

Society of Professional Journalists San Diego Pro Chapter — 2022 Journalism Awards

Audio — Business/Consumer Report (Single Story or Series)

First Place: “Military contractors play a hidden role in U.S. wars”
Steve Walsh (KPBS)

Audio — Community Services Program or Series

First Place: “Women Marines break barriers”
Steve Walsh (KPBS)

Audio — Feature Series

First Place: “Remembering the day: 9/11 twenty years later”
Phil Farrar, Mary Ayala and Charles Newton (KOGO-AM)
Second Place: “San Diego’s legacy of war in Afghanistan”
Steve Walsh (KPBS)

Third Place: “Influential: San Diego musician playlists”
Julia Dixon Evans, Harrison Patiño, Brooke Ruth and Megan Burke (KPBS)

Audio — Feature Story

First Place: “An unexpected letter”
Kristy Totten, Matthew Hall and Glendon Romett (The San Diego Union-Tribune)
Second Place: “Military slow to tackle extremism”
Steve Walsh (KPBS)
Third Place: “Pandemic life: How COVID-19 is changing San Diego’s transportation planning”
Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

Audio — Investigative/Enterprise - Series

First Place: “Donovan deaths radio”
Mary Plummer and Jill Castellano (inewssource)
Second Place: “Records reveal differences in how officers and suspects are treated after police shootings”
Claire Trageser (KPBS)

Audio — Investigative/Enterprise - Single Story

First Place: “Mission act radio”
Jill Castellano (inewssource)

Audio — News

First Place: “A sort of ‘Digital Dunkirk,’ American citizens are stepping in to help Afghan allies”
Steve Walsh (KPBS)
Second Place: “NCTD staffing shortage means canceled bus trips, affecting riders”
Alexander Nguyen (KPBS)
Third Place: “Del Mar’s crumbling bridge could get boost from infrastructure bill”
Alexander Nguyen (KPBS)

Audio — Newscast

First Place: “KOGO News at 6:30 p.m.”
Phil Farrar, Cliff Albert, Jack Cronin, Daron Stinton and Travis Dale (KOGO-AM)

Audio — Podcast

First Place: “‘At the expense of my life.’ Aaron Harvey’s journey from wrongful gang charges to UC Berkeley graduation”

Claire Trageser and Emily Jankowski (KPBS)

Second Place: “San Diego News Fix podcast”

Kristy Totten (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

College Media — Arts/Entertainment Story

First Place: “Immortalizing NC’s beloved photographer”

Nicolette Monique Luna (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Out of the glovebox: ‘Le Meilleur de Bachelet’”

Anthony Le Calvez (The Point Weekly)

Third Place: “Arts bring new perspectives back to City College campus”

Kathy Archibald and Philip Salata (City Times Media)

College Media — Best News Media Website

First Place: City Times Media

City Times Media staff

Second Place: The Mesa Press

The Mesa Press staff

College Media — Best Newspaper

First Place: The Southwestern College Sun

Sun staff

Second Place: The Daily Aztec

Emily Forschen, Jason Freund, Andrew Finley, Catlan Nguyen and Noé Sandoval

Third Place: The Point

Noah Harrel, Emma McCoy, Elaine Alfaro, Tony Le Calvez and Charis Johnston

College Media — Column

First Place: “Journey for justice”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — Feature Photo

First Place: “Heaven help day laborers”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Straight from the friar”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

Third Place: “Remembering the forgotten”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — Feature Story

First Place: “Chicano activist powered by paint”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Letting their hair down”

Diego Higuera (The Southwestern College Sun)

Third Place: “Local choir provides healing, hope through music for San Diego unhoused population”

Kathryn Gray (City Times Media)

College Media — In-Depth Reporting Story

First Place: “Haitians flood Tijuana”

Camila Gonzalez (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Come back when normal”

Diego Higuera (The Southwestern College Sun)

Third Place: “What’s in a name?”

Camila Gonzalez (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — Layout & Design (Story or Series)

First Place: “What’s in a name?”

