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Scholarship Winners

Nava Rawls and Richard H. Grant

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College Media

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Blog / Commentary

First Place: Tom Poundstone, Steven Saum,

“A Dispatch from Rome: SMC's Tom Poundstone on the Culmination of a Conclave and the Selection of Pope Leo XIV”,

Saint Mary's College of California NewsCenter

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Breaking News

First Place: Alina Ta,

“ICE agents confirmed to be in San José”,

Spartan Daily

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College Media: Column

First Place: Navin Krishnan,

“Navin Krishnan columns”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Saturn Williams,

“Saturn Williams columns”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Steve Kroner, Steven Saum, Tod Fierner, Ryan Reggiani, Bryan Navarro,

“Kroner's Corner: Three on Gaels Basketball”,

Saint Mary's College of California

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Cover Design

First Place: Sama Elbaramawi,

“Freedom Special Issue Cover”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Sebastien Thugnet,

“Etc. Magazine 2025”,

Etc. Magazine

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Editorial Cartoon

First Place: Cindy Chan,

“Moving Forward”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Cia Castro,

“The Hypothetical Trans Athlete”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Cindy Chan,

“Tariffs?”,

The Guardsman

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Feature Layout Design

First Place: Tiffany Lam,

“90 Years of History: Tracing the Rise of City College”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Saturn Williams,

“SJSU students paint downtown”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Kaya Henkes-Power,

“Freedom Special Issue Center Spread”,

Spartan Daily

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Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Elizabeth Bravo Rebolloso,

“SJSU interpreters share their stories”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Hayden Royster, Steven Saum,

“Olympians over the Decades: the Gaels Who Have Competed in the World's Foremost Sports Competition”,

Saint Mary's College of California

Third Place: Ellen Yoshitsugu,

“What Are the Odds: The Identical Twins Who Have Served CCSF for Decades”,

Etc. Magazine

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Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Olivia Fitts,

“This is Their Land: A Local Tribe's Fight for Federal Recognition”,

Naked Magazine of Las Positas College

Second Place: Peninsula Press Staff ,

“Coping with Cuts: Portraits of Loss after the U.S. Ceases Aid Operations Around the Globe”,

Peninsula Press

Third Place: Rebecca-Ann Jattan,

“Life After Homelessness and Stability Beyond Housing”,

Peninsula Press

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Front Page Design

First Place: Sama Elbaramawi,

“Freedom Special Issue Front Page”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Isabelle Salvadori, Tiffany Lam, John R. Adkins,

“The Guardsman Vol. 179, Issue 4”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Isabelle Salvadori, Tiffany Lam,

“The Guardsman Vol. 179, Issue 5”,

The Guardsman

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General News Story

First Place: John R. Adkins,

“City College's Grounded Aeronautics Program May Find Runway Yet”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Alina Ta,

“SJ immigrant youth grapple with ICE”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Emily Thorsen,

“Board of Trustees Approves Native American And Indigenous Studies Courses At City College”,

The Guardsman

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Headline

First Place: Christine Tran,

“I would rather rent a room in hell”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Inika Karulkar,

“Skyline's performance of 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' is sweet as honey”,

The Skyline View

Third Place: John R. Adkins,

“City College's Grounded Aeronautics Program May Find Runway Yet”,

The Guardsman

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Abby Sigler, Marrion Cruz, Tom Whitehead,

“Ghost Students at City College”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Alina Ta, Maya Carrillo, Israel Archie,

“ICE/Immigration Stories”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Hina Suzuki, Hannah Woodworth,

“San Francisco plans to spend $10 million on trash cans. Will they make the streets clean?”,

Peninsula Press

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Photography / Feature

First Place: Jackson Lindstrom,

“Fire on the Fountain”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Kyra Young,

“Mexika New Year”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Francis Tatem,

“Gael Force in the House - SMC vs Gonzaga”,

Saint Mary's College of California

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Photography / News

First Place: Kyra Young,

“City College Board of Trustees Faces Overwhelming Testimonies to Restore Classes and Laid-off Faculty”,

The Guardsman

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Photography / Photo Series

First Place: Jackson Lindstrom, Charity Spicer,

“Fire on the Fountain photos”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Bob Kinoshita,

“Women's Soccer Team Shuts Out San Joaquin 3-0”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Alina Ta ,

“Silicon Valley Pride Parade photos”,

Spartan Daily

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Photography / Sports

First Place: Joe Oliver, Ryan Barnett, Steven Saum,

“The Goose Is Airborne”,

Saint Mary's College of California

Second Place: Bob Kinoshita,

“Rams Win Water Polo Shootout 16-11”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Francis Tatem,

