairs each year

When one considers the thousands of facets a reporter could choose under the subject of 'Transportation,' this one not only showed extreme astuteness in their choice of subject matter, but laid out the narrative effectively and with great sensitivity and conscientiousness regarding this little-known but apparently widespread concern affecting an already marginalized community.

2nd Place: Terry Date

The Eagle-Tribune

On the Bus

Thorough, engaging reporting made even more interesting thanks to their initiative - putting themselves into the seats of many of the subjects interviewed (literally), along with relating input from numerous officials and bus company staffers and related sources.

2nd Place: Joe Difazio

The Patriot Ledger

Traffic stalled: Age-old complaint gets new life amid development boom in Quincy

This reporter and his traveling associate did great work tying together all the various issues surrounding the build-up to, existing issues, and plans to further address traffic congestion in Quincy - but I especially liked the logical but inspired analyses of similar drives through other similar communities to illustrate comparisons between them and Quincy commutes.

Transportation Reporting, *continued*

3rd Place: Shawne K. Wickham

New Hampshire Union Leader

With gas prices soaring, NH is getting CHARGED UP over EVs

A very comprehensive and relatively quick and easy read will give anyone devoting 10 minutes or less an extremely thorough look at the local/regional state of EV ownership, stitched together nicely with both vehicle industry trends and goals - along with examining the potential impact on future collateral utility demands.

Weekly

1st Place: Rich Saltzberg

The Martha's Vineyard Times

Transfer bridges

The most detailed and comprehensive entry in this category/class for 2022, this reporter and his 'once bit' dogged persistence helped turn the page and expose an ongoing public transportation hazard associated with an authority that up to now, appeared to have a dangerous immunity from public scrutiny and a monopoly on privacy regarding its own self-interest and preservation. Spectacularly good investigative journalism here.

2nd Place: Tommy Gardner

Stowe Reporter

Epic traffic jams lead to grumbling

An well-researched and informative look at a quality of life issue that impacts a community while also highlighting transportation challenges and attempts at creating solutions that could also have widespread economic impact tied to an important tourism destination.

3rd Place: Chelsea Edgar

Seven Days

A Proposed Private Runway for Beta Founder

Kyle Clark Creates Turbulence in Lincoln

A well-crafted and important piece that is rooted in a hyper-local transportation concerns as more individuals across the state lobby for their own aircraft landing sites - but amplifies and hopefully helps influence a town government to look at its permitting procedures.

3rd Place: Geoff Currier, Jeremy Driesen

MV Bluedot Living

Cruising with Currier on the VTA

A highly readable, entertaining, and informative piece centered around an interesting subject, but delivering a well crafted promotion of alternative public transportation vehicles.

Best Infographic on Website

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Erin Petenko

VTDigger.org

A look back at a year of a 'reopened' Vermont

The graphics created by VTDigger quickly and easily let the reader understand pandemic trends in Vermont - well done!

Best Overall Mobile Product

Combined

1st Place: Staff

MassLive

Best Overall Mobile Product

MassLive has an awesome mobile site. Very easy to navigate, relevant ads that are not overwhelming, lots of content and appealing design.

2nd Place: Kelsey Perrett, Tara Kenney

MV Bluedot Living

MV Bluedot Living

The photography on this mobile site is stunning. There is so much content available, but it's very easy to find and navigate through.

Best Overall Website

Daily

1st Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Best Website

This site does a good job of covering the news regionally and locally. It is easy to navigate and the placement of the special sections and Community Billboard section make it stand out.

2nd Place: Jessica Garcia, James Rinker, Cecily Weisburgh

The Keene Sentinel

Best Overall Website

The site is well organized and highlights upcoming events that the paper sponsors and special sections that are published. The Monadnock Region Health Reporting Lab great.

3rd Place: Staff

Day, The

www.theday.com

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News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place: Staff

Boston.com

Boston.com

It is easy to navigate through the sections from the home page and overall the site is easy on the eyes. There is space between content and like that the advertisements are more understated than on other sites.

