

# **Society of Professional Journalists San Diego Pro Chapter — 2021 Journalism Awards**

## **Audio Division — Feature Story**

**First Place:** “Inside the final days of COVID-19, San Diego County families speak out after deaths”

Mary Plummer, Jill Castellano and Roxana Popescu (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “Living in isolation with coronavirus: A San Diego military wife’s story”

Mary Plummer (inewssource)

## **Audio Division — Investigative/Enterprise - Series**

**First Place:** “Signature gatherers duped San Diegans into signing up for new political party”

Claire Trageser (KPBS)

## **Audio Division — News**

**First Place:** “Home deaths climb as some COVID-19 victims die without medical care”

Mary Plummer and Jill Castellano (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “NAVWAR redevelopment could revitalize Midway District”

Andrew Bowen and Nic McVicker (KPBS)

## **Audio Division — Podcast**

**First Place:** “Hello Gen Z”

Abby Hamblin, Kristy Totten, Matthew Hall and The Union-Tribune’s video and graphics teams (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “Tacos & Tech Podcast”

Neal Bloom, Sonam Jain and Tanvi Bajaj (Fresh Brewed Tech)

**Third Place:** “The North County Beat”

Kelli Kyle, Ryan Woldt, Jordan Ingram, Chris Kydd and Jim Kydd (The Coast News)

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## **College Media Division — Arts/Entertainment Story**

**First Place:** “Chicano leaders decry destruction of murals”

Aranza Gutierrez Cortes (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Taking The Who by the horn”

Karla Luna (The Southwestern College El Sol)

**Third Place:** “Concert review — Warren Live 2020: Estelle with ilham”

Natalie Tran (UCSD Guardian)

## **College Media Division — Column**

**First Place:** “Just in the culture”

Justin Dottery (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Journey for Justice”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Third Place:** “Quick Take”

Ryan Hardison (The Daily Aztec)

## **College Media Division — Feature Photo**

**First Place:** “Paper thin”

Marco Figueroa (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Ballet de COVID”

Xiomara Villarreal-Gerardo (Southwestern College Sun)

**Third Place:** “End of the road”

Brittany Cruz-Fejeran (Southwestern College Sun)

## **College Media Division — Feature Story**

**First Place:** “Frontline student”

Ana Paola Olvera (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Electoral College is in session”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Third Place:** “History and kindness are forever”

Andrew Penalosa (Southwestern College Sun)

## **College Media Division — Headline**

**First Place:** “Headline portfolio”

Julia Woock and Fernando Martinez (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — In-depth Reporting Story**

**First Place:** “Federal Title IX policy revisions bypass major hurdle despite COVID-19 pandemic”

Sahana Narayan (The Triton)

**Second Place:** “Stranded in Tijuana”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Layout & Design**

**First Place:** “Black History Month issue”

Emily Burgess (The Daily Aztec)

**Second Place:** “Death and injustice in the Borderlands”

Ji Ho Kim and Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Third Place:** “Paint it over”

Aranza Gutierrez Cortes (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Multicultural Story**

**First Place:** “Transfronterizos during the COVID-19 pandemic”

Ana Laniado (The Mesa Press)

**Second Place:** “Transgender massacre”

Ana Paola Olvera (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — News or Feature Series**

**First Place:** “Death and injustice in the Borderlands”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Explaining the impact of Prop. 17 on SDSU students”

Catlan Nguyen (The Daily Aztec)

### **College Media Division — News Photo**

**First Place:** “Appeal to a higher authority”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Songs of Freedom”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — News Story**

**First Place:** “IT employees say staff caused server meltdown”

Matthew Brooks (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Instructor at Continuing Education sues SDCCD and two of its faculty members”

Justin Choi (The Mesa Press)

**Third Place:** “Four years later, UCSD settles with The Koala”

Sahana Narayan (The Triton)

### **College Media Division — Opinion/Editorial**

**First Place:** “Indigenous holocaust”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “We need to talk about grading now”

Lance Nelson (The Mesa Press)

**Third Place:** “Disrespect of Black men is demoralizing”

Solé Ortiz-Ruiz (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Original Illustration or Cartoon**

**First Place:** “Indigenous holocaust”

Ji Ho Kim (Southwestern College Sun)