“Gael Force in the House - SMC vs Gonzaga”,

Saint Mary's College of California

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Radio/Podcast News Reporting (College media)

First Place: Hannah Bensen, Arundathi Nair,

"How Trump's Mass Deportation Promise is Already Impacting California's Undocumented Community",

Peninsula Press

Second Place: Antonio Peeples, Sheryl Anne Sanchez Lugtu,

"Skyline Sports Spotlight – Episode 1",

The Skyline View

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Public Relations

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Press Releases

First Place: Edwin Garcia,

“Student inspired to study medicine after rural surgeon heals his broken finger”,

UC Davis Health

Second Place: Curtis Sparrer, Erin Jundef, Emily Roberts, Skylar Levy, Nick Yacenko

“RealSense Completes Spinout from Intel, Raises $50 Million to Accelerate AI-Powered Vision for Robotics and Biometrics”

Bospar

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Magazines/Trade Publications

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Blog / Commentary

First Place: Jesus Francisco Sierra,

“A Brief Spanish History of San Francisco”,

Nob Hill Gazette

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Business/Technology Story

First Place: Riley Griffin,

“Mark Zuckerberg MAGA Shift”,

Bloomberg Businessweek

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Columns-Features

First Place: Mark C. Anderson,

“Found Treasures”,

Edible Monterey Bay

Second Place: Jennifer Massoni Pardini, Olivia Wise,

“Nob Hill Quizette”,

Nob Hill Gazette

Third Place: Lotus Abrams,

“Marin Home Series”,

270 Media

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Cover Design

First Place: Eric Zener, Mimi Towle,

“Cover Design Flip Book”,

270 Media

Second Place: Lauren Abbott,

“The Man Behind the Camera, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

Third Place: Matthew Petty,

“June 2025 Pride Issue”,

Nob Hill Gazette

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San Francisco PRESS CLUB

Entertainment Review

First Place: Mary Elizabeth Perez,

“NIKI Delivers Buzzworthy Performance in Berkeley”,

Kinda Cool Magazine

Second Place: Rose Eden Gibson, Paige K. Parsons,

“St. Vincent Transcends at Grace Cathedral: An Intimate Performance for the Saints and the Sinners”,

Out Front Magazine

Third Place: Kitty Margolis,

“September's 67th Monterey Jazz Festival Showcases Historic Roots and New Leadership”,

Nob Hill Gazette

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Subject

First Place: Christina Mueller, Mimi Towle,

“Sustainable Packaging”,

270 Media

Second Place: Zoe Loftus-Farren,

“War and Parks”,

Earth Island Journal

Third Place: Jennifer Gennari, Mimi Towle,

“Marin's Shifting Shoreline: The conversation has started and your voice matters”,

270 Media

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Feature Layout Design

First Place: Zack Ruskin, Mimi Towle,

“An Insider's Guide to San Francisco Crosstown Trails”,

270 Media

Second Place: Allison McGinn Fuelling,

“The Ties That Bind, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

Third Place: Xiaoyi Yu,

“Franchon Smith Ends Her Years as City College's Beloved Rocky the Ram”,

Etc. Magazine

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Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Jennifer Gennari, Catherine Lyons-Labate, Mimi Towle,

“Wild and Free: Where the Waterfront Children Are”,

270 Media

Second Place: Anna Mindess,

“Here's To Grandmothers”,

Edible East Bay Magazine

Third Place: Sonia Paul,

“South Asian Artists Confront Oppression with Joy”,

Alta Journal

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Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Josh Eidelson, Loren Grush,

“At SpaceX, Elon Musk's Own Brand of Cancel Culture Is Thriving”,

Bloomberg Businessweek

Second Place: Kirsten Neff, Mimi Towle,

“The Trajectory of their Lives”,

270 Media

Third Place: Mark C. Anderson, Geneva Rico,

“Grounded Solutions: Finding fairness, avoiding pesticides and advocating sense in the Pajaro Valley”,

