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**OP1A General
News Column**

First

Kasich fights a revolution for the favored

David Kushma

The Toledo Blade

Superb column - well written, well supported, well argued, justifiably indignant tone. The clear winner.

Second

Tough case, but fraud in this case is still fraud

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

Well written, and the personal angle adds to it. Would have like a better explanation of what the mother did.

OP1B Sports Column

First

Jim Ingraham Column

Jim Ingraham

The News-Herald

Ingraham has a conversational style that makes you want to read to the end.

Second

Jason Lloyd on Jim Tressel

Jason Lloyd

Akron Beacon Journal

Tressel is plain spoken, blunt, smart and direct.

OP1C Business Column

First

DeWine defends his stock holdings

Sheryl Harris

The Plain Dealer

Excellent take on a public official's failure to understand it's not just the conflicts of interest - it's the appearance of them.

Second

Warning about lead is cause for concern

Betty Lin-Fisher

Akron Beacon Journal

Very well written and researched. Second place largely because it reads more like a news story than a column.

OP1D Lifestyle

First

Readers are busting my chops

Lisa Abraham

Akron Beacon Journal

Second

Columnist goes buggy

MaryBeth Breckenridge

Akron Beacon Journal

**OP2A Headline Writing Newspapers
(Daily & Non Daily)**

First

Wrap up holidays by trimming trash

Elissa Murray

Akron Beacon Journal

This holiday headline works well with the story without being too cutesy. Nice job!

Second

Bexley's Gould climbs in national rankings

Jeff Donahue

This Week Newspapers

Headline fits well with the topic and tone of the story.

OP2C Headline Writing All Other Publications

First

Big Apple Slices

Matthew Hall

Boutique Design

Second

Dawg Tags

Jim Vickers

Cleveland Magazine

OP4A Single Essay

First

The Mirror Image

Kim Crow

Cleveland Magazine

Takes a topic we have all heard about before - female body image - and tells it with heart and in a fresh way we haven't heard before. Vivid narrative detail.

Second

Tune out Penn State, tune in to the norm

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

This column took on a topic of national interest and found a way to go against the grain and remind us that news reporting shouldn't only focus on the aberrant. It can also focus on the positive. Well written.

OP5 Obituary

First

Journalist Jane Scott-she rocked

John Soeder

The Plain Dealer

Very well done and how an obit should be- capturing and honoring that person's essence.

Second

DOROTHY SLOCUM: Bookkeeper excelled at bowling, horseshoes

Mark Zarboney

The Toledo Blade

Great lead. A woman who lives life fully.

OP6A Single Editorial

First

What a waste

Mark Dodosh

Crain's Cleveland Business

The piece presents well thought out arguments, leading readers to reasonable conclusions. Excellent piece of rhetoric.

Second

What Ohioans want

David Kushma

The Toledo Blade

The editorial advises Ohio citizens what they should want and backs up its claims with well-reasoned evidence.

OP7 Analysis

First

Trying to Close the Gap

Molly Willow, Ray Poprocki

Columbus Monthly

This extensive exploration into why Ohio women are rarely in positions of true power — and are often not even thought of for appointments to key boards — is jammed with fascinating lists and data explaining a problem that a lot of Americans think has been resolved: that men are still in charge, and dramatically so. As authors Molly Willow and Ray Poprocki delve deeper into the situation, quoting one high-achieving, top-drawer woman after another who has still never been tapped for the very top job, it becomes clear that something is very wrong in the boardrooms and government inner-offices of both Ohio and the nation.

Second

Road to Turnpike Deal May be Rough

Jay Miller

Crain's Cleveland Business

Miller manages to make interesting a budget story about the possible leasing of the famed Ohio Turnpike to a private concern.

His strong section on how truckers feel about it is illuminating.

OP8 Food Writing

First

Creamy Whip and Other

Delights

Bob Woodiwiss

Cincinnati Magazine

Unique and witty. An obvious master at the craft to be able to take a practically lifeless subject like creamy whip and create an absolutely fascinating article about it!

Second

Hot stuff

G.A. Benton

Columbus Alive

An entertaining piece with vivid description. Can almost feel the heat of the peppers!

OP9 Travel Writing

First

Doin' dunes

Susan Glaser

The Plain Dealer

Compelling! The author draws the reader into the experience with vivid descriptions and injections of humor.

Second

Beach Dreams

Rhonda Koulermos

Columbus Monthly

Well researched and well written. A parcel of great information. The descriptions draw the reader to imagine a vacation in Florida.

OP10 Technology Writing

First

Still serving

Carrie Ghose

Columbus Business First

This story was a joy to read. It's hard to believe that the digital age is so old that we can have a sense of nostalgia for the Google of the 1980s. A great review of CompuServe's history and where its people are today.

Second

Dispelling confusion of lighting requirement

MaryBeth Breckenridge

Akron Beacon Journal

Breckenridge shined a bright light on the misinformation surrounding the new lighting law. This story was useful -- the kind of piece people should email their friends to accurately inform them about this misunderstood law. The article was easy to read and not overly technical. And it was a real public service.

OP11 Medical / Health Writing

First

Addicted at birth

Sherry Beck Paprocki

Columbus Monthly

Written with detail and sensitivity. Good use of emotion, especially the sidebar about Ashley and the foster mom Ann in the main article.

Second

Mother enjoys miracle of life for herself, baby

Cheryl Powell

Akron Beacon Journal

Good use of emotion, ties to Christmas. Also explains medical information in an easy-to-understand format. Photos complement the article well.

