

SPJ Detroit

Excellence in Journalism 2010

Print Class A

Spot or Breaking News

First

Detroit Free Press Staff

Detroit Free Press

The Culture of Corruption

An incredibly thorough and thoughtful account of the corruption scandal involving former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his associates. The package covers all the bases and includes a very helpful graphic following the money trail and one showcasing all the players in the scandal. Very well done.

Second

Detroit News Staff

The Detroit News

Kwame Kilpatrick Indictment

Third

Detroit Free Press Staff

Detroit Free Press

Like Nothing This City Has Seen

General reporting

First

Tina Lam, Kristi Tanne-White

Detroit Free Press

Life in Our Most Polluted ZIP Code

This series was a very compelling analysis of Michigan's most polluted zip code. The series, through outstanding reporting and computer-assisted research, revealed an enormous community problem. The project made the stories hit home with touching interviews with residents impacted by the pollution and the accompanying graphics were very useful to understand the scope of the challenge.

Second

Lori Higgins, Chastity Pratt Dawsey, Robin Erb

Detroit Free Press

Fixing Michigan's Schools

Third

Mike Martindale

The Detroit News

State Police Problems

Features reporting

First

Ron French

The Detroit News

Terror on Flight 253

Many news outlets covered this story, but the attention to detail and the excellence of crafting a story brought you to the scene.

Second

Jeff Seidel

Detroit Free Press

Who Killed Nevaeh?

Third

Joe Swickard

Detroit Free Press

Saving a Marine

Honorable Mention

David Welch

Bloomberg News

Whitacre Squelches GM Status Quo

Investigative reporting

First

Jim Schaefer

Detroit Free Press

Overdue Justice

By shining a light on a festering judicial problem, the writers did a great service for the people of Wayne County. That the newspaper went back two months after its initial report to see if the crime victims got paid show vigilance and an impressive commitment to public service.

Second

Margaret Cronin Fisk, Jeff Feeley, David Voreacos

Bloomberg News

J&J Pushed Risperdal

Third

Jennifer Dixon, Jim Schaefer

Detroit Free Press

Botched Airport Bomb Response

Honorable Mention

Jennifer Dixon, Jim Schaefer

Detroit Free Press
Paying to Play at City Hall

Open government reporting

First

Niraj Warikoo

Detroit Free Press

FBI Shooting Death of Detroit Muslim Leader

The extensive reporting revealed information publicly undisclosed, illuminating a fascinating and complicated case.

Second

Jennifer Dixon, Chastity Pratt Dawsey

Detroit Free Press

A Cesspool of Corruption

Third

John Wisely, Dawson Bell, Kathleen Gray

Detroit Free Press

Michigan Tea Party Linked to Dems

Criticism

First

Jeff Meyers

Metro Times

Film Reviews

Quick-witted and wry, but never obnoxious or overly hipster. This reviewer makes his case with the fundamentals: clear writing, sharp observation and on-target descriptors.

Second

Bill Holdship

Metro Times

Rock 'n' Roll book reviews

Third

Brian Smith, W. Kim Heron, Metro Times Staff

Metro Times

Detroit's Greatest Hits That Should Have Been

News columnist

First

Jeff Gerritt

Detroit Free Press

Policies Push Parolee Away ...

Jeff Gerritt used original reporting to back powerful arguments about shortcomings in Michigan's corrections and criminal justice system

Second

Brian Dickerson

Detroit Free Press

Columns

Brian Dickerson took the news of the day -- an umpire's bad call, a 14-year-old girl's suicide -- and dug deeper to find lessons that all people could take to heart.

Third

Daniel Howes

The Detroit News

Columns

Daniel Howes used news and information to challenge conventional wisdom about efforts to revive Michigan's economy.

Sports columnist

First

Michael Rosenberg

Detroit Free Press

Perfect Mistake

Rosenberg's columns take a unique look at sport-related news. Not just typical play-by-play or locker room gossip, Rosenberg's columns tackle a wide variety of issues. Well written. Engaging. Thoughtful. A delight to read."

Second

Mitch Albom

Detroit Free Press

Big Down Under

Third

Drew Sharp

Detroit Free Press

Rather Hall Mess

Single editorial

First

Brian Dickerson

Detroit Free Press

Graduate to a Smarter State

This editorial does a good job of distilling a broad subject and connecting the dots. The writing is colorful (i.e. "prosperity and educational achievement had gone from being distant relatives to twins joined at the hip"), succinct and persuasive. It does a nice job of explaining data, while incorporating accompanying visuals. This is a well-constructed argument on an important subject.