**Second Place:** “Amigos forever”

Yaritza Cuevas (Southwestern College Sun)

**Third Place:** “On the go for Pokemon GO”

Jennifer Valenzuela (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Review/Criticism**

**First Place:** “The fortunes of fantastic female forces in ‘Birds of Prey’”

Carlos Verduzco (The Mesa Press)

**Second Place:** “Standing against the wall”

Andrew Penalosa (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Sports Photo**

**First Place:** “Slam dunk”

Nicholas James (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Sports Story**

**First Place:** “Dak Prescott, Alex Smith and the revelatory horror of injuries”

Praveen Nair (UCSD Guardian)

**Second Place:** “Dwayne Johnson Jr. assists families in need of resources for virtual learning”

Amber Salas (The Daily Aztec)

**Third Place:** “Wheels shall overcome”

Julia Woock (Southwestern College Sun)

### **College Media Division — Best Newspaper**

**First Place:** The Daily Aztec

San Diego State University

**Second Place:** Southwestern College Sun

Southwestern College

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### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Arts/Entertainment Story**

**First Place:** “San Diego artist is drawing every single Seinfeld girlfriend”

Julia Dixon Evans (KPBS)

**Second Place:** “Charles Lloyd, a tireless jazz sax legend at 82, talks music and hanging with Bob Dylan and the Grateful Dead”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “Protest songs capture the times, from Black Lives Matter to civil rights and anti-war movements”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Breaking News Story**

**First Place:** “Suspect in custody in fatal domestic-violence shooting; 2 teen girls killed”

David Hernandez, Karen Kucher and Alex Riggins (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “La Mesa police release bodycam video, ID officer who shot grandmother with bean bag round during protest”

Alexander Nguyen, Lara McCaffrey and Max Rivlin-Nadler (KPBS)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Business Story**

**First Place:** “After San Diego casinos reopened, little known about their COVID-19 numbers”

Camille von Kaenel and Jennifer Bowman (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “Businesses facing huge losses from pandemic thought their insurance would cover them. Not really”

Lori Weisberg (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “San Diego County farmers fight for share of federal COVID-19 relief money”

Camille von Kaenel (inewssource)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Column**

**First Place:** “Chris Reed columns”

Chris Reed (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “Outspoken Professor”

Stephan Garnett (MaxNewsToday)

**Third Place:** “Media column”

Ron Donoho (Independent Voter Network)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Crime/Courts Story**

**First Place:** “Longtime sheriff’s employee contradicts official account of jail death”

Kelly Davis (Voice of San Diego)

**Second Place:** “Pandemic takes a toll on San Diego County refugees sheltering in place with abusive partners”

Roxana Popescu (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “San Diego police issue twice as many illegal lodging tickets to homeless during pandemic”

Cody Dulaney (inewssource)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Education Story**

**First Place:** “San Diego County schools don’t want kids going hungry but fear they’re not always succeeding”

Jennifer Bowman (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “Former Palomar College president alleges race, gender discrimination in complaint”

Deborah Sullivan Brennan and Morgan Cook (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “Palomar College president quits but will get \$600,000 in salary and severance”

Jennifer Bowman (inewssource)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Environment Story**

**First Place:** “Fueled by climate change, wildfires threaten toxic superfund sites”

David Hasemyer and Michael Kodas (InsideClimate News)

**Second Place:** “Residents who lost homes, businesses in Valley Fire struggling to recover”

Camille von Kaenel (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “Young Kumeyaay women lead protests against border wall”

Max Rivlin-Nadler (KPBS)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Feature Story**

**First Place:** “As COVID-19 death toll hits 200,000 nationwide, San Diego reflects on what’s been lost”

Pam Kragen and Gary Warth (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “‘Laurel Canyon’ docu-series a deep dive into Joni Mitchell, the Eagles and more in ‘60s and ‘70s L.A. scene”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “Screening of Oscar-winning film ‘Inocente’ aims to rekindle focus on youth homelessness”

Ron Donoho (Independent Voter Network)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Food Story**

**First Place:** “Celebrating Indigenous culture with Haudenosaunee boiled cornbread”

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

**Second Place:** “A San Diego pier-to-plate seafood market is a lifeline for fishermen”

Mark Armao (Civil Eats)

