

Best in Indiana Journalism Awards 2019

PROFESSIONAL: SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

1ST PLACE:

TRICIA SLOMA, REPORTER/ANCHOR

"NEVER AGAIN: PREVENTING BUS STOP TRAGEDIES"

WNDU-TV

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ALL WERE WORTHY CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD. BUT TRICIA SLOMA'S WORK ABOVE AND BEYOND HER REPORTING AND THE EVENTUAL IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY PUT HER AT THE TOP.

STUDENT: SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA STUDENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

1ST PLACE:

STAFF

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE STORIES ABOUT THE STRIKING GM WORKERS, THE MURDER OF KEMONTIE JOHNSON AND THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS ESPECIALLY STOOD OUT. IT IS NICE TO SEE THE TEAM COVERS ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY THE CAMPUS. EXCELLENT WORK!

PROFESSIONAL: SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA STORY OF THE YEAR

1ST PLACE:

MARISA KWIATKOWSKI

"ASHLEY PETERSON SERIES"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS WELL-WRITTEN SERIES WAS ABSOLUTELY GRIPPING AND SHOWS THE RESULT OF MUCH TIME AND RESEARCH. IT WAS A MOVING AND BALANCED PORTRAIT OF IT SUBJECT.

PROFESSIONAL: SPECIAL HONORS

SLAYMAKER SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AWARD

TERRA BRANTLEY

WANE 15 EVENING NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: WANE 15 EVENING NEWS ANCHOR TERRA BRANTLEY IS THE WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S SLAYMAKER SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AWARD. TERRA HAS LED AN INSPIRING CAREER AS A SERVANT LEADER WHO PUTS COMMUNITY AHEAD OF HERSELF. SHE ADVOCATES FOR HER VIEWERS AND TELLS STORIES WITH IMPACT, PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTED BY HOMELESSNESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND GENDER INEQUALITY. HER COLLEAGUES AT WANE 15 CREDIT TERRA'S LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR SUCCESS.

STUDENT: **SPECIAL HONORS**

INDIANA PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER of SPJ'S 2019 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

ALEX HARDGRAVE, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

NOELLE FRIEL, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

SHANNON MCCLOSKEY, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

TAYLOR WOODS, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

RYAN MARTIN, JUSTIN MACK, JENNA WATSON "DEADLY WEEKEND"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A HORRIFIC 24 HOURS OF VIOLENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS LEAVES SEVEN DEAD. REPORTING THE DETAILS REQUIRES EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS, FACT CHECKING AND COORDINATED TEAMWORK, NOT TO MENTION FINE WRITING. RYAN MARTIN, JUSTIN MACK AND JENNA WATSON GAVE INDIANAPOLIS STAR READERS EXACTLY THAT WITH THEIR COVERAGE OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTS. USING MULTIPLE SOURCES, THEY ARTFULLY RECOUNTED THOSE EVENTS AS WELL THEIR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. THIS WAS A STORY WITH A LOT OF MOVING PARTS, BUT THE WRITING IS TIGHT, ORGANIZED AND INFORMATIVE. ALL THE ELEMENTS OF GOOD DEADLINE JOURNALISM ARE ON DISPLAY, AND THEY DESERVE CONGRATULATIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

2ND PLACE:

JOSEPH S. PETE
"FATHER BURIES SON – KILLED OVER AN XBOX – ON FATHER'S DAY:
'THEY TOOK WELL OVER HALF MY SOUL'

TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

3RD PLACE:

VIC RYCKAERT

"TWO CLARK COUNTY JUDGES SHOT"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

SUE LOUGHLIN

"SUE LOUGHLIN BREAKING NEWS STORY"

TRIBUNE-STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: NOT ALL OBITUARIES QUALIFY AS BREAKING NEWS, BUT SUE LOUGHLIN'S QUICK AND SOLID WORK REPORTING ON THE DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR IS NOTABLE FOR ITS THOROUGHNESS, RICH DETAIL, SOURCING AND ORGANIZATION. THIS WAS CLEARLY A LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING, AND THIS STORY, SERVING BOTH AS OBITUARY AND APPRECIATION, SHEDS A WELL-DESERVED SPOTLIGHT ON A WOMAN WHO BECAME AN INSPIRATION TO SO MANY. GOOD WORK!

2ND PLACE:

OLIVIA COVINGTON

"PROSCUTOR TO VICTIM: 'I DID IT'; COURT ACCEPTS COOPER'S DOMESTIC VIOLIENCE PLEA"

INDIANA LAWYWER

3RD PLACE:

OLIVIA COVINGTON

"MARION COUNTY HALTS SIMPLE MARIJUANA POSSESSION PROSECUTIONS"

INDIANA LAWYER

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

TONY COOK, TIM EVANS, RYAN MARTIN, JAMES BRIGGS

"INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING SERIES"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING SERIES WAS A GREAT EXAMPLE NOT ONLY OF PLUMBING DETAILED RECORDS AND CONNECTING THE DOTS, BUT USING ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES - YOUTUBE VIDEOS, PAST TV SHOWS - TO EXAMINE HOW A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY EVOLVED, AND HOW IT IMPACTED REAL PEOPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS. THE REPORTERS ALSO SHOWED DETERMINED FOLLOW-THROUGH, TRACING FURTHER THE IMPACT OF THE ALLEGED PONZI SCHEME, LEADING TO AN INDICTMENT. GREAT REPORTING AND CLEAR AND ILLUSTRATIVE WRITING.

2ND PLACE:

DYLAN PEERS MCCOY

"HIDDNE DROPOUTS"

CHALKBEAT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: HIDDEN DROPOUTS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF DIGGING INTO RECORDS TO REVEAL SOMETHING THAT SEEMED APPARENT ONLY AFTER YOU SEE THE NUMBERS AND WHERE THEY ARE OCCURRING MOST OFTEN, REVEALING SERIOUS ISSUES ABOUT WHETHER THE SCHOOL'S WERE MAKING DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR STUDENTS - OR THE SCHOOL MANAGERS.

3RD PLACE:

LAUREN CROSS

"CONNECTED ATTORNEY BEHIND TAX SALE LAND GRABS NEAR CASINO SITE"

TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE CONNECTED ATTORNEY STORIES DID A GREAT JOB OF TAKING ARCANE TOPICS - TAX SALES, LLCS, LAND SALES - AND BROUGHT OUT SERIOUS ISSUES IN A WAY PEOPLE COULD UNDERSTAND, POINTING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT CONDUCT, ALL IN THE GUISE OF REDEVELOPMENT.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

ABBY TONSING

"LANDLORD'S CITATIONS NUMBER IN THOUSANDS"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

2ND PLACE:

KURT CHRISTIAN

"DIVERGENT PATHWAYS"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

3RD PLACE

TRACI L. MILLER

"DEPUTY SERVED 23 YEARS DESPITE 'PATTERN' OF MISBEHAVIOR"

HERALD BULLETIN

NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

SARAH BOWMAN AND EMILY HOPKINS "THE WHITE RIVER"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: HARD CHOICES. "WHITE RIVER" IS URGENT TOPIC, DONE COMPREHENSIVELY, BENEFITS FROM DIGITAL DESIGN. THE SPLENDID WRITING OF "COSMOS" KEEPS YOU WITH IT. "PARKING GARAGE" INTRIGUED BY BEING AN UNDERCOVERED SUBJECT, THAT DESERVES THE NATIONAL SCOPE.

2ND PLACE:

MICHAEL RUBINO AND DANIEL COMISKEY

"CROSSROADS OF THE COSMOS"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

3RD PLACE:

TONY COOK, EMILY HOPKINS, RYAN MARTIN

"PARKING GARAGE ACCIDENTS"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

AMY LAVALLEY

"CONDITION OF APARTMENTS IN VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY HOUSING PLAN LEAVES STUDENTS OUT IN THE COLD"

POST-TRIBUNE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS IS WHAT GOOD JOURNALISTS DO: KNOCK ON DOORS: WADE THROUGH RECORDS AND SOMETIMES HIT PAY DIRT!

2ND PLACE:

LAURA LANE

"HARMEIER 2-PART SERIES"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

3RD PLACE:

EMILY EMSBERGER

"AREA COUNTY ABORTIONS OUTPACING RATE IN STATE"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES, DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

CHRIS SIKICH

"PETE BUTTIGIEG IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT"

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: CHRIS SIKICH'S THOROUGH REPORTING ON PETE BUTTIGIEG PROVIDES A THOROUGH LOOK AT THE YOUNG MAN WHO MAGICALLY APPEARED ON THE NATIONAL STAGE. HIS WELL-BALANCED REPORTING GAVE READERS A LOOK AT WHERE BUTTIGIEG CAME FROM, WHAT SEEMED TO MOTIVATE HIM AND HOW HE ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY HE WAS ELECTED TO SERVE. I CAN'T OVERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LEVEL OF REPORTING WHERE FIGURES ON THE NATIONAL STAGE ARE CONCERNED.