Edible Monterey Bay

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General News Story

First Place: Becky Duffett,

“How Sacramento, California, Became the Center of American Caviar Production”,

Bon Appétit

Second Place: Jennifer Massoni Pardini, Craig Lee,

“Arion Press Marks 50 Years With a Move to Fort Mason”,

Nob Hill Gazette

Third Place: Emily Wilson,

“Inside the New Ruth Asawa Retrospective at SFMOMA”,

Nob Hill Gazette

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Headline

First Place: Matt Villano, Mimi Towle,

“The Right Place for the Right Mind”,

270 Media

Second Place: Jonah Steinhart, Mimi Towle,

“A Safe Place to Sleep”,

270 Media

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Ramin Skibba,

“How One Company Wants to Make Geoengineering Profitable”,

Undark magazine

Second Place: Ramin Skibba,

“It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Space Trash!”,

Rolling Stone magazine

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Photography / Feature

First Place: Patrick Tregenza, Analuisa Bejar,

“Chocolate: All the world loves a trendy cup”,

Edible Monterey Bay

Second Place: Lotus Abrams, R. Brad Knipstein,

“In the Round”,

270 Media

Third Place: Lotus Abrams, Joe Fletcher,

“Shifting the View”,

270 Media

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Politics/Government

First Place: Josh Eidelson

“It's Legal to Pay US Workers With Disabilities as Little as 25¢ an Hour”,

Bloomberg Businessweek

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Profile

First Place: Mary McInerney,

“The Man Behind the Camera, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

Second Place: Kathryn McKenzie, Patrick Tregenza,

“Rising to the Top: Community and coffee boost Carmel Valley Creamery”,

Edible Monterey Bay

Third Place: Becky Duffett,

“Into the Woods”,

Concept Carmel

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Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Christina Mueller, Mimi Towle,

“Sustainable Packaging”,

270 Media

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Sports Feature

First Place: Oscar Palma, Mary McInerney,

“Friends Who Play Together, Stay Together, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

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Radio/Podcast

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Best Reporting by a small radio station

First Place: Wren Farrell, Lisa Morehouse,

“Willing to change: Working with perpetrators of domestic violence”,

KALW

Second Place: Bill Buchanan, Jim Buchanan,

“Davisville, May 12, 2025: Davis faces choice between more homes, fewer schools”

KDRT

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Feature Story/Light Subject

First Place: Suzie Racho, Sasha Khokha, Victoria Mauleon, Brendan Willard,
"Oakland Composer and Harpist Destiny Muhammad Has Always Charted Her Own Path",
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Azul Dahlstrom-Eckman,
"Fake Red Curbs Cause Confusion in San Francisco"
KQED Public Radio

Third Place: Ana De Almeida Amaral, Olivia Allen-Price, Katrina Schwartz, Caroline Smith,
"San Francisco's Oldest Lesbian Bar Has Been a Safe Space for More Than 60 Years"
KQED Public Radio

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General News Story

First Place: Erin Baldassari,

“Dramatic Insurance Spikes Could Tank California's Homeless Housing”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Wren Farrell, Alastair Boone, Sunni Khalid, Galnadgee Joe Johnson,

“PIT Counts can lead to permanent supportive housing, but is this system flawed?”

KALW

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Rebecca Bowe,

“Exposed: The Human Radiation Experiments at Hunters Point”,

San Francisco Public Press

Second Place: Marisa Lagos,

“She Left Her Abuser. Now the Shelter That Helped Her Is Losing Federal Funds Under Trump”

KQED Public Radio

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Podcast General Interest

First Place: Xorje Olivares, Ana De Almeida, Chris Hambrick, Jen Chien, Christopher Beale,

“Hyphenación”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Hana Baba, Kristina Loring, James Rowlands,

“Bury Me Whole”,

The Stoop

Third Place: Hana Baba, Kristina Loring, James Rowlands,

“Davisville, April 14, 2025: As others fled Saigon 50 years ago, she stayed”,

KDRT

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Podcast News

First Place: Ericka Cruz Guevarra, Natalia Navarro, Jessica Kariisa, Alan Montecillo,
“How Anti-Trans Politics Loomed Over San José State's Volleyball Season”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Sylvie Sturm
“Sidelined After Service: What Federal Cuts Mean for Veterans”,
San Francisco Public Press

Third Place: Ericka Cruz Guevarra, Lesley McClurg, Alan Montecillo, Jessica Kariisa, Mel Velasquez
“How RFK Jr.'s Message Took Root in a Small Marin Town”,
KQED Public Radio

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Public Affairs Program

First Place: Bill Buchanan, Jim Buchanan,

“Davisville”,

KDRT

Second Place: John Zipperer, Melissa Caen

“Voice Weekly: David Chiu, San Francisco City Attorney,”,

The Voice of San Francisco

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Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Tyche Hendricks, Angela Corral, Victoria Mauleon

“In the Run-Up to the Presidential Election, Politics Doesn't Reflect Reality at the US-Mexico Border”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Shannon Bond, Brett Neely, Diaa Hadid

“How AI showed up in 2024's year of elections”,

NPR

Third Place: Morgan Sung, Maya Cueva, Jen Chien, Chris Egusa, Brendan Willard,

“The Surveillance Machine (Close All Tabs)”,

KQED Public Radio

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Sports Feature

First Place: Azul Dahlstrom-Eckman,

“Oakland A's Mark Final Coliseum Game with Victory”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: April Dembosky, Kevin Stark,