Camila Gonzalez (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Remembering the forgotten”

Camila Gonzalez (The Southwestern College Sun)

Third Place: “Relief: To pee or not to pee”

Kathy Archibald, Kathryn Gray, Jakob McWhinney and Philip Salata (City Times Media)

College Media — Multicultural Story

First Place: “National City entrepreneurs struggle to keep business afloat during COVID-19 pandemic”

Katia Pechenkina, Vicky Pineda, Gabriel Schneider and Susana Serrano (City Times Media)

College Media — News or Feature Series (Any Subject)

First Place: “Holtville series”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Community college bachelor’s degrees now a reality”

Jakob McWhinney and Philip Salata (City Times Media)

Third Place: “City College aims to construct affordable housing for students, employees”

Philip Salata (City Times Media)

College Media — News Photo

First Place: “Unto dust you shall return”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “Santee plane crash”

Ingrid Estrella (City Times Media)

Third Place: “Homeland security redux”

Julia Woock (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — News Story

First Place: “Firearm violence soars in America”

Nicolette Monique Luna (The Southwestern College Sun)

Second Place: “BREAKING: Following outcry, SDCCD alters return-to-campus timeline”

Jakob McWhinney (City Times Media)

Third Place: “SDCCD releases vaccine requirement and limited back-to-campus fall plan”

Kaitlin Clapinski, Walker Armstrong and Rae Zundel (The Mesa Press)

College Media — Newscast

First Place: “Newscene, Dec. 1 edition”

CTTV/Newscene Staff (City Times Media)

Second Place: “The Daily Aztec live broadcast”

Jayne Yutig, Mackenzie Stafford, Catlan Nguyen and Ryan Hardison (The Daily Aztec)

College Media — Opinion/Editorial

First Place: “Battling coronavirus and its side effects”
Nicolette Monique Luna (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — Original Illustration or Cartoon

First Place: “Stop Asian hate”
Ji Ho Kim (The Southwestern College Sun)
Second Place: “What’s in a name?”
Ji Ho Kim (The Southwestern College Sun)
Third Place: “Come back when normal”
Ji Ho Kim (The Southwestern College Sun)

College Media — Review/Criticism

First Place: “REVIEW: SD Rep traces a new story on an old ‘Mother Road’”
Philip Salata (City Times Media)

College Media — Sports Photo

First Place: “Men’s water polo”
Kyle Ayson (The Mesa Press)

College Media — Sports Story

First Place: “Southwestern 1, Yankees 0”
Andrew Sanchez (The Southwestern College Sun)
Second Place: “Softball sage”
Xiomara Villarreal-Gerrardo (The Southwestern College Sun)
Third Place: “Knights basketball set to start season with new coach”
Will Mauriz (City Times Media)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Arts/Entertainment Story

First Place: “Arts + Culture section: My last gig”
George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)
Second Place: “Destin Daniel Cretton: The calm in the eye of the Hollywood storm”
Dean Nelson (The San Diego Union-Tribune)
Third Place: “Blues dynamo ‘Kingfish’ Ingram, 22, made his White House debut at 14: ‘A standout point in time for me!’”
George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Breaking News Story

First Place: Police: “Driver arrested after crash that kills 3, injures others near City College”
Teri Figueroa, David Hernandez, Morgan Cook and Alex Riggins (The San Diego Union-Tribune)
Second Place: “At least three dead, dozens hurt when suspected smuggling boat crashes, breaks apart off Point Loma”
Karen Kucher and David Hernandez (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Business Story

First Place: “Concerns linger over a secretive Texas company that owns the largest share of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline”

David Hasemyer (InsideClimate News)

Second Place: “After \$300M loss, San Diego prepares for onslaught of (vaccinated) cruise ship passengers”

Lori Weisberg (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Alpine chicken rancher rejected for fire insurance. He’s not alone in California.”

Camille von Kaenel (inewssource)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Column

First Place: “I’m there for you baby”

Neil Senturia (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “I’m there for you baby”

Barbara Bry (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Mourning early regrets for late neighbor; No gift too great for beautiful bride; He’s dreaming of a blight Christmas”

Irv Erdos (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Crime/Courts Story

First Place: “Most police departments in San Diego County are more White than the communities they serve, data show”

Lyndsay Winkley and Lauren Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “Jane Does v. GirlsDoPorn: How 22 millennial women brought down a porn empire”

Bianca Bruno (Ars Technica)

Third Place: “Appellate court says San Diego County can keep COVID-19 outbreak data secret”

Jesse Marx (Voice of San Diego)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Education Story

First Place: “A new window into how San Diego schools are performing”

Will Huntsberry (Voice of San Diego)

Second Place: “Hundreds protest school vaccine and mask mandates; top doctor addresses parents’ concerns and COVID risks to children”

Miriam Raftery and Henri Migala (East County Magazine)

Third Place: “CSU San Marcos tried to fire a professor for misconduct & then his union intervened”

