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Welcome to the Radio Television Digital News Association’s 43rd annual Edward R. Murrow awards celebration.

I always come away from this evening energized and inspired by the award-winning work. I hope tonight will do the same for you.

As the evening progresses, we will see and hear portions of the winning work, but I encourage you to take time to visit our website, RTDNA.org, to experience the pieces in full. You’ll also find interviews with some of the winners to provide you with insight into how that work was produced.

RTDNA.org is also a great place to learn more about the association and keep up to date with our efforts to support broadcast and digital journalists. Whether it is training and education, lending a voice to ethical questions or access problems, providing scholarships to journalism students or defending the First Amendment, we are here for you and encourage your feedback on how we can be more responsive to your needs.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the journalists who have been on “the front lines” in the last year. From Superstorm Sandy to Sandy Hook to the Boston bombings, not to mention those overseas in war-torn areas, scores of journalists have been thrust into dangerous and stressful situations to bring us reports of tragedy and devastation, and in some cases, human triumph and hope. I am hopeful that they find the strength they need to do this important job and are being supported by their respective news organizations with the resources they need, both professional and personal.

On behalf of the RTDNA Board of Directors and our dedicated staff, thank you for attending tonight’s awards ceremony and for your continued support for RTDNA.

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**Radio-Large Market**  
KAO AM, Denver, CO

Newsradio 850 KOA is the 24/7 news source for Colorado. Whether it is a horrific shooting at a movie theater, raging wildfires or the latest move by the Denver Broncos we will be on the story. We do it with a modest staff of dedicated people devoted to their craft.

**Radio-Network**  
CBS Radio News, New York

CBS Radio News was the first to report last year’s tragic shooting at an Aurora, Colorado, movie theater. Five months later, it was among the first to report the true death toll at Sandy Hook Elementary School. On story after story, CBS Radio News was in front of the competition on the air and on your smart phone.

**Radio-Small Network**  
WJBC, Bloomington, IL

The WJBC submission for Overall Excellence includes some of the best work of the station’s staff in 2012 including live coverage of a school shooting in the community, live Election Night coverage, drought concerns, human interest pieces, as well as captivating sports play-by-play from our broadcasters at the high school, college and minor league levels.

**Television-Large Market**  
KYW-TV, Philadelphia, PA

Coverage of Super Storm Sandy dominated the CBS 3 Eyewitness News entry, including the use of new technology to be live in the middle of the storm as it hit. Other major stories included the Jerry Sandusky trial, I-Team Investigations and political coverage anchored from the Presidential conventions and debates.

**Television-Small Market**  
WVUE-TV, New Orleans, LA

WVUE’s entry illustrates our tireless dedication to the community we serve. Every day our newsroom makes a conscious effort to dig deeper. From our year-long chronicle of the disappearing coast, to investigations that matter, to our non-stop continuing coverage of Hurricane Isaac, WVUE is there.

**Television-Network**  
Global News, Canada

This winning entry for Global National included extensive coverage of natural disasters, an international manhunt for a Canadian killer and investigative reports on what caused a fatal mall collapse among other stories. It showcased the work of not only every member of the Global National team, but also the collective efforts of our stations across the country. We were honoured to hear the judges say our entry had “strong international coverage and consistently let the news tell the story without resorting to emotional tricks.”

**Online News Organization - Local**  
Star Tribune, Minneapolis, MN

The Star Tribune composite for overall excellence showcased video from summer flooding that displaced hundreds in Duluth, Minn., to an investigative report on a war vet who tried to commit suicide that resulted in important policy changes, children at risk in Minnesota daycare facilities and brain trauma in former NFL athletes.

**Online News Organization- National**  
The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

The Washington Post Overall Excellence win highlighted some of the outstanding work of 2012 including political coverage form the campaign trail, explainer videos, and in-depth reporting in multi-media projects.
Congratulations to our team at Global News.

Global News has been awarded the prestigious Edward R. Murrow award for Overall Excellence and Shaw could not be more proud.
**SOUND**

**Radio-Large Market**  
WLRN-Miami Herald News, Miami, FL

*The Storm: Remembering Hurricane Andrew*

“The Storm,” a non-narrated account of living through Hurricane Andrew, weaves together voices from more than 30 hours of contemporary interviews as well as more than 24 hours of archival news footage, 911 calls, home videos and a reading of a diplomatic document. All natural sound use in the piece is real.