2ND PLACE:

LINDSEY ERDODY, MICKEY SHUEY, GREG ANDREWS, MASON KING

"COVERING THE INDIANAPOLIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD AND ITS MULTIMILLION PROJECTS"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

3RD PLACE:

STEPHANIE WANG

"GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION MEETS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS"

CHALKBEAT

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

ERNEST ROLLINS

"CONVENTION CENTER"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ERNEST ROLLINS CAREFULLY FOLLOWS THE UNFOLDING STORY OF YET ANOTHER CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT. HIS THOROUGH REPORTING PROVIDES A LOOK AT HOW COSTS FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT GREW EVEN AS OFFICIALS LEARNED THEIR ESTIMATES OF REVENUES IT WOULD GENERATE WEREN'T ADEQUATE TO PAY THE BILLS. VOTERS SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THIS KIND OF WATCHDOG WORK.

2ND PLACE:

REBECCA R. BIBBS

"PENDLETON COUNCIL PENS LETTER TO INGALLS BZA TO STOP NEWCO EXPANSION"

HERALD BULLETIN

3RD PLACE:

TYLER LAKE

"ARE CHANGES TO SINGLE FAMILY ZONING RULES THE ANSWER TO BLOOMINGTON'S HOUSING SHORTAGE?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS, CITY LIMITS

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES, DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

ERICA IRISH

"IS YOUR FAMILY COMPLETE?": EXPERTS SAY INDIANA SURROGATES NEED LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND SOCIAL VISIBLITY"

THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM

2ND PLACE:

JOSEPH S. PETE

"'A TOUGH CITY': GARY'S RETAIL DESERT LEAVES RESIDENTS 'DYING FOR SERVICES'"

THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

3RD PLACE:

MICKEY SHUEY

"AMBROSE ABANDONS PLANS FOR \$1.4B DOWNTOWN PROJECT"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

MARILYN ODENDAHL

"LAWS, LAWSUITS AIM TO TAME 'WILD WEST' NATURE OF RENT-TO-OWN LAND CONTRACTS"

INDIANA LAWYER

2ND PLACE:

KIRMA SCHULZ

"WARM WATER AND COLD BEER: INSIDE INDIANA'S WEIRD LIQUIRE STORE LAWS"

WFIU/WTIU, CITY LIMITS

3RD PLACE:

CARMEN SIERING

"BLAKE'S SEED BASED: BORN IN B-TOWN, NOW IN KRAFT HEINZ INCUBATOR PROGRAM"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

EDUCATION REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

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ARIKA HERRON

"EDUCATION COVERAGE"

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: HANDLED BOTH NEWS AND ENTERPRISE STORIES REALLY WELL. I ESPECIALLY LIKED THE WRITING ON THE SLAVERY STORY.

2ND PLACE:

STEPHANIE WANG

"INDIANA VIRTUAL SCHOOL SCANDAL"

CHALKBEAT

3RD PLACE:

TOM DAVIES

"INDIANA'S TEACHER PAY DEBATE"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDUCATION REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

EMILY COX

"A SELECTION"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: COX'S VIBRANT PROSE ENGAGES THE READERS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE SHE PROFILES FROM A FORMERLY HOMELESS JAMAICAN WOMAN WHO IS ABOUT TO GRADUATE FROM IU TO A HIGH SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD WHO IS FAR MORE THAN THE TITLE WOULD SUGGEST AND FINALLY TO DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLS.

2ND PLACE:

SUE LOUGHLIN

"EDUCATION STORIES"

TRIBUNE-STAR

3RD PLACE:

TOM SCHUMAN, REBECCA PATRICK, SYMONE SKRZYCKI

"EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE INITIATIVES"

BIZVOICE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

ERICA IRISH

"PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM"

THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: IRISH TACKLES THE STATE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE DECADES AFTER THE SUPREME COURT'S GIDEON DECISION AND FINDS IT SORELY WANTING IN INDIANA.

2ND PLACE:

RYAN MARTIN

"CRIMINAL JUSTICE STORIES"

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

NIKI KELLY

"EXECUTIONS WANING"

FORT WAYNE JOURNAL GAZETTE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

JAMIE DUFFY

"SEX TRAFFICKING RAISING RED FLAGS"

JOURNAL GAZETTE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: DUFFY PAID ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS WHEN A POLICE REPORT LANDED ON HER DESK LAST SUMMER AND WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN AUTHORITIES TOOK NO ACTION WHEN THEY FOUND NINE UNDERAGED GIRLS HOUSED WITH A MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUG AND GUN VIOLATIONS. THAT LED HER ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE COMPLEX LEGAL ISSUES THAT TRANSLATE INTO JUSTICE DENIED IN CASES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

2ND PLACE:

OLIVIA COVINGTON

"INDIANA CASE SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON SOLITARY CONFINEMENT"

INDIANA LAWYER

3RD PLACE:

LAURA LANE

"A SELECTION"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

REBECCA R. BIBBS

"JUVENILE JUSTICE: INITIATIVE ENCOURAGES COURTS TO FIND DETENTION ALTERNATIVES"

HERALD-BULLETIN

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: REBECCA BIBBS DID A FINE JOB HUMANIZING STORIES WITH ENGAGING ANECDOTAL LEADS AND COMBINING THAT PERSONAL TOUCH WITH SOLID REPORTING ABOUT ISSUES THAT IMPACT YOUTH.

2ND PLACE:

SSTEPHANE WANG

"OBSTACLES TO PRE-K EXPANSION"

CHALKBEAT INDIANA

3RD PLACE:

BRITTANI HOWELL

"12-YEAR-OLD RUNS SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

STEPHANIE WANG

"RACE AND EDUCATION"

CHALKBEAT INDIANA

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GREAT REPORTING AND RESEARCH ON A RELEVANT TOPIC. STORIES DEMONSTRATE A VERY BALANCED APPROACH.

2ND PLACE:

PAOLA MARIZAN, MAREEA THOMAS, STEVE BURGER

"QUE PASA, MIDWEST? SEASON FOUR"

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3RD PLACE:

ARIKA HERRON

"MINORITY ISSUES"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

OLIVIA COVINGTON

"RULING IN DEPORTED 'DREAMER' CASE RAISES QUESTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS, LAWYERS"

INDIANA LAWYER

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: IMMIGRATION LAW IS NOTHING IF NOT COMPLICATED AND WHERE AMERICA'S DREAMERS ARE CONCERNED IT CAN BE BAFFLING. COVINGTON COVERS THE INTIMATE DETAILS OF ONE YOUNG MAN'S CONVOLUTED JOURNEY THROUGH THE COURTS AND HOW EVEN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS CAN SLIP UP ON SIMPLE MATTERS THAT HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES.

2ND PLACE:

CARMEN SIERING

"ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE RISE: WHERE WE STAND IN BLOOMINGTON"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

3RD PLACE:

CRAIG COLEY

"HISTORIAN LIZ MITCHELL 'RETURNS' TO AFRICA TO HONOR HER ANCESTORS"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

ANTHONY SCHOETTLE, LESLEY WEIDENBENER, MICHKEY SHUEY AND JOHN RUSSELL

"THE INNOVATION ISSUE - ARTICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS COMPREHENSIVE INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS
JOURNAL PACKAGE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INCLUDES AN OVERVIEW
THAT CLARIFIES WHAT AI IS, DEBUNKS COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS, AND
OUTLINES ITS HISTORY AND MILESTONE DEVELOPMENTS WITH EFFECTIVE
USE OF TIMELINE GRAPHICS. COMPANION ARTICLES ON POTENTIAL
APPLICATIONS IN MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE, A THOUGHTFUL
EXPLORATION OF THE ETHICAL ISSUES PRESENTED BY AI AND INTERVIEWS
WITH NOTABLE DATA SCIENTISTS MAKE THIS A SOLID PACKAGE ON A
COMPELLING TOPIC.

2ND PLACE:

JOHN RUSSELL

"MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

3RD PLACE:

SHARI RUDANSKY

"MEDICAL STORIES"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

SUSAN M. BRACKNEY

"BLOOMINGTON FIREFIGHTERS HAVE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE LIVES"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FIREFIGHTERS IN BLOOMINGTON, IND. ARE USING THERMAL IMAGING TECHNOLOGY TO HELP THEM SEE BETTER IN THE DARKNESS OF SMOKE-FILLED HOUSES. THIS CLEAR AND CONCISE BLOOM MAGAZINE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE TECHNOLOGY AND ITS ABILITY TO HELP FIREFIGHTERS SAVE MORE LIVES AND EFFECTIVELY CONVEYS THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE. A LINKED VIDEO GIVES THE READER A FIRSTHAND SENSE OF HOW IT WORKS.

