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GOVERNMENT  
Selling Cleveland to the richest of the big-money investors

The city is hoping its Opportunity Zones can be a 'vehicle' to a group it usually doesn't attract

BY KATHLEEN FALCON  
The city of Cleveland has issued an average of 10 billion in building permits since 2010, according to the city's Department of Economic Development, at least 10% in residential construction. The city is one of that development's beneficiaries.

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**Eye on Ohio**

To be consumed like a fine wine. Well done from the first headline to the last line of the piece. Well researched, reported and written. In fact, you could almost "feel" the neighborhoods as the sources walk through them. This storytelling was compelling. Perfect graphics. For me, this was aspirational work. Though the topic was regional, this work could thrive in any U.S. market. In a word, or two, polished excellence.

**Second Place**

Cost of Business Incentives

**Kim Palmer, Jay Miller**

Crain's Cleveland Business

From a "thinking" perspective, I think this article would be of value to development professionals across the nation. It hints at needed metrics to judge the overall value of such tax incentives and their lasting impact on cities. Extremely well researched and written. It accomplishes the goal of bringing the target reader to a larger, more informed perspective of tax incentive impacts.

**Third Place**

Beachwood mayor forgiven unanimously by council

**Jane Kaufman**

Cleveland Jewish News

I thought this was an interesting, educational and well written political story. Moreover, this story seamlessly takes a reader from the tense opening discussion all the way through to the final release of tension as they voted to "forgive" the mayor. The storytelling was succinct, yet the facts and quote were sufficient and smartly selected to give the reader a sense of being there. I thought it was artfully done.

**DATA JOURNALISM****First Place**

Investigation: Blacks, black neighborhoods most likely to be traffic stop targets in Ohio's 3 biggest cities

**Lucia Walinchus, Max Londberg, Michael Nyerges**

Eye on Ohio

**Second Place**

Closed Doors

**Cid Standifer**

The Plain Dealer

**Third Place**

Now we know why the state didn't want us to see this data

**Darrel Rowland**

The Columbus Dispatch

**GENERAL NEWS COLUMN****First Place**

Actions speak louder than words

**Regina Brett**

Cleveland Jewish News

This is hard-hitting and powerful. I liked the challenge to policy-makers and the specifics of what she is calling on them to do. It's not anything new, but it's well said and should draw attention.

**Second Place**

No, we are not fine

**Amelia Robinson**

Dayton Daily News

The columnist drew evocative profiles of some of the victims. The use of "fine" worked for me at first, but grew predictable. Trying to turn sorrow into anger and ultimately into action is hard, but this piece does it well.

**Third Place**

A bathrobe for my mother

**Bob Dyer**

Akron Beacon Journal

This is a compelling portrait of the writer's mother and, to a lesser extent, his father. The use of his mother's lively history was effective.

**SPORTS COLUMN****First Place**

Today's players have it right show the emotion, save the beanballs

**Ryan Lewis**

Akron Beacon Journal

A well-reported, well-organized column that pulls the reader in with great quotes. This piece does what a good column is supposed to do, taking a different and thought-provoking angle on a hot topic.

**Second Place**

Tiger Woods implausible and unequaled triumph at 2019 Masters

**Bill Livingston**

cleveland.com

Colorful writing that can make the reader feel as if he or she was right there on the 18th green at Augusta. A great retrospective of Tiger's comeback.

**Third Place**

Where's John Dorsey?

**Marla Ridenour**

Akron Beacon Journal

An impassioned column that took up the voice of seemingly every frustrated Browns fan, holding the man in charge to task.

**BUSINESS COLUMN****First Place**

A heartbreaking end for the Vindy and its hometown

**Elizabeth McIntyre**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**Second Place**

NCAA finally succumbs to reality with athlete endorsements decision

**Doug Buchanan**

Columbus Business First

**Third Place****The Columbus Dispatch**

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**Paying the price**

Huge trial on opioids to begin in Cleveland on Tuesday

By Leanne Bernick | The Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND — The Ohio trial on whether pharmaceutical companies should be held responsible for the opioid crisis will begin on Tuesday.

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend the trial, which is expected to last at least a week.

Described as the most high-profile trial in the U.S. history, it is expected to bring millions of dollars to Cleveland if it goes to trial.

Wednesday in U.S. District Court, the trial will focus on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and the defense attorneys will start picking a jury.

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Johns, Viste Trumbo, and the other jurors are seeking to learn what happened to the people they were trying to take advantage of.

In the "free speech" trial, the defense will argue that the trial will begin to set the record straight on the crisis.

While 12 jurors are chosen, 12 alternates are also available to replace them if necessary.