OP12 Politics/Government Writing

First

Toledo Union Workers Filed Flood of Grievances

Ignazio Messina

The Toledo Blade

A fascinating look at the poisonous relationship between government union workers and their managers, leading to the filings in Toledo of a staggering 3,115 grievances in the past decade, from the truly petty to the serious. This story is an insightful study into the troubling breakdown of government at the municipal level that affects us all.

Second

How does the budget affect you?

Jim Siegel

The Columbus Dispatch

One of the most clever and readable stories about state budget cuts and belt-tightening we've seen, and we have seen many. This one personalizes each of the key budget changes, such as "If you have the desire to purchase and run a prison, six state prisons are up for sale. Nice curb appeal." Most newspaper readers skip the dull budget stories we in the media insist on churning out, even though the public should be arming itself with this knowledge because it is taxpayer money. Jim Siegel found a way to do it that should be copied by government reporters, who cling to their dull and impenetrable budget stories.

OP13 Election

2011 Coverage

First

The Battle Over Senate Bill 5 - Part I, Main Entry

Public Affairs Team

The Columbus Dispatch

This four-day monster package has it all: great investigative research stemming from hundreds of hours of interviews with hundreds of people along with supporting graphics and photographs to bring it all home. Stories are based on real people and real issues. Great job and well deserving of this award.

Second

Voters Guide 2011

Staff

The Toledo Blade

This voters guide is a great tool for the readers. It is written in simple terms with real people and lays out each issue in an easy to grasp way. Very comprehensive. Good work.

OP14 9/11 Anniversary Coverage

First

10 years later

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second

Terror conviction rate high in US, with questions

Andrew Welsh-Huggins

Associated Press

PRINT VISUALS

**PV1A Single cartoon-
Daily Newspapers**

First

You know, I don't read newspapers in the state of Ohio. - Gov. John Kasich 11/28/2011

Kirk Walters

The Toledo Blade

**PV1B Single cartoon-
Non-Daily Newspapers**

First

The realignment of Ohio's congressional districts

Jim Larrick

This Week Newspapers

**PV1C Single cartoon-
All Other Publications**

First

An urge to merge -- or not

Rich Williams

Crain's Cleveland Business

PV2A Illustration Single image- Daily Newspapers

First

Fall fly fishing on the scenic Little Beaver Creek

Jeff Basting

The Toledo Blade

Amazing artistry.

Second

The iPod Dynasty

Tom Fisher

The Toledo Blade

**PV2C Illustration Single image-
All Other Publications**

First

The Rise of the Brazilian She-Ants

Sean Burris, Sholto Walker

GIE Media

Second

Rising Boldly

Jamie Morse

Hathaway Brown

PV2D Multiple Illustrations for One Story- All Publications

First

City List

Jeanine Henderson, Kristen Miller

Cleveland Magazine

**PV3A Infographics-
Daily Newspaper**

First

Anatomy of a friendly-fire incident

Jeff Arnett

The Chronicle-Telegram

Wonderful illustration of a scene in motion.

Second

Snow fair! – Snowmelt System

Tom Fisher

The Toledo Blade

**PV3B Infographics-
Non-Daily Newspaper****First**

Hi-Q will accept and respect ODA ruling

Erin Holl

This Week Newspapers

Second

AEP diggin in, again, on Lane Avenue

Erin Holl

This Week Newspapers

**PV3C Infographics-
All Other Publications****First**

2011 Salt & Deicing report

Nichole Frye

GIE Media

PV4A Single page design- Broadsheet**First**

What's wrong with this picture?

Chris Morris, Emmit Smith, Michael Tribble

The Plain Dealer

PV4B Single page design- Tab**First**

POT O' GOLD

Andrea Levy, Amanda Petkiewicz

The Plain Dealer

A real eye-grabber.

Second

Don't stick a fork in the Warehouse District just yet

Kathy Ames Carr, Lauren Rafferty

Crain's Cleveland Business

PV4C Single page design- Magazine**First**

Powerful Ending

Karen Angus

GIE Media

Second

Programmed for Protection

Karen Angus

GIE Media

PV5A -A1 News Front- Daily and Non-Daily Newspapers

First

A 1 Front Page

Staff

The Plain Dealer

Second

A 1 Front Page

Doug Koerner

The Toledo Blade

PV5B Spread or Multiple Page- Broadsheet

First

Vietnam: A journey to find peace

Mark Turner, Kimberly Barth, Laura Fong Torchia, Ed Suba, Jr.

Akron Beacon Journal

PV5C Spread or Multiple Page- Tabs

First

Pick the right gin for your cocktail

Michaela Schuett

Columbus Alive

Stunning photos to go with well conceived prose and art.

Second

Rap renaissance

Michaela Schuett

Columbus Alive

PV5D Spread or Multiple Page- Magazines

First

The Crave 10: The Best Restaurants in Columbus

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus Crave

Second

LM 150: Who made the cut

Carrie Wallace

Landscape Management

PV6A Covers: General Circulation Magazines- Sunday Magazines

First

March 2011 -- Where to Eat Now

Grace E. Saunders

Cincinnati Magazine

I like how the words framed and did not interfere with the important elements of the photo.

Second

Spice it up

Michaela Schuett

Columbus Alive

The design really jumped out at you.

