

## Public Service Award

KTUU Television, Anchorage, “America On Alert: The Homefront” a panel of Anchorage residents young and old discussed their reactions to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack on New York and the Pentagon.

## PRINT

### Best Breaking Story, Daily

1st: Juneau Woman Witness to N.Y. Tragedy,  
Genevieve Gagne-Hawes, Juneau Empire

2nd: Three Strangers United by Fate, George Bryson, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Era Copter Crashes into Inlet, Lucas Wall,  
Anchorage Daily News

### Best Breaking Story, Non-Daily

1st: FRA Soldier Pleads Guilty, Lindsay Pike, Alaska Post

2nd: Alyeska Terminal Evacuated, Jessica Higgins, Valdez Vanguard

3rd: Not awarded.

### Best General News Story, Daily

1st: Another Disaster, Elizabeth Manning,  
Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Fish Cops, Wesley Loy, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Treeless in Southeast, Paula Dobbyn,  
Anchorage Daily News

### Best Use of Story and Photo

1st: Youth Learn Yupik Way of Survival at Elders Camp, Angela Denning-  
Barnes, Tundra Drums

2nd: Russian Biologist/Protecting Birds,  
Ted Horner, Delta Discovery

3rd: Nikaitchuat Ilisagvait Instills Inupiaq Culture, Oakley Cochran, Arctic  
Sounder

### Best General News Story, Non-Daily

1st: Caring Community Responds to Crash, Oakley Cochran, The Bristol Bay  
Times

2nd: Houston Candidate Dies, Scott Christiansen, Frontiersman

3rd: In Search of Role Models, Robert Dillon, Tundra Drums

### Best Feature, Daily

1st: Linda’s First Dance, Debra McKinney,  
Anchorage Daily News

2nd: The Sinking of the Becca Dawn, Heather Lende,

Alaska Magazine

3rd: Sold to the Cold Lonely Lady, Amanda Coyne,  
Anchorage Press

Best Feature, Non-Daily

1st: Facing Her Heritage, Sarah BurrIDGE,  
Dutch Harbor Fisherman

2nd: Seal Season Starts, Danielle Wolffe, Tundra Drums

3rd: Elders Meet Subway, Ted Horner, The Delta Discovery

Best Comprehensive Coverage or Series, Daily

1st: Aging Alaska, Kristan Hutchison, Juneau Empire

2nd: Gay Pride Library Exhibit, Lisa Demer, Tim Pryor, Zaz Hollander,  
Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Alaska Oil Frontiers, Yereth Rosen, Reuters

Special Mention: Sept. 11 Attacks Coverage, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
staff

Best Comprehensive coverage or Series, Non-Daily

1st: Checkered Past, Robert Dillon, Tundra Drums

2nd: Shrinking Budget Challenges Schools, Teachers,  
Carey Restino James, Homer News

3rd: Russian Adventure, Anne Millbrooke, Nome Nugget

Best Reporting on a Government or Political Issue, Daily\*

Best Reporting on a Government or Political Issue, Non-Daily

1st: Drink Rumors Dog Houston Election,  
Scott Christiansen, Frontiersman

2nd: City's Hot Potato in State Hands Now, Joel Gay,  
Homer News

3rd: Parceling Up the Legislature, Robert Dillon,  
Tundra Drums

Best Reporting on a Business, Economic, Consumer or Emerging Technologies  
Subject, Daily

1st: Nickeled & Dimed, Justin Blomsness, Anchorage Press

2nd: Steller Opportunity, Tom Kizzia, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Pipeline Vulnerable from the Start, Sam Bishop, Fairbanks Daily News  
Miner

Best Reporting on a Business, Economic, Consumer or Emerging Technologies  
Subject, Non-Daily

1st: Nickeled and Dimed, Justin Blomsness,  
Anchorage Press

2nd: Carpenter Believes Would-Be Financial Savior a Predatory Lender, James  
MacPherson,

