BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

B-1 Breaking News
First
Jeff Bell
Columbus Business First
Nationwide arena sale discussed
Excellent reporting. Graphics went above and beyond for this category.

B-1 Breaking News
Second
Brian Ball, Matt Burns, Kevin Kemper
Columbus Business First
Development chief facing foreclosure; Barbash steps down
Immediate follow-up from Web was excellent. Good series of stories.

B-2 General News
First
Dan Shingler
Crain’s Cleveland Business
An eye on spying
“Great anecdotes, read very well and was most interesting.”

B-2 General News
Second
Dan Shingler
Crain’s Cleveland Business
Ford union workers on precipice of job stability
Interesting look at inner turmoil in a union.

B-3A Personality Profile
First
Adrian Burns
Columbus Business First
End of an Era
Great lead. Conveyed the substance of the man well.

B-3A Personality Profile
Second
Paul O’Donnell
Inside Business Magazine
Thunder’s Road

B-3B General
First
Joel Hammond
Crain’s Cleveland Business
Can’t bear to watch
“We in the San Francisco Bay Area can readily identify, given the situation with the Oakland Raiders. Good job.”
B-3B General
Second
Brad Dicken
The Chronicle-Telegram
Vomit Comet
“Really put you there, amazing that the writer could remember the experience at all, much less do such a great write-up”

B-3C Package
First
“Carrie Ghose, John Lauer”
Columbus Business First
“Little patients, big impact”
Very thorough coverage of a vital part of the city

B-3C Package
Second
Staff
Cincinnati Business Courier
Topsy Turvy (overpaid/underpaid CEOs)
“Great lead, outstanding in-depth look at people who readers don’t always get a hard look at”

B-3D Trends
First
Staff
Inside Business Magazine
The pink slip economy
“Did a beautiful job of presenting the material in a readable and accessible way, taking full advantage of the magazine format.”

B-3D Trends
Second
Arielle Kass
Crain’s Cleveland Business
Going through withdrawal
Great job of covering an angle of the recession no one has tackled.

B-4 Public Service/Investigative
First
Adrian Burns
Columbus Business First
WPA Legacy
Did a good job of showing there is hope today by showing how the region recovered from the Great Depression

B-4 Public Service/Investigative
Second
Lucy May
Cincinnati Business Courier
City officials warn of life or death funding situation
Big results for small story.

B-5 Departments or Columns
First
Craig Lovelace
Columbus Business First
Side Dish
Provides useful information and uses anecdotes to personalize the information

B-5 Departments or Columns
Second
Steve Watkins
Cincinnati Business Courier
Investing Column

**BGE Best Business Publication in Ohio**
**First**
Staff
Crain’s Cleveland Business
“Good graphics, excellent layout, easy to read, inviting, great story”

**BGE Best Business Publication in Ohio**
**Second**
Staff
Cincinnati Business Courier
Good presentation of hard news and investigative stories including the story on Chiquita Banana and CEO pay

**DAILY NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHY**

**DP-1 Spot News**
**First**
Paul Tople
Akron Beacon Journal
Don’t Shoot
Zapotosky captures the sense of urgency of his subject’s plight of fleeing danger during the standoff. While Tople’s image composed within branches as barren as the subject’s chances of escaping. Both images were best in storytelling

**DP-1 Spot News**
**First**
Dave Zapotosky
The Toledo Blade
Hostage Escapes

**DP-1 Spot News**
**Second**
Michael Blair
The News-Herald
Erie Rescue
Blair was on the scene at the right moment to catch the approaching stunned swimmers.

**DP-2 General News**
**First**
Amy E. Voight
The Toledo Blade
A Mother’s Comfort
Voight captures a tender moment.
Stefanovski Sentenced
Spontaneity was the key for both runners-up. Compelling images

Soldier’s Body arrives Home

Eye for Rugby
Great spontaneity of the unintentional eye-gouge.

“Loose, wide, effective and good control of lighting. The starburst off the ceiling light is the ““star”” effect for this image.”

Both entries have best facial expression illustrating the accolades of winning and the dejection of the loss making these entries best storytellers.

Tople’s entry is a standout and derives from a sports feature story. Was the only entry not team related. Nice job.
Comfort from LeBron
Boulian captures compassion with great emotion.

DP-5 General Feature
First
“Ed Suba, Jr.”
Akron Beacon Journal
Jellies
Most creative of the entries in this category. Good placement of observation window amidst the swimming jelly fish. Nice image!

DP-5 General Feature
Second
Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer
Bearing Witness
featuresque story-teller.

DP-6 Studio Photography
First
Lisa DeJong
The Plain Dealer
Delicate Balance
It’s apparent DeJong has a knack for details and makes good use of the garnish decor to create these food story images.

DP-7 Portrait/Personality Photography
First
Chuck Humel
The Chronicle-Telegram
Bikes for Jesus
Good composition--got the shot despite tough lighting situation. The image is illustrative of a subject that is quite busy.

DP-7 Portrait/Personality Photography
Second
Ed Suba, Jr.
Akron Beacon Journal
“New face, new life”
“A bit of shock value, but the subject’s face tells the story.”

DP-8 Photo Journalism
First
Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
Church Closing
“Compelling work from a dedicated storyteller who knows his turf. Sticking with this story brought a powerful array of images encompassing great expression, compassion and composition that drew the reader’s eyes to photos with great impact. Great Job!”

DP-8 Photo Journalism
Second
Chuck Humel
The Chronicle-Telegram
They’re as Happy as Can Be
This work clearly tells the Grimmett/genetic story. This work goes beyond just a day in the life. Supporting images worked well.
DP-9 Pictorial
First
Lisa DeJong
The Plain Dealer
Parade the Circle
Effective use of the neutral and striped background.

DP-9 Pictorial
Second
Steven Manheim
The Chronicle-Telegram
Misty Deer
Good job in getting the picture before the scene changed. Good use of long lens

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

D-1A Breaking News-Single Story
First
Ignazio Messina and Bridget Tharp
The Toledo Blade
Freshman Killed at Train Crossing
The lead captured the scene and emotions of a tragic story. The reporters were very thorough in covering the story from all angles. They went beyond the particulars of the wreck and its ramifications and explored the bigger picture regarding the train tracks where the tragedy occur!

D-1A Breaking News-Single Story
Second
Brad Dicken
The Chronicle-Telegram
Elyria judge’s wife pans teens’ invasion attempt

D-1B Breaking News-Consecutive Days
First
Joe Reedy and Carrie Whitaker
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Death of Chris Henry
“The reporters not only detailed the circumstances of the death, but they captured the context of the tragedy -- a young man with a checkered past who seemed to be turning his life around when the end came. Sad, dramatic story, well told.”