PV6B Covers: Business Publications

First

Cool Offices

Craig Rusnak

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Second

Don't stick a fork in the Warehouse District just yet

Kathy Ames Carr,

Lauren Rafferty

Crain's Cleveland Business

PV6C Covers: Trade & Professional Publications

First

The Central America Effect

Nichole Frye

GIE Media

I like the top two because the graphic really helps give a feeling for the story it represents.

Second

Dirty Handed

Karen Angus

GIE Media

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

D1A Breaking News:

Single Story

First

Carnage in Copley

Jim Carney, Betty Lin-Fisher, Kathy Antoniotti

Akron Beacon Journal

Incredibly compelling story of unimaginable horror. Very strong reporting, excellent example of good journalism under trying circumstances. Well done!

Second

Lengthy chase ends in death of suspect

Ignazio Messina, Tom Troy

The Toledo Blade

Very complicated tale, well-told. The Blade should be quite proud of this effort. Strong writing throughout. Nice use of quotes.

D1B Breaking News: Consecutive Days- Same Topic

First

Carnage in Copley

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

I can't say enough about the work that went into putting this series of stories together. This is an exceptional work by an exceptional team of journalists – reporters, editors, photographers, layout folks. Despite the tragedy, one of the finest

collections of this type I have read. Wonderful!

Second

Fairport Harbor house explosions

News-Herald Staff

The News-Herald

Excellent work by fine journalists. The paper should be very proud of the effort.

D1C Breaking News: Ongoing Coverage

First

Carnage in Copley

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

Nothing more to be said. Outstanding work.

Second

Craigslist killings

Phil Trexler

Akron Beacon Journal

Day-to-day coverage of ongoing story very well done. Good job of getting fresh news to readers and summarizing what had come before.

**D1D Breaking News:
Single-Day Package**

First

Carnage in Copley

Staff, Akron Beacon Journal

Akron Beacon Journal

Excellent work.

**D2A General News:
Single Story**

First

Agent Orange

Connie Schultz

The Plain Dealer

Extremely detailed account. Somewhat weakened by extensive use of first person, but still the best of the lot.

Second

Bishop of Toledo bars assistance to Komen group/Fear of stem-cell use cited

David Yonke

The Toledo Blade

Extremely well-balanced, very well written. Solid reporting.

**D2B General News:
Multiple Stories- Same Topic**

First

Gambling Addiction

John Mangels

The Plain Dealer

Outstanding look into the heart of gambling and the addictive personality. Thoroughly researched and very well written.

Second

Sudden Descent: Poverty strikes the middle class

Tony Cook

The Toledo Blade

Fresh look at the horrors and humiliation of poverty through the eyes of those who live it. Great reporting.

D3A Personality Profile

First

Toledo Market Fixture Retiring At 90

Tahree Lane

The Toledo Blade

This was a moving, engaging profile that proved the “everyone has a story” maxim. In this case, the story depicts a woman who has faced challenges but overcome them with optimism and drive. The story was well written and memorable and made me wonder what stories might be connected to farmers in my own city’s farmers’ markets.

Second

At 100, the doctor is still in

Cliff Radel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

A fun-to-read portrait of a man so dedicated to his profession, he is still going strong as a centenarian. I loved the use of dialogue and the heartfelt approach to sharing the doctor’s life experiences.

D3B Features: General

First

The Final Salute

Cliff Radel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Superb writing and details offer a moving portrait of a man who wants to continue to serve his country.

Second

Guatemalan laborers receive help from afar; Each year, Toledo group aids dump workers

David Yonke

The Toledo Blade

A fantastic entry filled with both hard facts and human voices.

D4 Public Service

First

The Women of Imperial Avenue/Sex Crimes

Staff

The Plain Dealer

So often, we get caught up in the details of a killer’s story – the Plain Dealer gave a voice to the voiceless here, his victims. The reporters made these women matter to the readers. These are not easy profiles to do, and the series is chilling in both how marginalized these women were, and how ineptly the police departments were shown to be dealing with rape investigations.

Second

Looking for government efficiency

David Scott, Marilyn Miller

Akron Beacon Journal

Tremendous enterprise work, great job being a watchdog for the taxpayers. Snappy writing elevated what could have been a rather dull, wonky government series and brought it to life.

D5 Investigative

First

Use of force

Gabriel Baird, Henry Gomez

The Plain Dealer

Investigative reporting at its finest: examining how the people who have power are using it and why. A thorough, balanced and eye-opening look at use of force and potential abuses by police officers.

Second

Charters go off course

David Knox, John Higgins

Akron Beacon Journal

Enterprising look at where the money is going with the city's schools, and if charter school advocates can put their money where their mouth is - or their schools' test scores. Showed those with deep pockets and a financial stake may be selling students short.

D6 Business

First

Gambling coverage

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second

Fracking package

John Funk, Robert Smith

The Plain Dealer

D7 Sports

First

Who's paying for college?

Bill Lubinger, Rich Exner

The Plain Dealer

Second

Jason Lloyd: Lots of basketball, little sleep

Jason Lloyd

Akron Beacon Journal

D8 Arts & Entertainment

First

Artist's Studio

Joanna Connors

The Plain Dealer

Great series of articles highlighting the spaces where artists create their work. Nice use of description combined with storytelling quotes to create a vivid picture of these creatives' workspaces. The writer also did a nice job of describing each artist's approach to his/her work and what makes the works successful. Interesting, fun-to-read articles. Good job.