Alaska Journal of Commerce

3rd: Commercial Fishermen Lacking Gas, Danielle Wolffe, Tundra Drums

Best Reporting on Education, Daily

1st: Computing the Worth of \$6 Million, Eric Fry, Juneau Empire

2nd: Mario Joins Columbus in History, Eric Fry, Juneau Empire

3rd: River Serves as Textbook for Teachers, Mary Beth Smetzer, Fairbanks

Daily News Miner

Best Reporting on Education, Non-Daily

1st: Nikaitchuat Ilisagvak Instills Inupiaq Culture, Oakley Cochran, Arctic  
Sounder

2nd: Platinum School to Close its Doors, Robert Dillon, Tundra Drums

3rd: Learning Can be a Breeze, Eowyn LeMay Ivey, Frontiersman

Best Profile, daily

1st: Lofty Crags, Shattered Soul, Debra McKinney, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: A Life Complete, Debra McKinney,

Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Beloved Elder Grandma Effie, 82, Dies, Mary Beth Smetzer, Fairbanks

Daily News-Miner

Best Profile, Non-Daily

1st: Bailey the Wonderdog Outlives the Odds, Carey Restino James, Homer  
News

No 2nd or 3rd place awards.

Best Reporting on the Environment, Daily

1st: Arctic Refuge Dispute Extends to Oil Estimates, Yereth Rosen, Reuters

2nd: Land Trusts' Popularity Booming, Elizabeth Manning, Anchorage Daily  
News

3rd (TIE): Stalking Sharks, Darren Friedel, Ketchikan Daily News

3rd (TIE): A Land Vast and Wild, Bill McAllister, Juneau Empire

Honorable Mention: A Clear-Cut Legacy, Paula Dobbyn, Anchorage Daily  
News

Best Reporting on the Environment, Non-Daily

1st: Trail Users Tackle Caribou Lake, Joel Gay, Homer News

2nd: Cape Romanzoff Toxic Spills, Ted Horner, The Delta Discovery

3rd: Course of Nature, Casey Ressler, The Frontiersman

Best Reporting on Crime or Courts, Daily

1st: Vanished, Lisa Demer, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Hatchet Homicide, Lucas Wall, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Voices Plagued Slasher, Sheila Toomey and Lisa Demer, Anchorage Daily  
News

Best Reporting on Crime or Courts, Non-Daily\*

Best Reporting on Health or Science, Daily

1st: DNA Detecting, Sheila Toomey, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Alaska Native Groups Campaign Against Soft Drinks, Yereth Rosen, Reuters

3rd: Home on the Range, Shana Loshbaugh, Peninsula Clarion

Best Reporting on Health or Science, Non-Daily

1st: The Inupiaq Supercomputer, Charles Wohlforth, Anchorage Press

2nd: Bethel to East Africa, Carle Grill, The Delta Discovery

No 3rd place award.

Best Editorial Writing, Daily, the Leslie Ann Murray award

1st: Mathew Zencey, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Lori Evans, Peninsula Clarion

3rd: Terry Miller, Ketchikan Daily News

Best Editorial Writing, Non-Daily

1st: Voters Wanted Facts/3 Steps Backward/Tread Carefully, Mark Turner, Homer News

No 2nd or 3rd place awards.

Best Columnist, Daily, the Suzan Nightengale award

1st: Steve Reed, Juneau Empire

2nd: Elise Patkotak, Voice of the Times

3rd: Robert Meyerowitz, Anchorage Press

Best Columnist, Non-Daily

1st: Robert Meyerowitz, Anchorage Press

No 2nd or 3rd place awards.

