

**Winners announced in the 2021 SPJ Keystone
Pro Chapter Spotlight Contest – The Best in
Journalism**

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CONTEST	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
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<p>001a Spotlight Award - daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Inquirer – At Devereux, the nation’s leading behavioral nonprofits for youth, employees abused children in their care for years while red flags were dismissed.</p> <p>By Lisa Gartner, Barbara Laker, Lauren Scheinderman, and Wendy Ruderman</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>By exposing the persistent and widespread sexual abuse of vulnerable children at Devereux, often met with inaction, the Philadelphia Inquirer may have saved lives. The Inquirer's initial story was a home run, not just revealing how prolific the problem was, but also how Devereux repeatedly failed to take action that would protect the children, and the personal stories added a strong emotional element. It's apparent that children, who's safety was clearly at risk, were pulled from the centers because of the Inquirer's comprehensive reporting</p>	<p>Trib Total Media</p> <p>Tragedy at Brighton</p> <p>By Natasha Lindstrom and Jamie Martines</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The Tribune-Review's spotlight on Brighton stood out in a year where neglect, incompetence, and mismanagement at nursing homes and long-term care facilities were frequent (and important) news stories. It exhaustively showed the issues that mired the center, clearly allowing coronavirus, and consequently, death, to spread</p>	<p>Spotlight PA</p> <p>Short Days, Big Benefits</p> <p>By Christine Vendel, Daniel Simmons-Ritchie, and Julia Hatmaker</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>This series of stories highlighted an issue apparently long ignored and opened the door for change. It did an excellent job presenting both sides of the argument, allowing judges to defend their short hours without doubt, but used facts to show that those had clear weaknesses.</p>
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**001b Spotlight
Award – non-daily**

**Public Source – Policing
Pittsburgh’s Enforcers**

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**By Rich Lord and
Juliette Rihl**

Comments

Public Source's data analysis of misconduct allegations against Pittsburgh police officers was essential reporting in 2020. While problems with police misconduct caught the nation's attention, it's necessary to exhaustively expose malfeasance and neglect within local law enforcement in order to affect real change. Public Source's reporting made clear in the most objective, analytical manner that Pittsburgh's police department is failing in its duty to serve the public by allowing officers with troubling records to remain on the force.

<p>002a News Page Design</p>	<p>Trib Total Media- Melanie Wass</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Strong, clean, good use of photos, these front pages pull the reader in, as do the other two multipage entries from this newspaper.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – The staff of Times Tribune</p>	<p>The Citizens’ Voice – Kevin Donlin</p>

<p>003a Business & Labor Reporting</p>	<p>Spotlight PA - Decided in Secret</p> <p>By Angela Couloumbis, Charlotte Keith, and Ed Mahon</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>An outstanding example of deeply reported investigative work. Spotlight PA was not deterred when their Freedom of Information requests were denied, they just went elsewhere and got the information on manipulation of exceptions to state CIVID shutdown orders.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Lockdown</p> <p>By the Times-Tribune Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Wide ranging coverage of all aspects of the impact of COVID-related shutdowns on the Scranton area.</p>	<p>Philly Inquirer – Savvy Philly property mogul has pulled off eye-popping flips.</p> <p>By Jacob Adelman</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Impressive effort to connect the dots on how a real estate developer managed to pull all the levers to get the profitable results. Lots of helpful art and graphics.</p>

<p>004a Blog</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Seth Rorabaugh’s Empty Thoughts</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Vivid writing. Excellent integration of video clips. Methodical use of bullet points to keep a long blog user-friendly. Rorabaugh's voice shines through.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Christopher Kelly blogs</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>A pleasure to read.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Donnie Collins</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>A thoughtful reported blog.</p>