2ND PLACE:

PETER DORFMAN

"IU RESEARCHERS DEVELOP BOTSLAYER, A TOOL THAT ROOTS OUT FAKE NEWS"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

3RD PLACE:

SYMONE SKRZYCKI

"REBOOTING THE BRAIN"

BIZVOICE

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

SARAH BOWMAN AND EMILY HOPKINS
"HOW INDIANAPOLIS BECAME ONE OF THE MOST WASTEFUL BIG CITIES
IN AMERICA"

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE WINNER IS AN IMPRESSIVE, EYE-OPENING REPORT THAT GETS TO THE HEART OF A HUGE ISSUES -- AND TELLS ME WHY I SHOULD CARE ABOUT IT. SOLID WRITING THAT FLOWED WELL.

2ND PLACE:

EMILY HOPKINS

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

SARAH BOWMAN

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

ENRIQUE SAENZ INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER

2ND PLACE:

SUSAN M. BRACKNEY

"UNDER THE WEATHER: HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS MESSING WITH MONROE COUNTY"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

FEATURES WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

MARISA KWIATKOWSKI

"ASHLEY PETERSON SERIES"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE SUBJECT OF MARISA'S FIVE-PART SERIES ONCE WROTE IN HER JOURNAL THAT SHE FELT UNWANTED AND FORGOTTEN. THIS EXCELLENT, EXHAUSTIVE REPORT ENSURES THAT ASHLEY PETERSON -- AND HER VALIANT BATTLE WITH TRAUMA AND ITS AFTERMATH -- WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. I REALIZE NOT EVERYONE COULD BE A CONTEST WINNER BUT PLEASE KNOW THIS CATEGORY WAS BLESSED WITH FINE REPORTING, WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOS.

2ND PLACE:

MATTHEW VANTRYON, REPORTER MYKAL MCELDOWNEY, VIDEO AND PHOTOS

"INDIANA'S POOREST COUNTY MIGHT LOSE ITS ONLY FOOTBALL TEAM – AND ITS HOPE"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

DANA HUNSINGER BENBOW

"TWO BROTHERS, HOCKEY PLAYERS, DEAD ON SAME DAY OF OVERDOES. 'IT WAS JUST A HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE DAY.'"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

FEATURES WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

MARK BENNETT

"MARK BENNETT FEATURE"

TRIBUNE-STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ABE SILVERSTEIN HAS BEEN CALLED THE "MOST UNDERRATED PERSON IN NASA HISTORY, OVERALL," BUT HE ALSO DIED IN 2001. THAT MEANT WRITER MARK BENNETT HAD TO RELY ON OTHER SOURCES AND VOICES TO EXPLAIN WHY THE TERRE HAUTE NATIVE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN NEIL ARMSTRONG'S HISTORIC "ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND." IN A CATEGORY FILLED WITH EXCEPTIONALLY FINE WORK BENNETT'S STORY STOOD OUT FOR STRONG REPORTING, CLEAR WRITING AND THAT WINNING COMBINATION OF A CAPTIVATING LOCAL ANGLE AND NOTEWORTHY ANNIVERSARY. ALTHOUGH I COULD ONLY SELECT THREE WINNERS I FOUND EACH ENTRY MEMORABLE AND COMMENDABLE IN ITS OWN WAY.

2ND PLACE:

CAROL KUGLAR

"ALL FOR TH ELOVE OF BIRDS"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

3RD PLACE:

EMILY EMSBERGER

"I LOVE YOU... I'M SORRY... I MISS YOU"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

FEATURES WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)

1ST PLACE:

ADAM WREN

"RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS IN-DEPTH LOOK AT A POPULAR INDIANAPOLIS-BASED TRUE-CRIME PODCAST RAISES SERIOUS AND INTERESTING QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PODCAST'S INTEGRITY AS A NON-FICTION STORYTELLING PLATFORM AND SHEDS LIGHT ON ITS SHORTCOMINGS WHEN HELD TO THE STANDARDS OF REAL CRIME REPORTING AND JOURNALISM. THE HIGH LEVEL OF REPORTING HERE DEMONSTRATES THOSE SAME JOURNALISTIC VALUES NICELY.

2ND PLACE:

CRAIG COLEY

"BLOOMINGTON'S VETERANS: THEIR STRUGGLES AND TRIUMPHS"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

3RD PLACE:

LILI WRIGHT

"PUFF PIECE"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

PERSONALITY PROFILE (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

ZAK KEEFER

"THE MOBSTER IN OUR MIDST"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ZAK KEEFER, WITH A SHOUTOUT TO ELIZABETH FLYNN, PRODUCED AN AMAZING PROFILE OF A REFORMED GANGSTER RESPONSIBLE FOR "RATTING OUT" HIS FATHER, AN INFAMOUS NEW YORK MOBSTER. THIS IS AS COMPELLING AS IT GETS, OFFERING READERS A DEEP DIVE INTO A WORLD OF CRIME AND DEATH, THEN REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS. SUPPLEMENTED WITH AMAZING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS, KEEFER'S WORK IS LONG BUT DEFINITIVE, PACKED WITH DETAIL AND THE KIND OF SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING THAT KEEPS HIS AUDIENCE ENTHRALLED FROM START TO FINISH. IN A CATEGORY FILLED WITH WORTHY ENTRIES, THIS ROSE TO THE TOP GIVEN ITS BREADTH AND PRESENTATION. BUT ULTIMATELY, IT'S THE FINE WRITING THAT MATTERED MOST. THIS IS, SIMPLY PUT, JOURNALISM AT ITS BEST. CONGRATULATIONS!

2ND PLACE:

HOLLY HAYS

"DEATH OF JACOB PICKETT"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

JIM AYELLO

"MARIO ANDRETTI AT ABANDONED NAZARETH SPEEDWAY: 'IT'S NOT A HAPPY REUNION'"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

PERSONALITY PROFILE (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)

1ST PLACE:

ADAM WREN

"EYE ON THE PRIZE"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: BEFORE PETE BUTTIEGEG DECLARED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, HE BARED HIS SOUL TO INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY WRITER ADAM WREN. THAT, AT LEAST, IS THE FEELING YOU GET WHILE READING WREN'S DEFINITIVE PORTRAIT OF THE MAN WHO WANTED TO TRADE HIS MAYORAL SEAT FOR ONE IN THE OVAL OFFICE. THIS PROFILE IS AS GOOD AS IT GETS, WITH GREAT QUOTES, SUPERB SOURCES (INCLUDING FROM A POLITICAL ADVERSARY) AND THE KIND OF IMMERSIVE WRITING THAT BOTH ENGAGES AND INFORMS READERS. THERE ISN'T A DULL MOMENT IN THIS PIECE, AND AN INTEREST IN POLITICS ISN'T A REQUIREMENT. ANY READER WOULD FIND THIS TO BE ANYTHING BUT A PUFF PIECE; RATHER, IT'S SIMPLY A SUBSTANTIVE AND ENTERTAINING STORY. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUTHOR FOR SUCH FINE WORK. BRAVO!

2ND PLACE:

CASEY KENLEY

"THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

3RD PLACE:

RAY E. BOOMHOWER

"THE CRIME WRITER AND THE CONVICT: JOHN BARTLOW MARTIN AND NATHAN LEOPOLD"

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (PUBLICATION

CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000,	WIRE SERVICES	AND DIGITAL
MEDIA)		

1ST PLACE:

JOHN KRULL

"WAR TORN"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: JOHN KRULL'S REMEMBRANCE OF KURT VONNEGUT UPON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE" IS MASTERFULLY WRITTEN, REPLETE WITH ILLUMINATING ANECDOTES AND COMPELLING STORIES. IT'S A RICHLY SOURCED PIECE THAT'S BIOGRAPHICAL IN NATURE BUT LIVELY. NEVER PLODDING. ENHANCED DESIGN AND BREAKOUT SIDEBARS FURTHER ELEVATE THE FIRST-RATE WRITING AS DOES MR. KRULL'S PERFECT ENDING. THIS WAS AN OBVIOUS WINNER. WELL DONE!

2ND PLACE:

DOMENICA BONGIOVANNI

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

SARAH BAHR

FREELANCE

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

MARK BENNETT

TRIBUNE-STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: MARK BENNETT'S ATTENTION TO DETAIL IS ON FULL DISPLAY IN THIS SELECTION OF STORIES. WHETHER REFLECTING ON THE LEGACY OF A 20TH CENTURY NOVELIST OR REMEMBERING WOODSTOCK 50 YEARS LATER THROUGH THE EYES AND EARS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE, HIS STORIES ARE UNIFORMLY WELL-WRITTEN, MULTI-SOURCED, INFORMATIVE AND ENGAGING. HE WRITES WITH A SENSE OF TIME AND PLACE; MORE THAN THAT, HE WRITES WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE. HIS WORK HERE IS DESERVING OF ITS FIRST-PLACE STATUS.

2ND PLACE:

JULIE GRAY

"NEW BOOKS FROM IU PRESS"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

3RD PLACE:

ROB BURGESS

WABASH PLAIN DEALER

EDITORIAL WRITING (ALL PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

LILI WRIGHT

"BIG MESS ON CAMPUS"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GREAT FIELD OF ENGAGING AND DIVERSE TOPICS.