D-1B Breaking News-Consecutive Days
Second
Brad Dicken
The Chronicle-Telegram
FBI probe nets city official

D-1C Breaking News-Ongoing Story
First
Ed Meyer and Stephanie Warsmith
Akron Beacon Journal
Firefighter Episode
“Thorough and fair telling of a strange hizzoner said, they said soap opera. Reporters let the unusual charges and countercharges speak
for themselves and resisted the temptation to try use their prose to try and make an over the top story needlessly more bizarre.”

D-1C Breaking News-Ongoing Story
Second
Phil Trexler
Akron Beacon Journal
Firestone Park attack

D-1D Breaking News-Single-Day Package
First
Staff
The Toledo Blade
Embryo Mix up
“Great example of why newspapers are still relevant and necessary. Great staff effort to cover an important, gut-wrenching story from all angles. The lead story on the two couples was very compelling. The sidebars on clinics’ procedures, and legal and moral issues addressed all the readers’ questions. Well done, everybody.”

D-1D Breaking News-Single-Day Package
Second
Brad Dicken and Lisa Roberson
The Chronicle-Telegram
Acquitted

D-2A General News-Single Story
First
Tom Henry
The Toledo Blade
Questions outweigh clues to cancer cluster in Clyde
“Good job of drawing the reader into a lengthy story by introducing them to one person and family’s compelling story, then broadening the focus to tell others’ stories as well as chronicle necessary details beyond the human element.”

D-2A General News-Single Story
Second
Jim Carney
Akron Beacon Journal
Ties that bind

D-2B General News-Multiple Stories
First
Public Affairs Team
The Columbus Dispatch
Probing Ohio’s Historic Budget Mess
“Tough category to judge because of several outstanding entries. Ultimately the budget coverage stood out most because of the depth in which the this critical topic was covered, the writers’ ability to humanize what could have been a bland stories about incomprehensible numbers, as well as the commitment to following through on the stories with enlightening follow-ups.”

D-2B General News-Multiple Stories
Second
Cheryl Powell
Akron Beacon Journal
Life on Call
This is the only category in which I felt compelled to make comments about the runner-up. Very thorough group of stories that perso-
nalize a group of otherwise mundane buildings and institutions. Outstanding writing and attention to detail made for informative and enjoyable reads.

D-3A Features-Personality Profile
First
Jim Carney
Akron Beacon Journal
Vet’s degree defies odds
“An emotional tale told with no wasted words; an inspirational journey

D-3A Features-Personality Profile
Second
Jewell Cardwell
Akron Beacon Journal
23 years of addiction
Effortless writing. A harrowing tale with a satisfying conclusion

D-3B Features-General
First
Cliff Radel
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Riding to Cleveland and finding America
This story is a great read. The tone was perfect and the characters on the bus were a delight. The story reflected on the country’s economy without beating the reader over the head. I enjoyed the ride.

D-3B Features-General
Second
Cindy Leise
The Chronicle-Telegram
Bouncing Back
“In the space of a second, a life is changed. The reporter captures the moment of impact of a baseball that changes an athlete’s life and his determination to return to his game.”

D-4 Public Service
First
The Plain Dealer Staff
The Plain Dealer
County Reform
“The in-depth coverage of the proposed reform and the political backbiting that surrounded the debate was thorough, informative and helped readers change their government.”

D-4 Public Service
Second
JC Reindl
The Toledo Blade
Too many dogs euthanized
Great topic that could have been overlooked. Excellent research and reporting that had a significant impact and affected change. Loved the chart showing breeds euthanized. Good job!

D-5 Investigative
First
Mark Puente
The Plain Dealer
Sheriff McFaul Steps Down
“It had to take a bulldog of a reporter to go after this story about a well-established, popular public official -- especially when it’s the sheriff and the reporter is on the crime beat. Mark Puente’s fact-gathering was relentless, and the results were stunning. It’s not every day that state investigators execute a search warrant in a sheriff’s office in response to a newspaper story.”

D-5 Investigative
Second
Bob Downing
Akron Beacon Journal
“Cars Fail E-Check, Drive off Map”
“Lots of investigative stories start with a tip from an insider. The tougher stories to find are generated by a curious reporter who sees something in a routine document. That’s what Downing did here, and his pursuit of that curiosity paid off with a shocking story about a failed system.”

D-6 Business
First
Alexander Coolidge
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Gambling Coverage
“Articles gave the readers an easy to understand look at what was at stake in the gambling vote. Follow up profile put a very real face on one of the man who could be the next casino king, Dan Gilbert. Well researched, well written.”

D-6 Business
Second
Lisa Bernard-Kuhn
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Neighborhood development packages
“Very difficult choice with first place. These packages put real human faces on the housing situation in the region from the bargains now available to one neighborhood that’s survived to the chance to save a troubled neighborhood. Her work was thorough, clearly written and well researched.”

D-7 Sports
First
Tom Archdeacon
Dayton Daily News
Former CJ athlete’s heart always in right place
A well-told story about the family of a dying Dayton athlete saving the life of a Florida golfer they had never met.

D-8 Features-Arts & Entertainment
First
Kerry Clawson
Akron Beacon Journal
Reigning in Akron
“This story did a nice job of weaving interesting details, important background and historical information, as well as current quotes from the diva herself. Nicely written with an eye toward getting the reader all the way through the story.”

D-8 Features-Arts & Entertainment
Second
Cindy Leise
The Chronicle-Telegram
Songs for the Uncommon Man
“Harvey Pekar is an intriguing guy! I could have read twice as much about him. Profiles about the creative geniuses among us can’t happen enough. Good quote selection and even, easy writing style.”

D-9 Best Section  
First  
John Kappes, Sunday Arts editor  
The Plain Dealer  
Sunday Arts  
“In a word: Bravo. A superb mix of stories, reviews and ‘finger food.’ Beautifully designed, with intelligence and creativity at play in every element.”

D-9 Best Section  
Second  
Sports Staff  
The Morning Journal  
Sports Section  
“From high school to the pros, an excellent effort that has everything a local sports fan would want.”

DGE-1 “Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio More Than 100,000 Circulation”  
First  
The Plain Dealer  
“The Plain Dealer offers page after page of dynamic presentations and bold photography. The visuals draw in the reader, who then appreciates the mix of stories, from watchdog journalism to consumer-oriented features. Writers get to the point quickly and anticipate what the reader wants to know. This newspaper looks out for my interests, tells me things I don’t know and rewards me with surprises.”

DGE-1 “Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio More Than 100,000 Circulation”  
Second  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
The Cincinnati Enquirer distinguishes itself with solid public service journalism. In-depth reporting on public health and government spending issues complement a solid base of community journalism. Presentations are clear and focused.