2nd Place: Staff

MassLive

Best Overall Website

This site presents a lot of content and good quality reporting. It is easy to navigate with the short menu and the "Latest" section is unique and lets visitors know the important stories.

3rd Place: Staff

Connecticut Mirror, The

The Connecticut Mirror

Great example of what a non-profit news site can be. The in-depth newsletters are on point targeting the important issues for the state and the "Trending" section focuses the visitors attention to the breaking stories.

Weekly

1st Place: staff

Mount Desert Islander

Mount Desert Islander

The design is clean and easy to navigate. The ads are not overpowering but tastefully placed. The site has a lot of content and is frequently updated.

2nd Place: Chip LeClerc, PBN Staff

Providence Business News

PBN.com

The site is frequently updated and the content is accessible. They do a good job of providing subscriber only content and publishing award programs, summits and networking events.

3rd Place: Staff

Vineyard Gazette

vineyardgazette.com

There is a lot of content and the menu text could be bigger. The photography section is unique and great job on the Welcome to Martha's Vineyard site.

Best Podcast

Combined

1st Place: Sten Spinella, Peter Huoppi, Carlos Virgen

Day, The

Looking for the Todt Family

Gripping, well-written, good use of archival audio. Some of the reads are a little unpracticed but overall really strong.

2nd Place: Mike Dougherty

VTDigger.org

Deeper Dig

Good in-depth reporting, use of sound, high production, good writing, overall just a very well done pod.

Best Use of Social Media in Breaking News

Combined

1st Place: Peter Chianca

Boston.com

"MBTA riders have a field day with incomplete tweet" & others

Amazing audience engagement

2nd Place: Jess Gamari

The Berkshire Eagle

Instagram Slides

Quick visuals draw audience in

3rd Place: Jason Graziadei

N-Magazine

Nantucket Current - Veranda House fire coverage

Dramatic images of this powerful fire told in real time

Digital Strategy Excellence

Combined

1st Place: Staff

Vineyard Gazette

vineyardgazette.com

The Vineyard Gazette's commitment to expanding their audience with a variety of digital platforms is remarkable, especially for a weekly newspaper. Keep up the good work!

2nd Place: Staff

The Berkshire Eagle

Digital Strategy Excellence - Berkshire Eagle

The Berkshire Eagle's strategy for increasing paid digital subscriptions is outstanding. Total buy-in from the entire staff is an exceptional accomplishment.

Entertainment Video

Combined

1st Place: Eva Sollberger

Seven Days

Huntington Road Foreman Clinton "Yogi" Alger Gets Two Namesake Snowplows

Heart-warming and fun video.

2nd Place: Peter Huoppi and Rick Koster

Day, The

Solving the mystery of "New London-style" pizza

Entertaining look at New London pizza.

Feature Video

Combined

1st Place: Eva Sollberger

Seven Days

Juniper Creative Arts Paint Community Murals with Students in the NEK

Sollberger's skills are exceptional. Her shooting, editing, and interviewing are impeccable.

Feature Video, *continued*

2nd Place: Peter Huoppi and John Ruddy **Day, The**

*Sculpting a new figurehead for the USCG Eagle:
a three-year odyssey*

Fascinating to watch this three year sculpting project. Well done.

3rd Place: Staff **The Berkshire Eagle**

*Good Morning, Magnum: The story behind The
Berkshire Eagle's new printing press*

Wonderful video showcasing the local newspaper's commitment to its community.

MultiMedia Coverage

Combined

1st Place: Staff **Republican-American** *The Streak*

A wonderful look back at an incredible streak. Including a 'Where are they now?' portion was brilliant.

2nd Place: Megan Julian, Jim Shannon **Republican-American** *Faces of Service*

Tremendous project paying tribute to veterans in such a big way! The stories are well written and the videos brought them to life. Angelina is the spryest 102 year old!

3rd Place: Courtney Lamdin, James Buck **Seven Days**

Scenes from Sears Lane

This project put faces to the people living in this encampment. The reporter and photographer were able to gain the trust of this community to tell their side of the story. Very well done.