**Radio-Network**  
CNN, Atlanta, GA

*Saturday Night Fever’s Brooklyn Legacy*

The iconic movie was released on December 16, 1977. Bensonhurst, Brooklyn – the neighborhood in which it was filmed – was as much a character in the movie as was John Travolta. CNN’s Steve Kastenbaum visits Bensonhurst to talk with the people who still live there and to talk about the legacy the movie left on the community.

**Radio-Small Market**  
WIUM/WIUW, Macomb, IL

*Audio Postcard from Snake Alley*

The annual Snake Alley Art Fair in Burlington, Iowa brings all sorts of artists to town. Rich Egger produced this audio postcard to introduce us to some of the diverse people who create art in the region, including fine art, folk art and music.

**Online News Organization- Local**  
KPCC, Pasadena, CA

*SCPR.org*

KPCC reporters have been tracking Southland athletes as they prepare to head to London for the Olympic games. Our L.A.-to-London series will continue that coverage by exploring local connections to the 2012 Summer Olympics.

**VIDEO**

**Television-Large Market**  
WNBC-TV, New York

*Michael DelGiudice Composite*

“We Didn’t Disappear” documents the Occupy Wall Street protest march on May 1, 2012. It takes the viewer behind the scenes of the heated protests and reflects the position of the activists, and the relationship between them and the police. “Wil Power” is a touching account of a young boy who lost his leg to bone cancer. With a prosthetic limb replacement, the piece shows you how Wil simply won’t let his disability limit him in any way. “Nobody Messes with Marcus” is about an Olympian from Staten Island. The piece takes us to Marcus’ hometown, and demonstrates his commitment and sacrifice to achieve his goals as he prepares for the Olympic boxing competition.

**Television-Small Market**  
KTUL-TV, Tulsa, OK

*Collett’s Compilation*

Both stories in this compilation I will remember forever. Ryder Herring and his family invited me into their family in a very difficult time, and we have formed a friendship that will last a lifetime. Winston the Boxer will always symbolize what everyone should be, forgiving and giving. To love and give back after all he went through really touched me.

**Television-Network**  

*The Virtual Choir*

Experiencing the Virtual Choir is like visiting another world. Thousands sing, not on stage, but in cyberspace. Composer Eric Whitacre created a choir, and a community, by putting together individual videos with stunning results, chronicled by NBC News correspondent Kristin Dahlgren, producer Mary Beth Toole and editor Jody Henenfeld.
Decades ago, California created a special police force to patrol exclusively at its five state developmental centers—taxpayer-funded institutions where patients with severe autism and cerebral palsy have been beaten, tortured and raped by staff members. This state force, the Office of Protective Services, does an abysmal job bringing perpetrators to justice.

CTV News began investigating when a former cook with the Wharfside Restaurant came to us. He was owed money by the restaurant, and couldn’t afford to pay his rent because of it. After our first story aired, dozens of people contacted us, all telling similar stories. In the following days, we uncovered more information and ran a series of stories on Wharfside’s employment practices, resulting in unpaid employees finally being paid the money they were owed, and ultimately, in the owner resigning control of the restaurant.

The sophisticated computer worm that sabotaged Iran’s nuclear program is now out there, its idea and methods exposed to terrorists or rogue nations who could use them to create their own cyberweapon. Steve Kroft reports. Graham Messick is the producer.

Zoos’ efforts to preserve and propagate elephants have largely failed, both in Seattle and nationally. Chai, an elephant at Woodland Park Zoo, underwent 112 artificial insemination attempts—all unsuccessful. The infant-mortality rate for elephants in zoos is almost triple the rate in the wild.

A Washington Post investigation uncovered that Justice Department officials have known for years that flawed forensic work might have led to the convictions of potentially innocent people, but prosecutors failed to notify defendants or their attorneys in many cases they knew were troubled. The project includes videos, an interactive graphic and a database of cases, in addition to the print stories.
Radio-Large Market
WCBS, New York

*The Fury of Sandy*

This entry represents the work of the entire WCBS Newsradio 880 staff in covering Hurricane Sandy. The storm devastated entire neighborhoods, left millions without power, and crippled the nation’s largest city. When listeners needed them most, the staff at WCBS provided a calm and trusted voice.