DGE-2 “Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio: 100,000 or Less Circulation”  
First  
The Morning Journal  
“The Journal wears proudly its commitment to news of local government and crime, with flashes of enterprise. The work of busy reporters competes for space on active section fronts, putting the local news front and center. Sports sections are ample and bright. Big, multi-layer headlines and good photo display are inviting”

DGE-2 “Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio: 100,000 or Less Circulation”  
Second  
The Chronicle-Telegram  
“This paper knows how to cover crime and safety. The news of the acquittals in the Head Start case shows a talent for big-story coverage. Presentation is clean and colorful, with lots of faces”

MAGAZINES  
M-1 News  
First  
Aiesha D. Little
Because that’s where the money is
Great story that really took us inside the mind of the criminal and took us through the whole process.

M-1 News
Second
Brent Donaldson
Cincinnati Magazine
Death and the maid
A chilling look at a complicated crime.

M-2A Features-Personality Profile
First
Kathy Y. Wilson
Cincinnati Magazine
Game Face
“Incredibly well-written. Great details, very interesting personality; everything from the blurb on the first page to the quotation from McLivaneay enhanced the story. Photo of the dude was the perfect accompaniment.”

M-2A Features-Personality Profile
Second
Kristy Eckert
Capital Style
The author next door
Well-written; made me feel like she was my neighbor. Great lead and held up the rest of the story.

M-2B Features-General
First
Linda Vaccariello
Cincinnati Magazine
The river lady
We absolutely loved this mystery on the woman with no name who ended up in the Ohio River. Fabulous piece.

M-2B Features-General
Second
Linda Vaccariello
Cincinnati Magazine
“And on the sixth day, God created paleontologists”

M-2C Features-Consumer
First
Andy Netzel and Kim Schneider
Cleveland Magazine
Rating the suburbs
“Useful information for homebuyers, with an amazing diversity of people interviewed, great photos and layout”

M-2D Features-Arts
First
Andy Netzel
Cleveland Magazine
Critical sinking
“This is an important, well-told story that raises troubling questions about a respected music critic who was demoted after the Cleve-
land Orchestra objected to his criticisms.”

M-2D Features-Arts
Second
Jason Cohen
Cincinnati Magazine
The ballad of Chuck and Lisa

M-3 Public Service/Investigative
First
Julie Irwin Zimmerman
Cincinnati Magazine
The power couple
This is a terrifically written piece on a hard-nosed Republican county prosecutor who moonlights as a civil attorney for a Democratic law firm. The story includes great details without ever losing sight of the big picture.

M-3 Public Service/Investigative
Second
Stephanie Czekalinski
Capital Style
“Battered wives, shattered lives”

M-4 Departments or Columns
First
“Rena Tran and Mark Toriski”
Great Lakes Life Magazine
Aging Smart
“Skillfully mixes features, memories and practical advice for both elders and their families to winningly illuminate aging in all its many facets.”

M-4 Departments or Columns
Second
Kim Schneider
Cleveland Magazine
Arts & Entertainment
An impressively wide range of the different arts practiced in and around Cleveland is highlighted with a nod to multicultural sensibilities as well.

MGE Best Magazine in Ohio
First
“Jay Stowe, Editor”
Cincinnati Magazine
“Cincinnati residents are very lucky to have this great general-interest magazine. Terrific stories, terrific photos.”

MGE Best Magazine in Ohio
Second
Staff
Cleveland Magazine

NEW MEDIA
NM-1 Newspaper-Web Site Design
First
Staff
Akron Beacon Journal
Ohio.com
“Clean layout, easy to navigate, the fact you can follow feature writers, nice photo buttons at bottom under Inside Ohio.com”

NM-1 Newspaper-Web Site Design
Second
Staff
The Columbus Dispatch
dispatch.com
“Clean appearance, like changing top stories, good sports coverage”

NM-2 Magazine-Web Site Design
First
Staff
Plastics News
plasticsnews.com
Clean design easy to navigate

NM-4 Radio-Web Site Design
First
Joseph Sheppa
90.3 WCPN ideastream
wcpn.org
“Layout is clean, easy to use”

NM-4 Radio-Web Site Design
Second
Joe Linstrum Renee Volchko
WKSU
wksu.org
“Nice site feature buttons, fun to explore.”

NM-6 Online Features
First
Teeba's New Year
Tracy Read and Maribeth Joeright”
www.news-herald.com
“Compelling, well written”

NM-6 Online Features
Second
Flags for Families
Tracy Read and Michael Blair
www.news-herald.com
A tearjerker.

NM-7 Blogs
First
Erick Trickey
Cleveland Magazine
Cleveland Magazine politics
“Interesting, good writing, humorous, informative”

NM-7 Blogs
Second
Nina Ying Sun
Plastics News
The China Blog
“Well written and insightful, analytical, well-read by audience, lots of responses!”

NM-8 Imaging
First
Jeff Swinger and Stacy Doose”
The Cincinnati Enquirer
The Battle comes home
“Great visuals - video as well as still photos, very compelling. Excellent”

NM-9 Analysis
First
Gary Kiefer
dispatch.com
Death Perceptions
“Great videos, good statistics. Emotional, compelling”

NM-10 Infographics
First
Tim Meko
dispatch.com
NCAA brackets
“Timely, informative, useful and fun”

NMGE Best Web Site In Ohio
First
Joe Sheppa
wcpn.org
WCPN
“Nice design, clean, easy to use, well written”

NMGE Best Web Site In Ohio
Second
Staff
Ohio.com
Akron Beacon Journal
“Fun to explore, clean, good graphics, well written”

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHY

NDP-2 General News
First
Ken Grosjean
Witnessing History
Spontaneity and the subject’s facial expression was key

NDP-3 Sports Action
First
Tim Norman
This Week Licking County
Battle for the Ball
Tim catches peak action with a good crop and exposure. Best action shot in the category.

NDP-3 Sports Action
Second
Kyle Lanzer
Sun News
St. Ignatius Wrestler
“While the image borders on the feature category, Kyle catches the subject off his feet with a strong expression on the subject’s face. Kyle gets the runners up award.”

NDP-4 Sports Feature
First
Tim Norman
This Week Bexley
Bexley State Final Loss Hug
“Best storyteller of the entries in this category. Composition, emotion and the unintrusiveness of the photographer during this moment makes it the top winner.”

NDP-4 Sports Feature
Second
Adam Cairns
This Week Rock Fork Enterprise
Soccer Champs
Cairns captures a celebratory moment. Good expressions.

NDP-5 General Feature
First
Lorrie Cecil
Johnstown Independent
Keeping Watch
That doggy-in-the-window was a great find during coverage of this event.