Second

The premiere of "25 Hill"

Rich Heldenfels

Akron Beacon Journal

A fun combination of articles highlighting Hollywood's interest in soapbox derby and its place in past and current popular culture. The first article, highlighting the film "25 Hill," provided interesting context about the current state of soapbox derby in Ohio coupled with the director's journey to bring the sport to a new film - and a new generation. The accompanying article

was a perfect companion piece, showing the history of Hollywood's interest in this classic pastime. The articles were thorough, engaging and entertaining.

D9 Best Section

First

Sports

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Non Daily Newspapers

N2A Features:

Personality Profile

First

Mengele twin shares ordeal

Marilyn Karfeld

Cleveland Jewish News

This article thoughtfully and descriptively deals with a difficult experience. It flows well throughout and the lead effectively links the current time period with the past. Great story-telling!

Second

Girl rescues pit bull, gains unlikely friend

Nate Ellis

This Week Newspapers

This profile on a determined teenager has a lot of great quotes and also highlights a positive experience. It brought Abigail and her rescuing efforts to life in an effective way.

N2B Features:

General

First

Author details Vietnam war from inside out

Eric Sandy

Sun News

This is an interesting piece on a local author, and the writer does a good job of capturing his motivation and passion for telling his story. It made me want to get a copy of the book.

Second

Remembering Adolf Eichmann

Rick Perloff

Cleveland Jewish News

The voices in this article offered a wide range of perspectives on an historical event, which gave a clear connection between the past and the present.

N3 Public Service

First

Man stops breathing waiting for rescue squad

Kelly J. Kaczala,

Melissa A. Burden

The Press

Extremely thorough and detailed account of the 911 call Tim Mix's wife made when he had trouble breathing and the reasons why it took emergency responders 28 minutes to reach him. They talked to as many involved parties as possible and were clearly determined to get to the bottom of what went wrong. The stories must have kept city officials in the hot seat, and rightly

so. Great, tenacious coverage of a “perfect storm” that may have contributed to a man’s death.

Second

Dodging the downfall

Jennifer Noblit

This Week Newspapers

Excellent continuing coverage of Dublin’s weathering of the economic downturn. The series of stories reflects the community from various angles, providing a mirror in which all types of residents can see themselves in detail -- from business owners to the recently unemployed.

N4 Investigative

First

Man stops breathing waiting for rescue squad

Kelly J. Kaczala,

Melissa A. Burden

The Press

The focused coverage of this tragedy and the circumstances that led to it forced change at the city level. A fine example of the primary role of journalists in our society

N5 Sports

First

The lack of luxury

Joel Hammond

Crain’s Cleveland Business

Excellent and ongoing look at sports and business and entertainment; thoroughly researched with crisp writing.

Second

Coffman has established quite a tradition

Scott Hennen

This Week Newspapers

The writer did his research and it shows; good use of quotes by players to tell the story.

N6 Arts & Entertainment

First

At Last

Jon Theiss

The Other Paper

This is a rich and compelling look at a singer’s sudden stardom on national TV. Vivid details show us how he got there and is handling the attention. Well done.

Second

Penny & the Quarters

Eric Lyttle

The Other Paper

An obscure recording used in a hit movie leads to a detective story in this arts and entertainment whodunit. The mystery is solved but not until we glimpse a music scene from an earlier era.

N7 Community /

Local Coverage

First

Franklinton on the Verge

John Ross

Columbus Alive

This article shows it a multi-year, multi-faceted project that involves activists, residents, city officials and anyone else willing to have a vision. The neighborhood is a character in this piece, and the reader is left with a feeling of hope for it.

Second

School district at odds with parents, ODE

Kate Hetrick

This Week Newspapers

A tough situation for any parent made worse by the failings of a school district.

N8 Best Section

First

Green Report

Staff

Columbus Business First

The sections on oil drilling, the Darby Watershed and green building are colorful, pleasing to the eye and easy to read. The dynamic front pages draw the reader in, and the pieces inside are well-written. Nice mix of photos and graphics.

Second

Sports Section

Staff

ThisWeek Westerville

Colorful, pleasing layout. Some of the photos are great, especially the runner in red on the front page. The info boxes are helpful, and the sections are an easy, fun read.

Business Publications

B1 Breaking News

First

Creekside headed for receivership

Dan Eaton

Columbus Business First

B2 General News:

Single Story

First

Kill or Cure?

Jennifer Wray

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Solid reporting with a good hook and great opening.

Second

Eaton suit over trade secret theft may be dead due to improprieties

Dan Shingler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Solid reporting with a good hook that drew me through the article.

B3A Features: Personality Profile

First

The Legacy of Alton Doody

Jennifer Wray

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Second

Through the looking glass

Mark Scott

Smart Business Cleveland

B3B Features: General

First

Burger Biz

Jennifer Wray

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Second

Dayton Opera targets younger crowds

Laura Englehart

Dayton Business Journal

B3C Features: Package

First

The Turf Issue

Staff

Landscape Management

Second

Up in the air: A look at the future of air service in Northeast Ohio and what it might mean for the region

Amy Ann Stoessel, Scott Suttell, Jay Miller, Dan Shingler

Crain's Cleveland Business

B3D Features:

Trends

First

Decade of Promises

Lucy May, Dan Monk

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second

Quest for quality

James Ritchie

Cincinnati Business Courier

B4 Public Service/Investigative

First

Bad Air Rising

Dan Monk

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second

Payday shops forging ahead

Adrian Burns

Columbus Business First

B5 Departments or Columns

First

Tips from the Top

Michael Feuer

Smart Business Cleveland

Second

NEO Now

Steve Gleydura

Cleveland Magazine

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

TP1 Trade Report

First

Open Educational Resources

Michael von Glahn

The College Store Magazine

First class all the way! Excellent information, layout & design. Extremely well-written. Particularly liked the addition of the glossary.