3rd Place: Kristopher Radder **Brattleboro Reformer**

*Nothing short of a miracle: Family survives
horrendous rollover crash on I-91*

Well written story accompanied by stunning video and emotional photos.

Sports Video

Combined

1st Place: Eva Sollberger **Seven Days**

*South Burlington Bus Driver Steve Rexford Is
Part of the Team*

This well-produced video is an uplifting, feel-good piece. Nice work.

2nd Place: Peter Huoppi and Rick Koster **Day, The**

How hard is it to hit a 95 mph fastball?

Not as easy as it looks! A fun, amusing video.

Contemporary Issues Photo

Combined

1st Place: Yehyun Kim **Connecticut Mirror, The** *Stuck at home during COVID*

You can feel the isolation in this powerful photo.

2nd Place: Ken McGagh **The MetroWest Daily News** *Democracy Vigil*

Great use of framing in this photo.

3rd Place: Peter Pereira **Standard-Times, The** *Housing those with no homes*

This photo tells the whole story.

Feature Photo

Daily

1st Place: Stephanie Zollshan

The Berkshire Eagle

Feature Photo: A little snow can't stop a holiday tradition

Talk about mood in a photo. What a beautiful shot in snowy weather. Good community moment.

2nd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Brockton High Schools Shakhary Durant, does a 360 degree flip

Moments are important and we always look for images that surprise us. This is a great moment with reaction in the background adding to storytelling.

3rd Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

The Long Goodbye

Nice found moment during an assignment. Good light. Not an easy exposure with light outside and darkness inside storage room.

Weekly

1st Place: David Sokol

Marblehead Reporter

Fireworks

Stunning shot - everything about it makes this stand out from other entries. Speaks to community, mood, sense of place, good light - time of day, layers of visual storytelling and fireworks, which are hard to photograph, are sharp. Well done! Hands down first place winner.

2nd Place: If More than 3 names type: Staff

Harvard Press, The

Another pandemic Christmas

Speaks to pandemic but community still trying to add normalcy for kids Photographer did a good job with captions, which are important. We are not "just" photographers.

3rd Place: Gordon Miller

News & Citizen

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No caption on pdf or for entry. A bit more reporting would be nice. Where is this located, at least? Weather info? Any reporting to add to photo?

General News Photo

Daily

1st Place: Glenn Russell

VTDigger.org

Finger on the pulse

A unique moment captured at the right moment with a clever use of framing. This photograph made an impact as it spread to millions of viewers across the world on social media.

2nd Place: Ken McGagh

The MetroWest Daily News

Field of Flags at 9/11 Memorial

This is a beautiful image that captures a somber and reflective mood 20 years after Sept. 11, 2021. Credit to the photojournalist for capturing Small in perfect light and for the use of symmetry to make such a dramatic image.

3rd Place: Yehyun Kim

Connecticut Mirror, The

Contemporary politics

Tie for 3rd place.

This image captures an expressive moment that helps to tell the story visually.

3rd Place: Glenn Russell

VTDigger.org

UVM sexual assault protest

Tie for 3rd place.

Excellent use of a high angle to show the scale and context of this protest. A good reminder of the importance of taking a step back to tell a story.

General News Photo, *continued*

Honorable Mention: Carol Lollis

Daily Hampshire Gazette

Free Bird

This image stands out for its action. Way to anticipate the moment.

Weekly

1st Place: Tim Johnson

Vineyard Gazette

Crowds gather for summer ritual of bridge jumping along State Beach

Such an iconic image framed masterfully and made at the decisive moment when a person leaps into the water.

2nd Place: Karen Wong

Duxbury Clipper

Bearing witness

The photojournalist did a wonderful job capturing both the towering photo wall and the people's faces looking up at it. This connection helps to reinforce the social impact of the image for the readers.

3rd Place: Gene Marchand

Falmouth Enterprise, The

last day of school

Love the moment with teacher and the student hugging.

Honorable Mention: Ray Ewing

Vineyard Gazette

Firefighter emerges from Controlled Burn

Dramatic image with its use of light and composition.

Honorable Mention: Gordon Miller

News & Citizen

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Such a fun moment that captures the movement and faces of the area kids.