Best Sports News Reporting, Daily

1st: Pac West Divorce Not Pretty, Lew Freedman, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Crash With Snowmobile Ends Iditaroder's Dream, Beth Bragg, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Shootout Could be Shot, Beth Bragg, Anchorage Daily News

Best Sports News Reporting, Non-Daily

1st: Dogs, Machine Collide, Casey Ressler, Frontiersman

2nd: Ice Rink Planning Glides Ahead, Sean Pearson, Homer News

Best Sports Feature, Daily

1st: Holding Court, J.R. Rardon, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Playing With Purpose, Doyle Woody, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Pursuing Golden Dreams, Charles Bingham, Juneau Empire

Category 16B-Best Sports Feature, Non-Daily

1st: Cross-Country Journal, Stan Bush, The Skagway News

2nd: Little Senior Goes Big with Volleyball, Jedediah Smith, Valdez Vanguard

3rd: Practicing the Ancient Art of Falconry, Eowyn LeMay Ivey, Frontiersman

Best Sports Game/Event Story

1st: Three in a Row, Lew Freedman, Anchorage Daily News  
2nd: Lance Mackey Bounces Back, Paula Dobbyn, Anchorage Daily News  
3rd: There's No Giving Up, Beth Bragg, Anchorage Daily News  
Best Sports Game/Event Story, Non-Daily  
1st: Riding the Tailwinds to Haines, Jennifer Collins, The Skagway News  
2nd: Mission Accomplished, Tim Brodt, Frontiersman  
3rd: Records Fall as Girls 2nd, Boys 1st in Region, Sean Pearson, Homer News  
Best Sports Columnist, Daily  
1st: Lew Freedman, Anchorage Daily News  
2nd: Ron Wilmot, Anchorage Daily News  
3rd: Doyle Woody, Anchorage Daily News  
Best Coverage of the Arts, Daily  
1st: Can There Be Poetic Justice in a Slam?, Peter Porco, Anchorage Daily News  
2nd: The Fund-Raising Game, Debbie Carter, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
3rd: Hard Luck, Mike Dunham, Anchorage Daily News  
Best Coverage of the Arts, Non-Daily  
1st: 'Woman of Ounalashka' Home for Good, Sarah Burrige, Dutch Harbor Fisherman  
2nd: If U Were Mine, Lynne Snifka, Anchorage Press  
3rd: Chasing Gleason Down, Sarah Birdsall, Talkeetna Good Times  
Best Section, Daily  
1st: The Front Page, Robert Meyerowitz/Anchorage Press Staff, Anchorage Press  
2nd: Sports section, Fairbanks Daily News Miner  
Best Section, Non-Daily  
1st: The Front Page, Robert Meyerowitz, Anchorage Press  
2nd: Alaska Star Sports, Alaska Star Sports, Alaska Star  
3rd: The Calendar, Tina Moore and Ta Brant, Anchorage Press  
Best Headline Writing, Daily  
1st: Sara Whitney, Fairbanks Daily News Miner  
2nd: Julie Stricker, Fairbanks Daily News Miner  
Kevin Coughlin, Fairbanks Daily News Miner  
Best Headline Writing, Non-Daily  
No award given.  
Best Non-Daily Newspaper  
1st: Homer News, R.T. Kelly, Joel Gay, Carey James  
2nd: Alaska Star, Alaska Star Staff  
3rd: Frontiersman, Frontiersman staff  
Best Editorial Cartoon, Daily

1st: Cruise Industry Tax Sharks, Tony Newman, Juneau Empire

Best Editorial Cartoon, Non-Daily

1st: Flap Your Arms Dear, Chuck Legge, Frontiersman

2nd: Statue of Liberty in Tears, Chuck Legge, Frontiersman

3rd: Sea Lion, Mike O'Meara, Homer News

Best Illustration, Daily

1st: That Tree is Mine, Dee Dee Hammond, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

2nd: Birches: Autumn to Winter, Dee Dee Hammond, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

3rd: Poinsettias, Dee Dee Hammond, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

Best Illustration, Non-Daily

1st: Whale, Douglas Girard, Anchorage Press

2nd: Anchorage Press New World Headquarters, David Hayden, Anchorage Press

3rd: Weakest Link Lady, Mike Kirkpatrick, Anchorage Press

Best Page Layout, Daily

1st: Nation Attacked, Lori Thomson, Juneau Empire

2nd: Early Stages of War, Mary-Ann McBride, Juneau Empire

3rd: Alice Whitaker, Stalking Sharks, Ketchikan Daily News

Best Page Layout, Non-Daily

1st: Lyra J. Gordon, My Battle With the Bottle, Alaska Newspapers Inc.