<p>005a Editorial Writing – daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Inquirer – Abraham Gutman – Police-gun violence shootings-homicides-clearance defund; Fraternal Order of Police union FOP contract act; Prison Coronavirus data in PA corrections COVID dashboard.</p> <p>**NOTE - Competition Comments</p> <p><i>Tough competition in this category. Every entry had at least two good editorials. Keep up the good work.</i></p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Lori Falce – Name of jurors should be released; School board should have seen the severance agreement; Open records are not for sale</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Patrick McKenna – Reps disgrace themselves; Loud crying but not from mayor’s baby; LNG plant is not just a local matter.</p>
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<p>005b Editorial Writing – non-daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Gay News – We Must Do More than March; This election is a matter of life-and-death; No matter the election outcome, we are now in a culture war – Jason Villemez</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Outstanding editorials which should be read by all.</p>		
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<p>006a Enterprise Reporting - daily</p>	<p>Philly Inquirer – Under Fire – Chris Palmer, Mike Newall, Mensah M. Dean and Dylan Purcell</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>This news article artfully pulls together facts, background information, official responses, police activity and the voices of victims and their families in dealing with the terrible toll of gun violence. It is a splendid reportorial job.</p> <p>** NOTE - Competition Comments</p> <p><i>It was a pleasure to judge this category since it contained so many excellent entries.</i></p>	<p>PennLive – Gangs of Harrisburg – Christine Vendel</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>This series offers a readable account of juvenile gang violence showing the need for more understanding of the social forces involved. It is enlightening to the middle-class news consumer</p>	<p>Bucks County Courier Times - The Crime of Mental Illness – Jo Ciavaglia</p> <p>Joann Ciavaglia - 01</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>These news articles bring to public attention the need for improving the treatment of mental health patients confined to jail. It speaks to the importance of the press as a watchdog.</p>
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<p>006b – Enterprise Reporting – non-daily</p>	<p>Public Source – The True Cost of Court Debt – Juliette Rihl</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Public Source's series on the true cost of court debt excellently used both data and personal stories to highlight just how detrimental court debt can be. The testimonies provided devastating anecdotes that invoked sympathy, and the data showed how these were not isolated incidents.</p>	<p>Brittany Hailer – Historical Context: Violence Occurring Against Black Pittsburghers Today Has Been Happening for More Than a Century-and-a-Half – Jody Diperna</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>In a year characterized by racial injustice and police brutality, historical context is crucial. The Pittsburgh Current showed that police brutality and racial targeting were not new issues, but rather stretched back to the city's early history. The reader can walk away with a better understanding of Black American's frustration from facing oppression for most of Pittsburgh's history.</p>	<p>Public Source – Exposing previously unknown uses of facial recognition technology – Juliette Rihl</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Public Source's reporting on local police tactics used to target demonstrators protesting police brutality underscores the very issue at hand. By shining a light in this area, it helps protesters protect themselves against these police tools, while also allowing the public to voice opposition.</p>
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<p>007a Environmental Reporting -daily</p>	<p>Spotlight PA – At Risk, In the Dark</p> <p>By Rebecca Moss, Daniel Simmons-Ritchie</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>A massive year-long investigative project that is well-written, well-packaged and accessible. The documentation and thoroughness of the reporting are impressive. And the display for a project of this size is well-done.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Lessons in failure</p> <p>By Sarah Hofius Hall</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Asbestos and lead in schools. Required inspections were not done, teachers, students and principals were not told of hazards, the people in charge of facilities were hired without interviews or qualifications. Truly headshaking.</p>	

<p>007b Environmental Reporting -non -daily</p>	<p>Public Source – Fighting Mussels</p> <p>By Carrie Blackmore Smith</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Who knew that the Ohio River has among the largest number of freshwater mussels in the world? And that they were threatened by some well-known causes and some causes that scientists haven't quite figured out? An interesting and well-told story.</p>	<p>Public Source – Greenhouse gas emissions from Pittsburgh buildings</p> <p>By Oliver Morrison</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>An important story about how our Pittsburgh is seeking to reduce energy use in big buildings. The story's crunching of lots of data, complicated by incomplete and sometimes inaccurate data, hampers the story telling and reader comprehension.</p>	
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<p>008a Feature Photo -daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Swae Lee</p> <p>By Kristina Serafini</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Excellent work! The image has motion, energy, swagger, doesn't look staged. Great focus and composition.</p>	<p>Press Enterprise – Red at Night</p> <p>By Jimmy May</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>One of those rare moments when newspaper photography reaches the level of art. Amazing color and composition.</p>	<p>The Citizens' Voice – Foliage</p> <p>By Dave Sherbenko</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>One of those rare moments when newspaper photography reaches the level of art. Amazing color and composition.</p>
<p>008b Feature Photography non-daily</p>	<p>Swarthmore College Bulletin – Welcome Students by Laurence Kesterson</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Very good photo. Puts a smile in your heart, despite the hard times.</p>	<p>Swarthmore College Bulletin – Social Distancing Squares</p> <p>By Laurence Kesterson</p>	