Second

Curt Guyette
Metro Times
End the War

This eloquent and persuasive essay-style editorial covers plenty of ground. It touches on many different sides of the debate while bringing in a lot of history. It does an excellent job of building its case.

Third
Jeff Gerritt
Detroit Free Press
No More Delays

This editorial plays a watchdog role as it asks for the truth about the shooting by federal agents of a man who was African American and Muslim. It's articulate and concise and it strikes the right tone as it seeks answers in a sobering case.

Editorial series
First
Jeff Gerritt
Detroit Free Press
The D Diaries

This extensive series delves deeply into a wide variety of hard-hitting, timely issues. They're well written, informative and poignant--and provide a good public service.

Editorial cartoon
First
Mike Thompson
Detroit Free Press
Editorial Cartoons

"Thompson's work is relevant; the messages are spot-on. Not only do Thompson's cartoons - both print and digital - tell important stories, the work is beautiful, clean, and engaging."

News graphic
First
Free Press Staff
Detroit Free Press

2020 Vision: The Detroit That Could Be

An powerful infographic packed with information showing how the face of Detroit could change over the next decade. The graphic showcases upcoming projects and is much more useful to readers than a narrative could be on the topic.

Second
Free Press Staff
Detroit Free Press
Wide Open Spaces

Third

Eric Millikin, Kofi Myler, Dianne Weiss
Detroit Free Press
Happy Faces for Foul Balls

Headline writing

First

Steve Wilkinson
The Detroit News
A Formal Revival

Clever headlines, but never so clever that they wander off into over-labored puns or ill-fitting double entendres. Consistently smart, clear-sighted headline writing.

Second

Jeremy Verduco
The Detroit News
Volcano Could Blast Hole in Economy

Third

Jodi Noding
The Detroit News
Later, Gator: Pets Get Dumped

Front page design

First

Joe Cybulski, Robert Huschka
Detroit Free Press
We'll Miss You, Ernie

A great example of taking a high-interest story and letting it carry the day. Nice type positioning and impactful top of page. The rest of the page is clean, letting Ernie take center stage one last time.

Second

Tim Good, Robert Huschka
Detroit Free Press
Welcome Back GM

The numbers across the top take this page from good to great. Nice variety of topics on the page. Display package is powerful but not overwhelming.

Feature page design

First

Sean Bieri, Cybelle Codish
Metro Times
Lust cover

Photo styling and a smart use of color helped this cover pop and really grab readers' attention.

Second

Pat Sedlar, Robert Huschka, Mauricio Gutierrez

Detroit Free Press

Fall Theater Preview

Applying the “drama mask” look to fall leaves was a strong idea and smart use of the black background added a nice touch.

Editorial page design

First

Rick Nease, Robert Huschka

Detroit Free Press

Tug of War in Lansing

Very clean, creative way to illustrate a budget story. The illustration has so many pieces yet fits together very nicely. The package carries the page well and really makes you want to read the story.

Second

Howard Davy, Rick Nease, Robert Huschka, Mauricio Gutierrez

Detroit Free Press

Where Do We Go From Here?

Third

Howard Davy, Robert Huschka, Mauricio Gutierrez

Detroit Free Press

Malcolm X

News photo

First

Andre J. Jackson

Detroit Free Press

For a Friend

This photo conveys the one quality I believe all police departments strive for: solidarity among its officers. The sea of officers behind the photo of the fallen officer shows a sense of brotherhood and incredible sense of loss they're now feeling. You can see it in their eyes, especially the officer who is holding the fallen officer's photo.

Second

David Coates

The Detroit News

Hoarder Sorrow

The photographer does a good job at capturing that moment of shock when neighbors saw the body of the victim being pulled from the home. You can tell in their faces that these neighbors knew and cared about this woman and they can't believe she is gone.

Third

David Coates
The Detroit News
Mayor Disgrace

This photo is great because of Kilpatrick's eyes: that blank stare shoots right through the paper and to the reader. Great job of capturing that blank emotion.

Feature photo
First
Detroit Blogger John
Metro Times
Signs of Faith

Photo does a great job of capturing the grief these women feel in losing their children to violence, and determination they have to not let it happen to other children. Great job of conveying emotion and power.

Second
Detroit Blogger John
Metro Times
Custom Revival

I love the composition of the photo; the mix of young and old people all coming together because of their love of custom bicycles. The photo reflects their attitudes and individual styles, but shows their common bond.