2ND PLACE:

MARK BENNETT

TRIBUNE-STAR

3RD PLACE:

MALCOLM ABRAMS

"WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

EDITORIAL CARTOON (ALL PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

TIM CAMPBELL

"EASY TO SPOT"

CURRENT PUBLISHING & WASHINGTON POST SYNDICATE

2ND PLACE:

TIM CAMPBELL

"MAJESTY/TRAVESTY"

CURRENT PUBLISHING & WASHINGTON POST SYNDICATE

3RD PLACE:

GARY VARVEL

"MAD ABOUT PETE"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

COLUMN WRITING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

SUZETTE HACKNEY

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: SUZETTE HACKNEY'S COLUMNS HAVE STUCK WITH ME AND HAVE GIVEN ME A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON HOW I SEE THE WORLD.

2ND PLACE:

MARY BETH SCHNEIDER

THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM

3RD PLACE:

JERRY DAVICH

"GARY NAMED THE 'MOST MISERABLE CITY IN AMERICAN"

POST-TRIBUNE

COLUMN WRITING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

IVY JACOBS

"JUST ASK ME"

THE BRAZIL TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: IVY JACOBS' COLUMNS MADE ME THINK ABOUT THE WORLD FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND MADE ME THINK. I ENJOYED THEM ENORMOUSLY.

2ND PLACE:

RICH JACKSON

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

3RD PLACE:

KELLY HAWES

CNHI NEWS INDIANA

SPORTS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, WIRE SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

JOEL A. ERICKSON, JIM AYELLO, MATTHEW VANTRYON, DANA BENBOW, GREGG DOYEL

"THE RETIREMENT OF COLTS QUARTERBACK ANDREW LUCK"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR'S TEAM COVERAGE OF ANDREW LUCK'S RETIREMENT WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW TO HANDLE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SPORTS STORIES OF THE YEAR. THE STAFF MADE SURE TO HAVE VARIOUS ANGLES COVERED AND TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEWS THE READERS WANTED TO KNOW, FROM THE COVERAGE OF LUCK'S STATEMENTS, TO HOW THE COACH HANDLED THE NEWS, HOW PEOPLE REACTED TO THE NEWS WITH A DEEPER DIVE INTO BOOMER AND MILLENIAL CULTURE WITH VOICES OF MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERTS. THERE WERE PLENTY OF ANECDOTES OF HOW OTHERS FELT, WHICH ADDED A MORE HUMAN ELEMENT TO THIS PACKAGE THAT OTHER READERS COULD RELATE TO. IT WAS VERY WELL DONE AND WELL WORTH THE AMOUNT OF REPORTING THAT OBVIOUSLY WENT INTO IT THE DAY THE NEWS BROKE AND IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING.

2ND PLACE:

KYLE NEDDENRIEP

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

DANA HUNSINGER BENBOW

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

SPORTS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

JON BLAU

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

2ND PLACE:

TODD GOLDEN

TRIBUNE-STAR

HEADLINE WRITING (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

JOSEPH S. PETE

"ERIN GO BUY: IRISH SHOPS KEEP REGION RESIDENTS CONNECTED TO THEIR HERITAGE"

TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE WINNING HEADLINES HAD NICE USE OF ALLITERATION AND TURN OF PHRASE. THE ERIN GO BUY HED WAS ESPECIALLY CLEVER.

2ND PLACE:

TOM SCHUMAN AND SYMONE SKRZYCKI

BIZVOICE

SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

GREGG DOYEL

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GREGG'S COLUMNS ARE A WELL-WRITTEN MIX OF TANTALIZING IMAGERY, PERSONALITY AND OPINION. HIS ENTRIES RANGED FROM RIPPING HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS FOR A POOR DECISION INVOLVING A SWIMMER ACCUSED OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO DESCRIBING THE SCENE OF ANDREW LUCK'S RETIREMENT PRESSER TO DESCRIBING HIS PERSONAL FEELINGS AFTER THE DEATH OF A PURDUE FAN WHOM HE HAD GROWN QUITE CLOSE WITH OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THE ENTRIES SHOWED GREGG'S TALENT WITH NOT ONLY WRITING BUT STORY TELLING AND THOUGHTFUL AND DESCRIPTIVE OPINION, WHICH ARE GREAT CHARACTERISTICS FOR A COLUMNIST.

2ND PLACE:

MIKE LOPRESTI

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

3RD PLACE:

DEAN HOCKNEY

SPORTS JOURNAL OF CENTRAL INDIANA

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

JOSEPH C. GARZA

"FUNERAL MOMENT FOR THE BAYHS"

TRIBUNE-STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE MAN IN THE BACKGROUND WHO WAS TRYING TO SMILE THROUGH HIS PAIN WAS VERY TELLING. THE MAIN SUBJECT SEEMED COMFORTED BY THE HUG. LOTS OF TELLING EMOTION. ALSO WELL LIT IN WHAT SEEMED LIKE DIM NATURAL LIGHTING.

2ND PLACE:

KEVIN BURKETT

"MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT"

PHAROS-TRIBUNE

3RD PLACE:

MYKAL MCELDOWNEY

"UNDERAGE SEX BUYER CAUGHT"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

MYKAL MCELDOWNEY

"WARM UP SILHOUETTE"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: SILHOUETTE WAS A VERY NICE FEATURE IMAGE. TAKING A BORING WARM UP IMAGE, AND TURNING IT INTO SOMETHING ARTISTIC. FINDING A DIFFERENT ANGLE. NICE IDEA.

2ND PLACE:

ROBERT SCHEER

"QB SACK ON LAST PLAY OF GAME"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

AUSTON MATRICARDI

"JEFF MERCER'S GATORADE SHOWER"

CRIMSON QUARRY

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

RICH JANZARUK

"EDGEWOOD BASEBALL AT STATE"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: PICKING ONE AND TWO WAS DIFFICULT. I REALLY FELT THE "AGONY OF DEFEAT" IN THE CATCHERS EXPRESSION AS THE OPPOSITION CELEBRATED BEHIND HIM. GOOD JOB OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER TO KEEP DOCUMENTING EVEN AS THINGS FELL APART. GOING WIDE FOR THE BACKETBALL IAMGE WAS A NICE VIEW THAT MATCHED A HEADLINE THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ABOUT A SPECIFIC GAME. HOWEVER, HAD THE PHOTOGRAPHER HAD GOTTEN A SHOT LIKE THAT DURING GAME ACTION, THAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT A FIRST PLACE IMAGE.

2ND PLACE:

RICH JANZARUK

"TRAYCE"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

3RD PLACE:

JOSEPH C. GARZA

"DIVING TRY"

TRIBUNE-STAR

FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY (ALL PUBLICATIONS)

1ST PLACE:

RICH JANZARUK

"HOOSIERS OUTRUN CANCER/BUBBLES"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FIRST PLACE BUBBLES PICTURE. BANG. THIS IS WHAT FEATURE PICTURES IS ALL ABOUT. COLORFUL, FUN, TEXTURAL. IT WAS A MOMENT. THE INSTANT I SAW THE IMAGE I SMILED AND KNEW IT WAS IN THE RUNNING.

2ND PLACE:

JOSEPH C. GARZA

"FAMILY MOMENTS FOR A QUEEN"

TRIBUNE-STAR

3RD PLACE:

BROOKE BIERHAUS, MULUGETA WORKYE, MBAREK OUHASA

BLOOM MAGAZINE

NEWSPAPER PAGE ONE DESIGN (ALL NEWSPAPERS)

1ST PLACE:

PATRICK CALDWELL

HERALD BULLETIN

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THERE WERE MANY GOOD ENTRIES HERE, BUT THE WINNER'S DESIGNS WERE CLEAN AND IMAGINATIVE WITHOUT BEING CLUTTERED OR TOO BUSY.

2ND PLACE:

KEVIN BURKETT

PHAROS-TRIBUNE

3RD PLACE:

IBJ STAFF

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

MAGAZINE COVER DESIGN (ALL MAGAZINES OR PERIODICALS)

1ST PLACE:

EMILEE STITES, STEPHANIE REEVES, AND RODNEY MARGISON

BLOOM MAGAZINE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: COMPELLING PHOTOS AND CLEVER HEADLINES MAKE THE BLOOM COVERS A WINNER. THE COVERS ARE REFRESHINGLY NOT CLUTTERED WITH REEFERS AND THE DESIGN IS BACKED BY NEATNESS AND SOPHISTICATION. AND EACH ONE OF THEM MADE ME WANT TO READ THE COVER STORY.