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<p>009a – Feature Story -Daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media - A daughter’s promise – Joanne Klimovich Harrop</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>JoAnne Klimovich Harrop shares the love, humor, and heartbreak of the 84 days she spent in a nursing home sleeping on a cot next to her mother before her mother's death from cancer. While the global pandemic sharply narrowed their world, they found comfort in each other and the enduring bond between a mother and daughter.</p>	<p>Philadelphia Inquirer 0 Exhausted dementia caregivers – Stacey Burling</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – How Prohibition shook Pittsburgh 100 years ago and how alcohol still flowed – Paul Guggenheimer, Jeff Himler and Joe Napsha</p>

<p>009b Feature story, non-daily</p>	<p>Jewish Exponent – History Lessons: Jewish Couple Wed in Graveyard to Stop 1918 Flu</p> <p>Pandemic</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Fascinating history--revealing a hidden history. Well-written. The opening sets up the reader's interest by posing a riddle--well done. Good parallel with today's pandemic. I would have liked a bit more detail and--if possible--any follow-up on the marriages/children of the marriages. What did/do they think?</p> <p>**NOTE - Competition Comments</p> <p>There were some very good entries, including at least two more I would have liked to be able to recognize. I greatly enjoyed all the entries. The entries I chose all had fascinating stories, tied in well with the region, and were well-written and well-edited. It was clear,</p>	<p>Bucknell Magazine, Sherri Kimmel – The Way Out</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Interesting and well-written. Good coverage of both the camps that held the Japanese Americans (an aspect that Americans at best have a vague understanding of) and Bucknell's role in accepting students from the camps (an aspect I had not known about). It was well-written, organized, and edited.</p>	<p>Public Source – A big elephant in the room: A McKeesport mother's months-long battle to save her house has her home for the holidays with a deadline looming.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Good human interest story. Lots of detail, but not difficult to follow. Well-written. Good tie-in to local/neighborhood issues. Makes one wonder whether bureaucracies can ever be made efficient and, more to the point, what it will take.</p>
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	too, that each author cared about the subject, but did not let the subject matter overly interfere with the telling of the story.		
010a Headline Writing – daily and non-daily	Trib Total Media – Shell yeah - Staff	Trib Total Media – Robins rockin’ around the region - Staff	Scranton Times – From ‘be mine’ to ‘be kind’ – Rebecca Kivak
011a Health and Medical Reporting -daily and non-daily	<p>Scranton Times – A bitter pill</p> <p>By Terrie Morgan-Besecker</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Thorough reporting on a complex subject.</p>	<p>Spotlight PA – Cut, now crucial.</p> <p>By Aneri Pattani</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Tragedy at Brighton</p> <p>By Natasha Lindstrom, Jamie Martines</p>

<p>012a Web Use daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Tragedy at Brighton – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>A great use of multimedia (stunning photography and well-paced video) to tell a tragic story that is very much in the public's interest to know about.</p>	<p>Spotlight PA – The Mariner East Pipeline System: Is Pennsylvania prepared for an accident? – By Daniel Simmons-Ritchie , Rebecca Moss</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Innovative use of an interactive website to tell a story in the public's interest about a dangerous situation that needs to be addressed before a disaster happens.</p>	

<p>013a News Photography- Daily</p>	<p>The Citizens' Voice – Sean McKeag– Black Lives Matter March</p> <p>Comments This photo captures so much emotion. A powerful photo.</p>	<p>Press Enterprise – Jimmy May – Graffiti Road Buried</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>This is a creative and brilliant photo.</p>	<p>Press Enterprise – Jimmy May – Santa Visits St. Cyril's</p> <p>Comments This photo conveys the sadness of the pandemic in this girl's eyes.</p>
<p>013b – News Photography -Non-daily</p>	<p>Public Source – Kahlil Darden, CEO of Black Motivated Kings and Queens, before a billboard commemorating Antwon Rose II</p> <p>Comments Nice job capturing the moment.</p>		