Second

State of Horticulture Programs

Carolyn LaWell

GIE Media

TP2A Features: Personality Profile

First

A walk in the woods

Chuck Bowen

GIE Media

Interesting profile--you wouldn't have to be a professional landscaper or landscape enthusiast to enjoy and appreciate a man of his determination and business sense. We should all learn to trust we made the right hires and learn to delegate. Good story and photos.

Second

Progress: Change with the times

Lisbeth Geraci

Landscape Management

TP2B Features: General

First

Answering the Call

Chuck Bowen

GIE Media

Well-written, interesting story with good photos. This was a positive side to the massive spill most people will never know about.

Second

View from the Corner Office

Dan Angelo

The College Store Magazine

TP2C Features: Special Section/Package

First

Benchmarking Your Business Report

Kristen Hampshire

GIE Media

Well-written and informative with good layout and design. A professional or layman could appreciate this publication.

Second

Who made the cut

Staff

Landscape Management

TP2D Features: Trends

First

Where have all the gallons gone?

Patrick Hyland

LP Gas Magazine

Second

Summer of the weed

Dan Jacobs

Landscape Management

TP3 Public Service/Investigative

First

Coke stops making food-grade recycled PET

Mike Verespej

Plastics News

An interesting 'scoop' for a trade journalist. Well-placed sources and research led to a well-written series of articles. We are in favor of recycling plastic--but only when the quality is safe for consumers. We will never look at a Coke bottle in the same way.

TP4 Departments or Columns

First

Jacobs' Journal

Dan Jacobs

Landscape Management

Dan Jacobs achieves the goals of his Jacobs' Journal Mission Statement. We enjoyed learning about his son, the Mindset List and more. His creative yet down-to-earth anecdotal writing style does have a place in business and makes us want to read more. Well done!

Second

Editorial

Michael von Glahn

The College Store Magazine

General Circulation Magazines

M1 News

First

Texas Hold-Up

Erick Trickey

Cleveland Magazine

Second

Beggars without golden voices

Dave Ghose

Columbus Monthly

M2A Features: Personality Profile

First

Quick Fixer

Erick Trickey

Cleveland Magazine

Second

Super Students

Rhonda Koulermos

Columbus Monthly

M2B Features: General

First

Sleep Tight

Linda Vaccariello

Cincinnati Magazine

Second

Hot in Cleveland

Colleen Smitk

Cleveland Magazine

M2C Features: Consumer

First

Welcome to Pie Town

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Second

Cold Comfort

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

M2D Features: Art

First

Mystery and Good Manners

Linda Feagler

Ohio Magazine

Second

Partner in Crime

Linda Feagler

Ohio Magazine

M3 Public Service/Investigative

First

Greetings From Linndale

Erick Trickey,

Mark DeMarino

Cleveland Magazine

Second

The Fighter; A Moral Obligation; Speaking Out; A Mother's Strength

Kristy Eckert, Rita Price

Capital Style

M4 Departments or Columns

First

Strip Search: Strip mall dining

G.A. Benton, Jill Moorhead

Columbus Crave

Second

Lake Effect

Jim Vickers, Kim Schneider

Cleveland Magazine

NEW MEDIA

NM1 Newspaper Website

First

News-Herald.com

News-Herald Staff

The News-Herald

Very informative, eye-catching structure, great mixture of international and local news.

Second

Chroniclet.com

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

News are lined up easy as if bullet points, sports photos are well placed, adds on one side only makes it easy to get to the news

NM2 Magazine Website

First

www.cincinnatiimagazine.com

Marnie Hayutin

Cincinnati Magazine

Good overview on the current issues topics

Second

OhioMagazine.com

Lesley Blake

Ohio Magazine

Intriguing and colorful layout

NM3 Television News Website

First

newsnet5.com

Colleen Seitz, Mike Waterhouse, Jen Steer, Tina Kaufmann

WEWS-TV 5

Second

www.wviz.org

Joseph Sheppa

WVIZ

NM4 Radio News Website

First

wcpn.org

Joseph Sheppa

WCPN ideastream

Very informative coverage of current local news, education and economic issues are in strong favor for using this site

Second

The Billion-Dollar Bet

Chuck Poulton,

Renee Volchko, Joe Linstrum,

M.L. Schultze

WKSU

Great in-depth stories as headlines

NM5 Online General News story

First

Anthony Sowell Trial

Staff

Cleveland.com

The Cleveland.com staff's series on convicted mass murderer Anthony Sowell was as legally meticulous as it was emotionally stirring. The multimedia package captured the anguish of the victims' families as they faced the impassivity of their loved ones' killer.

Second

Kelley & Ferraro LLP files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection

Michelle Park

Crain's Cleveland Business

Michelle Park got a nice scoop on the law firm Kelley & Ferraro filing for bankruptcy, and clearly told the back story of the feud with one of the founder's widow precipitating the filing.

NM6 Online Feature story

First

State Impact Ohio: Ohio's Collective Bargaining Fight

Molly Bloom

WCPN ideastream

Molly Bloom made sense of numerous state laws affecting Ohio's education system breaking their impact down for parents, students, teachers and other stakeholders.