News Feature Photo

Daily

1st Place: Glenn Russell

VTDigger.org

Finger on the pulse

Photojournalist captured this moment perfectly. Great framing.

2nd Place: Jaime Campos

Salem News, The

Salem High graduation

Great shot – love the angle

3rd Place: Greg Derr

The Patriot Ledger

A not-so-normal first day

Way to capture the moment.

News Feature Photo

Weekly

1st Place: Olivia Falcigno

Hampton Union

Goat Surrender

Such a fun photo.

2nd Place: Gary Higgins

Boston Business Journal

Mass and Cass feature

Good photo.

3rd Place: Edward Boches

Provincetown Independent

Risky Business

Wonderful job.

Personality Photo

Daily

1st Place: Steve Heaslip

Cape Cod Times

Welcome Home

What a great captured moment. Everything to tell the story was in this shot. Would have liked more information about how long he was in the hospital, how serious it was for him to have a banner in the house. Just a bit more reporting, but I can't overlook the moment and contextualization.

2nd Place: Yehyun Kim

Connecticut Mirror, The

Not going to bed

Made me laugh. Good moment captured of the typical, "I don't want to go to bed shot." To get this photo, seems like photographer spent time with the family for the child and parent to feel comfortable being themselves.

3rd Place: Gillian Jones

The Berkshire Eagle

Personality: Augustine "Gus" Jammalo

This is just a good photo, nice moment between the men, and the fact that the barber shop is closing. Good small town story and photo.

Weekly

1st Place: Gary Higgins

Boston Business Journal

Uzair Qadeer, 40 Under 40 2021

Best shot in this category. Nice light and composition. This seems to speak to personality and excitement of the award, which made this stand out.

2nd Place: Robin Chan

Marshfield Mariner

Reflect

Photographer saw reflection which added to photo. Nice.

3rd Place: John Muldoon

Ipswich Local News

Tanya Marshall Photo

I was on the fence, her facial expression tells a story but wish she were looking into the camera for a portrait.

Photo Illustration

Combined

1st Place: Kristina Walser

Boston Business Journal

Page 1 photo illustration: Boston mayors

Creative cover clearly depicting the current issues these mayoral candidates are facing.

2nd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Rocky Marciano statue frames fireworks

Good angle - this packs a punch!

Photo Series

Combined

1st Place: Ken McGagh

Milford Daily News, The

Nostalgic night out a Mendon Twin Drive-In

This photo series captured the mood and moments perfectly!

2nd Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

'It empowers women'

This series brought the archery to life.

3rd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

'As a son you were perfect': Brockton firefighter laid to rest

Beautiful and heart-breaking series.

Photo Story

Daily

1st Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Three-alarm house fire leaves two firefighters injured, 11 residents displaced

Strong and dramatic images, especially the feature image of the woman crying being pulled from the house in flames.

2nd Place: Ken McGagh

Milford Daily News, The

Milford Man Keeps Strumming

Really strong reporting in this photo essay. It's clear that the photojournalist invested a significant amount of time to help share an important story.

3rd Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

Afghan refugees experience first Ramadan in New Bedford

This is an important and socially significant story that avoids stereotypes with its use of intimate imagery inside the home of a displaced family with a young child.

Honorable Mention: Glenn Russell

VTDigger.org

Fairgoers return after a year of isolation

A visually creative essay that documents the return of the annual fair.

Honorable Mention: Hannah Schroeder

The Keene Sentinel

Amphibians get a helping hand across the road in Keene

Fun story with creative use of light.

Weekly

1st Place: James Buck

Seven Days

'We're Nobodies': Residents Describe Life at Burlington's Notorious Homeless Encampment

The reporting in this photo essay is intimate and in-depth. The time investment by the

photojournalist is apparent as this story avoids stereotypes to help tell the stories of unhoused individuals.

2nd Place: Paul Rogers

Stowe Reporter

Man of Steel

Impressed with the visual variety and how the photojournalist utilized extreme angles and leading lines to accentuate the steel sculptures. Equally impressive are the portraits and documentary images of the artist.