**Third Place:** “Is dining as we knew it gone for good or can restaurants rebound in a post-COVID world?”

Lori Weisberg and Pam Kragen (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Health Story**

**First Place:** “Uncounted: San Diego County’s pandemic victims far surpass official totals”

Jill Castellano and Mary Plummer (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “Coronavirus compounds grief for those in hospice”

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

**Third Place:** “Why some COVID-19 victims are dying at home without medical care”

Jill Castellano and Mary Plummer (inewssource)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Housing/Development Story**

**First Place:** “Pandemic parties ‘wreak havoc’ at vacation rentals in San Diego high-rise”

Cody Dulaney and Sofia Mejías-Pascoe (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “San Diego could put homeless in motels with history of bedbug, mold complaints”

Cody Dulaney (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “With ‘Complete Communities,’ Faulconer pushes one final affordable housing plan”

Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Investigative/Enterprise Story - Series**

**First Place:** “CalGang series”

Cody Dulaney (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “REWired”

Jill Castellano and Brad Racino (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “Returned”

Kate Morrissey, Lauryn Schroeder, Nelvin Cepeda, Ruby Gaviola and Michelle Guerrero (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Investigative/Enterprise Story - Single Subject**

**First Place:** “Faulty test leads Sheriff’s Department to mistakenly claim no evidence of bias in policing”

Lyndsay Winkley and Alex Riggins (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “California’s crackdown on unemployment claims keeping immigrants from their promised benefits”

Max Rivlin-Nadler and Matthew Bowler (KPBS/NPR)

**Third Place:** “One year after a pledge died, SDSU still struggles to control its fraternities”

Gary Robbins and Lyndsay Winkley (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Multicultural Story**

**First Place:** “Black String, straight outta Seoul, mixes traditional Korean music, edgy improvisation and electronics”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “San Diego welcomes first Latina-founded community brewing space, Mujeres Brew House”

Beth Demmon (VinePair)

**Third Place:** “COVID-19 deaths by ZIP code spotlight longstanding health disparities, South Bay doctors say”

Lyndsay Winkley and Lauryn Schroeder (The San Diego Union-Tribune)



### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — News Feature Story**

**First Place:** “Five months later, La Mesa mayor still grapples with riot’s aftermath”

Karen Pearlman (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “1,300 under one roof: life at the Convention Center homeless shelter”

Gary Warth (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “San Diego’s legal cannabis industry hasn’t escaped economic downturn”

Andrew Bowen (KPBS)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Opinion/Editorial**

**First Place:** “Mulling a run for California governor, Kevin Faulconer leaves a mixed legacy as San Diego’s mayor”

The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board

**Second Place:** “Americans’ selfish behavior during COVID-19 is rooted in colonialism”

Jacob Sutherland (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “The gift within the quarantine”

Dean Nelson (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Political/Government Story**

**First Place:** “How over \$5M in outside money is shaping some of San Diego County’s biggest races”

Jennifer Bowman and Jill Castellano (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “City Council President Georgette Gómez failed to report more than \$100,000 in income on taxes, records show”

Andrew Dyer (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “Cory Briggs’ track record overshadows his San Diego city attorney bid”

Jennifer Bowman (inewssource)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Review/Criticism**

**First Place:** “These 3 books are like a big, deep hug from a friend to help you through tough times”

Sophy Chaffee (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Second Place:** “Arias in an arena parking lot? San Diego Opera’s drive-in ‘La bohème’ a bold, gear-shifting turn”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

**Third Place:** “Aerosmith rock this way at all-star MusiCares show with Kesha, Foo Fighters, John Legend”

George Varga (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Science/Technology Story**

**First Place:** “COVID-19 stalls clinical trials for everything but COVID-19”

Jared Whitlock (WIRED)

**Second Place:** “Homeless tech: App increases tracking efficiency & more in San Diego”

Ron Donoho (Independent Voter Network)

**Third Place:** “Your phone could be telling you if you’ve been exposed to COVID-19. Here’s why it’s not”

Lyndsay Winkley (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Series**

**First Place:** “Super threats”

David Hasemyer and Lise Olsen (InsideClimate News)