Second

The Avengers in Cleveland

Staff

Cleveland.com

The staff of Cleveland.com went behind the scenes to tell the story of the making of a movie in a way the entire city could enjoy.

NM7 Blogs

First

Cleveland Magazine Politics

Erick Trickey

Cleveland Magazine

Perfect mixture of current events spiced with humor as witness behind the scene

Second

The Daily Briefing

Public Affairs Team

The Columbus Dispatch

The Daily Briefing takes blogging on a new level

NM8 Imaging

First

And the Winner of the Best Pizza is: Emilio's!

Gerry Shamray

StrongsvillePatch.com

NM8 Analysis

First

StateImpact Ohio: Ohio's SB 5, Explained

Molly Bloom

WCPN ideastream

TELEVISION

T2 General News

First

A Voice For The Birds

Stephanie Mennecke,

Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Reporter did a good job of getting both sides of the story. We all know animals make great local TV news, particularly when they are in danger. Pictures and VO of the parrots tug at that heartstring of the viewer. Nice use of nats.

T3 On-Going Coverage

First

SB5

Staff

Ohio News Network

Comprehensive, well executed coverage of an issue which inspired passion in Ohio. All sides are covered, ONN showed commitment to being on the story at every step.

Second

Pill Mill Plague

Denise Alex

Ohio News Network

Alex shows great persistence in sticking with coverage of the abuse of prescription medications. The strength of her continuing coverage exemplifies the nature of this category.

T4 Public Service

First

What's Killing Their Children?

Scott Taylor

WOIO-TV

Reporter is fearless in his approach to telling the story. A testament to what good journalism is supposed to accomplish.

Second

LifeGiving Transplant Stories

Kay Colby, Mark Rosenberger, David Molpus, Katie Baker

WVIZ

Amazing access to patients and family. A little graphic to watch at times, but solid storytelling and engagement.

T5 News Special

First

Exotic Animals Escape - Special Report

Staff

Ohio News Network

T7 In-Depth Coverage

First

Amish Meth

Denise Alex, Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Interviews with prisoners made this a good story.

Second

Massage Parlor Problems

Cristin Severance,

Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Many of the accusations and questions raised were left unresolved. Very little of the information can from a primary source or expert.

T8 Human Interest

First

Courage to Heal Josh's story

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

Through tremendous video and natural sound, the photographer paints an emotional portrait of a local soldier's rehab. You find yourself rooting for the soldier to get better and eagerly await a follow up. Always a good story when you want more.

Second

WWII Dog Tags

Cristin Severance,

Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Well-written and beautifully edited, this piece does a great job of breaking down a very interesting story to the viewer.

T11 Spot News Videography

First

Flooding Aftermath

Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Solid visuals throughout. Great sequencing and wonderful nat sound. The pieces brought you right into the rushing water.

T12 Feature Photography

First

Walking With Unknowns

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

Ali put some time into this one. Slick throughout. Great sequencing and natural sound. Amazing edit.

Second

Life on the Streets

Andy Wallace

Ohio News Network

Very creative use of black and white and focus tools. Good job

T13 Television Show

First

Surviving Stroke

Kay Colby, Mark Rosenberger, David Molpus, Lauren Payden

WVIZ

A very well written and edited show about a health issue that affects a great number of people. The graphics are slick and the pacing is perfect.

Second

Ohio Means Business

Jeremy Naylor,

Mike Kallmeyer

Ohio News Network

In a time of economic uncertainty, the show highlights - through a series of interviews and stories - what appears to be done right in Ohio. Pieces are focused, well written, well-edited and informational.

T14 9/11 Anniversary Coverage

First

Flight 93 Memorial

Andy Wallace, Cristin Severance

Ohio News Network

Second

You Won't Stand Alone.

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

RADIO

R-1 Spot News

First

The arrival of a German wind turbine in Cleveland could mean jobs

Kevin Niedermier

WKSU

Interesting topic. Kudos to Cleveland for creating the first fresh water wind turbine farm. This was well-written had a good delivery and a nice use of natural sound.

R2 General News

First

Leadership: Cleveland's Quiet Mayor

Dan Bobkoff

WCPN ideastream

Second

West Side Market striving to stay the same

Kevin Niedermier

WKSU

R3 On-going

Coverage

First

Ohio's Bitter Battle over Collective Bargaining

Bill Cohen

Ohio Public Radio

Second

Senate Bill 5

Ida Lieszkovszky

WCPN ideastream

R4 Public Service

First

Gay in Ohio

Vivian Goodman

WKSU

Second

Ohio's Bitter Battle over Collective Bargaining

Bill Cohen

Ohio Public Radio

R5 Documentary

First

"Wings" A Radio Drama

Dave DeOreo, Mark Rosenberger, Dee Perry,

Al Dahlhausen

WCPN ideastream

Second

"On the Party Lines: Ohio's 2011 Ballot Battle"

Bill Cohen, Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

R6 Investigative

First

"Tracking the Future of Senate Bill 5"

Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

R7 In-Depth Coverage

First

“Ohio’s Bitter Battle Over Collective Bargaining”

Bill Cohen

Ohio Public Radio

Second

The Re-Invention of Jobs

Mhari Saito

WCPN ideastream

R8 Human Interest**First**

Frank’s Donation

David C. Barnett

WCPN ideastream

Powerful and emotional piece. Well written and produced.