3rd Place: Tim Clark and Rob Williams

Harvard Press, The

Wachusett Muster League Fire Muster

Engaging collage that captures the spirit of the town during an fun event.

Honorable Mention: Margie Green Joseph

Fairhaven Neighborhood News

Spring Babies

These images are a wonderful, slice of life example of the value of community journalism.

Pictorial Photo

Daily

1st Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE

Framed masterfully.

2nd Place: Steve Heaslip

Cape Cod Times

Aerial Pickle Ball

Such a creative view.

2nd Place: DON TREEGER

The Republican

CHICOPEE CITY HALL

This photo is a piece of art.

3rd Place: Steve Heaslip

Cape Cod Times

Cranberry Harvest

Creative shot of a classic New England photo.

Pictorial Photo, *continued*

Weekly

1st Place: David Sokol

Cape Ann Beacon

Sea Smoke Surfers

Hauntingly beautiful photo.

2nd Place: Albert O. Fischer

Vineyard Gazette

Snowy day in Menemsha Harbor

Photojournalist captured the cold harbor weather.

3rd Place: Larry Glick

Vineyard Gazette

Full moon rises over East Chop

Perfectly framed photo.

3rd Place: Nathanael Asaro

Stowe Reporter

Mystical mansfield

Beautiful shot. It looks other-worldly.

Portrait Photo

Daily

1st Place: Gillian Jones

The Berkshire Eagle

Portrait: Kimber King

This is such an intense photo. Well done!

2nd Place: Greg Derr

The Patriot Ledger

Don Timmons

Excellent lighting and framing. His personality shines through.

2nd Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

DOUBLE VISION

Creative angle. It's really triple vision!

3rd Place: Ben Garver

The Berkshire Eagle

Portrait: Pops Peterson

Love the moment captured. His joy radiates.

Weekly

1st Place: Jeanna Shepard

Vineyard Gazette

Charles Murrell with his saxophone at Union Chapel

Excellent lighting. Strong image.

2nd Place: Gordon Miller

News & Citizen

PortraitPhoto_PrimitiveBiathlon inRed_GordonMiller

Beautiful photo.

3rd Place: Gordon Miller

News & Citizen

Portrait_Rauchmann_GordonMiller

Really cool portrait!

Sports Action Photo

Daily

1st Place: Paul Bilodeau

Gloucester Daily Times

ON TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE SECTIONALS

Photographer captured everything in one shot.

Complete storytelling at the height of action.

Great shot. Well done!

2nd Place: Peter Pereira

Standard-Times, The

Dartmouth hockey defeats Middleboro

Caught the moment of fans and players emotions and action.

3rd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Wide receiver Cameron Monteiro dives for the finger tip catch

Great timing to get this shot.

Sports Action Photo, *continued*

Weekly

1st Place: David Sokol

Marblehead Reporter

Umpire Out

Great action shot!

2nd Place: Steve James

Addison County Independent

Sports action photo wrestlers by Steve James

Sports Feature Photo

Daily

1st Place: Steve Heaslip

Cape Cod Times

TBall Teammates

Photojournalist captured the facial expressions and personalities of each player. Great moment.

2nd Place: Ron Schloerb

Cape Cod Times

Happy Score

Love this moment of teammates celebrating!

3rd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Exhibition game between the Rollin' Celtics wheelchair basketball team
Clever shot.

Sports Feature Photo

Weekly

1st Place: Ryan Mooney

VT Ski & Ride

Jumping Back In -- Ryan Mooney, VT Ski + Ride
Excellent action photo!

2nd Place: Gary Higgins

Boston Business Journal

John McEnroe

McEnroe's facial expression says it all. Well done.

2nd Place: Ken McGagh

Tri-Town Transcript

Net Loss

You can absolutely feel the emotion from each person in this photo.

3rd Place: Robin Chan

Scituate Mariner

Out of Bounds

The photographer captured the excitement of the game and the crowd. Great expressions.

Spot News Photo

Daily

1st Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Pedestrian killed in Brockton, witness who performed CPR describes scene

Photojournalist captured this intense emotional moment.