Doctors, government agencies and other experts are also available to help the jurors.

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Results of our ninth annual reader survey, which recognizes 40 winners, 80 runners-up and 143 honorable mentions

**C**olumbus has no shortage of kid-friendly places and activities to explore, whether you're looking for a new restaurant, a party venue, sports or music lessons, or a new game to play. Furthermore, we asked for your opinions on the best family-friendly businesses, dining, activities and events in Central Ohio. The result: the 2019 Columbus Parent Family Faves. This year's list has 40 winners, 80 runners-up and 143 honorable mentions.

Winners are determined by a weighted average of the top 5 percent of responses in each of the 40 categories or wins in their own choice. (Honorable mentions earned a spot on the ballot if they received at least 5 percent of the vote in our 2018 Family Faves survey.) The winners are listed in the order in which they finished. Honorable mentions are listed in the order in which they finished. Honorable mentions are alphabetical. Here are this year's honorees.

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## Case Closed

### JoAnne Walsh

The Plain Dealer

## SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- TAB

### First Place

US death tax levied on Dayton

### Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

*Apt and eye-grabbing*

### Second Place

Underinsured in America

David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

### Third Place

As the economy grows, so do doubts

### David Kordalski, Andrea Ucini

Crain's Cleveland Business

## SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- MAGAZINE

### First Place

Columbus Parent Family Faves 2019

### Alyse Pasternak

Columbus Parent

*This layout is perfect for the opening page of a fun, family-oriented spread.*

### Second Place

Simply Syrup

### Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

*Clean design and clever use of photography.*

### Third Place

Money

### Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

*Clever use of color, photography, typography and different textures to elevate the content.*

## A-1 NEWS FRONT- DAILY AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

### First Place

Crain's Cleveland Business front pages

### David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Clever headline on Carnegie Avenue story. Design is simple, clean and eye-catching. Many effective entry points to stories inside. Love the overall layout of all three samples.*

### Second Place

A-1 Cincinnati Business Courier

### Kevin Cox

Cincinnati Business Courier

*Design is neat without being too busy. Nice choice of art, and illustrations are eye-catching.*

### Third Place

Cleveland Jewish News

### CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

*Interesting that an opinion piece would be chosen for a front page. All three samples feature striking art and simple yet effective design.*

## SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- TABS

### First Place

Did you know 2.0

### Kevin Cox

Cincinnati Business Courier

### Second Place

Zoo Goes Big

### Kevin Cox

Cincinnati Business Courier

### Third Place

Festival of Lights Foodie Challenge: Frying up a storm

### Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

## SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- MAGAZINES

### First Place

All Rise

### Rosie Hileman, Melissa McClland

Edible Cleveland

### Second Place

Ohio History Hotspots

### NE Ohio Design Staff

Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

### Third Place

High Hopes

### Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

## COVERS: GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

### First Place

Cleveland Magazine May

### Maria Amador

Cleveland Magazine

*I really like the composition of the photo and the artfully plated dish makes me want to know more about the talent behind the best new restaurant. The warm color palette is really appealing. Great typography, especially the main cover line.*

### Second Place

Hidden Columbus

### Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

*The shadowy cover, clean design and minimal palette play well with the theme of the issue. The main cover line font strikes me as a bit theatrical, which feels right, since the pay phone is part of the spectacle that is a speakeasy.*

### Third Place

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town

### Brittany Dexter, Jeremy Kramer

Cincinnati Magazine

*We can often take the attractions in our hometown for granted, so I like this theme concept. The cover image is great because it illustrates exactly the sort of Instagrammable/photo opp moment someone would want to capture while out and about in the city.*



## COVERS: BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

### First Place

One year later, a clearer view of tax reform takes shape

### David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

### Second Place

High Retail

### Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus CEO Magazine

### Third Place

Retail shakeout opens unexpected doors

### David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

## COVERS: TRADE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

### First Place

Building the Future - Fall/Winter 2019 HB Magazine

### D.J. Reichel

Hathaway Brown

### Second Place

Ignite Magazine Cover Spring 2019

### Elise Radzialowski

Northeast Ohio Medical University

### Third Place

Ignite Magazine Cover Fall 2019

### Dave Szalay, Elaine Guregian

Northeast Ohio Medical University



## Practice Management

# HIDDEN COSTS

How bias harms patient care—and how doctors should respond



By JEFFREY BENDIX Senior Editor

**J**ames Eller, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified family physician, an assistant professor at the University of Virginia, and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He says he frequently encounters double-takes the first time he meets him. Eller is African-American and is in the Fort Belvoir Family Medicine Residency in Virginia. In part, he says, the response is to his looks. "I think it's because I'm black, but mostly it's because he is African-American, while many of his patients are white."