Second

“Civil War Baseball Coming to an Uncivil Place”

Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

R10 Use of Sound**First**

Exploradio - The natural origins of music

Jeff St. Clair

WCPN ideastream

Second

Junior Jitterbugs Earn Medals and Pride

Mhari Saito

WKSU

R11 News Writing**First**

Men, Hormones and Aging

Anne Glusser

WCPN ideastream

Nice use of ambient sound.

Second

Frank’s Donation

David C. Barnett

WCPN ideastream

Good use of sound and interviews.

R12 Radio Show**First**

“Around Noon”: Huckleberry Finn

Dave DeOreo, Producer, Dee Perry, Host

WCPN ideastream

Second

The Sound of Ideas

Mike McIntyre, Paul Cox, Katie Baker

WCPN ideastream

R13 9/11 Anniversary Coverage

First

9/11 Ten Years Later

M.L. Schultze, News Staff

WKSU

Powerful series. Excellent writing.

PHOTOGRAPHY DAILY NEWSPAPERS

DP1 Spot News - Daily Newspaper

First

Fairport Harbor

Chuck Crow

The Plain Dealer

Awesome moment captured here.

Second

Stuck up in the air

Maribeth Joeright

The News-Herald

DP2 General News -

Daily Newspaper

First

Ricket gets max sentence

Maribeth Joeright

The News-Herald

Almost too good to be true.

Second

Liske gets life for deaths of 3

Dave Zapotosky

The Toledo Blade

DP3 Sports Action -

Daily Newspaper

First

Basketball Dance

Ed Suba, Jr.

Akron Beacon Journal

Second

Collision

Ed Suba, Jr.

Akron Beacon Journal

DP4 Sports Feature - Daily Newspaper

First

Basketball

John Kuntz

The Plain Dealer

DP5 General Feature -

Daily Newspaper

First

Bill Cosby arrive at Martin Luther King, Jr. School.

Lisa Dutton

The Toledo Blade

I love the contrasting expressions.

Second

Sunshine, Storms, Sun Again

Chuck Humel

The Chronicle-Telegram

That is one small house.

DP6 Studio Photography - Daily Newspaper

First

Balanced Diet

Phil Masturzo

Akron Beacon Journal

Second

Guys Leaping

Allison Carey

The Plain Dealer

DP7 Portrait / Personality Photography - Daily Newspaper

First

Big guy with mom and dad

Scott Shaw

The Plain Dealer

The lighting is terrific.

Second

Best Friend

Karen Schiely

Akron Beacon Journal

DP8 Photo Journalism - Daily Newspaper

First

School Transformation

Lonnie Timmons

The Plain Dealer

Second

Tales from the Heart

Staff

The Plain Dealer

DP9 Pictorial - Daily Newspaper

First

MedMart Silhouette

Thomas Ondrey

The Plain Dealer

NON DAILY PHOTOGRAPHY

NDP2 General News -

Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Jessica Luburger

Kyle Lanzer

Sun News

The faces are priceless.

Second

Speedo protest

Chris Parker

This Week Newspapers

Point. Counterpoint. A retort with panache.

NDP3 Sports Action -

Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Goal traffic

Chris Parker

This Week Newspapers

Second

Third base collision

Chris Parker

This Week Newspapers

NDP4 Sports Feature -

Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Wobbly bar

Adam Cairns

This Week Newspapers

Second

Track splash

Eric George

This Week Newspapers

NDP5 General Feature - Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Rodeo prayer

Chris Parker

This Week Newspapers

The colors are wonderful. You could look at it all day.

Second

Ballet window

Lorrie Cecil

This Week Newspapers

Stunning.

NDP6 Studio Photography - Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Viva Mexico

Kyle Lanzer

Sun News

Second

Nina West

Jodi Miller

Columbus Alive

NDP7 Photo Journalism - Non-Daily Newspaper

First

Wreaths across America

Lorrie Cecil

This Week Newspapers

**NDP8 Pictorial -
Non-Daily Newspaper**

First

Foggy jogging

Eric George

This Week Newspapers

You can feel the photo.

Second

Sunset cheer

Lorrie Cecil

This Week Newspapers

Photography All Others

AOP1 General Photo -

Single Image

First

Crave 10: Kihachi

Will Shilling

Columbus Crave

Love the humor.

Second

Pourover Coffee

Jodi Miller

Columbus Crave

A rich feel to it.

AOP2 General Photo - Multiple Images

First

Rockmill Brewery

Jodi Miller

Columbus Crave

The use of light and color really evoked feelings.

Second

A Life in the Day of a Labor and Delivery Nurse

Alysia Burton

Columbus Parent

AOP3 Portrait / Personality Photography

First

On the Go: Coty Hildebrand, manager of Club 185

Will Shilling

Columbus Crave

Second

Portrait

Will Shilling

Capital Style

AOP5 Photo Journalism

First

Scuba diving with John Harris

Andy Morrison

The Toledo Blade

Second

Tight-knit group has tough Toledo street in its grip

Amy E. Voigt

The Toledo Blade

AOP6 Pictorial - All Others

First

The Burning Question

Benjamin Wirtz Siegel, Kristen Miller

Cleveland Magazine

Second

Downtown Renaissance

Alysia Burton

Columbus Crave

BEST IN OHIO

OP1E Best In Ohio: Column

First

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

Dyer focuses vigorously, but sensitively, on the problems facing ordinary people. His reporting, analysis and writing reveal the best and the worst in people, reminding us of our own humanity.

Second

John Gladden

Medina County Gazette

This entry does an excellent job focusing on rights and responsibilities in a free society. Gladden's work advises readers wisely that freedom isn't free.