2nd Place: Marc Vasconcellos

Enterprise, The (Brockton)

Brockton standoff ends after cop shot and injured

Precarious moment caught.

3rd Place: Art Illman

The MetroWest Daily News

Moose On The Loose

Great shot, framed well.

3rd Place: Rachel Sharples

Conway Daily Sun, The

Fire at the Red Jacket - CDS
Feel the heat! Nice shot.

Spot News Photo

Weekly

1st Place: Tim Johnson

Vineyard Gazette

Fire Consumes Vineyard Haven Home

Excellent image. You can feel the smoke billowing out of the house.

2nd Place: Gordon Miller

Stowe Reporter

Percy Fire

Well done - this image stays with the viewer.

3rd Place: Greg Popa

Stowe Reporter

Stuck Truck

The vibrant colors make this image pop right off the page.

Excellence in Newsroom Collaboration and Partnerships

Combined

**1st Place: Granite State News Collaborative
Partners**

Granite State News Collaborative

Invisible Walls Series

Tremendous collaboration by the Granite State News Collaborative along with the NH Business Review, Business NH Magazine and NH Public Radio. This deep, nine-month investigation into the impact of exclusionary zoning laws in Manchester NH was remarkable, and creates a template for news organizations in other areas to replicate. Well done!

2nd Place: Derek Brouwer and

Liam Elder-Connors

Seven Days

Investigating the Boves

This was a well-written investigative collaboration by Seven Days and Vermont Public that effected change.

3rd Place: John Barstow et al.

Addison County Independent

Climate Matters

This is a unique collaboration that allows a variety of knowledgeable sources and the local community to contribute to the conversation.

Innovator Award

Combined

1st Place: Olivia Belanger, Terrence Williams

The Keene Sentinel

Monadnock Region Health Reporting Lab

The Keene Sentinel should be applauded for this ambitious effort to expand healthcare news coverage in their area. Combining alternative funding models with solutions journalism and expanding audience - all for the good of the community. Congratulations - this is journalism innovation at its finest.

2nd Place: Skip Finley

Vineyard Gazette

Juneteenth Jubilee

The Gazette's celebration of Juneteenth brings the remarkable history of sea vessels and waterways in aiding the escape of hundreds of slaves. Very well done.

3rd Place: James Rinker

The Keene Sentinel

Meet the Newsroom: How The Sentinel used Instagram to connect with its audience

All newspapers struggle to reach younger audiences, and what better way than to have staff connect with them where many of them are currently getting their news - social media. A day in the life of local reporters is powerful and effective. Keep it up!

Rookie of the Year

Daily

**1st Place: Namu Sampath
Enterprise, The (Brockton)**

Smooth flow of writing.
Strong leads. And a variety
of subjects to report --
exactly what's asked and given by Rookie of the
Year. Well done.



Rookie of the Year

Weekly

**1st Place: Calli Remillard
Falmouth Enterprise, The
Calli Remillard - Rookie of
the Year**

A complete reporter
covering many different stories. She thinks of
the reader by stating and explaining.



Photojournalist of the Year

Marc Vasconcellos

*The Enterprise,
Gannett New England*



Reporter of the Year

Rich Saltzberg

*The Martha's
Vineyard Times*



General Excellence

Daily 1

1st Place:

Gloucester Daily Times

This newspaper features solid local content.
There is a local flavor, too, to its editorial page.
Extensive TV listings, including streaming
services, are a plus. Good to see a police log
these days in a daily, and real estate
transactions. Food section offers an inviting
layout. "Worthy Causes" is a helpful item. Good
syndicated features. "I Beat Burt" feature is an
enjoyable read. Good to see that the Times
covers the statehouse with its own (or
company-shared) reporter. Strong ad presence.
There appears to be some shared content with
sister papers.

2nd Place:

Bennington Banner

Airy, attractive layouts on Page One and
elsewhere are a strength of this newspaper.
Fuel prices benchmarks on Page One are a good
example of reporting what readers are talking
about and of "news you can use." Standout
weather and features packages. Strong local
news content. Excellent coverage of arrests on
Page One in one submitted edition, highlighted
by vivid photos, including names of those
pictured, a rarity sometimes with such photos.