<p>014a Online Breaking News - Daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Bus Crash on turnpike – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Comprehensive coverage across print and multimedia. Layout is very well done. All-around excellence.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Election Day Surprise – Borys Krawczeniuk, Kathleen Bolus, Joseph Kohut, Christopher Dolan, Jessica D. Matthews</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Good initiative finding and staying with the story. Good use of multimedia.</p>	<p>Tri Total Media – Protests in downtown Pittsburgh - Staff</p>

<p>015a Photo Story -daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Super Supporters – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The photographs provoked so many emotions and thoughts, proving once again that still photography remains a powerful medium.</p>	<p>The Citizens’ Voice – Veterans stories – Sean McKeag</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Frzy: A rapper’s life – Kristina Serafini</p>
<p>015b Photo Story -non-daily</p>	<p>Public Source – Pittsburgh in Protest- Ryan Loew</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Great photo essay with video elements.</p>	<p>Swarthmore Bulletin – COVID Portraits – Laurence Kesterson</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Excellent use of selective focus to capture a sign of the times.</p>	

<p>016a Sports Photography</p>	<p>Press Enterprise – Uphold Tradition- Jimmy May</p> <p>Comments Great wide shot of a joyous moment captured in just the right spot.</p>	<p>Press Enterprise – Berwick Collides with Williamsport – Jimmy May</p> <p>Comments Very dynamic action shot with very crisp focus caught just at the right time.</p>	<p>Associated Press and Swarthmore Bulletin – “Interception” – Laurence Kesterson</p> <p>Comments Wonderful action shot caught just at the right moment!</p>
<p>017a – Sports News/events coverage</p>	<p>The Citizens’ Voice – Triple Crown - Matt Bufano</p> <p>Comments These photos convey the thrill of victory, a sense of teamwork and the excitement that participating in sports generates.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – One of a kind – Scott Walsh, Marty Myers</p>	<p>Philly Inquirer – Zero to Sixty: The Return of Sports</p>

<p>018a – Spot News-daily and non-daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media- Bus Crash on Turnpike – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Detailed coverage of a tragedy from every angle--causes to consequences, with all the basics covered. Professional.</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Protests in downtown Pittsburgh – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Localizing of a national tragedy done without any stretching of details. Comprehensive, easily understood coverage.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Election Day Surprise – Borys Krawczeniuk, Kathleen Bolus, Joe Kohut, Christopher Dolan and Jessica Matthews</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Excellent coverage on the fly, with reporters showing editors' instincts. This could easily and understandably have been missed. You nailed it.</p>

**019a Best Overall
Newspaper - Daily**

Trib Total Media

Comments

Overall quite robust and impressive. The Brighton Rehab investigative piece in the 8-9-20 edition was impressive and timely. Great work there! Sports coverage is robust and stunning both for the NFL and area high school football. Layout, photography and design all solid. One thing to possibly work on: Living section could stand a bit more TLC. "Greensburg Garden Center tea a floral-scented success" as the lead piece in the 3-16-20 edition? Seriously?

Scranton Times

Comments

Impressive and solid daily! Great work. Loved the layout for the "Unhappy Valley" story in the 8-20-20 edition. I feel like I really got a sense of what living in Scranton is like from your product. The Trib was just a tad more robust overall (hence my vote for second place) but this is a fine paper that serves its readers well. Was not wild about the story starting above the flag in the 8-20-20 edition. Do you do that often? It was confusing to me. Could not figure out at first if it was a promo, advertorial or what. Different but did not quite work for me. Also please nix the check passing and grip-and-grin photos. I know that checks a lot of

		<p>easy boxes in smaller markets but ick ? feels so amateurish.</p> <p>Overall, I loved your paper though!</p> <p>Excellent work.</p> <p>Solid writing and surprisingly robust!</p>	
<p>019b – Best Overall Newspaper – Non-daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Gay News</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Philadelphia Gay News is a serious newspaper for the LGBTQ community in the city, with a good combination of news, features and opinion, with serious advertising support from corporate sponsors.</p>	<p>Jewish Exponent</p>	