Radio-Network
ABC News, New York

*Hurricane Sandy*

ABC News Radio provided thorough, extensive coverage of the Superstorm Sandy’s punch and its lasting impact. Their correspondents fanned out across the East Coast to bring listeners the full picture of Sandy’s wrath and stayed in those areas during the slow, painful recovery process for months after the storm.

Radio-Small Market
WITF, Harrisburg, PA

*Aftershocks of the Sandusky Scandal*

The impact of the Jerry Sandusky child sexual abuse case continued to be felt at Penn State in 2012. WITF followed all the twists and turns of the scandal, including the death of legendary football coach Joe Paterno, Sandusky’s trial and the punishing sanctions handed down by the NCAA.

Television-Large Market
KXAS-TV, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

*Driven to Distraction*

This nine-month-long investigation revealed serious crashes and injuries from distractions caused by dashboard-mounted computers in police cars. It led to significant policy changes at two of the largest police departments in Texas, sparked action from the world’s largest organization of police leaders and became mandatory safety training in one state.

Television-Small Market
KXRM, Colorado Springs, CO

*Waldo Canyon Fire*

The Waldo Canyon Fire ignited just west of Colorado Springs. With unpredictable 30-40 mph wind gusts, drought conditions, temperatures above 100 degrees and humidity less than 10 percent, conditions were perfect for the fire to turn into one of the biggest stories to hit Colorado Springs. This is a snapshot of our hours of continuous coverage.

Television-Network
CNN, Atlanta, GA

*CNN’s Reporting from Inside Syria*

As the unrest in Syria has spiraled out of control, CNN journalists have taken grave risks to tell the unfolding story of the war. Venturing into Syria both with and without official visas, and using a variety of storytelling methods, CNN teams put names and faces on some of the thousands dead, maimed and arrested, while the overall network coverage supported their courageous reporting with further context and analysis.

Video-National
The Denver Post, Denver, CO

*Colorado Fire Season*

Colorado’s 2012 wildfire season arrived early and hit hard. Nearly 400,000 acres burned in 4,167 blazes between March and December. Nearly 700 homes were wrecked. And, for the first time in decades, civilian lives were lost in a series of super-hot fires driven by heavy winds.

**The Denver Post**
It was a sad duty to cover the tragedy in Newtown, to record the shaky voices, to chronicle the tears. But in that town, there was something greater than grief, fear and anger. It was something greater that was captured in A Christmas Poem.

Boyd Huppert is marking his 30th year in television news – firm in his belief that newsrooms shoot video, but storytellers create experiences. His collection of stories highlights a range of emotions, from a flash flood helicopter rescue, to a single city block that is home to six couples married more than 50 years.

My entry was a writing compilation. I tried to demonstrate range with my selection of stories. I’m proudest of the moments where humor came into play. I like making people laugh, especially when they’re watching the news and don’t expect to laugh.

A monument in the likeness of central Pennsylvania native Major Dick Winters, leader of the famed Band of Brothers, was unveiled in Normandy on the anniversary of D-Day. WITF’s Tim Lambert reports from France on how Winters and the statue symbolize the leadership of all U.S. junior officers during the invasion.
Radio-Large Market
WBEZ, Chicago, IL

The Weight of the City’s Violence, on One School Principal

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Radio-Network
CNN, Atlanta, GA

When Police Shoot

When cops shot a gunman outside the Empire State Building they also wounded nine innocent bystanders. CNN’s Steve Kastenbaum says while the shooting seemed justified, their actions are under scrutiny.

Radio-Small Market
WUFT-FM, Gainesville, FL

Cedar Key Oyster Industry On the Brink

Florida oysters suffered high mortality rates in the 2012 harvest season. The devastating harvest had an adverse effect on businesses which rely on the oyster crop in the seafood community of Cedar Key. Florida Governor Rick Scott says Florida’s oyster industry is approaching a collapse and needs help to survive.

Television-Large Market
KMOV, St. Louis, MO

Cahokia School Junket

The Cahokia school district fired teachers and can’t afford to fix its high school, but its school board spends far more on travel than any other St. Louis area district. KMOV-TV followed three Cahokia school board members on a junket to Boston. KMOV revealed that every presentation at the conference was available on the internet for free.