MedicalEconomics.com

10 MEDICAL ECONOMICS ■ DECEMBER 10, 2019

### Third Place

100 years and counting

#### Kathy McCarron

Tire Business Newspaper

### FEATURES: TRENDS

#### First Place

Hidden Costs: How bias harms patient care and how doctors should respond

#### Jeffrey Bendix

MJH Associates, Inc.

#### Second Place

The High Cost of Sugar

#### Elaine Guregian, Samantha Hickey

Northeast Ohio Medical University

### Third Place

Goodyear finds traction with soybean oil

#### David Manley

Tire Business Newspaper

### DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

#### First Place

Humanities in Medicine column

Living in Poverty: When I Realized

#### Renee Brumbaugh

Northeast Ohio Medical University

#### Second Place

Going back to future with Ziegler /Pet peeve? Pet lover? What's best?

#### Don Detore

Tire Business Newspaper

### Third Place

Editor's Column

#### Lois Bowers

McKnight's Senior Living

### TRADE REPORT

#### First Place

Impact on imports

#### Bruce Davis

Tire Business Newspaper

### FEATURES: SPECIAL SECTION/ PACKAGE

#### First Place

Humanitarian of the year

#### Don Detore

Tire Business Newspaper

## GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

### NEWS

#### First Place

Fallen Angels

#### Suzanne Goldsmith

Columbus Monthly

#### Second Place

Those Who Serve

#### Sheehan Hannan

Cleveland Magazine

#### Third Place

The Battle for the Octagon

#### Chris Gaitten

Columbus Monthly

### PUBLIC SERVICE/ INVESTIGATIVE

#### First Place

How Much are you Overpaying in Property Tax?

#### Lucia Walinchus, Lukas Udstuen,

Samantha Raudins, Aston Nichols

Eye on Ohio

### FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

#### First Place

Jasmin's Escape

#### Suzanne Goldsmith

Columbus Monthly

*Jasmin is a powerful subject. Suzanne Goldsmith does a marvelous job condensing a complex sequence*

of events into a moving narrative.

*Poignant work and I'm grateful for the fact-checking. Well done.*

#### Second Place

Cake Stand

#### Sheehan Hannan

Cleveland Magazine

*This story made me feel nostalgic for a bakery I've never visited, and made me want cakes I've never had before.*

#### Third Place

Joy Bivens - Saving Franklin County

#### Katy Smith

Columbus CEO Magazine

*Great lede. Love the storytelling style.*

### FEATURES: GENERAL

#### First Place

A Light in the Darkness

#### Lisa Murtha

Cincinnati Magazine

*The author took a gentle approach to a frustrating story. Nicely done.*

#### Second Place

Welcome to the Family

#### Kelly Petryszyn, Sharon Best

akronlife magazine

*Great research coupled with rich writing make this story powerful.*

#### Third Place

The Defining Decade

### Columbus Monthly staff

Columbus Monthly

### FEATURES: CONSUMER

#### First Place

Rise of the Makers

#### Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

#### Second Place

Legends of the Land

#### Jason Brill, Staff

Cleveland Magazine

#### Third Place

High Hopes

#### Chris Gaitten, Dave Ghose, Suzanne Goldsmith, Emma Frankart

#### Henterly

Columbus Monthly

### FEATURES: ART

#### First Place

"I, Like the Pen, Am Filled With Ink"

#### James Bigley II

Cleveland Magazine

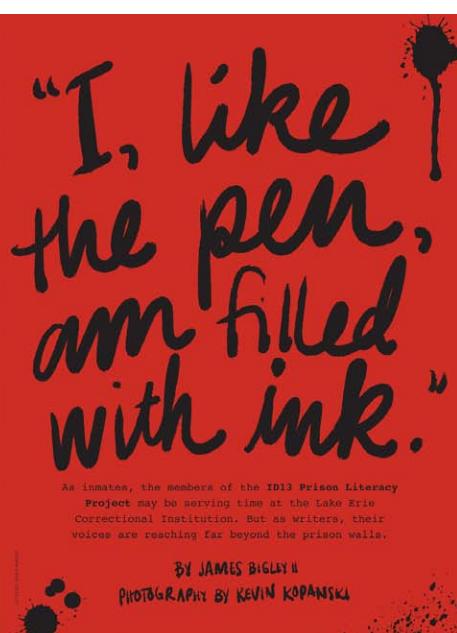
*Deep reporting on compelling characters gathered together in a unique setting. Well-paced and smart writing.*

#### Second Place

Maggie Smith Keeps Moving

#### Laura Arenschield

Columbus Monthly



BY JAMES BIGLEY II  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEVIN KOPANSKI

Compelling narrative and insight into the highs and lows of this poet's life and career.