<p>020a – Lifestyle/Entertainment - daily</p>	<p>Scranton Times – NEPA veterans - Dave Singleton</p> <p>Comments Local news at its best. Singleton demonstrates the skill and execution of an experienced reporter.</p>	<p>Trib-Total Media – Doug Oster on Gardening</p> <p>Comments Engaging, detailed writing integrated with local reporting elevates Oster's work above a typical gardening article. Oster also presents his expertise in an accessible way for gardeners of every level on video.</p>	<p>Philly Inquirer – Rita Giordano highlights the positive in Philly Inquirer’s Upside</p> <p>Comments A lovely collection of stories.</p>

<p>020b Lifestyle/Entertainment Non-daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Gay News – Black queer entertainers address discrimination by Michele Zipkin</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>An interesting look at the diversity in entertainment from a performer’s perspective. The voices of many were reflected in this article.</p>		

<p>201a Sports Features - daily</p>	<p>Philadelphia Inquirer – The Sensei and the lawsuit – David Gambacorta, Mike Sielski</p> <p>Comments A well done entry in a competitive category. A story of a sports figure behind the scenes; the people we don't always hear about. Important details about tobacco with public safety implications.</p>	<p>Penn Live – Penn National’s female jockeys scrap, shine and succeed. Why aren’t there more? – Aaron Kasinitz</p> <p>Comments A nice story about trends in gender imbalances and horse racing.</p>	<p>Philadelphia Inquirer – Phillies Special – Frank Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Comments A compelling narrative that comprehensively revisits a deadly accident.</p>
<p>021b Sports features –non-daily</p>	<p>The Burg Magazine - Son Run – Karen Hendricks</p>	<p>The Burg Magazine - Inspired Miles – Karen Hendricks</p>	

<p>22a Feature Page Design</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Kevin O’Neill, Kristin O’Malley</p> <p>Comments A nice package of pages combines illustrations and photos enhancing content. Sprit Shines page was particularly eye-catching.</p>	<p>The Citizens’ Voice – Leonarda Bilbow</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Melanie Wass Pages Living, Promise, Light, Remote</p>

<p>023a Sports page Design</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – February pages</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The Tribune Review has produced consistently strong and creative sports page designs, as seen in all of the newspaper’s entries in this category. The February entry stands out for its extra measure of design dynamism including the design for the story, "Rebound," and for the overall selection and use of photography. Well done.</p>	<p>Trib Total media – April and May</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Another very strong group of sports page layouts, including the Ben Roethlisberger photos.</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – June and September</p>

<p>024a Graphic/Photo Illustration - daily</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Tracing atrocity</p> <p>Comments Nice layout overall.</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Are people spending money on sports gambling? Bet on it</p> <p>Comments Nice infographic with photograph and text.</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Merry Christmas</p>
<p>024b Graphic/ Photo Illustration – non-daily</p>	<p>Public Source – You are not alone – Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Nice captions that accompanied the photos.</p>		

**025a
Sports/Outdoor
column – daily and
non-daily**

**Philadelphia Inquirer –
Mike Sielski writes
about Michael Jordan,
Richmond Flowers, and
a famous football
collision.**

Comments

All of Mike Sielski's columns entered here recall great sports moments of the past with the warm glow of a true fan -- yet each column brings the moment up to date: Michael Jordan's greatness has given way to pettiness, Richmond Flowers' stance in the 1960s takes on new meaning in today's climate and football's greatest defensive play ever is cast in a different light due to newer findings about CTE. Excellent columns - they bring home how sports fit into the rest of our lives.
Well done.

****NOTE - Competition
Comments**

This category had very strong entries and the difference between first place, second place and third place are razor thin.

**Trib Total Media
– Tim Benz
columns**

Comments

The story of the Steelers rookie who was a donor was possibly the finest piece of writing I reviewed in this contest. A great story and a great telling. The column on the track star now a nurse was also compelling. Good work!

**Philadelphia
Inquirer – Sixers,
Flyers, fans
should stay home
– How DeSean
Jackson - Sixers
players party –
Marcus Hayes.**

Comments

Hayes' columns pull no punches as he speaks truth to power. Owners of both the Eagles and the Sixers come in for tough talk that you believe they deserve after reading these pieces. Nice work.