2ND PLACE:

BRAD TURNER

"FOREFRONT PERIODICAL 1"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

3RD PLACE:

JOHN BRAGG AND ERICA SORRENTINO

"GREAT HEIGHTS"

SUPER LAWYERS MAGAZINE

DESIGN OTHER THAN COVER (ALL PRINT MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

AUDREY PELSOR

"ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TIMELINE"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: HERE'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHY A PAGE DOESN'T ALWAYS NEED A DOMINANT PHOTO TO BE EFFECTIVE -- THE ILLUSTRATIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGES DO THE TRICK. PACKED WITH INFORMATION, THEY EXPLAIN THE AI TIMELINE IN A FUN AND SMART WAY, AND A PLEASING RHYTHM IS MAINTAINED FROM PAGE TO PAGE. THE OVERALL DESIGN IS QUIET AND CLEAN. GOOD ATTENTION ALSO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE PLACEMENT OF REEFERS AND HEAD SHOTS. NICELY DONE.

2ND PLACE:

EMILEE STITES

"BLOOMINGTON'S BLACK LEADERS OF TOMORROW"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

3RD PLACE:

TODD URBAN

"THE LAST LAUGH"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

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CURT MERLO

"CROSSHAIRS OF AMERICA"

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

2ND PLACE:

STEPHEN J. BEARD

"HOW DO EVERYDAY POLLUTANTS END UP IN THE WHITE RIVER?"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

JILL DOYLE

"LOST IN BANKING ABYSS"

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

JOE LEE

"EVA KOR PACKAGE"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: I'M SO IMPRESSED THAT A NEWSPAPER WOULD DEVOTE THIS KIND OF SPACE TO SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. THE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE MOVING AND STRIKING, FLESHING OUT AN ALREADY GREAT STORY.

2ND PLACE:

KEVIN BURKETT

"75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY INVASION"

PHAROS-TRIBUNE

3RD PLACE:

BRAD TURNER

"COMPANY COUNSELORS"

INDIANA LAWYER

MULTIPLE PICTURE GROUP (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 30,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)

1ST PLACE:

MYKAL MCELDOWNEY

"MOBSTER IN OUR MIDST"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE MOBSTER STORY WAS INCREDIBLE. NOT ONLY THE ABILITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH A SUBJECT, BUT I THOUGHT THERE WERE SEVERAL REALLY CREATIVE AND TELLING IMAGES. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PUT THIS ABOVE THE WELL SHOT EMOTIONALISM OF THE JEREMIAH STORY, BUT THE IMAGES WERE THOUGHTFUL, VARIED AND CREATIVE. I REALLY FELT LIKE I KNEW THIS GUY ONCE I WAS FINISHED LOOKING AT THE PICTURES.

2ND PLACE:

KELLY WILKINSON

"JEREMIAH'S NEW REALITY"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

3RD PLACE:

MYKAL MCELDOWNEY

"SMALL-TOWN FOOTBALL TEAM WITH FEW PLAYERS BUT A LOT OF HEART PREVAILS TO FINISH SEASON"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

MULTIPLE PICTURE GROUP (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

RICH JANZARUK

"BIRDS"

BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: I GOT A FEELING FOR WHAT WENT ON DURING THE DAILY ROUTINE OF THE BIRD KEEPER. IN ADDITION TO GETTING SOME INTERESTING IMAGES OF THE BIRDS.

2ND PLACE:

RODNEY MARGISON

"A FREE NEW ROOF FOR ARMY VETERAN"

BLOOM MAGAZINE

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE

BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE

1ST PLACE:

IBJ STAFF

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: PROFESSIONALLY PRESENTED NEWS, GOOD USE OF NAVIGATION BAR, NICE USE OF WHITE SPACE GOING DOWN THE PAGE AND AN ELEGANT FOOTER.

2ND PLACE:

STAFF OF THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM

THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM

3RD PLACE:

WANE 15 STAFF

"WANE.COM"

WANE

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE

BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA

1ST PLACE:

JOSEPH S. PETE, LAURA LANE, DAN RIORDAN, AND STEPHANIE STREMPLEWSKI

"THAT'S SO REGION PODCAST"

THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS PODCAST WAS TIGHTER THAN ITS RIVALS AND COVERED A VARIETY OF INTERESTING TOPICS.

2ND PLACE:

PAYTON KNOBELOCH, PRODUCER AND EDITOR ROSS CROOKS, VIDEOGRAPHER

"THE INBOX: THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE: MEET HEADSTONE RESTORATIONIST CASEY WINNINGHAM"

WTIU/WFIU

PROFESSIONAL: **BOOKS**

NON-FICTION BOOK

1ST PLACE:

TOM LOBIANCO

"PIETY & POWER: MIKE PENCE AND THE TAKING OF THE WHITE HOUSE"

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS IS A FASCINATING PORTRAIT OF AN ENIGMATIC FIGURE. THE AUTHOR LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED AND OFFERED ALL WE CAN KNOW ABOUT OUR VICE PRESIDENT. I COULDN'T PUT IT DOWN.

2ND PLACE:

NANCY L. KRIPLEN

"J. IRWIN MILLER: THE SHAPING OF AN AMERICAN TOWN"

3RD PLACE:

ROBERT BLAEMIRE

"BIRCH BAYH: MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

BEST NEWSCAST (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

CBS4 STAFF

"TORNADO DAMAGE ACROSS INDIANA"

WTTV

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: WELL-DONE NEWSCAST AFTER OVERNIGHT SCRAMBLE TO COVER TORNADO AFTERMATH. EXPANSIVE AND EMPATHETIC REPORTING. ANCHOR IS AUTHORITATIVELY HANDLING THE BREAKING NEWS!

2ND PLACE:

CBS4 STAFF

"TORNADO DESTRUCTION & PREPARING FOR ROUND TWO"

WTTV

3RD PLACE:

FOX59 STAFF

"RAINS, FLOODING, AND FALLEN TREES"

WXIN

BEST NEWSCAST (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

PAULA HINTON, KAITLYN KENDALL, BRIEN MCELHATTEN, JOSEPHY NOEL

"ABC21 NEWS AT NOON"

WPTA TV / ABC21

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: WELL-PRODUCED AND WELL-PRESENTED WALL TO WALL COVERAGE. BY KEEPING THE FOCUS ON THE CONTEXT, AUDIENCE LEARNED HOW IT COULD BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

2ND PLACE:

WANE 15 STAFF

"THE OPENING OF PROMENADE PARK"

WANE

3RD PLACE:

WSBT

"RECORD COLD WEATHER COVERAGE"

WSBT

BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

RAFAEL SANCHEZ, ELDON WHEELER, ALYSSA DONOVAN, JONATHON CHRISTIANS

"TORNADO STRIKES PENDLETON"

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: BREAKING NEWS HANDLED IN A CALM AND PRECISE MANNER. ENJOYED WATCHING.

2ND PLACE:

FRANK R. YOUNG III

"BREAKING NEWS IN CENTRAL INDIANA"

WTHR

3RD PLACE:

ALLEN CARL

"CAR FALLS OFF DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE"

WISH-TV

BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

14 NEWS TEAM

"SAVING LEO"

WFIE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: NO HYPE ON THE RESCUE OF A CHILD. THOUGH THE VIDEO BREAKS AT TIMES, THE REPORTER KEEPS VIEWERS KEYED INTO WHAT'S TAKING PLACE.

2ND PLACE:

DON SCHOENFELD

"RESCUE"

WNDU-TV

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

SANDRA CHAPMAN, BILL DITTON, FRANK YOUNG AND SUSAN BATT

"WHO'S KEEPING WATCH"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A WELL TOLD STORY HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED FOR OVERSIGHT TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY.

2ND PLACE:

ANGELA BRAUER AND ANTHONY MOBLEY

"SUICIDE HOTLINE ON HOLD"

WTTV

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

ANGELICA ROBINSON

"15 FINDS OUT: VACCINATION SAFETY"

WANE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A BALANCED STORY ON A TOPIC THAT HAS DIVIDED COMMUNITIES AND EVEN FAMILIES.

2ND PLACE:

ALYSSA IVANSON, ROSS KINSEY

"APRIL TINSLEY: DETECTIVES TELL ALL"

WANE

3RD PLACE:

ARIA JANEL LIPSCOMB

"STOP ARM VIOLATORS"

WFIE

SPORTS REPORTING (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

WTHR NEWS TEAM

"CHALLENGE ACCEPTED"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: SUCH A GREAT STORY OF STRENGTH TOLD IN A HUMOROUS MANNER. YOU'RE PULLED INTO THE STORY AND TAKEN ALONG FOR AN UPLIFTING TIME.

2ND PLACE

CHARLIE CLIFFORD

"CHARLIE CLIFFORD SPORTS"

WISH-TV

3RD PLACE

RICH NYE

"PLAYING WITH A PURPOSE"

WTHR

SPORTS REPORTING (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

ZACH GROTH, DANIEL BEALS

"COACH D"

WPTA TV - ABC21

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GREAT STORY TELLING ON A SPORTS SUBJECT THAT'S MORE THAN SPORTS. BRINGS THE VIEWER IN FROM START TO FINISH.