NDP-5 General Feature
Second
David Rea
This Week Dublin Villager
Human Race
Nice sunrise silhouette

NDP-6 NDP-6 Studio Photography
First
Kyle Lanzer
Parma Sun Post
Showerhead
The subject is creatively caught in the reflection. An eye-catching image that works well.

NDP-6 Studio Photography
Second
Will Shilling
Columbus Alive
Giovani Portrait
“Evenly lit, no distracting shadows.”

NDP-7 Photo Journalism
First
Lorrie Cecil
Dublin Villager
Veterans flight to Washington DC
Lorie takes the reader along during the Veteran’s visit to the Washington memorial. Wide shots of the Iwo Jima veteran and the memorial reflection are strong images.

NDP-7 Photo Journalism
Second
Adam Cairns
This Week Dublin Villager
Memorial tournament
Adams keeps track of Tiger and puts together a good array of images.

NDP-8 Pictorial
First
Lorrie Cecil
This Week Hilliard
Early Morning Practice
Strong silhouette against the early morning sky. Nice Image!

NDP-8 Pictorial
Second
Ann Tormet
This Week Hilliard
Big Wheel

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

N-1 Breaking News
First
Brian Ball, Matt Burns, Kevin Kemper
Columbus Business First
Development Chief Facing Foreclosure; Barbash Steps Down
Quick work and good ability to sort through computerized records brought to light important flaws that should be known by the public about one of the state’s top economic-development officials

N-2A Features-Personality Profile
First
Brian Lindamood
Columbus Alive
Whisky’s Wild Side
Brian found a colorful character with a novel enterprise. He writes with a sharp eye and a fresh style

N-2A Features-Personality Profile
Second
D. X. Ferris
Cleveland Scene
The Jig is Up
“Ferris has done a terrific reporting job, with multiple sources, and he knows how to write. A vivid picture of an untenable situation.”

N-2B Features-General
First
Marilyn H. Karfeld
Cleveland Jewish News
The Long Goodbye
“Thoughtfully written: poignant, constructive criticism of our government, well-documented. Anti-war from a sometimes-forgotten era, but au courant in light of today’s events.”

N-2B Features-General
Second
Tara Quinn
Sun Courier
Home Delivery
Well-researched on a very controversial subject. Pros and cons both convincing and makes reader want more about passage or non for licensing midwives.

N-3 Public Service
First
Jeff Donahue and Cathy Wogan
This Week Marysville
Union County Egg Farm Controversy
“An interesting look at the plight of a small county against the workings of a big corporation, though more effort to get the corporation’s side of the story would have made this an even better read”

N-4 Investigative
First
Bob Sandrick
Sun Post
Few Electric Companies Seem Interested...
“A good example of connect-the-dots reporting that creates a picture of a consultant seemingly steering business to its parent company. Details are presented simply and in detail, allowing readers to make up their minds.”

N-4 Investigative
Second
Brian Ball, Matt Burns, Kevin Kemper
Columbus Business First
Development Chief Facing Foreclosure
Fast work on a tip results in a significant story. The report needed more context on the implications of the official’s situation.

N-5 Sports
First
Anders Larson
20 Years of Upsets
“People are crazy about their hometown teams, and they love nostalgia. Larson does a great job of describing sports upsets years after the fact, including perspective, vital play by play and comments from coaches and participants.”

N-5 Sports
Second
Jeff Bell
Columbus Business First
Economy Slicing Into Memorial Tourney Parties
“An excellent piece, a serious examination of the effects of a slowed economy -- as well as Morgan Stanley’s troubles -- on various aspects of a major professional golf tournament.”

N-6 Arts & Entertainment
First
Chris DeVille
Columbus Alive
3 Minutes of Fame
Compelling read about an interesting character.

N-6 Arts & Entertainment
Second
John Ross
Columbus Alive
Crowning the King-Lincoln
Fascinating account of a historically important arts center.

N-7 Community/Local Coverage
First
Linsly Rice
This Week Marysville
Weathering the Economic Storm
“An excellent package of reports, showing real initiative in localizing a national story. Really brought home how changes in the economy affect the public and private sectors.”

N-7 Community/Local Coverage
Second
Nate Ellis
This Week Pickerington
Security upgraded in wake of school threats
“An event-driven story that could not be overlooked, yet the coverage went well beyond the basics -- including a follow up. Just what parents need to know.”

N-8 Best Section
First
Staff
Columbus Business First
Green Report
“The best of several strong section entries from Business First. These lively, comprehensive sections are propelled by outstanding graphics and crisp design.”

N-8 Best Section
Second
Jeff Niesel
Cleveland Scene
Music Section
Authoritative on the music scene without being off-putting to the uninitiated.

NGE-1 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Community Newspapers
First
Cleveland Jewish News Staff
Cleveland Jewish News
“ Convenient sizing, format. Nice layout, readable font and size. Stories are very interesting and well written.”

NGE-1 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Community Newspapers
First
“Marsha McKenna, Mike Lesko”
Stow Sentry
Shows good news judgment and enterprise.

NGE-1 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Community Newspapers
Second
Eric Marotta
News Leader
Shows depth of reporting.

NGE-2 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Alternatives
First
Cleveland Scene
“The Scene offers an impressive range and depth of reporting on political, social and other civic issues, as well as cultural news, in addition to the usual “fun and games” fare.”

NGE-2 Best Non-Daily Newspaper in Ohio: Alternatives
Second
Cincinnati CityBeat
CityBeat takes its alternative role seriously (a 1st Amendment lawsuit!) and includes consumer news. Conveys energy and curiosity.

OPEN PRINT
OP-1A Columns-General News
First
Bob Dyer
Akron Beacon Journal
“Science” center all about religion
“Dyer’s column is readable, highly newsworthy, well-reported and interesting.”

OP-1A Columns-General News
Second
Connie Schultz
The Plain Dealer
Death of a plant
The writer takes you behind the economics and tells the heart-breaking story of an ordinary man who could not bear being unable to care for his family. Heart-breaking and newsworthy.
“LeBron: For me, a second is a long time”
That’s what a column is for! Terry Pluto draws on his personal experience with five decades of Cleveland sports heartbreak to explain the meaning of LeBron James’ playoff buzzer-beater -- and celebrate it.

Former CJ athlete’s heart is in the right place
Tom Archdeacon’s extensive reporting sets it up and his writing touch and deft organization completes a classically bittersweet -- but uniquely amazing -- story of two athletes.

“Thoroughly researched and well-sourced. The reporting was balanced, the writing concise. Most importantly, she provided valuable resources that allowed readers to serve as their own advocates.”

“Effectively used her own experiences and frustrations to spotlight a fairly common problem, along with advice on how to get the problem resolved.”

“Fun, interesting reading that gives a reader perspective on what is a family recipe and just a recipe to share. Well done and humorous.”