Television-Small Market
WRGB, Albany, NY

Bus Investigation

A low-cost bus carrier that had been ignoring safety violations for years was shut down by the Federal DOT but as Investigative Reporter Jennifer Lewke discovered, the company continued to operate anyway. Congress eventually passed a new safety rating system for discount operators after Jennifer’s series aired.

Television-Network
CNN, Atlanta, GA

CNN Nick Paton Walsh’s Reporting from Inside Syria

CNN correspondent Nick Paton Walsh provides a set of gripping accounts of the war in Syria during some of the fiercest fighting in Aleppo. His superb writing and sharp observations combine with photojournalist Ricardo Garcia Vilanova’s brazen camerawork to give viewers a close-up view of the fight in Aleppo and what it means for the wider war.

Online News Organization-National
The Boston Globe, Boston, MA

Where’s Caleigh?

It has been five weeks since the little girl with the Pebbles ponytail and winsome dimples disappeared. Gone, too, are the lives her loved ones led, replaced by an agonizing wait and the devastating question: Where is Caleigh? The early days of grief-stricken planning for a funeral have turned into weeks of waiting for some word, some sign, anything. Her family now believes — wants to believe — that Caleigh may be alive.
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**Radio-Large Market**  
WLRN Miami Herald News, Miami, FL  

*Her Own Little Paris*

“Her Own Little Paris” tells the story of Ruth Greenfield, a Miami-born-and-bred pianist from a privileged white family. While studying music in 1950s Paris, Ruth discovers a previously unknown racially-integrated social and artistic scene. She says to herself, “What is it that I lost out on when I was younger?” Meanwhile, Jimmy Ford, a gifted teenage black pianist from the Miami neighborhood once known as “Colored Town,” needs a piano teacher – a good one, someone like Ruth who studied with Arthur Schnabel. By now Ruth is back in Miami, and Jimmy becomes her first student in the school for the arts she founded, with students and teachers from different races, years before Miami public schools were desegregated. The school lasted 25 years.

**Radio-Network**  
CBS Radio News, New York  

*The Man Aisle*

It’s not normally a national news story when a supermarket reconfigures one of its aisles, but when CBS News Correspondent Heather Bosch stumbled upon an experiment at a Manhattan grocery store, it became one. Heather’s clever writing and creative use of sound combined for a very entertaining feature.

**Television-Large Market**  
KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN  

*Neighborhood of Love*

“Neighborhood of Love” presented a challenge for reporter Boyd Huppert and photojournalist Jonathan Malat. Twelve characters in one news story are simply too many. So how to hold it all together? That’s just one of the surprises in this heartwarming love story.

**Radio-Small Network**  
Arizona Public Media, Tuscon, AZ  

*The Battle of Picacho Pass, Brought Back to Life*

Each year, hundreds of people gather in the desert near Tucson to re-enact the Western-most battle of the Civil War. Meet some of the re-enactors, learn about the battle’s history and re-live the days of hardtack and hoop skirts.

**Television-Small Market**  
KHQ, Spokane, WA  

*The Eyes Of A Hero*

“The Eyes of a Hero” honors soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and highlights a Vietnam Veteran who paints portraits of the fallen to ensure they are never forgotten. With the help of Michael Reagan’s incredible art we remember heroes taken from us in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Television-Network**  
ESPN, Bristol, CT  

*Marko Cheseto-Running for his Life*

Arriving at the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2008, Kenyan cross-country runner Marko Cheseto quickly became UAA’s most decorated athlete. But on a bone-chilling night in November of 2011, Cheseto went for a run... and vanished. It was a run that would forever change this competitor’s life and future career.

**Video-National**  
Yahoo! Studios, Santa Monica, CA  

*Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge*

The Golden Gate Bridge is an iconic landmark of San Francisco and, tragically, one of the most popular places in the world to commit suicide. Few know this better than Kevin Briggs, a sergeant with the California Highway Patrol who has talked hundreds of people out of jumping.
Simply and beautifully told, the story is, as Kotlowitz writes, one of “differences that bind... what happens when roles become reversed. But in the end it’s really rather simple. It’s a story about how one family is made and then remade.”