Kayla Jimenez (Voice of San Diego)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Environment Story

First Place: “Heat deaths”

Zoë Meyers and Kate Sequiera (inewssource)

Second Place: “SANDAG transportation plan forces debate over costs of climate action”

Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

Third Place: “Food-scrap recycling starts Jan. 1, but most San Diego cities aren’t ready”

Alexander Nguyen (KPBS)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Feature Story

First Place: “Two San Diego pastors are lost to the coronavirus, and the grief extends across the border”

Kate Morrissey and Alejandro Tamayo (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “Gilbert Castellanos jazzed to return to trumpet after groundbreaking dental breakthroughs saved his career”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Classical composer Carlos Simon uses music to express frustration and anger, giving way to hope”

Beth Wood (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Food Story

First Place: “‘It’s like a war,’ San Diego restaurateur says of struggle to find workers”

Lori Weisberg (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “Chris Reed 2021 food entry”

Chris Reed (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Blueberry Bliss: One way to beat back the pandemic blues is to whip yourself up a cup or jar of blueberry Dalgona coffee”

Lauren J. Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Health Story

First Place: “Sharp doctor learns firsthand the importance of catching colorectal cancer early”

Beth Wood (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “You really want to pet the service dog. Here’s why it’s so important not to.”

Lauren J. Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Officials scramble to address skyrocketing fentanyl deaths”

Lisa Halverstadt (Voice of San Diego)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Housing/Development Story

First Place: “Fire insurance”

Camille von Kaenel (inewssource)

Second Place: “Coronado is flouting California’s new affordable housing requirements”

Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

Third Place: “Disabled man challenging San Diego vehicle habitation law celebrated with memorial”

Bianca Bruno (Courthouse News)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Investigative/Enterprise Story (Series)

First Place: “‘Volunteer’ city real estate guru got paid millions”

Lisa Halverstadt (Voice of San Diego)

Second Place: “Walled off: Mexico’s role in migration”

Kate Morrissey, Alejandro Tamayo, Andrea Castillo and Tomas Ovalle (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Donovan deaths: An investigation”

Mary Plummer and Jill Castellano (inewssource)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Investigative/Enterprise Story (Single Subject)

First Place: “Mission act”

Jill Castellano (inewssource)

Second Place: “COVID hotels”

Cody Dulaney and Jill Castellano (inewssource)

Third Place: “Biden expelling asylum-seeking families with young children to Tijuana after flights from Texas”

Kate Morrissey and Alejandro Tamayo (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Multicultural Story

First Place: “Racial covenants investigation”

Roxana Popescu (inewssource)

Second Place: “A year without powwows: A community loses its heartbeat”

Lauren J. Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Volunteers and agencies welcome Afghan refugees in El Cajon, but more help is urgently needed”

Elijah McKee (East County Magazine)

Daily Reporting and Writing — News Feature Story

First Place: “A completely broken behavioral health system”

Teri Figueroa and Gary Warth (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “‘It’s been a tough year and a half.’ Nursing home residents, families relish return of visits”

Lauren J. Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Five years into ‘Vision Zero,’ San Diego streets are even deadlier”

Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Opinion/Editorial

First Place: “I was babysitting my friend’s children on 9/11. I never asked them what they recall until now.”

Laura Castaneda (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “I never wanted kids, but becoming a mother gave me a new respect for my own mom”

Laura Castaneda (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Political/Government Story

First Place: “Series: Secret police funding committee no longer operating in secret after LPSD lawsuit”

Arturo Castañares (La Prensa San Diego)

Second Place: “Ty Humes investigation”

Jennifer Bowman (inewssource)

Third Place: “City parks and rec vacancies throttle reopening efforts”

Lisa Halverstadt (Voice of San Diego)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Review/Criticism

First Place: “Rubén Blades: Salswing!”