“Found exactly the right tone for a variety of subjects”
Body of Work
“Clever, creative and funny, with the proper amount of sarcasm”

OP-2A Headline Writing-Newspaper
First
Kevin Aprile
The Chronicle-Telegram
Beauty’s only win deep
“Succinctly describes the victory that most fans would be eager to - and easily - forget.

OP-2B Best in Ohio: Headline Writing
First
Paige Owens
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
These headlines were clever and made you want to read the story. They grabbed you and a couple made you chuckle.

OP-2B Best in Ohio: Headline Writing
Second
Kevin O’Brien
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
“Clever, well-thought headlines that gave the reader pause.”

OP-2C Headline Writing-All Other Publications
First
Jay Stowe
Cincinnati Magazine
He’s Goetta Have It
“Catchy headline that makes you want to read the story. What the heck is the mystery meat? Clever and well executed, as well.”

OP-2C Headline Writing-All Other Publications
Second
Jim Vickers
Cleveland Magazine
Guitar Zero
“Great play on words, perfectly sums up the story.”

OP-3A Reviews/Criticism-Single Article
First
Kerry Clawson
Akron Beacon Journal
Joffrey Ballet thrills Blossom audience
Wonderful use of description to place the reader in the audience of this performance while also providing a concise critique of the dance styles and musical selections that made it successful. Great writing that had as much grace and movement as the ballet it described.

OP-3A Reviews/Criticism-Single Article
Second
Gary M. Seman Jr.
Dublin Villager
“Satisfaction, prices high at Third and Hollywood”
The best of three solid dining reviews. Nice mix of descriptive and observant food critiques with an honest assessment of the atmosphere and pricing. Good work.

OP-3B Best in Ohio: Reviews/Criticism
First
Steve Litt
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
“What an impressive collection of architecture reviews â?” a rare genre of writing but a welcome one to read. Stories were engaging, interesting and full of detail and beautifully written descriptions. Nice work.”

OP-3B Best in Ohio: Reviews/Criticism
Second
Fran Heller
Cleveland Jewish News
Body of Work
The writer did a nice job of summarizing the plays’ plots and high points while also providing insightful and entertaining critiques. Impressive ability to review different genres of theater and capture their tone in the articles.

OP-4A Single Essay
First
Stuart Warner
The Write Coach
Secrets Well Guarded
Well-written thoughtful piece that makes readers empathize and reflect on their own families.

OP-4A Single Essay
Second
Coondog O’Karma
Cleveland Magazine
Guitar Zero
A really fun piece that was a joy to read.

OP-4B Best in Ohio: Essays
First
Joanna Connors
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
“Compelling. Poignant. The first entry, Sheltering Sky, is an excellent example of narrative journalism.”

OP-4B Best in Ohio: Essays
Second
Michael Gill
Cleveland Scene
Sacrificial Lambs/Discipline of Steel/Emerald Dilemma
“Interesting, well-researched and compelling work.”

OP-5 Obituary
First
Jim Carney
Akron Beacon Journal
Alfred McMoore
“A beautifully written tribute to a truly unique individual. Very nice integration of interviews, anecdotes and the writers’ personal experiences.”

OP-5 Obituary
Second
Marilyn Miller
Akron Beacon Journal
Pilot’s burial gives loved ones closure
“Nice job of taking an already interesting story – the funeral for a WWII aviator whose body was discovered 60 years after his death – and adding a deeply personal element: the attendance of his childhood sweetheart. Nice writing and use of emotion and storytelling.”

OP-6A Single Editorial
First
Christopher Evans
The Plain Dealer
Going after Uncle Slum
Strong writing. Strong opinion. Strong argument. Top-notch work.

OP-6A Single Editorial
Second
Joe Frolik
The Plain Dealer
Betrayal of Trust
Strong entry

OP-6B Best in Ohio: Editorials
First
Ray Cooklis
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Body of Work
Hard-hitting but fair; loved the format

OP-6B Best in Ohio: Editorials
Second
Frank Lewis
Cleveland Scene
Body of Work
“Edgy, sarcastic and pointed”

OP-7 Analysis
First
Barry Horstman
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Pensions ‘day of reckoning’
“A thorough, interesting and well executed look at public employee pensions. Used good examples to put a face - and $ figures - on what can be a deathly dry topic. Was persuasive that this is a situation that needs to be viewed with urgency.”

OP-7 Analysis
Second
Dennis J. Willard
Akron Beacon Journal
Ohio Vote
“The paper sets the record straight on the vote for president in 2008, and shows that there are serious problems with the system that could have had serious consequences if the election had been closer. As an outsider, I felt a little like I stepped into the middle of a conversation about how the Sec of State handled the election, but it remained clear that there are serious problems with the system that need attention.”

OP-8 Food Writing
First
Lisa Abraham
Akron Beacon Journal
Veggie U
“Nice, interesting package. You put the reader right there in the fields with the farmers. Very attractive layout and use of pictures as well.”

OP-8 Food Writing
Second
Lisa Abraham
Akron Beacon Journal
Banana Bonanza
“A classic “hot to” or better, how “not to” food story that I found helpful and informative”

OP-9 Travel Writing
First
Bob Downing
Akron Beacon Journal
It’s a Breeze
“What a fun, interesting local story about attractions that I bet few people are aware of. Well written and informative. Took his own pictures! Sounds like a blast.”

OP-9 Travel Writing
Second
Susan Glaser
The Plain Dealer
“Dude, A ranch in Ohio”
“Clever, interesting story. Resisted the urge to overwrite. Thorough.”

OP-10 Technology Writing
First
Andy Netzel
Cleveland Magazine
The Big Disconnect
“Good experiment, well told. Worked some industry data and analysis in with his personal experience to give it some heft. Didn’t get overly caught up in a woe is me tale!”

OP-10 Technology Writing
Second
Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal
Time to Cut the Cord?
“A good balanced consumer story that carefully weighs the pluses and minuses of ending home service. Feels a touch dated, but it did run more than a year ago.”
OP-11 Medical/Health Writing
First
Alan Johnson
The Columbus Dispatch
Joe’s Long Way Home
The writer told a compelling story of the fragile mental health care safety net through the turbulent life of one man.

OP-11 Medical/Health Writing
Second
Jacqueline Marino
Cleveland Magazine
White Coats
This story of the fourth year of med school told through 3 very different students uses a flowing writing style to get at each person’s personality and struggles.

OP-12 Politics/Government Writing
First
Erick Trickey
Cleveland Magazine
Life of the party
Fascinating profile

OP-12 Politics/Government Writing
Second
Catherine Candisky and Alan Johnson
The Columbus Dispatch
Sex offender registries skip residents of rest homes
A well-written investigation

OP-13 Election 2009 Coverage
First
Stephanie Warsmith
Akron Beacon Journal
Recall
Fascinating story with good use of detail.