**Second Place:** “Faces of the Arts Shutdown series”

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

**Third Place:** “Review of Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s tenure”

Lisa Halverstadt, Andrew Keatts and Jesse Marx (Voice of San Diego)

### **Daily Reporting and Writing Division — Sports Story**

**First Place:** “God save the gypsy king”

Gayle Lynn Falkenthal and Cynthia Saldana (Communities Digital News)

**Second Place:** “Horror show: Naoya Inoue stops Jason Moloney in seven”

Gayle Lynn Falkenthal (Communities Digital News)

**Third Place:** “Bringing perfect waves to the masses”

Jared Whitlock (The New York Times)

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### **Digital Division — Blog**

**First Place:** “Cannabitch”

Jackie Bryant (Cannabitch)

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

Lauren J. Mapp (Off the Mapp)

**Third Place:** “Tracking COVID-19 in San Diego County live blog”

KPBS News Web Team (KPBS)

### **Digital Division — Data/Visualization**

**First Place:** “San Diego County COVID-19 vaccines”  
KPBS News and Digital teams

### **Digital Division — Entertainment Site**

**First Place:** “San Diego Zoo Kids”  
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance staff

**Second Place:** “KPBS/Arts”  
Julia Dixon Evans and Beth Accomando (KPBS)

### **Digital Division — Multimedia Presentation**

**First Place:** “Here’s where COVID-19 outbreaks have happened in San Diego County”  
Claire Trageser, Christopher Underwood, Michael Wayne and Elma Gonzalez (KPBS)

**Second Place:** “REWired”  
Shyla Nott (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “Boot Camp revamp”  
Andrew Dyer and Nelvin Cepeda (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### **Digital Division — News Site**

**First Place:** “North Coast Current”  
Roman S. Koenig (North Coast Current)

### **Digital Division — Social Media Storytelling**

**First Place:** “Instagram stories for The Four”  
Jack Molmud, Heather Myers and Karisma Sandoval (KFMB 760 AM)

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### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Arts/Entertainment Story**

**First Place:** “Timber Love & Clay ~ Creating art from imagination and experience”  
Nathalie Taylor (Sourcebook Magazine)

**Second Place:** “An evening with Robert Conrad”  
Nathalie Taylor (Sourcebook Magazine)

**Third Place:** “Ride the rainbow — Ocean Beach’s unicorn is more than just a pretty face”  
Thomas Melville (sdnews.com)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Breaking News Story**

**First Place:** “County orders halt to COVID-19 antibody tests at Encinitas site”  
Roman S. Koenig (North Coast Current)

**Second Place:** “SDSU to move classes online for 4 weeks due to COVID-19 cases”  
Jack Molmud (KFMB 760 AM)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Business Story**

**First Place:** “Independent bookshops have new opportunity with Amazon lag”  
Kendra Sitton (San Diego Uptown News)

**Second Place:** “Some businesses in Ramona push back on indoor dining ban, other COVID-19 restrictions”  
Julie Gallant and Susan Vardon (Ramona Sentinel)

**Third Place:** “Secret lives: The shopkeeper”  
Jennifer McEntee (San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Column**

**First Place:** “Preserved Home”  
Laura Woolfrey Macklem (North Coast Current)

**Second Place:** “Good-natured Gardening”  
Clarence Schmidt (Poway News Chieftain)

**Third Place:** “Community Matters”  
Amit Asaravala (Poway News Chieftain)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Crime/Courts Story**

**First Place:** “Judge issues ruling in Heights rebuild lawsuit”  
Karen Billing (Del Mar Times)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Education Story**

**First Place:** “Ramona amateur radio club links elementary students to space station astronaut”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

**Second Place:** “Massive party near SDSU results in university response, cops called over death threat from partygoer”

Jack Molmud (KFMB 760 AM)

**Third Place:** “Students protest San Dieguito’s reopening plan”

Karen Billing (Carmel Valley News)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Environment Story**

**First Place:** “Vanishing beauty: The fight to save the Amur leopard”

Peggy Scott (San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance)

**Second Place:** “Powegians learn about organic recycling, composting at workshop”

Emily Sorensen (Poway News Chieftain)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Feature Story**

**First Place:** “The pole to pole pilot”

Hoa Quach Sanchez (San Diego Magazine)