Jim Trageser (All About Jazz)

Second Place: “This magic moment: Unforgettable concerts can crystallize in musical memories that live on and on”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “California burrito wrap-up: Cruising through San Diego in search of the perfect California burrito”

Lauren J. Mapp (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Science/Technology Story

First Place: “Those amazing Navy UFO videos may have down-to-earth explanations, skeptics contend”

Andrew Dyer (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “The U.S. has 3 COVID vaccines — testing new ones is complicated”

Jared Whitlock (WIRED)

Third Place: “New options are emerging in the search for better birth control”

Jared Whitlock (Leaps.org)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Series

First Place: “Death of a migrant”

Wendy Fry, David Hernandez, Alejandro Tamayo, Kristina Davis and Kate Morrissey (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Second Place: “Arts + Culture section: The American Artist (July 4, 2021)”

Michael Rocha, George Varga, Pam Kragen and Seth Combs (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Third Place: “Community organizes to block placement of sexually violent predators”

Henri Miigala and Miriam Raftery (East County Magazine)

Daily Reporting and Writing — Sports Story

First Place: “Encinitas teen ready to run at Tokyo Paralympics”

Alexander Nguyen (KPBS)

Digital — Blog

First Place: “Cannabitch”

Jackie Bryant

Second Place: “Off the Mapp food, beverage and travel blog”

Lauren J. Mapp

Digital — Data/Visualization

First Place: “At risk of fire? Where insurers are dropping homeowners’ policies”

Camille von Kaenel (inewssource)

Digital — Entertainment Site

First Place: “The San Diego Union-Tribune entertainment website”

The San Diego Union Tribune Arts & Entertainment staff

Digital — Multimedia Presentation

First Place: “In photos: The grueling path to becoming a Marine”

Alexander Nguyen, Mike Damron, Matthew Bowler and Christopher Underwood (KPBS)

Second Place: “Mission act”

Jill Castellano (inewssource)

Digital — News Site

First Place: “The San Diego Union-Tribune website”

The San Diego Union-Tribune staff

Second Place: “North Coast Current”

Roman S. Koenig

Digital — Social Media Personality

First Place: “Dana Williams — multiplatform reporter”

Dana Williams (NBC 7 San Diego)

Digital — Social Media Storytelling

First Place: “That vaccinated feeling: San Diegans react to getting their second dose”

Dana Williams and Mark Leimbach (NBC 7 San Diego)

Second Place: ““Our phone rang off the hook’: Gluten-free bakery opens shop at start of pandemic, then thrives”

Dana Williams (NBC 7 San Diego)

Third Place: “Storytelling using Instagram”

inewssource staff (inewssource)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Arts/Entertainment Story

First Place: ““The next comic coming to the stage has a vagina””

Ombretta Di Dio (AwkwardSD)

Second Place: “Hello, Wonderbus! Get onboard this mobile music venue”

Ron Donoho (San Diego Sun)

Third Place: “A Tribute to Vicente Fernandez: Gracias, Chente”

Sylvia Mendoza (TIDAL Magazine)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Business Story

First Place: “Goodbye, Sunshine: Iconic Encinitas business to close after 50 years”

Charlene Pulsonetti (North Coast Current)

Second Place: “Miniature sheep are gaining in popularity at Oasis Camel Dairy”

Regina Elling (Ramona Sentinel)

Third Place: “North County news outlets see strength in purpose through economic downturn”

Bella Ross (North Coast Current)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Column

First Place: “Outspoken Professor”

Stephan Garnett (MaxNewsToday)

Second Place: “Behind the Nate Ball”

Nathan Max (MaxNewsToday)

Third Place: “Preserved Home”

Laura Woolfrey Macklem (North Coast Current)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Crime/Courts Story

First Place: “Asian Americans experience pandemic with a side of hate”

Sylvia Mendoza (Respect)

Second Place: “Graffiti damage to two landmark Ramona murals estimated at \$7,500”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Education Story

First Place: “Students at Poway Unified have new Japanese language and culture program”

Regina Elling (Poway News Chieftain)

Second Place: “How 3 San Diegans switched up their career path during the pandemic”

Jennifer McEntee (San Diego Magazine)

Third Place: “Ramona school board to wait for public input before rewriting Controversial Issues policy”

Susan Gill Vardon (Ramona Sentinel)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Environment Story

First Place: “The wine bottle dilemma: The environmental impact of a bottle”

Elena Gomez and Heidi Greenwood (Campestrimag)

Second Place: “Can UCSD doctoral student’s findings on pelicans’ ‘wave-slope soaring’ give drones a lift?”