2nd: Spouses Wear Green, Lindsay Pike, Alaska Post

3rd: AFN Special Section Cover, Lyra J. Gordon, Alaska Newspapers, Inc.

Best Informational Graphic, Non-Daily

1st: Auditorium is Old, Neglected by UAA, Michelle Bartleman, The Northern Light

2nd: First Friday, Tina Moore, Anchorage Press

Best News Photo, Daily

1st: Standoff Ends, Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Getting Out Of Harm's Way, Eric F. Engman, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

3rd: Catching Diesel, Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News

Best News Photo, Non-Daily

1st: Anchorage Pays Homage..., David Hayes, Northern Light

2nd: G'day for Geronimo Jump, Nicole Sarkisian, Alaska Post

3rd: Fire Destroys Home, Steve Kadel, Alaska Star

Best Picture Story, Daily

1st: Going to the Mat, Eric F. Engman, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

2nd: Refuge of Riches, Michael Penn, Juneau Empire

3rd: Miner Bush Ball, Eric F. Engman, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

Best Picture Story, Non-Daily

1st: Community Responds to Crash, Oakley Cochran, Bristol Bay Times

2nd: No Bull: Rodeo Was a Barrel of Fun, Brian Lepley, Alaska Post

3rd: Operation Santa, Robert DeBerry, Alaska Newspapers Inc.

Best Sports Photo, Daily

1st: Up For Grabs, Erik Hill, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: On To Dawson City, Sam Harrel, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

3rd: Good Luck Kiss, Evan R. Steinhauser, Anchorage Daily News

Best Sports Photo, Non-Daily

1st: Struggle, Robert Deberry, Alaska Newspapers

2nd: Wild Ride, R.A. Dillon, Tundra Drums

3rd: Ringleader. Robert Deberry, Bristol Bay Times

Best Scenic Photo, Daily

1st: Aurora, M. Scoot Moon, Peninsula Clarion

2nd: Southern Exposure, Eric F. Engman, Fairbanks Daily News Miner

3rd: Red Northern Lights, Stephen Nowers, Anchorage Daily News

Best Scenic Photo, Non-Daily

1st: Blue Morning, Amy Menerey, Frontiersman

2nd: Sometimes You Can Make Them Drink, Tony Bickert, Alaska Star

3rd: Hockey Heaven, R.J. Kelly, Homer News

Best Portrait, Daily

1st: I'm Not Moving, Erik Hill, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Looking Out for a Way of Life, Michael Penn, Juneau Empire

3rd: After the Dance, Michael Penn, Juneau Empire

Best Portrait, Non-Daily

1st: Snack Time, Tataboline Brant, Dutch Harbor Fisherman

2nd: Dancing Together, Nili Sundown, Delta Discovery

3rd: Celluloid Hero, Mike Wachsmuth, Anchorage Press

Best Feature Photo, Daily

1st: In-Digestion, Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News

2nd: Tennis Camp, Eric F. Engman, Fairbanks Daily-News Miner

3rd: Identity Crisis, Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News

Best Feature Photo, Non-Daily

1st: A Nice Day for Fishing, James Mason, Arctic Sounder

2nd: Searching for Fun, R.A. Dillon, Tundra Drums

3rd: Horsin' Around, James Mason, Arctic Sounder

## **RADIO**

Best Reporting, Single Story

1st: Wax Cylinder, Anne Sutton, KTOO-FM

2nd: AFN Report with Nellie Moore, Nellie Moore, Lori Townsend, Len

Anderson, Paul Korchin, D'Anne Hamilton, Johanna Eurich, Native Voice Communications

3rd: Roof Fire Out in Petersburg, Joe Viechnicki, KFSK-FM, Petersburg  
Best Reporting, Comprehensive or Series