**Second Place:** “Local author publishes memoir on loss, coping with grief”

Luke Harold (Del Mar Times)

**Third Place:** “Late actor’s wife speaks out about Alzheimer’s disease”

Joe Tash (Rancho Santa Fe Review)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Food Story**

**First Place:** “Secret lives: Sach’s kitchen”

Jennifer McEntee (San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles)

**Second Place:** “Beer bought in San Diego flows into tapped-out Tijuana”

Mario A. Cortez (The San Diego Reader)

**Third Place:** “Then and Now: Life before supermarkets”

Mary Shepardson (Poway News Chieftain)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Health Story**

**First Place:** “Undeterred during COVID-19, hospital chaplains transform delivery of spiritual care”

Doug Brunk (MDedge Internal Medicine)

**Second Place:** “Rancho Santa Fe physician on a mission with Miracle Babies”

Michael J. Williams (Rancho Santa Fe Review)

**Third Place:** “RB couple shares daughter’s tragic story to help others”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Housing/Development Story**

**First Place:** “Different realities at top and bottom of housing market”

Kendra Sitton (San Diego Uptown News)

**Second Place:** “Del Mar, Solana Beach brace for added density from new state housing mandate”

Luke Harold (Solana Beach Sun)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Investigative/Enterprise Story - Single Subject**

**First Place:** “After son of criminal rabbi takes over Poway synagogue, some congregants quit”

Louis Keene (The Forward)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Multicultural Story**

**First Place:** “Ramonans raise signs and voices in unison with global protests”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

**Second Place:** “Del Mar mother, daughter help lead Black Lives Matter locally”

Luke Harold (Del Mar Times)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — News Feature Story**

**First Place:** “A hospital ship’s mission during a COVID-19 peak in LA”

Doug Brunk (Medscape)

**Second Place:** “New book sheds light on white-collar drug abuse”

Joe Tash (Del Mar Times)

**Third Place:** “Residents object to creating slow streets in Seven Oaks”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Opinion/Editorial**

**First Place:** “Which Current are you reading? Encinitas site stirs election season confusion”

Roman S. Koenig (North Coast Current)

**Second Place:** “Conflict, Culture & Community”

Roberto Camacho (La Neta 92113)

**Third Place:** “Shelter-in-place silver linings”

Marsha Sutton (Del Mar Times)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Political/Government Story**

**First Place:** “From pledges to the polls, Encinitas grapples with dearth of election civility”

Ethan Edward Coston (North Coast Current)

**Second Place:** “Uptown’s LGBT+ women gain political strength”

Kendra Sitton (San Diego Uptown News)

**Third Place:** “Encinitas council OKs parking lot for homeless after lengthy session”

Roman S. Koenig (North Coast Current)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Review/Criticism**

**First Place:** “Santa’s book a real gift for those suffering with scrupulosity”

Denis Grasska (The Southern Cross)

**Second Place:** “Emotion-driven ‘A Chorus Line’ excels at the Welk”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Science/Technology Story**

**First Place:** “TritonTech: Ocean motion technologies”

Sonam Jain (Fresh Brewed Tech)

**Second Place:** “AzTech: The Vanlife app”

Sandy Athniel (Fresh Brewed Tech)

**Third Place:** “RSF school approves testing partnership with UC San Diego Health”

Karen Billing (Rancho Santa Fe Review)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Series**

**First Place:** “Cyclist Michelle Scott continues recovery”

Julie Gallant (Ramona Sentinel)

### **Nondaily Reporting and Writing Division — Sports Story**

**First Place:** “Miracle at Oaks North - Golfer sinks two holes-in-one”

Terry Monahan (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

**Second Place:** “Cancer doesn’t blur basketball dreams”

Terry Monahan (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

**Third Place:** “Carmel Valley teacher wins Carlsbad marathon in first try”

Karen Billing (Carmel Valley News)

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### **Photography/Headlines Division — Feature Photo**

**First Place:** “Take a leap”

Thomas Melville (Peninsula Beacon)

**Second Place:** “A frightful sight”

Criselda Yee (Poway News Chieftain)