Elisabeth Frausto (La Jolla Light)

Third Place: “Ramona neighbors band together to rescue owl stuck on utility lines”

Regina Elling (Ramona Sentinel)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Feature Story

First Place: “Homeless Court: A helping hand for those trying to escape legal quicksand”

Ron Donoho (San Diego Sun)

Second Place: “A PATH to housing: Specialists reach out to those in La Jolla who are homeless for the holidays”

Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light)

Third Place: “Ramona couple recreates small Kansas town in their backyard railroad”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Food Story

First Place: “Winemakers collaborate with weed growers on new cannabis appellation systems”

Jackie Bryant (Wine Enthusiast)

Second Place: “‘Respect the animal’ motto for Ramona traveling butcher”

Regina Elling (Ramona Sentinel)

Third Place: “Struggle and triumph — Fallbrook restaurants that survived the pandemic”

Nathalie Taylor (Sourcebook Magazine)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Health Story

First Place: “Personal stories from San Diego nurses on the front line”

Jennifer McEntee (San Diego Magazine)

Second Place: “Doctors advise on timing of mammograms and the COVID-19 vaccine”

Luke Harold (Rancho Santa Fe Review)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Housing/Development Story

First Place: “Hillel Center near UC San Diego breaks ground after 20 years of challenges”

Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Investigative/Enterprise Story (Single Subject)

First Place: “Wellfield Park playground closed over safety hazards, trash and transient issues, officials say”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Multicultural Story

First Place: “For centuries, some Asian women have chosen to live communally, preferring to take care of each other rather than rely on men”

Lara McCaffrey (BUST Magazine)

Second Place: “Homeboy Industries: The salvation of artist Fabian Debora”

Sylvia Mendoza (Access Health News)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — News Feature Story

First Place: “Rancho Bernardo, Poway residents rally to fight sexually violent predator’s placement”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

Second Place: “‘Stop Asian hate’ rallies held in Carmel Valley”

Karen Billing (Carmel Valley News)

Third Place: “Cardiff weighs community sidewalk’s future amid Encinitas roadway plan”

Julia Shapero (North Coast Current)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Opinion/Editorial

First Place: “The Truth About Civil War”

Stephan Garnett (MaxNewsToday)

Second Place: “Education Matters: Getting adults out of the way”

Marsha Sutton (Del Mar Times)

Third Place: “Convict Donald Trump”

Nathan Max (MaxNewsToday)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Political/Government Story

First Place: “RB’s Azucar Way residents are tired of waiting for promised street repair”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Science/Technology Story

First Place: “High speed network aids in firefighting, space and technology”

Regina Elling (Ramona Sentinel)

Second Place: “Local youth help keep seniors connected through donated devices”

Karen Billing (Del Mar Times)

Third Place: “Emerging novel viruses”

Jim Trageser (BioSupply Trends Quarterly)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Series

First Place: “La Jolla Heroines series”

Elisabeth Frausto (La Jolla Light)

Second Place: “Closure of Point La Jolla stories”

Ashley Mackin-Solomon (La Jolla Light)

Nondaily Reporting and Writing — Sports Story

First Place: “Latina Golfers Association: One woman’s quest to level the playing field”

Sylvia Mendoza (Hispanic Outlook on Education)

Second Place: “San Diego filmmaker asks: What if baseball players wore Iron Man armor?”

Ron Donoho (San Diego Sun)

Third Place: “Del Mar runner has finished a marathon in every state”

Karen Billing (Del Mar Times)

Photography/Headlines — Feature Photo

First Place: “Hair raising fun”

Thomas Melville (Peninsula Beacon)

Second Place: “Naomi Flynn watches a movie from inside her SUV”

Zoë Meyers (inewssource)

Third Place: “OB wins”

Thomas Melville (Peninsula Beacon)

Photography/Headlines — Headline

First Place: “Scott headline compilation”

Peggy Scott (San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance)

Second Place: “Plan to end free garbage pickup fee should be trashed; Tough road ahead for San Diego mileage tax proposal; It’s time to ground all tributes to Charles Lindbergh”

Andrew Kleske (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

Photography/Headlines — News Photo

First Place: “Police clear our farmworker encampment near border”

Zoë Meyers (inewssource)

Photography/Headlines — Photo Essay

First Place: “Scenes from Calexico: Farmworkers and life on the border”

Zoë Meyers (inewssource)

Second Place: “Scenes from the San Ysidro trolley station”

Zoë Meyers (inewssource)

Third Place: “Left with nothing by Biden administration, migrant families in Tijuana face an impossible choice”

Matthew Bowler (KPBS)

Photography/Headlines — Sports Photo

First Place: “Go BIG or go home”

Thomas Melville (Beach & Bay Press)

Second Place: “Ultimate concentration”

Thomas Melville (Beach & Bay Press)

Video — Breaking News story

First Place: “High-powered explosives missing from SoCal military base”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

Video — Investigative/Enterprise (Series)