OP-13 Election 2009 Coverage
Second
James Nash
The Columbus Dispatch
Casino issue coverage
“A good blend of scoops, explanation and color.”

OP-14 Best in Ohio: Photographer
First
Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
“Ohio’s Best is exemplified by the dedication of Gus Chan’s work. With a strong array of images, Gus’s work in exploring the acknowledged impact of the Church Closing stories was one of significant social concern. Good job!”

OP-14 Best in Ohio: Photographer
Second
John Kuntz
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
A difficult decision as both entrants submitted very strong work in both action sports and the spontaneity of news and features.

OP-14 Best in Ohio: Photographer
Second
Dave Zapotsky
The Toledo Blade
Body of Work

OP-15 Best in Ohio: Freelance Writer
First
Stuar Warner
The Write Coach
Body of Work
A good blend of news and features. A standout entry.

OP-15 Best in Ohio: Freelance Writer
Second
Jill Sell
Various publications
Body of Work

OP-16 Best in Ohio: Staff Reporter
First
John Mangels
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
“Mangels passes the test of a gifted reporter: He drew me into stories on topics that don’t interest me at all: fusion, spiders and earthquakes, among others”

OP-16 Best in Ohio: Staff Reporter
Second
Sharon Coolidge
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Criminal Justice Reporting
“Fascinating coverage of nearly every aspect of criminal justice, from victims to policing to inmates”

PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

AOP-1 General Photo: Single Image
First
David Liam Kyle
Sports Illustrated
Cleveland Rocks
Dynamic image---SI editors were right to put this image on the cover

AOP-1 General Photo: Single Image
Second
Eric Mull
My Turn Magazine
Hanna & friends
Eric hung in there until the birds were just right for the shot.

AOP-2 General Photo: Multiple Images
First
Joe Cottrell and Rena Tran”
Great Lakes Life Magazine
Women Who Beat the Odds
“Comparatively, this series of portraits were refreshing and were unconstricted by design graphics. The Dandrea and Mobilia components were a plus.”

AOP-2 General Photo: Multiple Images
Second
Barney Taxel
Cleveland Magazine
Cheap Eats
Delicious detail. The right depth of field and consistent even lighting

AOP-2 General Photo: Multiple Images
Second
Eric Mull
Inside Business Magazine
Rick Chiricosta
Good lead photo on cover. Making the climb to the roof with all the gear earns Mull a place. Good Job!

AOP-3 Portrait/Personality Photography
First
Eric Mull
Pulse Lorain Magazine
Senator Sanctuary
The essence of the subject is captured in a natural setting. A good portrayal.

AOP-3 Portrait/Personality Photography
Second
Eric Mull
Westshore Magazine
City Girl
Eric sweeps this category showing his versatility.

AOP-3 Portrait/Personality Photography
Second
Eric Mull
Westshore Magazine
Michael Symon’s Pig

AOP-4 Studio Photography
First
Janet Adams
Columbus Business First
Pocket Watches
Janet was right on with the right lens. The critical focus accentuates the time piece.

AOP-5 Photo Journalism
First
Janet Adams
Business First
The Food Issue/Green Report
Janet’s work is clean and consistent work. Images with impact and keep the reader interested.

AOP-6 Pictorial
First
Janet Adams
Business First
Book of Lists 2009
Adams takes a creative approach with the clock/time piece theme. A good eye for isolating the artistic perspective.

AOP-6 Pictorial
Second
David Liam Kyle
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Sunrise on the Bay
A soothing image. Great color with an effective silhouette.

PRINT VISUALS

PV-1A “Single Cartoon, Daily Newspapers”
First
Kirk Walters
The Toledo Blade
Ground Zero

PV-1B “Single Cartoon, Non-Daily Newspapers”
First
Jim Larrick
This Week New Albany
Health Care Hypnotist

PV-1B “Single Cartoon, Non-Daily Newspapers”
Second
Jim Larrick
This Week in Bexley
Slots- Jackpot

PV-1C “Single Cartoon, All Other Publications”
First
Rich Williams
Crains Cleveland Business
Special Interest campaigns impact Ohio Supreme Ct

PV-1D Best in Ohio: Cartooning
First
Jeff Darcy
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work

PV-1D Best in Ohio: Cartooning
Second
Kirk Walters
The Toledo Blade

Body of Work

PV-2A “Single Illustration, Daily Newspapers”
First
Jeff Basting
The Toledo Blade
A genius on 88 keys

PV-2A “Single Illustration, Daily Newspapers”
Second
Tom Fisher
The Toledo Blade
Are you ready?

PV-2B “Single Illustration, Non-Daily Newspapers”
First
Seth Russell
Cleveland Scene
Inductions 2009
Clean design incorporates awards well. Fun

PV-2B “Single Illustration, Non-Daily Newspapers”
Second
Steve Knerem
Cleveland Scene
I have not done anything that any other public official hasn’t done

PV-2C “Single Illustration, All Other Publications”
First
Jessica Hische
Cincinnati Magazine
And on the Sixth day God created paleontologist
Sweet illustration. I want to read the whole article

PV-2C “Single Illustration, All Other Publications”
Second
Carrie Parkhill
Golfdom
Rays of Hope

PV-2D Multiple Illustrations/One Story - All Publications
First
Nathan Kissel and Ron Lacour
Cincinnati CityBeat
Halloween at City Hall
PV-2D Multiple Illustrations/One Story - All Publications
Second
Jing Wei Illustrator, Grace E. Saunders, Art Director
Cincinnati Magazine
Know your vermin

PV-2E Best in Ohio: Illustrations - All Publications
First
Ted Crow
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work

PV-2E Best in Ohio: Illustrations - All Publications
Second
Lars Leetaru
Cincinnati Magazine
Dr. Know

PV-3A “Infographics, Daily Newspaper”
First
William Neff
The Plain Dealer
A Cleveland Landmark

PV-3A “Infographics, Daily Newspaper”
Second
Rick Steinhauser
Akron Beacon Journal
Infocision Stadium

PV-3B “Infographics, Non-Daily Newspaper”
First
John Lauer
Columbus Business First
Inside Huntington Park
A clear winner.

PV-3D Best in Ohio: Infographics
First
William Neff
The Plain Dealer
Body of Work
Beautiful!