“From the Dugout to the Zen Den: How the San Francisco Giants' Champion Mental Wellness”,

KQED Public Radio

Third Place: Erin Lim, Ben Trefny, James Rowlands

“Coach Nakase Is Full Of Firsts”

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Blog / Commentary

First Place: David Curran,

“My decades-long love of a great, barely known San Francisco bakery treat”,

SFGATE

Second Place: Lloyd Lee, Alistair Barr,

“Robotaxi reality check ”,

Business Insider

Third Place: Ali Wunderman,

“Owning a car in SF much more than it's cracked up to be”,

San Francisco Examiner

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Breaking News

First Place: Megan Cassidy, Sarah Ravani,

“Former Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao criminally indicted two months after recall”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Janos Gereben, Rebecca Wishnia, Michael Zwiebach, Peter Feher,

“Was a Strike Before the SF Symphony's Season Opener Inevitable?”,

San Francisco Classical Voice

Third Place: Tyler Katzenberger, Lindsey Holden, Emily Schultheis,

“California deals criminal justice reform a punishing blow”,

POLITICO

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Business/Technology Story

First Place: Alex Mullaney,

“Behind an explosion of hot dog vendors, tales of exploitation and desperation”,

The San Francisco Standard

Second Place: Tyler Katzenberger,

“Big Tech has another California problem”,

POLITICO

Third Place: Krystal Hu, Anna Tong , Kenrick Cai ,

“OpenAI secretly works on ditching non-profit control as it raises record funding, seeks new breakthrough”,

Reuters

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Columns-Features

First Place: Blanca Torres,

“Columns for K Onda, KQED's monthly newsletter centering the Bay Area's Latino community”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Emily Hoeven,

“Selected SF feature columns from Emily Hoeven”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Third Place: Luke Tsai, Thien Pham, Raynato Castro,

“The Midnight Diners”,

KQED Public Radio

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Columns-News/Political

First Place: Emily Hoeven,

“Selected SF political columns from Emily Hoeven”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Harry Mok,

“Columns on Sunset Dunes and Joel Engardio's recall”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Third Place: Emily Thorsen,

“Emily Thorsen's Column”,

The Guardsman

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Columns-Sports

First Place: Dave Tobener,

“Buster Posey is running the SF Giants now — for better or maybe worse”,

SFGATE

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Cover Design

First Place: Reinhardt Krause, Ben Pimental,
Scot Donaldson, Mark Sharar,
“The Great AI Race”, **Investor's Business Daily**

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Criminal Justice

First Place: Annie Vainshtein,

“A street race crash left twin girls orphaned. Did the case against the teen driver deliver justice?”, **San Francisco Chronicle**

Second Place: Alex Mullaney,

“After killing a woman, he found redemption in firefighting. Now he's accused of arson”, **The San Francisco Standard**

Third Place: Tarini Mehta,

“A Sebastopol 4th grader died by suicide. Her family alleges she was sexually abused”,

The Press Democrat

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Entertainment Review

First Place: Dan Gentile,

“For a summer, San Francisco was home to the most beautiful sound in the world”,

SFGATE

Second Place: Rose Eden Gibson , Alexander Leaving ,

“Built to Last: The Dance Hall Crashers' Long-Awaited Reunion at the Great American Music Hall”,

new noise magazine

Third Place: Rebecca Wishnia, Michael Zwiebach, Peter Feher,

“Stars Align at SF Symphony for Esa-Pekka Salonen's Cello Concerto”,

San Francisco Classical Voice

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Environment/Nature

First Place: Amanda Bartlett,

"'Your whole body clock shifts': Late at night, these scientists watch over the Bay Area and beyond", **SFGATE**

Second Place: Ezra David Romero, Katie Worth, Matthew Green, Kevin Stark,

"Greater Bay Area Prepares For Rising Seas, Communities Grapple With Flooding Issues", **KQED Public Radio**

Third Place: Carlos Cabrera-Lomelí, Carly Severn, Matthew Green,

"What Is a 'Heat Island'? You Might Be Living Inside One in the Bay Area", **KQED Public Radio**

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Feature Layout Design

First Place: Michael Acton, Sam Joiner, John Reed,

“Why Trump can't build iPhones in the US”,

Financial Times

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Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Matt Simons,

“"Would You Like to Fight?" The Myth & Promise of "Mutual Combat"”,

Courthouse News Service (CNS)

Second Place: Hannah Wiley,

“'Year of the lesbian': How queer women are breaking San Francisco's doom loop”,

Los Angeles Times

Third Place: Nanette Asimov,

“UC Berkeley student mixes 'secret sauce' for national spelling bee”,

San Francisco Chronicle

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Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: George Hammond,
“Thrive Capital: the venture firm staking billions on a few big bets”,
Financial Times