3rd Place:

Brattleboro Reformer

Strong local content on news pages. Generally
impressive layouts. Exceptional use of
syndicated features, including kids' page and
the Weekend Fun & Games section.
Many positive common elements with sister
paper, Bennington Banner.

General Excellence, *continued*

Daily 2

1st Place:

New Hampshire Union Leader

Looking at the Union Leader reminds one of the title of a Hemingway short story: A Clean, Well Lighted Place. The layout is clean and pleasurable. The writing is clean and eminently readable. Good, expansive local sports coverage.

2nd Place:

The Berkshire Eagle

This newspaper knows how to dig deep into important local issues. And it can dazzle with explosive Landscape pages that simply invite you to sit down and read. The outdoor columnists are superb.

3rd Place:

Republican-American

A tad too busy in design and why is there "flag etiquette" each day? But there is a sense this paper really cares about its piece of the planet.

News Services and Online News Sites

1st Place:

Boston.com

The Boston Globe's site, boston.com, thoroughly covers the city of Boston as well as the New England region. In addition to extensive news content, there is a lot of entertainment and 'things to do' offered.

2nd Place:

Connecticut Mirror, The

Connecticut Mirror / General Excellence

This non-profit site is a tremendous resource for information about Connecticut politics and policy. Strong, in-depth coverage of a variety of topics.

Specialty

1st Place: Staff

Boston Business Journal

A great assortment of well-written articles and profiles and loads of facts and figures about the greater Boston business scene. The BBJ is very hard to beat when it comes to good writing, lots of writers in diverse areas and sharp, clean graphics and design. A pleasure to read.

2nd Place:

Providence Business News

Loads of interesting stories and information in an attractive, well-illustrated publication. Mostly concise but brightly written. This was a pleasure to read with a lot of information about the Providence business scene.

3rd Place:

New Hampshire Business Review

Well-written and reported business review that includes truly newsworthy topics and is working to reflect more diversity in the Granite State. Keep up the good work!

General Excellence, *continued*

Weekly 1

1st Place:

The Harvard Press

Though its lack of color on its website, the Harvard Press does a great job in making community news compelling and accessible. I specifically enjoyed its HARVARD VOICES feature, its presenting the town warrant "in plain language" and giving public school students a page to tell what was going on at the schools.

2nd Place:

Mount Desert Islander

Creative and interesting coverage, esp with localities experiencing delays in hiring qualified town managers. Sharp photography, and great page presentation stocking news around pages rich with ads.

3rd Place: Phil Camp, Staff

The Vermont Standard

Detailed and descriptive coverage of a daytime killing by 45-year old local resident and the police response which killed him. While weekly like these must provide full coverage of its community's special interests, when random gunfire takes place all media must respond with wide coverage - and the Standard met that mark in its edition that day.

Weekly 2

1st Place: Staff

The Ellsworth American

Excellent writing, a wide array of stories and compelling photography are among the many reasons the Ellsworth American is this year's top pick in General Excellence. This publication is loaded with advertising that is well presented. The classified section is large – a rarity these days. The Arts and Leisure section is a special treat that readers of all ages can enjoy. An extra treat was a supplemental section of puzzles. It's obvious that the people in the Ellsworth area support this paper – both in print and online - and for many very good reasons!

2nd Place: Staff

Seven Days

7 Days is an amazing publication in print and online. The photography is superb, the layout stands out above everyone else and the selection of stories is compelling, to say the least... With the numerous feature stories, this reads like an incredible magazine more than just a weekly newspaper. The size of 7 Days is much larger than most weeklies. There is a jumbo classified section and plenty of stories and items focused on food, wine and culture. The calendar section is large and very easy to read.

3rd Place: Addison Independent Staff and Community

Addison County Independent

There's plenty of news and features to enjoy in the Addison Independent. The staff does an excellent job of presenting the stories people need to know here. The Arts and Leisure section is a wonderful bonus. The ads are displayed well and the online site is easy to enjoy.