### Third Place

Art House

**Sheehan Hannan**

Cleveland Magazine

Poetic opening and quite dense reporting for what might be an easily overlooked story.

### FOOD

#### First Place

25 Best Restaurants

**Kim Schneider, Staff**

Cleveland Magazine

Just reading this list made me hungry! The writing is vivid and full of detail and the photographs are beautifully done. This package truly gives the reader a sense of Cleveland's bustling food scene. Well done!

#### Second Place

In Praise of the Potato

**Jane Kaufman**

Cleveland Jewish News

Sometimes the history of food and the story behind it makes it as interesting as it is delicious. This story captures Chef Jeremy Umansky's creation with style and flair. Great work!

#### Third Place

Burger Madness

**G.A. Benton, Nicholas Dekker, Erin Edwards, Chris Gaitten**

Columbus Monthly

This package is pure fun, proving that good food isn't always about fine dining. Very nicely done!

### SPORTS

#### First Place

Will McKinney's Way

**Chris Gaitten**

Columbus Monthly

### DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

#### First Place

Welcome to CAN Journal

**Michael Gill**

CAN Journal

CAN Journal editor/publisher Michael

Gill's well thought-out, forward-thinking columns give readers fresh insights and perspectives into northern Ohio culture. In one, he explores how the region's museums are redefining their role as repositories and becoming more relevant and diverse; in another, how Cleveland's Cuyahoga River has evolved into a catalyst for and symbol of the city's transformation.

#### Second Place

The Modern Momma

**Kristy Eckert**

Columbus Parent

*Columbus Parent* columnist Kristy Eckert writes with humor and perception about the challenges and joys of being a working mom in the 21st century. Moms will relate to the experiences she describes and know that they're not alone. And everyone else will empathise with the situations she describes.

#### Third Place

The Dish

**Staff**

Cleveland Magazine

*Cleveland Magazine's The Dish* is a well-designed and lively dining section: it highlights unique eateries and entrepreneurial ventures through short profiles and reviews and offers recipes and advice for do-it-yourself cooks. Its comprehensive listings section is a go-to guide for anyone looking to dine out.

### DIGITAL MEDIA

#### NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

##### First Place

[www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati](http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati)

**Staff**

Cincinnati Business Courier

##### Second Place

[cjn.org](http://cjn.org)

**CJN Staff**

Cleveland Jewish News

#### RADIO NEWS WEBSITE

##### First Place

[www.wksu.org](http://www.wksu.org)

**Staff**



WKSU

#### TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE

##### First Place

[fox8.com](http://fox8.com)

**Jessica Bates, Kara Sutyak**

WJW Fox 8

#### BREAKING NEWS SINGLE STORY

##### First Place

Morton L. Mandel dies at age 98

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

*The breadth of media used to convey Mr. Mandel's deeds and personality was what earned this story first place.*

##### Second Place

1 worker remains 'critical'; other worker, driver 'stable' following University Heights crash

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

*Interesting background about the alleged drive in this story raised it above the ordinary hit and run account, as did the audio recording.*

#### BREAKING NEWS SERIES

##### First Place

Cleveland's Stipe Miocic regains UFC heavyweight championship

**Matt Florjancic**

WKYC

*The detailed description of the last minutes of the fight brought the reader to the ringside.*

#### Second Place

San Diego Chabad shooting coverage

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

#### USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

##### First Place

WKSU

**Staff**

WKSU

*Great overall social media presence, and highlights very creative feature 'OH really?' WKSU finds a lot of creative ways to engage with audience.*

##### Second Place

FOX 8 Extra with Stefani Schaefer

**Jessica Bates, Kara Sutyak**

WJW Fox 8

*Good execution and use of the platform.*

##### Third Place

Cleveland Jewish News election results - Twitter

**CJN Staff**

Cleveland Jewish News

#### ONLINE STORYTELLING

##### First Place

East Cleveland's Million-Dollar Dump

**Nick Castele**

ideastream

*This piece was very well produced and sophisticated in all of its elements including the written story, sound elements, document presentation and*

images. Each factor stood on its own to show the complexities of a piece of land with waste on it. This piece was a true service to the community.

#### Second Place

What's in store for Beachwood Place?

#### CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

#### INFOGRAPHICS

#### First Place

Cincinnati Explained 2.0

#### Kevin Cox

Cincinnati Business Courier

#### PODCAST

#### First Place

What Had Happened Was

#### Amelia Robinson

Dayton Daily News

#### Second Place

Amy Should Be Forty

#### Phil Trexler, James Renner

WKYC

#### Third Place

Episode 152 Cleveland sports biz headlines with Kevin Kleps

#### Tom Valentino, Travis Ulle

The Nail in the Coffin | A Cleveland sports podcast

#### MAGAZINE WEBSITE

#### First Place

CincinnatiMagazine.com

#### Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Well done. The site is easy to navigate, both online and in mobile versions.

Content is thoughtfully organized; headlines give us enough info; and the clean, grid layout allows you to present a lot of information without the viewer feeling overwhelmed. Would love to see more images, but this issue may have been handicapped by the pandemic.

#### Second Place

smartbusinessdealmakers.com

#### Staff

Smart Business

Well structured and easy to navigate one's way around.

#### Third Place

canvascle.com

#### CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Clean layout. Wish the interior pages had the same emphasis on a hero image as the landing page.

#### TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE

#### First Place

fox8.com

#### Jessica Bates, Kara Sutak

WJW Fox 8

#### ONLINE GENERAL NEWS STORY

#### First Place

Brecksville City Council asks fellow Councilman Jack Petsche to resign; threatens impeachment due to bids on municipal jobs

#### Bob Sandrick

cleveland.com

#### ONLINE FEATURE STORY

#### First Place

Ohio River Stories Series

#### Lucia Walinchus, Ryan Schnurr, Bonnie Feldkamp, Jeff Brooks-Gillies

Eye on Ohio

*The collaboration among news organizations results in a valuable, in-depth portrait of the Ohio River. Threats to the river, and its potential, are brought to life in the diverse series of stories.*

#### Second Place

Making It

#### Jeff Haynes, Jean-Marie Papoi, Lisa Ryan, David C. Barnett

ideastream

*The colorful, concise series of profiles highlights creativity and entrepreneurship in northeast Ohio.*

#### Third Place

Cleveland's Johnny Gargano rises to pro wrestling stardom

#### Matt Florjancic

WKYC

#### BLOGS

#### First Place

Business of sports



#### Kevin Kleps

Crain's Cleveland Business

#### Second Place

What's brewing?

#### Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

#### Third Place

"Older adults: Images, reality don't always match"

#### Lois Bowers

www.mcknightsseniorliving.com

#### ANALYSIS

#### First Place

Single-payer has become a campaign buzzword that by 2020 may become a buzzsaw

#### Richard M. Perloff

The Plain Dealer

#### Second Place

"Big senior living stories of 2019"

#### Lois Bowers

www.mcknightsseniorliving.com

#### TELEVISION

#### NEWS

#### First Place

Separated

#### Janelle Bass Hawthorne, Chris Reece, Nzinga Blake, Stephanie Filo Jones

WJW Fox 8

*Strong emotion and humanized story. Good use of drone to enter and exit her life. Need to know more about the social worker.*

#### Second Place

2019: Exposing Travel, Trash, and Terrible Hires

#### Scott Noll

WEWS-TV 5

*The stories of the employees with bad histories were well researched and strong.*

#### Third Place

Recycling or Rubbish

#### Ed Gallek, Peggy Gallek, Darsi Ayres, Billy Muhammed

WJW Fox 8

*Aggressive and good use of technology.*

#### ON-GOING COVERAGE

#### First Place

2019: Crisis In Corrections

#### Scott Noll, Rob Klein, Mark Ackerman, Sean McGarvy

WEWS-TV 5

*Hard-hitting and relentlessly revealing.*

#### Second Place

Secret Deals Behind Speed Cameras

#### Peggy Gallek, Ed Gallek, Bryan Gruden.

WJW Fox 8

#### Third Place

Security Breaches at Cleveland Hopkins Airport

#### Ed Gallek, Andy Fishman

WJW Fox 8

#### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### First Place

Environmental Reporting

#### Olivia Fecteau

WEWS

**HUMAN INTEREST****First Place**

Amanda Berry Reunites with Charles Ramsey

**Carrie Young, Amanda Berry, Andy Fishman**

WJW Fox 8

*This is a landmark moment, captured on screen, and the team had the good sense not to overdo it. No frills: just human emotion about profound as it can get. It shines because of wise editorial choices.*

**Second Place**

Echo's Second Chance

**Megan Mitchell, Robert Busby**

WLWT-TV

*This looks like a simple tale, but it isn't. We learn a lot about this veteran and the dog in a short span – it's efficient storytelling that unrolled the facts and figures seamlessly and unobtrusively.*