2ND PLACE

ADAM PINSKER

"RUNNER CHASING HISTORY IN 43RD INDY MINI-MARATHON"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

TYLER LAKE

"GYROCOPTERS FLOCK TO NORTHERN INDIANA FOR FLY-IN"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

FEATURE STORY (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

WTHR NEWS TEAM

"WTHR STORYTELLERS"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: WITH LOCAL TV STATIONS QUICK TO DITCH FEATURES, IT'S WELCOME TO SEE WTHR CONTINUE TO INVEST IN FEATURE STORIES THAT COVER A DIVERSE BREADTH OF HUMAN INTEREST TOPICS. THE PIECES WERE WELL-PRODUCED, INFORMATIVE AND HELD VIEWER ATTENTION AS THE REPORTER KEPT THE FOCUS ON HER SUBJECTS.

2ND PLACE

BEAIRSHELLE EDME AND JAMIE SUITER

"THE MVP"

WXIN

3RD PLACE

MIKE SULLIVAN

"ANYONE CAN BE A SUPERHERO"

WXIN

FEATURE STORY (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

ALYSSA IVANSON, ROSS KINSEY

"VIETNAM VETERANS DISCOVER COMMON BOND"

WANE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A STORY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, BROTHERHOOD BEYOND BLOOD AND MEMORIES TOLD IN A TOUCHING MANNER.

2ND PLACE

TREVOR PETERS, RYAN DELANEY

"AARON LAI HIKES FOR TYLER TRENT"

WLFI NEWS 18

3RD PLACE

SADDAM AL-ZUBAIDI

"JOURNEY INDIANA: KEN BUCKLEW: BEYOND TALENT"

WTIU

DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

BOB SEGALL, 13 INVESTIGATES TEAM

"GASPING FOR CARE"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE CATEGORY, THE FIRST PLACE ENTRY STOOD OUT FOR ITS THOUGHTFUL TREATMENT OF A CRITICAL ISSUE. WELL-WRITTEN AND RESEARCHED, WITH UNFORGETTABLE VISUALS AND INTERVIEWS, THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL PIECE OF WORK.

2ND PLACE

GARY HARRISON

"THANK YOU FOR THE CHALLENGE: THE 10TH QUADRENNIAL INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION OF INDIANAPOLIS"

WFYI

3RD PLACE

JOHN KRULL, ARIC HARTVIG, JOEL CRAMER, ERICA IRISH, AND EMILY KETTERER

"THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE REVISITED - SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE AT 50"

WFYI

DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

RON PRICKEL

"HORSEPOWER: INDIANA'S EQUINE INDUSTRY"

WTIU

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: AMONG SEVERAL VERY STRONG CONTENDERS, THE WINNING ENTRY TRANSFORMED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN LIGHT FEATURE MATERIAL INTO A VISUALLY STUNNING, CONTENT-RICH DOCUMENTARY. CARE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND NUANCE IS EVIDENT.

2ND PLACE

BOB MASSIE AND ROB ANDERSON

"BOB HAMMEL & BLOOMINGTON: A 50 YEAR LOVE AFFAIR"

WTIU

3RD PLACE

TOM POWELL

"THEY'RE DYING AND NOBODY CARES"

WPTA TV

CONTINUING COVERAGE (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

TRVOR PETERS AND RYAN DELANEY

"APOLLO MOON LANDING ANNIVERSARY"

WLFI NEWS 18

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: EXCELLENT USE OF COLD OPEN. INVENTIVE EDITING TO INTERWEAVE PRESENT AND ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE. BROUGHT CONTEXT INTO A HISTORICAL EVENT AND ITS LOCAL CONNECTION. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

2ND PLACE

WSBT STAFF

"SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADO"

WSBT

3RD PLACE

MICAH UPSHAW AND ANNA DARLING

"PAUL ETTER ON THE RUN"

WLFI NEWS 18

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

JENNIE RUNEVITCH, MATT WHISNER, SCOTT ALLEN, JOHN DUONG

"BRYCE'S BATTLE"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS REPORT BROUGHT EMOTIONAL IMPACT WITHOUT DISTORTING THE FACTS OR MISLEADING VIEWERS. IT DID A STRAIGHTFORWARD JOB OF PRESENTING THE PROBLEM AND OFFERING A SOLUTION.

2ND PLACE

TRICIA SLOMA, WNDU STAFF

"NEVER AGAIN: PREVENTING BUS STOP TRAGEDIES"

WNDU-TV

3RD PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS STAFF

"WHAT'S THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON DOING TO ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

SCOTT SWAN, STEVE RHODES

"CATFISH BAIT... AGAIN"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: STRONG ENTRIES WHICH MADE IT HARD TO CHOOSE BUT CATFISH BAIT IS TOPS. WHAT AN INTERESTING WELL TOLD STORY. THE ANCHOR/REPORTER EVEN THOUGH WAS PART OF THE STORY STUCK TO THE FACTS. SALUTE!

2ND PLACE

TYLER LAKE

"MILLIONS OF AMERICANS COULD LOSE THEIR CARS AS DELINQUENCY RATES RISE"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL, JASON STRONG

"MISSING MAKEUP ARTIST, VOMIT FRAUD AND FAULTY FRIDGES"

WRTV

EDUCATION COVERAGE (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

WFIU/WTIU NEWS STAFF

"SHOULD INDIANA CHANGE THE BAR EXAM TO ADDRESS LOW PASSING RATES?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FIRST, INDIANA TV STATIONS SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR THEIR FOCUS ON COVERING EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/TOPICS ON A REGULAR BASIS. NOT MANY MEDIA MARKETS EVEN FOCUS ON EDUCATION AS "A BEAT." THE DIVERSITY OF TOPICS IN THIS CATEGORY GAVE THE JUDGES MUCH TO REVIEW. HOWEVER, THE ENTERPRISING NATURE OF THE WINNING ENTRY ENCOMPASSED ALL OF THE QUALITIES EMBODIED IN SPJ AND THE INDIANA PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER--ESPECIALLY, CLARITY, STYLE AND A BALANCED REPORT THAT SHOULD MAKE ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WONDER WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING THEM IN THE COURTROOM. CONGRATULATIONS TO WTIU INDIANA PUBLIC TELEVISION. THIS IS THE KIND OF REPORTING THAT PUBLIC MEDIA DOES BEST.

2ND PLACE

TOLLY TAYLOR AND DEMARCO BROWN

"OPERATION EDUCATION SCHOOL NURSES"

WSBT

3RD PLACE

STAFF

"WRTV-RED FOR ED"

WRTV

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

WTHR NEWS TEAM

"INVESTIGATING COLD CASES"

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GREAT STORYTELLING AND USE OF VIDEO. KEPT THIS JUDGE ATTENTION THROUGHOUT.

2ND PLACE

JESSE WELLS, DAVE NOVAK

"IS HOME SURVEILLANCE SAFE?"

WXIN

3RD PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"SHOULD POLICE BE ABLE TO FLY DRONES WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT MORE OFTEN?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL, JASON STRONG

"ILLEGAL DAY CARE LADY"

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: INDIANA TV STATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLIMENTED ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE DETAILED AND REGULAR COVERAGE TO ISSUES THAT IMPACT YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT JUST DURING SWEEPS PERIODS, BUT ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THIS WINNING ENTRY USED A VARIETY OF FOOTAGE AND IMAGES TO HELP TELL THE STORY--SOLID USE OF GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION--TO COMPLEMENT A STORY THAT WAS WELL-WRITTEN, DETAILED AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING, ADDRESSING THE QUESTION "HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN HERE?"

2ND PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"HOOSIER ADOPTEES REQUESTING BIRTH RECORDS WAITING LONGER THAN EXPECTED"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

WTHR TEAM

"PROTECTING OUR KIDS"

WTHR

COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL, PAUL CHIODO

"DISCIPLINE DISPARITY"

WRTV

2ND PLACE

STEPHANIE ZEPELIN

"RACE AND TICKETS"

WISH-TV

3RD PLACE

BEAIRSSHELLE EDME, PATRICK LYNCH

"EAZ171: CURING NEUROPATHY IN BLACK WOMEN"

WXIN

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

BEAIRSHELLE EDME, PATRICK LYNCH

"ORGAN DONATION IN AN OPIOID CRISIS"

WXIN

2ND PLACE

KARA KENNEY, STEPHANIE WADE, PAUL CHIODO AND BRAD FORESTAL

"MATERNITY DESERTS AND UNVACCINATED STUDENTS"

WRTV

3RD PLACE

KAITOR KAY, RANDI ORR

"DISTURBING DISCOVERY"

WANE

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)

1ST PLACE:

BOB ZALTSBERG

"BLOOMINGTON'S PCB HISTORY: OFFICIALS CONFIDENT IN CLEANUP BUT HESITANT TO ISSUE 'ALL CLEAR'"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A LOOK ON HOW THE PAST CAN AFFECT THE FUTURE. CLEAR AND DIRECT REPORTING.