	<p><i>Great columns, telling important and valuable stories. Judging this category was a treat. Kudos to all the entrants.</i></p>		
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026a- Column Writing – daily

Scranton Times – By Christopher J. Kelly - Sonny’s Story; Heaven Sent; Trading Prison for Paradise

Comments

This entry is the first-place winner in a very strong field because the writer tells people's stories well. Sonny's story was especially affecting. Excellent reporting backs the personal commentary. Great work!

****NOTE - Competition Comments**

A very strong field that made choosing a top three difficult! All three of the Inquirer entries were excellent. The first-place entry, from the Scranton Times, consisted of three columns that told people's stories. Excellent reporting backed the personal commentary. Kudos to all the entrants!

Philadelphia Inquirer – You think your rights are being denied? There will be no reckoning on race with clueless leaders in charge; If you do not know by now that Puerto Ricans are US citizens.

Comments

In all these columns, the author take entitled people to task was passion, whether it's the privileged pretending to be oppressed, clueless leaders or a political girlfriend pretending to be something she is not. The author keeps her anger under control (OK, she lets Guilfoyle have what she deserves), which makes these columns more effective. Well done.

Philadelphia Inquirer – Who knew our grandmothers' ways to stay cool in the summer would come in handy now? Meghan Markle proved being a princess is not what it is cracked up to be – especially if you are black; Systemic racism has affected all of us.

Comments

A clear voice comes through these columns, whether it is offering a forward-looking guide to overcoming systemic racism or ruminating on the princess tale that wasn't to be. The grandmother's column was well-observed and full of rich details. Nice work!

<p>026b- Column Writing non-daily</p>	<p>Russell Franks – columns</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Interesting dispatches from Greece - well-observed and well-written. Good work!</p> <p>**NOTE - Competition Comments</p> <p><i>Good variety in the work here. Congrats to all the entrants.</i></p>	<p>Philadelphia Gay News – Family Forward – Jen Colletta</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Nice vignettes of trying to live a normal family life during a pandemic.</p>	<p>Philadelphia Gay News – Mark My Words – Mark Segal</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Short, direct pieces, including one urging action and another explaining a journalistic decision.</p>

<p>027a Podcasts – daily and non-daily</p>	<p>The Burg Podcasts – July, August, and December 2020 – Karen Hendricks</p> <p>Comments Nicely done picture of the community with good use of community voices. Fine music production and voice intercuts.</p>	<p>Public Source- From the Source – Authentic voices and stories of Pittsburgh region – Jourdan Hicks and Andy Kubis</p> <p>Comments Compelling tales of contemporary problems enhanced by appropriate mood music.</p>	<p>Far from Home podcasts - COVID stories – Scott Gurian</p> <p>Comments The depth of anguish comes out in these well-produced voices. Good tight editing.</p>

<p>028a Education writing -daily</p>	<p>Spotlight PA Condemn, discuss, repeat – Aneri Pattani</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Good balance of material from students, university officials and outside experts that addresses the difficulties faced by Black students in state universities</p>	<p>Scranton Times – Lessons in failure – Sarah Hall, and Times-Tribune Staff</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Detailed and illuminating account of the coverup of unsafe conditions in Scranton public schools</p>	<p>Trib Total Media – Pandemic disrupts education from kindergarten to college – Teghan Simonton</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Comprehensive look at the disruption of education at all levels caused by the Covid-19 pandemic</p>

<p>028b Education writing non-daily</p>	<p>Bucknell Magazine – By Matt Hughes and the Bucknell Magazine Writing Staff - Our Pandemic Spring</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>This entry shows a tremendous amount of reporting and includes valuable historical information. It personalizes an academic institution with solid research into how it is meeting contemporary challenges.</p> <p>**NOTE - Competition Comments</p> <p>All entries were of high quality and reflect favorably on the skills of the reporters, writers and editors involved</p>	<p>Brittany Hailer – By Mary Niederberger – News Misinformation, COVID-19, Election Rejection and Democracy – High School students have learned to fact check adults.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Displays reportorial enterprise in seeking out high school students for a look at how they are putting into practice what they are learning about democratic practices</p>	<p>Public Source – After years of restrictions and fear, international students seek stability from the new administration.</p> <p>By Naomi Harris</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>An honest reportorial look at the fears of international students who suddenly find themselves targets for hatred</p>
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