Second Place: Benjamin Pimentel,
“Inside The Quantum Computing Crash Triggered By Nvidia CEO — And What His Upcoming 'Quantum Day' May Bring”,
Investor's Business Daily

Third Place: Ko Lyn Cheang,
“This Afghan refugee fought the Taliban. In Trump's America, he faces a different threat”, **San Francisco Chronicle**

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General News Story

First Place: Janos Gereben, Michael Zwiebach, Peter Feher,

"SF Symphony Chorus Faces Unprecedented Wage Cuts",

San Francisco Classical Voice

Second Place: Dustin Gardiner,

"Attorney General Rob Bonta returns more fraught contributions",

POLITICO

Third Place: Ko Lyn Cheang, Christian Leonard,

"Asylum-seekers wait on average 4½ years for their hearings. Now many fear ICE at the courthouse",

San Francisco Chronicle

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Headline

First Place: Linda Houser Tafur,

“A new gold rush for Jackson Square”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Scot Donaldson, Anne Stanley, Mark Sharar,

“Election '24 Puts Energy In Flux”,

Investor's Business Daily

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Tara Duggan, Michael Barba,
"San Francisco Chronicle coverage leads to management change at S.F. Zoo", **San Francisco Chronicle**

Second Place: Hannah Beckler, Adam Rogers, Dakin Campell, Business Insider Staff ,
"The True Cost of Data Centers",
Business Insider

Third Place: Liza Gross, Peter Aldhous,
"Captured: How pesticide regulators place industry profits above public health", **Inside Climate News**

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Photography / Feature

First Place: Beth LaBerge, Gina Castro, Martin do Nascimento,

“Scenes From San Francisco's Unhoused Encampment Sweeps”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,

“Riding the Wave”,

Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Jane Tyska,

“Rosie the Riveter”,

Oakland Tribune

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Photography / News

First Place: Jane Tyska,

“Beached Whale”,

Oakland Tribune - Digital

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,

“Fire Dance”,

Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Beth LaBerge,

“Park Fire Survivor Kenneth Gaines Rebuilds After Losing Everything But His Animals”,

KQED Public Radio

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Photography / Photo Series

First Place: Douglas Zimmerman, Charles Russo,

“Part celebration, part funeral: The A's final game in pictures”,

SFGATE

Second Place: Charles Russo,

“Legendary Calif. band's Golden Gate Park show was louder than Outside Lands”,

SFGATE

Third Place: Jane Tyska,

“The Continental Club”,

Oakland Tribune

Photography / Sports

First Place: Jane Tyska,

“Walk-Off Home Run”,

Oakland Tribune

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,

“Smashed Nose”,

Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,

“Jumping for Joy”,

Bay Area News Group

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Politics/Government

First Place: Dana Hull, Kurt Wagner,

“Elon Musk's 100 days of DOGE”,

Bloomberg

Second Place: Dustin Gardiner,

“'There's a reckoning to be had': San Francisco Dems move to push the national party to the center”, **POLITICO**

Third Place: Hannah Wiley, Jessica Garrison,

“How San Francisco became a launching pad for the most powerful women in politics”,

Los Angeles Times

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Profile

First Place: Ko Lyn Cheang,

“The chef behind S.F.'s Sam Wo Restaurant is retiring. Why it's 'damn hard' to replace him”, **San Francisco Chronicle**

Second Place: Hannah Murphy,

“How Mark Zuckerberg unleashed his inner brawler”,

Financial Times

Third Place: Eugene Kim,

“Amazon's amazing turnaround: How Andy Jassy secretly wooed Wall Street and overhauled a bloated tech giant”,

Business Insider

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Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Adhiti Bandlamudi,
“Caifornia Forever Continuing Coverage”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: George Hammond, Stephen Morris, Cristina Criddle,
“The Rise of OpenAI”, **Financial Times**

Third Place: Katie Dowd, Andrew Chamings,
“A 'death cult' on the run: The Bay Area fringe group terrorizing America”,
SFGATE

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Sports Feature

First Place: Ron Kroichick,

“Ann Kerr a 'force of nature' at 90: Warriors coach's mom imparts Middle East wisdom at UCLA”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Gabe Fernandez,

“Major Cal donors in standoff with school over Berkeley's football team”, **SFGATE**

Third Place: Sarah McGrew, Joy Jihyun Jeong , Maggie Beidelman,

“Should transgender women be able to compete in women's sports?”,

San Francisco Chronicle

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Print/Digital - Small Newsroom