**Third Place**

Aging Out

**Janelle Bass Hawthorne, Chris**

Reece, Nzinga Blake, Stephanie Filo Jones

WJW Fox 8

*Kudos to the interviewers for tapping into some deep, raw and real conversations here. This was heavy emotion handled responsibly.*

**SPORTS REPORT OR COMMENTARY****First Place**

The Miracle League of Lake County

**Tim Dubravetz, Bill O'Connell**

ideastream

*The emotion and passion of the participants displayed in this story made it a winner.*

**Second Place**

Fox 8's Friday Night Touchdown

**Nick Kovach**

WJW Fox 8

*This is a well-produced program. Done by experienced professionals*

**TELEVISION SHOW****First Place**

**Orion: The New Frontier**

**Mike Friend, Betsy Kling, Jeff Reidel**

WKYC

*This production was wonderfully researched, artfully written and well produced. On camera talent was perfect for the piece and believable. Production value, space graphics, field production and overall structure was exceptional. Thoroughly well done.*

**Second Place**

Ten Years Later: Amanda Berry Meets with Hero Who Rescued Her

**Andy Fishman, Amanda Berry,**

**Carrie Young**

WJW Fox 8

*A compelling story reported with style and precision. What a great idea for Amanda Berry to create a framework around which to build - and report - her television reunion. Remarkable and commendable.*

**Third Place**

Let's Talk Cincy: Art and Survival

**Alexis Rogers-Wilson, Courtis**

**Fuller, Robert Busby, Austin**

**Maynard**

WLWT-TV

*Let's Talk Cincy was very enjoyable and very well done. The on-camera talent was excellent, the segments were interesting and this was a show relevant for today's times.*

**BEST WEATHERCAST****First Place**

January Tempest

**Betsy Kling**

WKYC

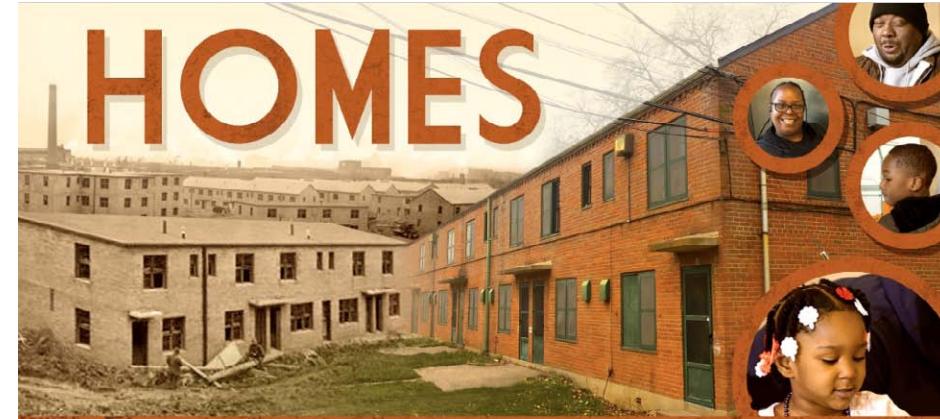
**RADIO****NEWS****First Place**

A Piece of the 'Arsenal of Democracy' in Cleveland May Be Redeveloped

**Kabir Bhatia**

WKSU

*This thorough look at a community's concerns about a redevelopment project provides necessary context and viewpoints without getting too far into*

**ideastream®**

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**Marching Band**

**Ella Abbott**

WKSU

**ON-GOING COVERAGE****First Place**

GM Lordstown Plan Closure

**Staff**

WKSU

**HUMAN INTEREST****First Place**

Exploradio: Why is there more of a focus on treatment vs. a cure for Diabetes

**Jeff St. Clair**

WKSU

**IN-DEPTH COVERAGE****First Place**

Deportation Journeys Wind Through Ohio Detention Facilities

**M. L. Schultze**

WKSU

**NEWS WRITING****First Place**

Contentious Mayor's Race in Barberton

**Sarah Taylor**

WKSU

**RADIO/PODCAST SHOW****First Place**

2019 Inamori Ethics Prize Recipient, LeVar Burton, Discusses His Career And Advocacy

**Mike McIntyre, Leigh Barr**

ideastream





Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**

Pathways to Prosperity

**Patrick O'Donnell, Olivera Perkins**

The Plain Dealer

**SPORTS**

**First Place**

Rocky Colavito returns to Cleveland; hundreds turn out to meet true generational hero

**Marc Bona**

cleveland.com

*I could not put this article down, it was well written and easy to follow and certainly not boring!!*

**Second Place**

Joe Burrow: An example of humanity

**Branson Wright**

The Plain Dealer

*So well organized and a wonderful read. Joe seems like a great guy and you got that across.*