There’s a tiny town in the Appalachian foothills of Ohio where, for a century, residents have shared the common bond of identifying as African-American despite the fact that most look white. The traditional notion of “race” has been tossed on its head leading to discrimination from the town next door, internal family struggles, and searches for new identities.

Most of the headlines about education in Indiana are about schools outside the traditional public school districts — charter schools, private schools accepting vouchers, and schools under new management after state takeover. Their impact cannot be ignored, and we discuss them at length in Progress Report. But these schools enroll less than 5 percent of the state’s students.

To Hoosiers who don’t live in charter school hotbeds, urban areas, or a community where a voucher school is geographically accessible, these headlines can therefore seem somewhat distant. Yet everyone senses something has changed in their own school.

The multimedia project “In the Footsteps of Little Crow” looked at one of the darkest chapters in Minnesota’s past, through the rise and fall of one Dakota leader during the U.S.-Dakota war of 1862.

KMOV’s documentary investigates the impact of corruption on the East St. Louis, Illinois area, one of the poorest and most violent communities in America. KMOV’s reporting exposes police misconduct, corruption by public officials, inhumane housing conditions, and the business deals between the area’s biggest slumlord and a mayor. KMOV’s reporting prompted criminal charges, court-ordered fines and resignations.

Louisiana’s coastal land loss, estimated at 1,900 square miles, dramatically increases the region’s exposure to tropical storms and hurricanes. In the half-hour documentary “Disappearing Defenses,” WVUE Anchor John Snell and Photographer Paul Rodgers examine ambitious plans to piece back together the coastline and complex scientific, engineering and political obstacles.

We followed this story for more than a year and a half, tracking the paper trail and talking with relief experts, and often we were the first group of journalists to venture into many of the temporary camps in Haiti. What we found led to questions of transparency or accountability among international aid organizations. Ultimately the film addresses the instinctive humanitarian urge to help, and asks, how can we all do better at doing good?
A tornado outbreak hit the Dallas-Fort Worth area in April of 2012. At least 13 tornadoes were confirmed causing damage to more than one thousand homes. KRLD reporters responded to the devastated neighborhoods to report on the damage, stories of survival and vital information for the communities impacted.

CBS Radio News worked hard and fast to get the facts when shots were fired at a Newtown, CT, elementary school last December. They were among the first to report the magnitude of the tragedy and did so with immediacy, accuracy, and solid reporting that brought out the emotion of that terrible day.

Diane Sawyer anchored a special one-hour edition of “World News” from the Newtown United Methodist Church. ABC’s first-rate team of producers and correspondents reported on each aspect of this extremely emotional story. At the heart of the broadcast was Diane Sawyer’s inspiring interview with Kaitlyn Roig – one of the dedicated, resilient schoolteachers at Sandy Hook Elementary.

The award winning newscast contained an exclusive report from Jim Monk on a police brutality lawsuit in Federal Court. Although the case was pending and the dashcam video was not available from the court system, Monk managed to obtain the video through a source close to the case. The video produced thousands of views at kfgo.com. In the same newscast, reporter Don Haney did a work up on concerns with the pointing of lasers at commercial and private aircraft on approach to Fargo’s Hector International Airport. The newscast was anchored by Bonnie Amistadi.

This newscast was our best effort to update our community of the latest details in the Aurora theater shooting. Too many lives were changed and lost on that morning. 9News provided information as it continued to develop, while survivors we spoke with provided the inspiration our area needed on this evening.

On the morning of February 29, 2012, nine tornadoes struck southwest Missouri. One twister hit the tourist town of Branson, destroying businesses along what is know as the busy “Branson strip”. This is the 6:00 p.m. newscast from that day as the KSPR team came together to cover the natural disaster.
Our commitment to journalism is for the greater good of the nation and the communities we serve.

Congratulations to all the Murrow Award winners.
MPR News’ entry was comprised of nine pieces that demonstrated the variety of its award-winning online news coverage. It included distinctive breaking news coverage that displayed a heavy emphasis on multi-media and social media, stunning visual reporting, deep non radio enterprise and investigative reporting, explicit connections on community issues throughout Minnesota, interactive data reporting and collaboration with a television station. One wouldn’t have known the entry came from a radio station.