First Place: “Drugs, death and foster care”

Adam Racusin and Geoff Stevens (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

Second Place: “Officers still shoot at cars even as police departments call it a dangerous decision”

Claire Trageser and Nic McVicker (KPBS)

Third Place: “Camp Pendleton Marines accused of stealing weapons & explosives”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

Video — Investigative/Enterprise (Single Story)

First Place: “Sex assaults inside a SoCal psychiatric hospital”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

Second Place: “The VA is overruling doctors’ medical decisions”

Jill Castellano and Jorge Contreras (inewssource)

Third Place: “A rattlesnake tale: How good intentions could be against the law”

Maya Trabulsi (KPBS)

Video — News

First Place: “How racism shaped America’s Finest City”

Adam Racusin, Geoff Stevens and Steve Reusch (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

Video — Video Feature

First Place: “Busters: From one survivor to another”

Maya Trabulsi (KPBS)

Second Place: “Marines still under the gun to integrate women despite success”

Steve Walsh (KPBS)

Third Place: “REWired”

Zoë Meyers (inewssource)

Scholarships

Print Journalism

Jakob McWhinney, San Diego City College

Elaine Alfaro, Point Loma Nazarene University

Niloufar Shahbandi, UC San Diego

Multimedia Journalism

Maritza Camacho, San Diego State University

Katy Stegall, San Diego State University

Bradley J. Fikes Memorial Scholarship

Esteban Preciado, Southwestern College

In Memoriam

Thomas Senzee, March 24, 2022

Senzee enjoyed 30 years as a journalist, working as editor-in-chief of the *San Diego LGBTQ Weekly* and contributing frequently to the *San Diego Reader*. He also contributed to national publications, such as *The Washington Blade*, *The Advocate/OUT* and *The Los Angeles Business Journal*. He was very active in his community, as a member of the San Diego Press Club, Society of Professional Journalists, the Los Angeles Press Club and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, according to *The Washington Blade*.

Lenny Ignelzi, April 29, 2022

Ignelzi was a mainstay in the San Diego photography community for 40 years while working for the Associated Press, but was best known for his lively sports shots. In 1979, he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for a photo series of an attempted kidnapping on Interstate 8 that he shot from atop Presidio Park, according to *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. “You’re always on duty, like being a doctor but not as important,” he said in a 2014 episode of *SnapShot*, a KPBS program. “But that’s also partly why you do it. You always want to be where — I don’t want to say where the action is, but where history is.”

Margarito Martinez Esquivel, January 17, 2022

Martinez was a freelance photojournalist and “fixer” in Tijuana who assisted international outlets in their coverage of the border city. For more than two decades, his camera led him to crime scenes throughout the city, where he also covered security issues. His photos often appeared in *Zeta Tijuana*, *La Jornada de Baja California* and on the news website *Cadena Noticias*, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Lourdes Maldonado López, January 23, 2022

Maldonado was a veteran journalist in Tijuana, working for many print and TV outlets over the years including, Televisa and Primer Sistema de Noticias (PSN), as well as the magazine *Séptimo Día*. Journalist Vicente Calderón told the Committee to Protect Journalists that she was known for her fierce and sometimes confrontational style of reporting, and that she covered mostly news and local politics. A few months before her death, she launched an online radio show called *Brebaje*.

Ronald Mires, August 23, 2021

Mires began his working life in the U.S. Air Force where he trained as a language specialist, after which he embarked on a bicoastal broadcasting career with Westinghouse Broadcasting and McGraw-Hill Broadcasting before settling in Coronado. During his time in media, he served as the president of the Radio and Television News Directors Association and won multiple Emmy awards, according to his obituary.

Thanks to everyone for joining us for an evening of celebrating local journalism!

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Vinyl Junkies Record Store
Tim Mays
Bazaar del Mundo
Lions, Tigers and Bears
The San Diego Natural History Museum
The San Diego Museum of Art
The Mingei Museum
Collins & Coupe Cocktail Supply Co.
You & Yours Distillery
Keri Blakinger
The Book Catapult
UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies
J Walcher Communications
Bianca Bruno, @statenilandmermaid
Lauren Mapp / Off the Mapp Cards
Camille Bruno, Compass Realty
Consortium Holdings Restaurant Group
Jeff Light, editor, San Diego Union-Tribune*

*Thank you to Dang Nguyen for letting us borrow his turntables and to
Dave Rolland for providing tonight's musical stylings.*

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