PV-4A “Single Page Design, Broadsheet”
First
Jeff Arnett
The Chronicle-Telegram
Songs for the Uncommon Man
“An uncommon, unique approach to quality journalism”
PV-4A “Single Page Design, Broadsheet”
Second
Jeff Basting
The Toledo Blade
Finders Keepers

PV-4B “Single Page Design, Tabs”
First
Tom Fisher
The Toledo Blade
Lose yourself In Autumn Corn Mazea

PV-4C “Single Page Design, Magazine”
First
Carrie Parkhill
Landscape Management
“Todays Choices, Tomorrows Reality”

PV-5A  A-1  News Front Page Design, Daily and Non-Daily
First
Staff
The Plain Dealer
Plain Dealer Fronts
“Tops - simply put, just tops the rest!”

PV-5A  A-1  News Front Page Design, Daily and Non-Daily”
Second
Staff
The Toledo Blade
Blade front pages

PV-5B “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Broadsheets”
First
Staff
Akron Beacon Journal
Infocision Stadium
The judges request front row seats based on what we read!

PV-5B “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Broadsheets”
Second
“Ken Amos, Joe Powell”
The Cincinnati Enquirer
The Battle comes home

PV-5C “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Tabs”
First
Joel Hammond
Crains Cleveland Business
Forty under 40
We can think of a thousand reasons why Forty under 40 is tops!

PV-5C “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Tabs”
Second
Kathy Carr
Crains Cleveland Business
Twenty in their 20’s

PV-5D “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Magazine”
First
Jen Kessen
Cleveland Magazine
Secret Identity
A clever lively page design that burst with new surprise on each page.

PV-5D “Spread or Multiple Page Design, Magazine”
Second
Lesley Blake
Ohio Magazine
Classic Composition
“A lovely layout splashed with the feel of its subject matter, the art of Gaugin”

PV-6A “Covers: General Circulation Magazines, Sunday Magazines”
First
Ron Kretsch
Cleveland Scene
Art we can believe in

PV-6A “Covers: General Circulation Magazines, Sunday Magazines”
First
Grace E. Saunders
Cincinnati Magazine
July Cover

PV-6A “Covers: General Circulation Magazines, Sunday Magazines”
Second
“Ron Kretsch Art Director, Paul Bonder Photographer”
Cleveland Magazine
The Croc Whisperer

PV-6A “Covers: General Circulation Magazines, Sunday Magazines”
Second
Lesley Blake
Ohio Magazine
Best Hometown: Granville

PV-6C Covers: Trade & Professional Publications
First
Carrie Parkhill
Golfdom
Water Wise

PV-6C Covers: Trade & Professional Publications
First
Carrie Parkhill
Golfdom
Mining for Molecules

RADIO

R-1 Spot News
First
Tim Rudell
WKSU
Chrysler Dealer Survives
Interesting to be there when the dealer opened his letter from Chrysler to learn how his future might play out. Good use of natural sound. Well done.

R-2 General News
First
Tim Rudell
WKSU
Racinos
Tough category to judge—all entries were extremely well done. In the end we chose ‘Racino’s because it was well-rounded with strong interviews representing all perspectives of the issue and made great use of natural sound..

R-2 General News
Second
Kevin Niedermier
WKSU
A History of Cleveland Corruption

R-3 On-Going Coverage
First
News Staff of WCPN
WCPN
Help Wanted
“Lucky listeners in Ohio! Again, all entries were strong. While the two tied for ‘Runner-up’ had excellent production values, we liked the concept of the winning “Help Wanted”. The topic, the multi-faceted approach to coverage and the corresponding events and resources were top-notch! A true service to the community.”

R-3 On-Going Coverage
Second
“Bill Cohen, Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler”
Ohio Public Radio
Billion Dollar Budget Battle

R-3 On-Going Coverage
Second
WKSU News Staff
WKSU
The Ups and Downs of the Auto Industry

R-4 Public Service
First
WKSU News Staff
WKSU
Vital Signs: Diagnosing Health Care In Northeast Ohio
Interesting and informative with good interviews and use of sound. ‘Vital Signs’ examined all sides of the issue and provide a ‘vital’ service to listeners.

R-4 Public Service
Second
“Bill Cohen, Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler”
Ohio Public Radio
Election 2009

R-5 Documentary
First
WKSU News Staff
WKSU
Good Jobs in Bad Times
“A timely, terrific topic that educated the audience. We learned a college degree is no guarantee of a job; that adaptability is key; during a recession is the best time to ‘reinvent’ yourself—and more. Thank you!”

R-6 Investigative
First
Mhari Saito
WCPN
Facing the Foreclosure Crisis
A great job of examining the foreclosure process and the varied interpretations and excuses made for the ‘make home affordable’ program. Lenders and their investors do little to help the struggling or foreclosed and point the finger at each other when families are forced out of houses. It’s a no win situation.

R-6 Investigative
Second
Jo Ingles
Ohio Public Radio
Facing the reality of Mental Health Cuts

R-7 In-Depth Coverage
First
Karen Kasler
Ohio Public Radio
Bottom Line Green
“Informative and thought-provoking. Far beyond just recycling and repurposing, ‘going green’ can save the planet and put green in your pocket. Well done!”

R-8 Human Interest
First
Vivian Goodman
WKSU
Gimme Rewrite Sweetheart
“Stop the presses! We could feel the ink flowing through our veins! Great interviews, natural sound and creative use of audio from a classic movie all combined for an entertaining and informative story told by those who used to’ break ‘em’ on the front page!”

R-8 Human Interest
Second
Dan Bobkoff
WCPN
Tikes Cozy Coupe

R-10 Use of Sound
First
Mark Urycki
WKSU
A Perfect day in Akron
“This was the perfect use of sound for a perfect day in Akron. We closed our eyes and listened to joggers, kids, geese, crickets, basket weavers and more—and felt as those we were beside the pair as they explored the ‘Rubber City’.”

R-10 Use of Sound
Second
Karen Kasler
Ohio Public Radio
Bottom Line Green

R-11 News Writing
First
Dan Bobkoff
WCPN
Race and Country Reform
“A potentially controversial topic that was written in a clear, concise, yet conversational tone.”

R-12 Radio Show
First
Staff
WCPN
Sound of Ideas
“An aptly named program featuring a variety of topics all informative and providing a service to, and a sounding board for, the listening audience.”

R-12 Radio Show
Second
John Tidyman, Verlane Snell, Terry Uhl
The Uhl Group/WNCX
When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again

RGE-B Best Radio Newscast in Ohio
First
Eric Wellman
WCPN
Newscast

TELEVISION

T-1 Spot News
First
Sally Phillips Mike Candiotti
WFMJ
Missing Boy
“Solid job. Good writing, good shooting and nicely produced”
T-1 Spot News
Second
Danielle Fink and Michael O’Mara
WKYC
West 89 Multiple Murders
Good reaction sound.