8NewsNOW.com’s focus on breaking news, thorough reporting, and building upon KLAS-TV’s exceptional investigative journalism are core to its success. The entry included extensive breaking news coverage of a major flash flooding event, database journalism-enhanced stories on pedestrian safety, Las Vegas’ push towards economic diversification, and the 2012 elections.

Through aggressive coverage of breaking news, weather, exclusive investigations that got results and exclusive photo galleries, KGUN9.com kept users on top of the information they needed to know and engaged viewers on the issues through our unique “Viewers’ Voice” service.

CBSNews.com has made quality and depth the focus of everything it does, from reporting to design to new features and functionality, delivering extensive and compelling coverage of historic news events over the past year while modernizing and improving the user experience through a site redesign.
Radio-Large Market
WKSU, Kent, OH

Playing Through the Pain

The story is an in-depth look at the largely unregulated world of painkillers and college sports and what some colleges have done to curb the problem. The idea followed the 2011 overdose deaths of two former University of Akron football players. Their parents claimed they became hooked on painkillers when they got injured and feared losing their scholarships. They also claimed the school did little to help.

Television-Large Market
WTSP-TV, St. Petersburg, FL

Soccer Safety Ignored

Our story exposed how soccer goal safety regulations were regularly ignored across Tampa Bay, and within a few days, nearly a dozen cities and counties took action. We credit tens of thousands of kids’ safety to three $4 watermelons — the best money the station has ever spent.

Radio-Network
ESPN, Bristol, CT

Outside the Lines and The Sporting Life: “Donnovan Hill”

An estimated 3 million children played in Pop Warner and other youth leagues last year, but this season, more than ever, there is a new awareness about the health risks. An ESPN survey found that 58 percent of parents of boys under age 15 are “very concerned” about youth football injuries and that more than half believe that tackle football should begin no earlier than age 13. We look at the story of Pop Warner star Donnovan Hill, the tackling technique taught by his coaches, and the questions raised from a catastrophic injury that changed lives forever.

Radio-Small Market
KLIN, Lincoln, NE

Team Jack: Prayer, Teamwork & T-shirts

Jack Hoffman was five years old he was diagnosed with brain cancer. This story details the bond Jack has created with the Nebraska football team and their work together as “Team Jack” to raise more than $200,000 (and counting) to fund pediatric brain cancer research.

Television-Network
CBS News, New York

On The Road: Football Dynasty

Steve Hartman profiles Karen and Tom Aho, who have sent the last quarter century attending the high school football games of their 12 sons.

Online News Organization-National
Yahoo! Studios, Santa Monica, CA

Katie Taylor’s Gold Medal

“Katie Taylor Captures the Gold”: Small town hero Katie Taylor carried the hopes of her community Brie, Ireland and an entire nation becoming the first Irish woman to capture a gold medal in boxing during the 2012 Olympic games in London. This piece captured one day in her journey to the top.
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The notion of providing a public service, heading into the elections of fall 2012, drove the news staff at KPLU Public Radio to concentrate its energies on producing a five-part series called, “If it’s legal: Five ways legal pot could affect your life.”

The voters of Washington state (along with Colorado) faced a choice in the fall of 2012: Whether to legalize the sale of marijuana for recreational use.

Each report includes just a few voices, to keep the narrative focused, but the confident storytelling reflects dozens of interviews, from legal experts to state officials to pot growers and users.

This series of reports spanned the campaign leading up to the Presidential election. Each day ABC News Radio highlighted the storylines of the race for the White House, from the crowded Republican primaries all the way through the re-election of President Obama.

People who go into the hospital for treatment usually expect to come home feeling better, but experts say hundreds of thousands are getting infected with potentially deadly bacteria. This problem is raising big questions about how hospitals do business, and who pays when things don’t go as planned.

Nearly 300 of Washington state’s worst sex offenders are locked up indefinitely in the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island in the western Puget Sound as a way to protect society. However, the program has been plagued by runaway legal costs, a lack of financial oversight and layers of secrecy.