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Blog/Commentary

First Place: Skott Bennett,

“Sly Stone made unity sound like a revolution”,

Riff

Second Place: Alastair Goldfisher,

“Hey, ChatGPT, Stop Trying to Please Me”,

The Venture Lens

Third Place: Erkki Forster,

“SHAPED BY MY COMMUNITY: My unique transnational multiracial experience”,

Nichi Bei News

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Breaking News

First Place: Joe Eskenazi,

“Mission Local obtains list of SFUSD schools to potentially merge/close”,

Mission Local

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Business/Technology Story

First Place: Julia Gitis,

“From 1,000 to zero: The loss of public news racks in San Francisco”,

Mission Local

Second Place: Sara Bloomberg,

“Bear Market: UC Berkeley's plan to be the next big Silicon Valley VC”

San Francisco Business Times

Third Place: Alastair Goldfisher,

“AI, Data and the Death of Investing From the Gut”

The Venture Lens

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Columns/Features

First Place: Tony Hicks,

“Insert Foot”,

Riff

Second Place: Anne Marie Kristoff,

“Everyday People”

The Ingleside Light

Third Place: Dan Evans,

“Dan Evans Columns”

Napa Valley Register

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Columns-News/Political

First Place: Joe Eskenazi,

“Joe Eskenazi and San Francisco”,

Mission Local

Second Place: David A.M. Wilensky,

“J. Sunday Newsletter Intros”

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Matthew Bajko,

“Political Notebook: Trump orders end Presidio Pride event in SF”

Bay Area Reporter

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Columns-Sports

First Place: Meera Kymal, Tanay Gokhale,

“This Sporting Life”,

India Currents

Second Place: Emma Spaeth,

“Pescadero girls sports”

Half Moon Bay Review

Third Place: Daniel Hardee,

“The Two Timelines: You, me, and the Warriors”

Dub Nation HQ

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Cover Design

First Place: Meredith Sheffer,

“Creating a monster”,

San Francisco Business Times

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Criminal Justice

First Place: Abigail Van Neely,

“New shoes, baby steps, and 'too much to lose' at Tenderloin community court ”,

Mission Local

Second Place: Thomas Hughes,

“They didn't try the crimes, so they don't get more time: Court tosses 70 COVID-era cases”

Bay City News

Third Place: Scott Morris,

“Testimony describes systematic coverup of Vallejo police misconduct and culture of retaliation”

The Vallejo Sun

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Entertainment Review

First Place: Joshua Bote,

“The night Sylvester changed San Francisco”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Tim Pfaff,

“'Leonardo da Vinci' - Documenting the supreme Renaissance Man”

Bay Area Reporter

Third Place: Erik Anderson,

“'Queer' Review: Luca Guadagnino Conjures a Psychedelic,

Sympathetic Fever Dream of Gay Love and Longing [A]””

AwardsWatch

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Environment/Nature

First Place: Ruth Dusseault,

“The Tunnel Vision: A look at California's $20 billion solution to its water crisis”,

Bay City News

Second Place: Ronna Raz,

“Comic: Meet San Francisco's urban wildlife, from lichen to coyotes”

Mission Local

Third Place: Michael Stoll,

“Scientist Who Helped Prove Humans Changed the Climate Watches Evidence Being Erased”,

San Francisco Public Press

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Feature Layout Design

First Place: Meredith Sheffer, Hannah Kanik, Owen Thomas

“California Forever floats a new idea”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Matt Petty, Terry Forte, Olivia Wise

“Election Guide”

San Francisco Examiner

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Feature Story/Light Subject

First Place: Eddie Kim

“The artful life of Leland Wong”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Cydney Hayes

“In between gods, looking for work”

Gazetteer SF

Third Place: Ashwini Gangal, Ashwini Gangal, Ashwini Gangal

“This Immigrant Life”

India Currents

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Feature Story/Serious Subject

First Place: Eddie Kim

“Up all night in the Tenderloin”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Chanan Tigay

“Exclusive: Why Israel turned to archaeologists in its search for the Oct. 7 missing”

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Susan Reynolds

“EXCLUSIVE: S.F. Department of Public Health head: 'Public drug use is really a problem for other people'”

The Voice of San Francisco

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Front Page Design

First Place: Emily Mibach

“Stanford proe”,

Palo Alto Daily Post

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General News Story

First Place: Momo Chang, Roselyn Romero, Tommy Craggs

“Since Stop AAPI Hate, some Oakland Chinatown residents are rethinking crime prevention”,

Oaklandside and Oakland Voices

Second Place: Ted Andersen

“Big property tax bills start to roll in from Prop. 19 'reform'”

San Francisco Business Times

Third Place: Gabe Stutman

“Tension Over Hiring an Israeli Counselor Roiled a Bay Area Music Camp and Ended Friendships”