**Third Place:** “Sharing their culture”

Josh DaFoe (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

### **Photography/Headlines Division — Headline**

**First Place:** “Let’s take this outside: Parishes respond to new COVID-19 restrictions by celebrating outdoor Masses”

Denis Grasska (The Southern Cross)

**Second Place:** “Scott headline compilation”

Peggy Scott (San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance)

**Third Place:** “Backyard Produce Project is still growing strong; Fifth-grade Monarchs fly off to middle school; Slow streets proposal hits a road bump in Rancho Bernardo”

Elizabeth Marie Himchak (Rancho Bernardo News Journal)

### **Photography/Headlines Division — News Photo**

**First Place:** “Hundreds of protesters march through downtown San Diego on June 4, 2020”

Adriana Heldiz (Voice of San Diego)

**Second Place:** “Bondoc widow”

Zoe Meyers (inewssource)

**Third Place:** “Protester faces off with police”

Henri Migala (East County Magazine)

### **Photography/Headlines Division — Photo Essay**

**First Place:** “San Diego protests sparked by police killing of George Floyd”

Zoe Meyers (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “Witness to chaos”

Jake Rose (East County Magazine)

**Third Place:** “Photos from a San Diego super polling location”

Zoe Meyers (inewssource)

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### **Video Division — Breaking News Story**

**First Place:** “Sailor investigated for arson in explosive warship fire”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

### **Video Division — Business/Consumer Report**

**First Place:** “The huge myth behind micro pigs”

Maya Trabulsi (KPBS)

**Second Place:** “He said money grew on trees. It didn’t.”

Melissa Mecija and Geoff Stevens (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

### **Video Division — Community Services Program or Series**

**First Place:** “Veterans voices”

Zoe Meyers (inewssource)

**Second Place:** “STOLEN: A year-long investigation into child sex trafficking and exploitation”

Monica Dean, Tom Jones, Jay Yoo and Elroy Spatcher (NBC 7 San Diego)

**Third Place:** “With education on hold, UCSD med students volunteer in coronavirus relief efforts”

Andrew Bowen and Andi Dukleth (KPBS)

### **Video Division — Investigate/Enterprise - Series**

**First Place:** “Here’s where COVID-19 outbreaks have happened in San Diego County”

Claire Trageser, Amita Sharma and Roland Lizarondo (KPBS)

**Second Place:** “SoCal Botox doctor charged in COVID-19 fraud scheme”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

**Third Place:** “Accusations of a cover-up in Navy medic’s death on SoCal military base”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

### **Video Division — Investigate/Enterprise - Single Story**

**First Place:** “Questions of delayed justice as COVID keeps people jailed indefinitely”

Jennifer Kastner (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

### **Video Division — News**

**First Place:** “Police dog bite leads to excessive force lawsuit”

Melissa Mecija and Geoff Stevens (KGTV 10News ABC San Diego)

### **Video Division — Sports Story**

**First Place:** “Torero women’s tennis player Victoria Kalaitzis”

Eli Roberts (USDtv)

### **Video Division — Video Feature**

**First Place:** “Determined San Diego women fought for the right to vote more than a century ago”

Maya Trabulsi (KPBS)

**Second Place:** “During COVID-19, San Diego drag queens search for ways to keep performing”

Andrew Bowen and Nic McVicker (KPBS)

**Third Place:** “Keni Can Fly releases an EP”

Eli Roberts (USDtv)

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## Special Awards

### Diversity Prize

“Hello Gen Z”

Abby Hamblin, Kristy Totten, Matthew Hall and The San Diego Union-Tribune’s video and graphics teams

### Gloria Penner Award for Political Affairs Reporting

“Signature gatherers duped San Diegans into signing up for new political party”

Claire Trageser (KPBS)

### Herbert Lockwood “Woody” Award - Humor Writing

“Many bonuses of being a senior”

Irv Erdos (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

### James Julian Memorial Award - Community Service Story

“The clean campaign pledge”

Kelli Kyle, Caitlin Steinberg, Ryan Woldt, Jordan Ingram and Chris Kydd (The Coast News)

### Neil Morgan Community Impact Award

“STOLEN: A year-long investigation into child sex trafficking and exploitation”

Monica Dean, Tom Jones, Jay Yoo and Elroy Spatcher (NBC 7 San Diego)