Best in Ohio: Headline Writing**First**

Andrew Sterling

Columbus Dispatch

Second

Kevin Aprile

The Chronicle Telegram

OP3B Best In Ohio: Reviews/Criticism**First**

Steven Litt

The Plain Dealer

Second

Chris DeVille

Columbus Alive

OP4B Best In Ohio: Essay Writing**First**

Stuart Warner

The Write Coach

I like how these pieces are written with heart and emotion. The writing is very powerful, and readers can connect.

Second

George Bilgere

Cleveland Magazine

A nice piece with deep thematic message that has powerful narrative writing.

OP6B Best In Ohio: Editorial**First**

Michael Douglas

Akron Beacon Journal

His columns were insightful and logical. They were built on reporting and fact. They were persuasive because they weren't only rhetorical, and they presented readers with topics they might not have thought about otherwise. Outside the box thinking.

Second

Andy Young

The Chronicle-Telegram

I liked that this piece proposed a solution and alternatives, rather than just criticizing. That's important to recognize.

Thoughtful piece and good to see papers not being afraid to go against the grain.

OP15 Best in Ohio: Photographer**First**

Capital Style

Will Shilling

Stunning.

Second

Chris Parker portfolio

Chris Parker

This Week Newspapers

So many great photos. If I could, I vote a tie for first between first and second.

OP16 Best in Ohio: Freelance Writer**First****Stuart Warner**

The Write Coach

The stories of Stuart Warner read like miniature novels; a variety of tales that touch the human spirit and share a glimpse into the past, if only for a moment.

Second**Jennifer Keirn****OP17 Best in Ohio:****Staff Reporter****First****Jim Siegel**

The Columbus Dispatch

Siegel's deep knowledge of Ohio's politics allows him to not only gather relevant information for the public, but packaged it effectively.

Second**Phil Trexler**

Akron Beacon Journal

Phil Trexler's reporting is like a narrative rollercoaster, complete with twists and turns, but offering a soft ending, like good storytellers do.

PV1D Best in Ohio: Cartooning**First****Jim Larrick**

This Week Newspapers

The points were well made, and often with humor.

Second**Joe Hoffecker**

Cincinnati Business Courier

PV2E Best in Ohio: Illustration**All Publications****First****Ted Crow**

The Plain Dealer

Second**Michaela Schuett**

Columbus Alive

PV3D Best in Ohio: Infographics**First**

William Neff

The Plain Dealer

MGE Best Magazine in Ohio

First

Cincinnati Magazine

Staff

Second

Columbus Parent

Staff

NMGE Best Website in Ohio

First

newsnet5.com

Colleen Seitz, Mike Waterhouse, Jen Steer,

Tina Kaufmann

WEWS-TV 5

Very innovative website, distinctive in its multimedia presentation

Second

News-Herald.com

Staff

The News-Herald

TPGE Best Trade Publication in Ohio

First

Lawn & Landscape

Chuck Bowen, Brian Horn, Carolyn LaWell

GIE Media

It was difficult for judges to decide between 1st and 2nd place because both were so good. In the end we decided we're probably frustrated lawn care/landscaper 'wannabes' because other entries from this publication have consistently scored high marks. It is informative, well-written so that professional or laymen can understand. The layout/design and use of graphics and photos all work to make this top notch.

Second

The College Store Magazine

Staff

BGE Best Business Publication in Ohio

First

Cincinnati Business Courier

Staff

Second

Staff

Crain's Cleveland Business

TGE - A Best Television Newscast in Ohio in a Major Market: (Cleveland- Columbus or Cincinnati)

First

Primetime Ohio

Kathy Chambers

Ohio News Network

A nicely executed newscast on a day with two major stories developing. Good use of the sports set and talent to add to the magnitude of the Jim Tressel Story.

RGE Best Radio Newscast in Ohio in a Major Market: (Cleveland- Columbus or Cincinnati)

First

WKSU Morning Edition

Amanda Rabinowitz, Jeff St. Clair

WKSU

NGE-1 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Community Newspaper

First

ThisWeek Marysville

Lin Rice, Jeff Donahue, Amy Lyle

This Week Newspapers

This is an appealing product that holds a mirror up to its community. The result is sparkling in word, photo and design.

Second

Cleveland Jewish News

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Good writing well-presented defines this paper.

NGE-2 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Alternatives

First

The Other Paper

Staff

This is hard paper not to like. It's edgy with depth and lots of gloss.

Second

Columbus Alive

Staff

Good job on the cover stories.

DGE-1 Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio: 100,000 or less circulation

First

The News-Herald

The News-Herald Staff

The News-Herald had a good mix of stories that were interesting and well reported. The design was clean. The special sections were good.

Second

The Morning Journal

The Morning Journal Staff

Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Over 100,000 circulation

First

Cleveland Plain Dealer

Staff

This was a tough decision, as the first- and second-place newspapers both presented impressive writing and diverse, far-reaching coverage. What set the Plain Dealer apart, however, was its willingness to take chances with its approaches to reporting and presentation. This newspaper was consistently engaging and surprising, dedicating the necessary space to fully tell stories. We

were consistently impressed with the innovative design as well – from beautiful staff-created illustrations (the Sept. 11 special section cover was astounding) to well-executed info graphics to the designers' thoughtful use of photography. This publication had a willingness to think outside the box of traditional newspaper presentation. Great work.

Second

The Columbus Dispatch

Staff