**Third Place**

Leaner Myles Garrett still a monster

**Nate Ulrich**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Always interesting to the public how an athletes mind set works and you got it quite well explained in this article. I felt like I knew him when I was done. Nice job!*

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**First Place**

Cincinnati Ballet Stories

**Sharon Coolidge**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST SECTION**

**First Place**

Arts & Entertainment

**Staff**

The Plain Dealer

*These samples feature outstanding writing, a nice mixture of stories across multiple genres, excellent page design and consistently good headlines.*

**Second Place**

Sports

Staff

The Plain Dealer

*Excellent coverage of a very vibrant and varied sports scene accompanied by eye-catching page design.*

**PHOTOGRAPHY- DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**GENERAL NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**

Confronted

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

*This photo is so powerful in its simplicity. The narrative comes raging off of the page and in this moment you've captured so many facets of the story - the disdain, the pain, the drama. A very well captured image.*

**Second Place**

Charting a new course

**Karen Schiely**

Akron Beacon Journal

*There is something beautifully quiet about this photograph. The landscape meets the people and create a very evocative image - even as a person who does not partake in running events, this photo makes me want to run a marathon on this trail. Well done!*

**Third Place**

Call to duty

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

*This photograph is so cinematic and affective. It feels almost like a screen still from "Pearl Harbor" or a similar movie. The tender moment is handled with dignity and is very respectfully done.*

**SPORTS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**

Quadruple header

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

*You were able to capture a spectacularly dramatic moment in the match. The anguish, pain, drama, emotion on their faces is extraordinary. The torquing of the players body in the upper right is nothing short of a Baroque painting. A splendid image. Well done!*

**Second Place**

Helmet assault

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Such an evocative image! The harsh reality of the photograph screams volumes about the physicality of the game. Nicely done!*

**Third Place**

Steal

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Beyond the striking technical proficiency that this photograph describes, the expressions you captured*

*in this split second are fantastic.*

*The focus on the ball, the perilous, impossible positioning of the bodies as they scramble to regain control of the ball - superb!*

**GENERAL FEATURE - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**

Dog sledding fun

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

*A shot of sledding action by a dog with its owner nicely illustrates the fun side of a heavy storm. Well done.*

**Second Place**

Foam fun

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Nice composition for a photo of a 'foam angel' made during a charity event for young burn victims.*

**Third Place**

Akron Pride

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

*A blast of color and faces fills the frame for this scene from an LGBTQ festival attracting 20,000 people.*

**PHOTO JOURNALISM - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**

NCAA's first autistic basketball player

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

**STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**

Make your holidays sparkle

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

*The composition is beautiful with its intensity of color and bubbles that seem to explode from the glass carrying the viewer inside each bubble! This photograph would fit into any gallery as art!*

**Second Place**

Calamari

**Phil Masturzo**





**Akron Beacon Journal**  
*Attention to light and shadow plus the colors framing the subject add to the delicious image! The placement of the fork tines encourages those viewing image to order this tantalizing dish to see if it tastes as good as it looks!*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - NON DAILY

### SPORTS - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

**First Place**  
 First MLS home goal for FC Cincinnati  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
 Cincinnati Business Courier

### GENERAL NEWS - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

**First Place**  
 Cincinnati Pride Parade

**Corrie Schaffeld**  
 Cincinnati Business Courier

### PICTORIAL - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

**First Place**  
 2019 Blink Cincinnati

**Corrie Schaffeld**  
 Cincinnati Business Courier

### STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

**First Place**  
 2019 Climb Awards

**Corrie Schaffeld**  
 Cincinnati Business Courier  
**General Feature - Non-Daily Newspaper**  
**First Place**  
 Cincinnati Zoo Director Thane Maynard  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
 Cincinnati Business Courier

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### GENERAL PHOTO - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
 Market Daze  
**David Kordalski**  
 Crain's Cleveland Business

### PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
 We Are the (Obscure) Champions  
**Tim Johnson**  
 Columbus Monthly  
*Exuberant portrait. No words needed.*

**Second Place**  
 96-year-old trumpeter  
**Phil Masturzo**  
 Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**  
 Football player  
**Phil Masturzo**  
 Akron Beacon Journal

### STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
 Overcomers  
**Rob Hardin**  
 Columbus CEO Magazine

**Second Place**  
 Bagel Stack  
**Tim Johnson**  
 Columbus Alive  
**Third Place**  
 Deeply Satisfying  
**Barney Taxel, Laura Taxel**  
 Edible Cleveland

### PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
 Where Time Stands Still  
**Tim Johnson**  
 Columbus Monthly