### Sol Price Award for Responsible Journalism

“STOLEN: A year-long investigation into child sex trafficking and exploitation”

Monica Dean, Tom Jones, Elroy Spatcher and Jay Yoo (NBC 7 San Diego)

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## Top Awards

### 2021 Distinguished Coverage Award

“COVID-19 deaths: An inewssource series”

Mary Plummer, Jill Castellano and Roxana Popescu (inewssource)

### 2021 Excellence in Journalism Award

“STOLEN: A year-long investigation into child sex trafficking and exploitation”

Monica Dean, Tom Jones, Jay Yoo and Elroy Spatcher (NBC 7 San Diego)

### 2021 Journalist of the Year

Paul Sisson (The San Diego Union-Tribune)

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## Scholarships

### 2021 Scholarship Recipient — Print Journalism

Jack Trent Dorfman (UC San Diego)

Kaitlin Clapinski (San Diego Mesa College)

Julia Woock (Southwestern College)

Andrew Ha (UC San Diego)

### 2021 Scholarship Recipient — Multimedia Journalism

Amber Salas (San Diego State University)

### 2021 Agnes Diggs Scholarship Recipient

Elaine Alfaro (Point Loma Nazarene University)

### 2021 Bradley J. Fikes Scholarship Recipient

Katy Stegall (San Diego State University)



# In Memoriam

## *Honoring San Diego journalists who've died in the last year*

**Jack White**, Oct. 30 2020

*White worked as a reporter and news anchor at KGTV's Channel 10 News for more than three decades. According to his obituary in the Union-Tribune, actor Will Ferrell sought him out as a consultant for the movie Anchorman. But White's friends were quick to point out what White shared little in common with Ferrell's Ron Burgandy. "Jack never suffered from anchor-itis," longtime San Diego journalist J.W. August told the newspaper. "That's when their heads swell up and the world suddenly revolves around them. ... But Jack was a real pro and a good guy. He was more like everyone's favorite respected uncle."*

**Marge Quackenbush**, Dec. 7, 2020

*In March 1974, Quackenbush started The Valley Center Roadrunner newspaper with her husband Derek "Van" Quackenbush. Prior to this, they owned the Del Mar Surfcomber, the Poway News Chieftain and the Rancho Bernardo News.*

**Jim Ketchum**, Jan. 5, 2021

*Ketchum worked for newspaper in Illinois and Ohio before joining the Union-Tribune as a managing editor. He was part of the team that won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for local news reporting. His daughter told the Vacaville Reporter, where Ketchum worked as a copy editor in the 2000s, that her father's favorite quote of her father's was one by Steven Wilson, a character on the long-running radio series "Big Town" which Ketchum listened to in his youth: "Freedom of the press is a flaming sword. Hold it high, use it justly, guard it well."*

**Tom Blair**, Jan. 26, 2021

*In the 1970s, Blair covered the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for the Evening Tribune before becoming a columnist. His column broke a number of important stories, the Union-Tribune's Jeff McDonald wrote in his obituary for Blair. Blair edited San Diego Magazine from 1995 until 2010, when he returned to the U-T as a columnist. "Tom knew everyone in San Diego, and everyone in San Diego knew him," San Diego Magazine publisher Jim Fitzpatrick wrote in his tribute to Blair.*

**Jesse Macias**, June 24, 2021

*Macias, who worked as a news reporter for CBS 8 and other local stations from the 1970s until 2009, was one San Diego's first Latino TV reporters. He earned an Emmy for his investigation into the working conditions of migrant laborers and was honored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California and the California Chicano News Media Association for his work. Macias' family told the Union-Tribune that he often felt he had to fight to prove himself, but being bilingual allowed him to interview people other reporters couldn't, like the family of murdered DEA Agent Enrique Camarena.*

**Briana Paul Gomez**, Aug. 1, 2021

*Gomez was a freelance reporter who wrote for East County Magazine. She was only 31 when she died in a car accident on the 94 freeway. Her editor, Miriam Raftery, told Times of San Diego's Ken Stone that Gomez, who was Middle Eastern and Latina, was passionate about diversity issues. "Briana always strived to tell all sides of the issues she covered," Raftery said, "and had a promising future as a journalist."*