A life of panhandling on the streets of Denver is brutal, boring and soul-crushing. Most who do it are substance abusers, caught in a vicious cycle. You wouldn’t stand out there 12 hours a day unless you desperately needed heroin, and then, only another dose would get you through the next 12 hours.
**Radio-Large Market**  
KGO, San Francisco, CA  
*Oikos University Shooting*

Multiple fatalities reported in a shooting at Oikos University, an Oakland vocational/theological school. Police are searching for a gunman; per OPD notification the suspect is Asian, heavy-set, wearing khaki clothing and armed. KGO’s Scott Lettieri has this report from the scene.

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**Radio-Network**  
ABC News Radio, New York  
*Newtown School Shooting*

Hours before the full horror of the Newtown massacre was known, ABC News Radio was the first radio news network to report live from Sandy Hook Elementary School. They began a day of extended coverage which featured exclusive interviews with young survivors, parents and the hero teachers — as well as a team of legal and medical experts.

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**Radio-Small Market**  
WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA  
*Stormy Surprise*

The sun was shining the afternoon of June 25, 2012. Thousands of people were attending a game at the Richmond Diamond, and while a chance of an isolated afternoon storm had been forecast, no one was prepared for the destructive weather that blew through the Richmond metro area that afternoon.

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**Television-Large Market**  
WNBC-TV, New York  
*News 4 New York Special Coverage: Hurricane Sandy*

News 4 New York was on the air for 142 consecutive hours covering Hurricane Sandy. Our team of meteorologists took the unprecedented step of telling people not to listen to what New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was saying and actually evacuate from parts of Lower Manhattan. They saw the threat of the storm, as the mayor’s office appeared to have downplayed it at first. We have included our first hour of coverage from Sunday morning right before the storm hit. It is followed by excerpts of our 142 hours of coverage.

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**Television-Small Market**  
WHEC-TV, Rochester, NY  
*Christmas Eve Tragedy*

This very tragic day turned grave as we learned that a disgruntled man had set a structure on fire to lure in first responders. As they arrived he ambushed them opening fire with a rifle. Two firefighters were killed and four more first responders were injured.

Despite much of our news staff already on Christmas vacation, they came into work in full force to report this story to our community.

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**Television-Network**  
ABC News, New York  
*Tragedy at the Elementary School*

From the start, despite so much mayhem and confusion, ABC News’ coverage was strong, serious, thoughtful and heartfelt. The division produced many hours of indelible reporting, including more than five hours of live coverage on Friday anchored by Diane Sawyer and David Muir, special editions of Good Morning America, World News, 20/20, Nightline, This Week, special reports and extensive online work throughout the weekend.

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**Online News Organization-National**  
*Hurricane Sandy*

On Monday afternoon, the wind started to pick up, the water was rising in the rivers, subways, bridges and tunnels closed, and it was clear that Superstorm Sandy was going to cause a lot of pain to the New York area. Fast-moving New York Times video journalists began reporting stories from the Jersey Shore up to coastal Connecticut in the hours and days following the storm. The Times posted more than 40 videos in the week after the storm – from live updates with reporters in the newsroom, to field reports showing the emotional and physical toll of the storm on people around the region.
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Radio-Small Market
WFPL, Louisville, KY

WFPL’s Defining Fairness Series

Defining Fairness, WFPL looks at the issues facing diverse LGBTQ Louisvillians—race, religion, family, income, disability, and the struggles that fall outside the mainstream narrative of gay rights.

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Radio-Large Market
Michigan Radio, Ann Arbor, MI

Infant Mortality in Michigan

African-American babies in Michigan are twice as likely as white babies to die before they turn one. If you compare black infant mortality rates in Michigan to other countries, Michigan would land between Malaysia and Syria. This documentary reports on this situation, the potential causes, and efforts to reduce it.

Television-Large Market
WJW-TV, Cleveland, OH

Race: Our Stories

The shooting of Trayvon Martin provoked a national, intense debate about race relations. Our hope was that, if we opened up about race others may open up – to us and to each other.

Dr. King said, “we must all learn to live together as brothers... or perish together as fools.”

Online News Organization
The Boston Globe, Boston, MA

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Television-Network
ESPN Films, Bristol, CT

Ghosts of Ole Miss

“Ghosts of Ole Miss” examines the 1962 Rebel football team and their perspective on race, civil rights, football and a way of life. It puts the team right in the middle of one of the most significant moments of the civil rights struggle.

Radio-Network
State of the Re:Union/NPR/PRX, Jacksonville, FL

As Black as We Wish to Be

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