T-2 General News
First
Dick Russ and Michael Greene
WKYC
Demjanjuk Deportation
“Wonderful access to the story, Big Story.. well told”

T-2 General News
Second
Stephanie Mennecke and Andy Wallace
Ohio News Network
Facebook
Good information told with creativity and style

T-3 On-going Coverage
First
ONN Staff
Ohio News Network
H1N1
Continuous and Up to date throughout. Really solid information given to such an important topic. The community definitely benefited from this information. That’s how it’s suppose to be done!

T-3 On-going Coverage
Second
Peggy Sinkovich and Nick Rich
WYTV
Bonnie Brae Fire
“From the night of the fire thru to the officers return to work, these guys covered it. Nice work!”

T-4 Public Service
First
Peggy Sinkovich and Nick Rich
WYTV
Smack is Back

T-4 Public Service
Second
Karen Kasler and Rob Corby
Ohio Public Television
Issue 3 Debate

T-5 News Special
First
Sheila Miller, Mona Alexander and Cindy Matthew
WFMJ
Common Cents Tough Times
Slick and very well produced.

T-7 In-Depth Coverage
First
Sally Phillips and Robert Meluch
WFMJ
Cursive Decline
“Reminded us all of grammar school and the hours spent at the blackboard. Nice job, wonderful reminder of how much things have changed.”

T-8 Human Interest
First
“Andy Wallace and Harrison Hove”
Ohio News Network
Sleeping Bags
Well rounded piece. The pictures and storytelling set this one apart. We enjoyed every second of it!

T-8 Human Interest
Second
Stephanie Mennecke and Andy Wallace
Ohio News Network
Inspirational Player
“Inspirational piece! Well told, and videotaped. Thanks for holding the secret for a moment. Nice work”

T-9 Sports Report
First
Beau Bishop and Shane Kline
Ohio News Network
Average Joe Sports Show
Good looking and fun to watch. Decent banter and good highlights

T-11 Spot News Videography
First
Andy Wallace
Ohio News Network
Ice Storm
We felt for Andy on a day like this. Wonderful pictures and sound throughout. Have some warm cocoa on us!

T-12 Feature Photography
First
Andy Wallace
Ohio News Network
Sleeping Bags
“Andy does it all in this story. Wonderful sequences, great natural sound and creativity. Nice work”

T-12 Feature Photography
Second
Micah Riffle
Ohio News Network
Balloon Ride
Micah takes us on a fun trip with this piece.. amazingly steady and full of great natural sounds

T-13 Television Show
First
Karen Kasler and Rob Corby
Ohio Public Television
The State of Ohio

TGE-A Best Television Newscast in Ohio Major Market
First
ONN Staff
Ohio News Network
Ohio’s only 9 o’clock news

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

TP-1 Trade Report
First
Jim Johnson
Waste and Recycling News
After the Merger: The New Republic
Exhaustive package that examines a momentous business merger from seemingly every perspective possible. Sidebars make for quick reads that are surely to engage casual observers; the main bar is an engaging narrative marked by analysis and evaluations from industry insiders and the players of the merger. Very nicely-weaved together; the piece was the class of the writing competition.

TP-1 Trade Report
Second
Staff
Plastics News
NPE show moves to Orlando
“Diligent, attentive beat reporting with a significant conclusion. It supplied a major local story and examined the loss Chicago absorbed economically in a way no other outlet there may have been able to.”

TP-2A Features-Personality Profile
First
Marty Whitford
Landscape Management
Solemn Salute
The emotion that the writer and his sources felt about volunteering to landscape Arlington Cemetery shown through. The piece managed to be thorough and well-written for industry insiders; touching and entertaining for casual observers.

TP-2A Features-Personality Profile
Second
Kristy J. O’Hara
Smart Business Cleveland
Calling for a Revolution
“The best opening scene in any feature entered in the trade publication competition. It really hooked the reader. The piece narrowly lost to winner only because it drew too much of its material from only the subject and not anyone else who may have known him. An engaging, rewarding read, all the same.”

TP-2B Features-General
First
Brian Richesson
LP Gas Magazine
Farewell, ‘King’
Richesson turned out an interesting story on how a popular cartoon TV series affected the propane industry. An interesting angle and read.

TP-2B Features-General
Second
Larry Aylward
Golfdom
Waterproof
“Who knew how much work went into prepping the grounds for the U.S. Open? Aylward presents an interesting behind-the-scenes look at the unsung, invisible heroes of the golf course.”

TP-2C Features-Special Section/Package
First
Scott Stephens, Rachel Abbey and Joy Brewington”
Catalyst Ohio
Deconstructing the stimulus
What could have been an otherwise sprawling story on a complex issue was covered in several smaller pieces. The final product was a balanced series of articles that provoked thought on the issue of stimulus money and education.

TP-2C Features-Special Section/Package
Second
Staff of Landscape Management
Landscape Management
Break Through Business Planner 2010
The staff took a lot of valuable information and condensed it into concise write-ups that would be useful to any manager.

TP-2D Features-Trends
First
Marty Whitford
Landscape Management
Digital Slots
Punchy lead grabs even a casual reader’s attention. The piece highlights and uses experts to evaluate advertising venues and strategies that otherwise may not be widely discussed.

TP-2D Features-Trends
Second
Daniel G. Jacobs
Landscape Management
Surviving the Social Explosion
“An engaging opening for sure. It thoroughly examines and evaluates social media platforms, though they are platforms that more widely-focused, widely-available media has touched upon for some time now. The winner set itself apart because of the enterprise shown in finding ad venues that were seemingly news even to industry insiders.”

TP-3 Public Service/Investigative
First
Larry Aylward
Golfdom
Water Wise
“Fun, anecdotal openings to well-reported stories. Concisely-written so that even casual observers can absorb the information in a
reasonable amount of time. Well-crafted sidebars enhance this package, which should make the publication and its author proud.”

TP-3 Public Service/Investigative
Second
Ron Hall and John Walsh
Landscape Management
Water Wise
“Exhaustively researched and very well stitched together. It could have used a bit of trimming from the editors, but still, it is truly a series to be proud of.”

TP-4 Departments or Columns
First
Ron Hall
Landscape Management
The Hall Mark
“Concise, stoic tone communicates information to the reader effectively. The convention of using bullet lists rewards the reader with data that can be consumed quickly and remembered.”

TPGE Best Trade Publication in Ohio
First
Golfdom Magazine Staff
Golfdom

“The editors and staff of Golfdom Magazine produce a publication that stood apart from other trade publications with its interactivity through letters, features on individuals in the industry and a look at a hole of the month. This magazine has personality and is interesting to read, in addition to being informative. Features and series were well reported and written.”

TPGE Best Trade Publication in Ohio
Second
Landscape Management Staff
Landscape Management
This publication has a nice mix of useful industry news and features and management tips -- a useful tool for contractors.