2ND PLACE

BROCK TURNER

"MEAT IN THE MIDDLE: RANCHERS, CLIMATE EXPERTS SEE GROWTH OF PLANT-BASED ALTERNATIVES

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

ADAM PINCKER AND BROCK TURNER

"BEEKEEPERS, RESEARCHERS AND STATE LAWMAKERS AGREE: WE NEED THE BEES"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

GENERAL NEWS OR SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE:

RANDI ORR

WANE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A LOOK BACK AT HISTORY TOLD WITH CARE AND GREAT USE OF HISTORICAL PHOTOS. NO HYPE BUT FACTS PROVIDING INSIGHT TO A HORRIBLE TIME.

2ND PLACE

KATLIN CONNIN AND JOE EUFEMI

"VAPING DANGERS"

WSBT

3RD PLACE

KATLIN CONNIN AND IAN SINDELL

"CROSSING CONCERNS"

WSBT

FEATURES NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

JOSH BLANKENSHIP

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FIRST PLACE SHOWED A LOT OF HARD WORK AND CREATIVITY IN SHOOTING SUBJECTS AND PLACES THAT WERE, AT TIMES, SOMEWHAT LIMITED. GOOD USE OF SEQUENCING. SEVERAL NICE MOMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST STORY. WE FELT AN EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE PEOPLE IN EACH PIECE, AND THIS WAS CONVEYED VISUALLY.

2ND PLACE

FRANK R. YOUNG III

WTHR

3RD PLACE

DAVE NOVAK

"NATURE NAT PACKAGES"

WXIN

FEATURES NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)

1ST PLACE:

SADDAM AL-ZUBAIDI

"JOURNEY INDIANA: COMPOSITE VIDEOGRAPHY"

WTIU

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FIRST PLACE DISPLAYED TECHNICAL MASTERY AND A WONDERFUL SENSE OF LIGHT AND COMPOSITION. SEVERAL OF THE SHOTS WERE WORTH LINGERING OVER FOR SEVERAL SECONDS. BEAUTIFUL DETAIL SHOTS. WE WERE WEIRDED OUT BY THE GUY EATING THE BIRD. WE THOUGHT THE SEQUENCING OF THE MAKING OF THE SKATEBOARDS WAS EXCELLENT. SPECIAL EFFECTS IN THE SECOND PIECE WERE A BIT DISTRACTING AND UNNECESSARY. OVERALL, VERY WELL DONE.

2ND PLACE

DANIEL BEALS

WPTA TV / ABC 21

RADIO BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

1ST PLACE:

MICHAEL PUENTE

"RICHARD HATCHER, FIRST BLACK MAYOR OF GARY, DIES AT 86"

WBEZ

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THOUGHTFUL, DEEP DIVE INTO THE DEATH OF AN ICONIC FIGURE.

2ND PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"WHITE SUPREMACY AT THE FARMERS' MARKET"

WFIUT/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

SARA WITTMEYER

 $\hbox{``FORMER U.S. SEN. RICHARD LUGAR, FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT, DIES''}$

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

RADIO BEST NEWSCAST

1ST PLACE:

SARA WITTMEYER

"JUNE 6, 2019 MORNING NEWSCAST"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ARTICULATE DELIVERY OF INFORMATIVE, INTERESTING STORIES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO A RANGE OF LISTENERS. CLEARLY PROVIDING A COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH THE STATION'S NEWSCASTS.

RADIO SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

BROCK TURNER

"INDY 500 MILK TRADITION: WHAT'S INSIDE THAT GLASS BOTTLE?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: FUN EXAMINATION, WITH LOTS OF VOICES, OF A FAMOUS AND UNUSUAL TRADITION!

2ND PLACE

JENNIFER WEINGART

"FULL OF NOSTALGIA BUT LOOKING AHEAD: FINAL MANGY LION GAME BRINGS OUT ELKHARD"

WVPE PUBLIC RADIO

RADIO IN-DEPTH REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

DREW DAUDELIN

"LIFE INSIDE PENN PLACE, THE STRUGGLING APARTMENT BUILDING DESSIGNED TO END HOMELESSNESS"

WFYI

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS ENTRY GIVES THE LISTENER A FIRST-HAND EMOTIONAL VIEW INSIDE THE PROBLEM THAT FOLLOWS UP WITH SOLID REPORTING ON THE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS.

2ND PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"WHAT IS BLOOMINGTON DOING TO ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

3RD PLACE

JAKE HARPER

"ADDICTION CLINICS MARKET UNPROVEN INFUSION TREATMENTS TO DESPERATE PATIENTS"

WFYI

RADIO FEATURE STORY

1ST PLACE:

JUSTIN HICKS

"HOW TWO GUNSHOTS SPARKED OUTRAGE IN SOUTH BEND"

INDIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS STORY PROVIDES THE CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND OF A MAJOR POLICE SHOOTING IN THE SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY — AN INCIDENT THAT IMPACTED THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE.

2ND PLACE

JILL SHERIDAN

"CHOIR FOR DEMENTIA PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS PROVIDES HARMONY"

INDIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING

3RD PLACE

JEANIE LINDSAY

"RED FOR ED: HOW TEACHER ACTION UNFOLDED AT THE STATEHOUSE AND WHAT COMES NEXT"

INDIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING

RADIO DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL

1ST PLACE:

CHRIS DAVIS

"FROM PURDUE TO THE MOON"

WIBC

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: RICH IN SOUND AND HISTORY; VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATES THE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN PURDUE AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL--239-THOUSAND MILES AWAY."

2ND PLACE:

JOHN KRULL, JILL SHERIDAN

"REMEMBERING INDIANA SENATOR BIRCH BAYH"

WFYI

3RD PLACE:

CLARENCE BOONE

"BRING IT ON"

WFHB COMMUNITY RADIO

RADIO CONTINUING COVERAGE

1ST PLACE:

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"BLOOMINGTON CONSIDERS UPDATES TO CODE THAT COULD ALLOW MORE DOWNTOWN HOUSING"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE WINNING ENTRY NOT ONLY FOLLOWED THE CONTINUING NEWS BUT ALSO ANSWERED LISTENERS QUESTIONS TO GET DEEPER INTO THE ISSUE.

2ND PLACE

JENNIFER WEINGART

"FOLLOWING MAYOR PETE"

WVPE PUBLIC RADIO

3RD PLACE

CARTER BARRETT

"VAPING-RELATED ILLNESSES CLAIMED LIVES AND CAPTURED PUBLIC ATTENTION"

WFYI

RADIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1ST PLACE:

KEVIN STARK, ALEDANDRA SALOMON, KATHERINE NAGASAWA, JESSE DUKES

"HOOW DO YOU FIND OUT IF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD POLLUTION?"

WBEZ / CHICAGO PUBLIC MEDIA

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: A GREAT WAY TO TACKLE AN IMPORTANT BUT OVERLOOKED ISSUE BY INCORPORATING A LISTENER TO TELL THE STORY.

2ND PLACE

ZACH BERNARD

"HISTORIES AT ODDS DURING FIRSST ANTHONY WAYNE DAY CELEBRATION"

WBOI

3RD PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"WHITE SUPREMACY AT THE FARMER'S MARKET"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

CAROLINE ANDERS

"BARGE RESIGNS AS MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONER AMID HARASSMENT ACCUSATIONS"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: BOTH ENTRIES WERE GOOD EXAMPLES OF BREAKING NEWS WRITING, NOT JUST AT THE STUDENT LEVEL. THE WINNER WAS ESPECIALLY WELL-WRITTEN WITH FIRST-HAND QUOTES AND SOURCING.

2ND PLACE:

JAYDEN KENNETT

"JEWISH-ISRAELI STUDENTS FIND SWASTIKA IN RESIDENCE HALL"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

NON-DEADLINE NEWS

1ST PLACE:

LILLY ST. ANGELO

"WE DIDN'T LOSE, BUT WE DIDN'T GAIN ANYTHING"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENT: REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND THE REPORTING IN THE WINNING ENTRY. YOU CAN TELL THE JOURNALIST SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH THE STRIKE WORKERS AND DEVELOPED A RAPPORT. IT COMES ACROSS IN THE WRITING AND IN THE PERSPECTIVE PROVIDED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TEMPTING AS A WRITER TO TRY AND MAKE THIS PIECE OVERLY DRAMATIC. INSTEAD, THE PIECE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF PORTRAYING THE WAY THE STRIKE AFFECTED THE DAY TO DAY LIVES OF THE WORKERS. JUST GREAT LITTLE TOUCHES ALL OVER. WELL DONE.

2ND PLACE

SARAH VERSCHOOR

"RECONSIDERING HISTORY"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

3RD PLACE

NATASHA LELAND

"RISING WITH THE TEMPERATURESS: GEN Z"

BALL BEARINGS

FEATURE STORY

1ST PLACE:

KAITLIN EDQUIST

"THE ARTIST'S MEMORIES"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE ARTIST'S MEMORIES WAS SELECTED OVER SOME TOUGH COMPETITION. IT WAS A BEAUTIFULLY WOVEN PIECE, ENTWINING MANY THREADS INTO A TOUCHING HUMAN INTEREST PIECE.