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

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Headline

First Place: Owen Thomas

“Can this tech bro make ships happen?”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Sue Barnett

“Scent creator and curator Mandy Aftel on the essence of perfume — from frankincense to wet dog’”,

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Meera Kymal

“Breakfast In Lahore, Lunch In Amritsar, & Dinner In Bangalore??”,

India Currents

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Chris Roberts, Rebecca Bowe, Michael Stoll

“Exposed: The Human Radiation Experiments at Hunters Point”,

San Francisco Public Press

Second Place: Abigail Van Neely

“Supe Candidate Michael Lai’”

Mission Local

Third Place: Brandon Pho

“San Jose Hid Drug Tampering”

San Jose Spotlight

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Photography/Feature

First Place: Craig Lee,

“Swan Oyster Depot”,

San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Aaron Levy-Wolins ,

“Interfaith celebration at Emanu-El blesses S.F.'s new mayor, Daniel Lurie’”,

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Ashton Hacke,

“Dog lookalike contest”,

Half Moon Bay Review

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Photography/News

First Place: Craig Lee,

“Protests”

San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Tony Hicks,

“Tensions Flare at Concord Immigration Court'”

Bay City News

Third Place: Tony Hicks,

“Trump Supporter Waves Flags Above the Commute”

Bay City News

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Photography/Photo Series

First Place: Nick Otto,

“PHOTOS: American Canyon celebrates Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors”

Napa Valley Register

Second Place: Angel Mayorga, Michael Santiago, David Chalk ,

“SNAPS”,

Mission Local

Third Place: Craig Lee,

“Flower Mart”,

San Francisco Examiner

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Photography/Sports

First Place: Raul Ebio,

“Saint Francis Wins!!”

Santa Cruz Sentinel

Second Place: Nick Otto,

“CIF Girls Basketball Northern California Regional Division III Championship”,

Napa Valley Register

Third Place: Raul Ebio,

“Chasing the ball”,

San Francisco Examiner

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Politics/Government

First Place: Mike Ege,

“Housing is becoming San Francisco's Forever War”,

The Voice of San Francisco

Second Place: Riley Palmer,

“What does it take to sit on the dais in wine country? Napa County mayors tell all.”,

Napa Valley Register

Third Place: Zack Haber,

“Vallejo school board elections increasingly uncompetitive since adopting districts”,

The Vallejo Sun

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Profile

First Place: Sarah Klearman,

“Roger Fields bought an empty San Francisco office tower. Two years later, it's nearly full”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Tanay Gokhale, Nandita Bose, Kani Illangovan,

“Peoplewatch”

India Currents

Third Place: Raphael Cohen, Kristina Loring, James Rowlands,

“Texas troubadour Charley Crockett brings his country blues back to the Bay”,

KALW

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Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Adam Shanks, Troy Wolverton, Marcus White, Keith Menconi, Schuyler Hudak Prionas,

“The Examiner is monitoring these political power blocs before November”,

San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Erika Towne, David Alexander,

“Coverage of City Council Member Trial”

Santa Clara Weekly

Third Place: Lydia Chavez, Oscar Palma, Xueer Lu, Abigail Van Neely, Mission Local Staff,

“16th and Mission Ongoing Coverage”,

KALW

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Sports Feature

First Place: Jim Seimas,

“How Santa Cruz big wave surfer Alessandro 'Alo' Slebir went from local talent to global sensation”,

Santa Cruz Sentinel

Second Place: Tanay Gokhale

“Mansher Khera's 'New Era' Is Dawning”

India Currents

Third Place: Ritu Jha,

“MLC Season 3 Kicks Off in Bay Area With Optimism, New Pitch, and High Hopes for Cricket's Future in U.S.”,

Indica News

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Television/Video

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Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,

“Robot Revolution: AI has joined the game”,

KNTV - Digital Content

Second Place: Lyanne Melendez, Edward Gonzalez, Jackie Sissel, Brandy Sotelo ,

“A Sigh of Relief: San Francisco's Pee Problem”,

KGO ABC 7

Third Place: Silvio Carillo, Karina Nova,

“Meet the Velvet Bandit: Sonoma Co.'s Mystery Mom Turned Street Art Superhero”,

KGO ABC 7

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Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Emily Chang, Lauren Ellis, Alan Jeffries,