1st: Quiet Skies, Doug Fine, KHNS, Haines

2nd: Cemetery Traffic, Amanda Stossel, KHNS-FM, Skagway

3rd: Holistic Health in Homer, Jaylee Nash, KBBI, Homer

Best Public Affairs Program, One-Time Special

1st: September 11 Special, Jen Ransom, Shana Sheehey, KRUA-FM

2nd: Domestic Violence, Patty Sullivan, KSKA-FM

3rd: Evening Rounds: September 11, Amy Mayer, KUAC-FM

Best Public Affairs Program, Ongoing

1st: Talk Around Town, Doug Fine, KHNS

2nd: Intercambios: Cinco de Mayo, Gilbert Sanchez, KSKA

3rd: Evening Rounds: Parents Roles, Amy Mayer, KUAC-FM

Best Commentary, Editorial or Review

1st: Skating, Heather Lende, NPR

2nd: Tell Her This, Amanda Stossel, KHNS-FM

3rd: New York Memories, Libby Casey, KUAC-FM

Best Documentary

1st: Mat-Su Teens Killing Themselves, Patty Sullivan, KSKA

2nd: Vietnam War Memorial, Libby Casey, KUAC-FM

3rd: Testing the Waters, Doug Fine, KHNS

Best Short Newscast

1st: Geoff Kennedy, Alaska Public Radio Network

Best Reporting on a Political Issue

1st: Firefighter Contract, Libby Casey, KUAC-FM

2nd: After Duffy's Neck, Patty Sullivan, KSKA-FM

3rd: Local Boundary Commission, Alexei Rubenstein, KBBI

Best Reporting on Business, Economics, Consumer Issue or Technology

1st: Raising Chinook, Steve Will, KTOO-FM

2nd: Phillips Tour, Alexei Rubenstein, KBBI

3rd: Miracle Payout, Katie Bausler, KTOO-FM

Best Reporting on the Environment

1st: Katlian River Logging, Steve Will, Raven Radio

2nd: Seabird Avoidance Recommendations, Matt Lichtenstein, KFSK,  
Petersburg

3rd: Landmark Trees, Anne Sutton, KTOO, Juneau

Best Reporting on Crime or Courts

1st: Minor Consuming, Alexei Rubenstein, KBBI

2nd: Geoduck Lawsuit, Amy Miller, Coast Alaska



3rd: Paintball Sentencing, Jessica Cochran, Alaska Public Radio Network

#### Best Education Reporting

1st: Denali Kids, Jessica Cochran, APRN

2nd: Road Kill 101, Patty Sullivan, KSKA

#### Best Reporting on Health or Science

1st: Free Sushi for Eagles, Doug Fine, KHNS

2nd: Old Fish: Rock Fish and Aging, Lisa Busch, KCAW-FM

3rd: Diabetic Congress, Theresa Bakker, KUAC-FM

#### Best Radio Feature

1st: Sap Suckers, Patty Sullivan, KSKA

2nd: 21 Wolf, Jay Marble, KRBD-FM

3rd: Telling It Like It Is, Amy Mayer, KUAC-FM

#### Best Profile

1st: Sig Stormo, Libby Casey, KUAC-FM

2nd: Princeton Hall, Anne Sutton, KTOO-FM

3rd: Juneau's "Mr. Music," Rosemarie Alexander, KTOO-FM

#### Best Sports Reporting

1st: Yukon Quest, Libby Casey, KUAC-FM

2nd: The Rest of Us, Doug Fine, KHNS

#### Best Arts Story

1st: Different Because I Sing, Patty Sullivan, KSKA-FM

2nd: Hawaiians, Alexei Rubenstein, KBBI

3rd: Honorfest, Matt Lichtenstein, KFSK

#### Best Daily News Program

1st: Alaska News Nightly, Ellen Lockyear, Geoff Kennedy, Joel Southern, Ron Zastrow, Jessica Cochran, Alaska Public Radio Network

2nd: KBBI News, Alexei Rubenstein, KBBI

3rd: Alaska News Nightly, Dale Harrison, Alaska Public Radio Network

## TELEVISION

#### Best Breaking News Story

1st: Out of Control, Meghan Waller, Craig Baumann, KTUU-TV

#### Best Television Reporting, Single Story

1st: Knox Box, James Brown, Barry Johnson, KTUU-TV

2nd: Dogs Rescued, Caron Brookens, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