2ND PLACE

MEL FRONCZEK

"THE TOLL IT TOOK"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

3RD PLACE

SAM NOWER

"THE Z IS SILENT"

BALL BEARINGSS

SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

PHILIP STEINMETZ

"MATT COOPER ALMOST DIDN'T LIVE TO RACE IN THE LITTLE 500"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

2ND PLACE

ZACH PIATT

"FROM ONE GENERATION TO NEXT, INDY 500 REMAINS PART OF MARKLE FAMILY"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

3RD PLACE

ABBY LAND, JAYDEN KENNETT, EMILY DEL CAMPO

"SPORTS REPORTING"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

EDITORIAL WRITING

1ST PLACE:

ALLY NICKERSON

"GENTRIFICATION HURTS LOW-INCOME HOOSIERS, BUT IT DOESN' THAVE TO"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE WINNING EDITORIAL EXPLAINS AND LOCALIZES THE PARADOX OF GENTRIFICATION AND OFFERS A SUGGESTION FOR ADDRESSING ITS DOWNSIDE.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

1ST PLACE:

MADELYN POWERS

"TRUMP AND THE GIANT IMPEACH"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

2ND PLACE:

KENDRA WILSON

"LEGALIZE MARIJUANA"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

COLUMN WRITING

1ST PLACE:

ELENA STIDHAM

"LOUD AND CLEAR: NEVER FORGET MY IRAQI FAMILY"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE COLUMN ON 9/11 IN THIS ENTRY WAS ESPECIALLY MOVING, AND THE WRITER SHOWED GREAT COURAGE IN WRITING IT. STIDHAM'S COLUMNS WERE WELL-WRITTEN AND ILLUMINATING. HANSHAW'S ENTRY DIDN'T PLACE BECAUSE IT DIDN'T READ LIKE A COLUMN. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE OPINION IN IT.

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE:

JACOB MUSSELMAN

"VIGIL AT BENEFICENCE"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE PHOTOGRAPHER CAPTURED AN IMPACTFUL MOMENT.

2ND PLACE

KIARA CONLEY AND TONY REEVES

"YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE"

THE REFELCTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE:

COLIN KULPA

"IU BEATS BUTLER"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THIS PHOTOGRAPHER KNOWS HOW TO GET THE SHOT AT THE PERFECT MOMENT.

2ND PLACE

JACOB MUSSELMAN

"OUT THE MUD"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

3RD PLACE

ALEX DERYN

"IU BEATS PURDUE"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE:

SAM HOUSE

"LOTUS DANCE"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE PHOTOGRAPHER DRAWS YOU IN, CAPTURING THE JOY OF HIS SUBJECT.

2ND PLACE

SHANNON MCCLOSKEY

"FINDING ROOTS IN POTTERY"

BALL BEARINGS

3RD PLACE

REBECCA SLEZAK

"BID DAY 2019"

BALL STATE DAILY STUDENT

PAGE ONE OR COVER DESIGN

1ST PLACE:

EMILY WRIGHT

"PROGRAM NOT FOUND"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

2ND PLACE

EMILY WRIGHT, SHANNON MCCLOSKEY

"FALL 2019"

BALL BEARINGS

3RD PLACE

ZOE BERG AND NOAH CRENSHAW

"FRONT PAGE DESIGN"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

BEST DESIGN OTHER THAN PAGE ONE OR COVER

1ST PLACE:

EMILY WRIGHT

"THE TRUTH ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE"

BALL BEARINGS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: ALL ENTRANTS HAD GOOD WORK TO SHARE. THE WINNING PAGE FEATURED SOLID CREATIVE DESIGN WITH A GOOD BALANCE OF ART AND COPY.

2ND PLACE

ZOE BERG

"FEBRUARY AND APRIL ISSUES"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

3RD PLACE

ANNIE AGULAR

"INDIANA DAILY STUDENT"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATION

1ST PLACE:

ELLIOTT DEROSE

"A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PREPPING"

BALL BEARINGS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: THE GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS COMBINED WITH A SOPHISTICATED LIMITED COLOR PALETTE MAKES THIS A WINNING LAYOUT.

2ND PLACE

ERIC PRICHETT, EMILY WRIGHT

"MONEY BRAIN"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

3RD PLACE

ETHAN GERLING

"SUE WILLEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT"

THE REFLECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

CAROLINE ANDERS

"SHE SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: "SHE SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER" IS AN EXCELLENT STORY ABOUT HOW A PUBLIC OFFICIAL ABUSED HER POSITION. THE REPORTER ON THIS STORY DID A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK TO SHOW READERS HOW THIS RELATIONSHIP BEGAN, WENT AWRY AND ULTIMATELY FORCED HER TO WITHDRAW FROM HER POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. THIS IS FIRST-RATE WORK.

2ND PLACE

LYDIA GERIKE

"OPEN SECRET"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

3RD PLACE

MARY EBER

"GARFIELD'S MOVING; BUT MUNCIE REMAINS HOME"

BALL STATE DAILY NEWS

BEST NEWSCA	ST		
1ST PLACE:			
NEWSLINK INDIA	NA STAFF		
"NEWSLINK INDIA	NA ELECTION SH	OW"	
BALL STATE UNI\	/ERSITY		

STUDENT: TELEVISION

NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

MARY CALTRIDER

"STUDENTS REACT TO RECENT SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE"

PURDUE UNIVERSITY FASTTRACK

2ND PLACE

MARY KATE HAMILTON

"SOME HOOSIERS CARRY PERMANENT REMINDER OF 'OPERATION TAY-TYPE"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

STUDENT: **TELEVISION**

SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

JACK KIZER, ALEX THOMAS

"BASKETBALL GODS: THE JOSH THOMPSON STORY"

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT: TELEVISION

FEATURES REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

MARY CALTRIDER

"PURDUE UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES ROBOT DELIVERY"

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

2ND PLACE

ANDREW FREY

"IU CANNON CREW"

IU NEWSNET

3RD PLACE

MARY KATE HAMILTON

"NEW SERVICE USES SMART SPEAKERS TO READ NEWS TO VISUALLY-IMPAIRED"

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

VIDEOGRAPHY			
1ST PLACE:			
ZACH ROY			
BALL STATE UNIVERSIT	Υ		

BEST NEWSCAST

1ST PLACE:

SHAYLA CABALAN "WICR RADIO NEWS"

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

2ND PLACE:

TAYLOR WOODS

"WICR RADIO NEWSCAST"

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

WGRE NEWS STAFF

"DEPAUW'S GOLD COMMITMENT"

WGRE

2ND PLACE:

CHRISTINE HATFIELD

INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO

3RD PLACE:

BEN CARTER

"FORMER USI PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY"

95.7 THE SPIN / UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

NATHANIEL BARBEE

"USI WOMEN'S GOLF"

95.7 THE SPIN / UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

2ND PLACE

EDDIE GARRISON

"INDIANAPOLIS 500 UPDATE"

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

3RD PLACE

MICHAEL RUST

"KOBE BRYANT TRIBUTE"

95.7 THE SPIN / UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

FEATURES REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

ABBY PERREY

"CORNERSTONE OFFERS UNIQUE WAY TO STAY IN SHAPE"

INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO

2ND PLACE:

CHRISTIAN RIGG

"DECEMBER 12 SPORTSCAST"

95.7 THE SPIN / UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

3RD PLACE:

CARLY ROSENBERGER

"THEATRE PREVIEW: THESE SHINING LIVES"

WBAA PUBLIC RADIO

STUDENT: **ONLINE**

BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE

1ST PLACE:

STAFF

"IDSNEWS.COM"

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: GOOD USE OF MULTIMEDIA CONTENT ALONG WITH NICELY WRITTEN STORIES.

STUDENT: ONLINE

BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA

1ST PLACE:

MAYA MONTAGUE

"DEFINING LOVE"

BALL BEARINGS

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: DEFINING LOVE REPRESENTS A CREATIVE APPROACH TO TEASING A FUTURE EDITION OF A NON-DAILY PUBLICATION. IT WAS TIMELY, HELD MY INTEREST, AND SHOWCASED A DIVERSE GROUP OF BALL STATE COMMUNITY VOICES AND VIEWS. IT MADE A CLEAR CONNECTION TO THE UPCOMING PUBLICATION'S SUBJECT MATTER, AND IT MADE ME WANT TO READ MORE OF THEIR STORIES. A COMMUNITY NEWS PUBLICATION SHOULD REFLECT AND CHALLENGE THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES, AND DEFINING LOVE ACCOMPLISHES BOTH OF THOSE TASKS.

2ND PLACE

STAFF

"IDSNEWS.COM"

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