“Inside Stargate: OpenAI's Megafactory in West Texas”,

Bloomberg Originals

Second Place: Luz Pena, Edward Gonzalez, Ken Miguel, Robert Goldstone,

“ABC7 ORIGINALS | Home Lost”,

KGO ABC 7

Third Place: LOUREEN AYYOUB,

“Bay Area Rap Icon 4Tay uplifts youth while battling cancer”,

KPIX CBS 5

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General News Story

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,

“Countdown to the Olympics”,

KNTV NBC Bay Area

Second Place: Jonathan Bloom,

“There's Crying in Baseball”,

KNTV - Digital Content

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Investigative Reporting

First Place: Stephanie Sierra, Olivia Gonzales, Josh Hubbard,

“TAXPAYER-FUNDED TRAVEL”,

KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Kurtis Ming, Kevin Wing, Dennis Lopez,

“KOVR CBS13 "Call Kurtis" Investigation: Where Are My Grandparents Buried?”,

KOVR CBS13

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Live Report

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,

“Milan After Midnight”,

KNTV NBC Bay Area

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Public Affairs Program

First Place: KGO ABC 7 Staff ,

“ABC7 Presents the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade”,

KGO ABC 7

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Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Lyanne Melendez, Ken Miguel, Edward Gonzalez, Ido Bartana, Jackie Sissel,
"BUILDING A BETTER BAY AREA | Trouble on San Francisco Streets",
KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Lauren Toms, Max Darrow, Rick Villaroman, Alex Montano, Ryan Yamamoto,
"The Jury has Reached a Verdict", **KPIX CBS 5**

Third Place: Lauren Toms,
"Surprise sweeps and the city's role in protecting the unhoused",
KPIX CBS 5

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Sports Feature

First Place: Larry Beil, Scott Moring,

“ABC7 SPORTS | From Paralyzed to Powerful”,

KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Jonathan Bloom, Evita Isleta, Jay Dela Cruz,

“Breaking It Down”,

KNTV - Digital Content

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Videography

First Place: Jonathan Bloom, Evita Isleta, Jay Dela Cruz,

"Breaking It Down",

KNTV – Digital Content

Second Place: Chris Bollini,

"ABC7 | Inspiring Love in Action",

KGO ABC 7

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Overall Excellence:

Best College Newspaper/News Site

First Place: Kaya Henkes-Power, Saturn Williams, Christine Tran, Spartan Daily Staff ,

“Spartan Daily ”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: The Skyline View ,

“The Skyline View”,

The Skyline View

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Overall Excellence:
Best Community News Website

First Place: Mission Local Staff ,
“Mission Local: Punching above our weight”, **Mission Local**

Second Place: Alex Mullaney, Anne Marie Kristoff,
Nancy Chan, Jerold Chinn,
“The Ingleside Light: News for San Francisco's Greater Ingleside Neighborhood”, **The Ingleside Light**

Third Place: Napa Valley Register Staff ,
“Napa Valley Register”, **Napa Valley Register**

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Overall Excellence:
Best Community Newspaper

First Place: Clint Reilly, Schuyler Hudak Prionas, Matt Petty, Marcus White, Terry Forte,
"San Francisco Examiner", **San Francisco Examiner**

Second Place: San Francisco Business Times Staff ,
"San Francisco Business Times", **San Francisco Business Times**

Third Place: Michael Yamashita, Cynthia Laird, Jim Provenzano, Matthew Bajko, John Ferrannini,
"Bay Area Reporter ", **Bay Area Reporter**

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Overall Excellence:
Best Magazine/Trade Publication

First Place: Will Hearst, Blaise Zerega, John Goecke,

“Alta Journal”,

Alta Journal

Second Place: Schuyler Hudak Prionas, Jennifer Massoni Pardini,

Matthew Petty, Laura McClure, Clint Reilly, Janet Reilly,

“Nob Hill Gazette Staff”,

Nob Hill Gazette

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Overall Excellence:
Best News Website - Large

First Place: KQED Staff ,

“KQED Mobile App”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Grant Marek,

“SFGATE Staff”,

SFGATE

Third Place: POLITICO California staff ,

“POLITICO California homepage and special coverage”,

POLITICO

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Overall Excellence:
Best PR Campaign

First Place: Brett Shelton, Joseph Valensky , Caitlin Bilotta ,

“SignalFire: The Billion-Dollar Signal”,

Bospar

Second Place: Curtis Sparrer, Carole Barrow, Shaun Leavy ,

“Queer Joy Is Resistance: How Radical Transparency Helped SF Pride Raise $2.5M Amid DEI Backlash”,

Bospar

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Overall Excellence:
Best Radio Station/Podcast

First Place: KQED Staff,

“KQED Public Radio Staff”, **KQED Public Radio**

Second Place: Mike DeWald,

“RIFF RADIO”, **Riff**

Third Place: KALW Staff ,

“KALW Public Media”, **KALW**

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Overall Excellence:
Best TV Station/Video Site

First Place: KGO ABC 7 Staff ,

“ABC7 NEWS | Serving the Bay Area”,

KGO ABC 7

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