**Second Place**  
 Meet Cincinnati's Underground Hockey Heroes  
**Aaron Conway, Damian Dotterweich**  
 Cincinnati Magazine  
**Third Place**  
 Bum's Saloon: It's 5 o'clock in this Slavic Village Bar  
**Shane Wynn, Dan Shingler**  
 Edible Cleveland

### PICTORIAL - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
 Carnegie wins friends, influences development

**David Kordalski**  
 Crain's Cleveland Business  
*This photograph could be seen as a simple head-on shot of a building but the subject shows us struggle. The emptiness to the left of the frame also shows us a somewhat empty, dismal surrounding. It reflects the tale of a street that has seen better times and the deterioration of once-grand structures. A powerful image.*

**Second Place**  
 Reflections on a success story

**David Kordalski**  
 Crain's Cleveland Business

## BEST IN OHIO

### BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN

**First Place**  
**Phillip Morris**  
 The Plain Dealer  
*Disturbing and incredibly well written*

**Second Place**  
**Amelia Robinson**  
 Dayton Daily News  
*Made me cry*

**Third Place**  
**Andrea Simakis**  
 The Plain Dealer



**BEST IN OHIO: HEADLINE WRITING****First Place****William (Skip) Hall**

The Plain Dealer

*Mostly clever headlines that pique a reader's interest.***Second Place****Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

**BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/CRITICISM****First Place****Steven Litt**

The Plain Dealer

*Everyone's a critic these days thanks to social media but it's obvious when a professional examines an art exhibition or the seemingly odd coupling of I.M. Pei and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Steven Litt writes with obvious experience, expertise, style and a sense of history, earning first place in a category rich with remarkably accomplished reviews.***Second Place****Andy Downing**

Columbus Alive

*Unlike a restaurant that can be revisited or a TV show rewatched, a concert is a one-time opportunity for a critic. Andy Downing makes the most of his beat, giving readers a seat at a show they may have missed. Among his best lines is one about a performer's spontaneous dance outbursts that are like a cut electric cable twisting and sparking on the ground. Nicely said!***Third Place****Brittany Hudak**

CAN Journal

*Brittany Hudak brings obvious passion and knowledge to her work. Employing mastery of subject, vivid writing and excellent descriptions she puts art into a historical context and its modern-day place. She allows the reader to share her enthusiasm for her subject matter.***BEST IN OHIO ESSAY WRITING****First Place**

In everything-goes online world, we need old-fashioned journalists; Despite the naysayers, busing actually was helpful; Border wall is nothing compared to Brexit crisis, and what it reveals

**Richard Perloff**

The Plain Dealer

*The third entry is a little dense, but ... so thought provoking and well stated. Challenges the reader in unexpected, searing ways.***Second Place****Bob Dyer**

Akron Beacon Journal

*LOVED these.***BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL****First Place**

Northeast Ohio business editorials

**Scott Suttell**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**Second Place**

Columbus Business First

**Doug Buchanan**

Columbus Business First

**Third Place**

Body of Work

**Bonnie Jean Feldkamp**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST IN OHIO: STAFF REPORTER****First Place****John Caniglia**

The Plain Dealer

*In an extremely tight competition, the first place goes to John Caniglia, who has covered a wide variety of topics and delivered some outstanding feature pieces that highlight the importance of local reporting. Drawing from credible sources, Caniglia sheds light on critical issues such as interns becoming Ohio's watchdog for the prison system. He also delivered a beautifully-crafted piece on the role played by the Amish in the growth of the region's economy and exposed the need for federal legislation following the rape of an**95-year-old dementia patient in one of Ohio's assisted-living facility.***Second Place****Chris Gaitten**

Columbus Monthly

**Third Place****Daniel Carson**

The News-Messenger (Fremont)

**BEST IN OHIO: FREELANCE WRITER****First Place****Vince Guerrieri**

Smithsonian, Popular Mechanics, Deadspin, Jalopnik, CityLab

**Second Place****Lee Chilcote**

Cleveland Scene

**Third Place****Afi-Odelia Scruggs****BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING****First Place****Jeff Darcy**

cleveland.com

*Pungent and funny***Second Place****Rich Williams**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Great fish cartoon***BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION****First Place**

Art direction portfolio

**David Kordalski**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**INFOGRAPHICS****First Place***Here's why Cincinnati is susceptible to landslides***Michael Nyerges**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS****First Place****Michael Nyerges**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN****First Place****Betsy Becker**

Columbus Monthly

*Great use of type. The designer made something out of nothing, using her creativity.***Second Place****Alyse Pasternak**

Columbus Monthly

*Clever ideas. Very well done.***Third Place****David Kordalski**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Clever ideas and great execution.*