#### Best Television Reporting, Series

1st: Greatland Security, Jason Moore, Tom Cole, KTTU

2nd: Home Away from Home, Maria Downey, Eric Sowl, KTTU

#### Best Documentary

1st: Northern Stars, Staff of Channel 2 News, KTUU-TV

2nd: Celebrating Alaska's Shorebirds, Kevin L. Hartwell, KTOO-TV/  
AlaskaOne

Best Reporting on Health or Science

1st: Meningitis, Rhonda McBride, Phil Walczak, KTUU-TV

2nd: Hepatitis, Caron Brookens, Rich Jordan, KTUU-TV

3rd: Earthquake, Amy Rzewuski, Billy Fish, KTVA-TV

Best Reporting on the Environment

1st: Swept Away, Alison Lane, Tom Cole, KTUU-TV

2nd: Controlled Burn, Alison Lane, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

3rd: Denali Moose Research, Alison Lane, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

Best Reporting on Crime or Courts

1st: Father to Forget, Alison Lane, Barry Johnson, KTUU-TV

2nd: Mental Health, Rhonda McBride, Phil Walczak, KTUU-TV

3rd: Escaping Inmate, Eric Amundson, Terry Miller, KJMW-TV

Best Reporting on a Political Issue

1st: The Grade Divide, Rhonda McBride, Phil Walzack,  
KTUU-TV

Best Reporting on Business

1st: Sales Tax, Maria Downey, Barry Johnson, KTUU-TV

2nd: RV Lemon, James Brown, Barry Johnson, KTUU-TV

Best Television Feature Reporting

1st: Urban Bears, Katie Bausler, Mark E. Sabel, KTUU-TV

2nd; (TIE) In the Olympic Spirit, Meghan Waller, Paul Martel, KTUU-TV

Search for Sobriety, Rhonda McBride, James DeCrane, Phil Walczak, KTUU-  
TV

Best Arts Story

1st: Trigger Happy, Sheila Balistreri, Phil Walczak, KTUU-TV

Best Public Affairs Program, One-Time Special

1st: The Witness, Kevin Hartwell, KTUU/Syntax

Best Sports Coverage

1st: Channel 2 News Sports/ Late Edition, John Murnan, KTUU-TV

Best Profile

1st: Spike Walker, Eric R. Amundson, KJMW,  
The Ketchikan Channel

2nd: Ambassador Luke, Thomas Cole, KTUU-TV

Best Live Special

1st: The Breaking Point, KTUU-TV

Best Editing

1st: Sex Offender Debate, Eric Sowl, KTUU-TV

Best Feature Photography

1st: Chilkat Bald Eagles, Eric Sowl, KTUU-TV

2nd: Brooks Range Mushing, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

Best Sports Photography

1st: Big Air, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

Best Photographic Essay

1st: Fanfare for the Common Man, Justin Freeman, KTUU-TV

2nd: Mother's Day, Thomas Cole, KTUU-TV

Best Newscast

1st: Channel 2 Newshour, Channel 2 News, KTUU-TV

2nd: Anchorage 11 News at 10, John Herbst, KTVA-TV

3rd: Channel 2 News Late Edition, Channel 2 News Late Edition Staff, KTUU-TV

Humor \_ All Media

1st: May Snow \_ The Poem, John Carpenter, Tom Cole, KTUU-TV

2nd: Nature Special Fundraiser Promo, Matt Lichtenstein, KFSK, Petersburg

3rd: Small Goofs Mature Into Big Jokes, Barbara Brown, Anchorage Daily News

Best Media Website

1st: Alaska.com, Leon Unruh, Tom Twigg, Roger Price

2nd: ADN.com /Iditarod, Roger Price, Tom Twigg, Sabrina Willis, Anchorage Daily News

3rd: Alaskajournal.com, Ed Bennett, Patrick Sattler, Alaska Journal of Commerce

\*Starred categories were still awaiting return from judges at contest time.