Third
Joe Gall
Metro Times
Fash Club

Cool looking photo; it is well composed and shows a lot of different characters.

Sports photo
First
Kirthmon Dozier
Detroit Free Press
How 'Bout That?

Great action is captured in this photo. The perspective is compelling because you can see the puck mid-air right in front of the goalie.

Print Class B

Spot or breaking news
First
Carol Hopkins, Dave Phillips
Oakland Press
Medical Marijuana Raids

Well done breaking news coverage. The reporters were able to talk to people on both side of the medical marijuana arrest issue, which added depth to their efforts. Inclusion of reader comments added yet another perspective to the story

Second
Paula Pasche
Oakland Press
Lions Pack It Up

Third
Dave Phillips
Oakland Press
Fights Prompt Lockdown

General reporting

First
Chad Selweski, Mitch Hotts
Macomb Daily
Banker Disappears

The winner in a very competitive category. Reading the “Banker Disappears” coverage was reading a real life mystery. Good reporting and writing hold the reader’s attention through the last story.

Second
Carol Hopkins
Oakland Press
Medical Marijuana series

Third
Shaun Byron
Oakland Press
Contract With County Sheriff?

Honorable Mention
Diana Dillaber Murray
Oakland Press
Job or Board?

Features reporting

First
Gina Joseph
Macomb Daily
Pony Needs Artificial Limb

While this story will melt most hearts, it is also informative and interesting, especially when Joseph explains how the pony’s prosthetic will be fitted. She has a nice writing touch for features

Second
Gary Graff

Oakland Press
Back to Reality

Third
Paula Pasche
Oakland Press
Campbell Continues to Serve

Honorable Mention
Keith Dunlap
Oakland Press
Ready to Contribute

News columnist
First
Ed Fitzgerald
Macomb Daily
Smart Enough to Act Crazy, Attorneys Do Their Jobs
Fitzgerald is a solid, concise writer who makes his points clearly. Good example of a news columnist commenting on local news.

Second
Glenn Gilbert
Oakland Press
Bad Cop, Immigrants, Fix Medical Marijuana Law

Third
Chad Selweski
Macomb Daily
Accident? Or Smear Attempt?

Sports columnist
First
Paula Pasche
Oakland Press
Lions Sports Columns
Enjoyable and interesting columns. Pascoe is a good writer who knows her beat.

Single editorial
First
Ken Kish
Macomb Daily
Meltzer's Tactics Backfire

Second
Allan Adler

Oakland Press
U.S. Should Look to Israel

Third
Charles Crumm
Oakland Press
Process Should Be More Open

Editorial series

First
Ken Kish
Macomb Daily
Election 2010

These editorials are not only well-written and reasoned, but Kish manages to include important background information that helps the reader understand what he is writing about.

Second
Allan Adler
Oakland Press
Pontiac Sheriff Contract

News graphic

First
Kevin Martin
Macomb Daily
Path of the Storm

Clean, informative graphic that shows where the hurricanes touched down and their paths.

Second
Kevin Martin, Nicky Hachigian
Macomb Daily
Cultural, Educational Plunge

Third
Kevin Martin, Nicky Hachigian
Macomb Daily
Curbing Crime

Headline writing

First
Jeff Hoard
Oakland Press
Readers Remember Ernie

Fun, clever and appropriate heads that draw the reader into the story.

Front page design

First

Jeff Hoard

Oakland Press

Farewell Ernie

This front page could be a keeper for Tiger fans. Good photo choices, especially with the inset ones showing Ernie Harwell at work in the broadcasting booth.

Feature page design

First

Nicole Beattie

Oakland Press

Fantasy and Reality

The almost surreal design helps pull the reader into this article on fantasy/virtual bands.

Second

Kevin Martin

Macomb Daily

Red and Gold

Editorial page design

First

Kevin Martin

Macomb Daily

2010 Tiger Preview

Clean and eye-catching.

Second

Jeff Hoard

Oakland Press

Oh, Brother

News photo

First

David Posavetz

Macomb Daily

Family Bares All

A moving close-up that captures the grief of the relatives of a teen killed in a car crash. The viewer can feel their pain and emotions.

Second

Vaughn Gurganian

Oakland Press

Lake Orion Man Killed

Third
Craig Gaffield
Macomb Daily
Tears for Ninety Days

Feature photo
First
Craig Gaffield
Macomb Daily
Falcon and Gargoyle
A wonderful shot and bit of serendipity to get it. Nice job!

Second
David Posavetz
Macomb Daily
Pump Up the Jams

Third
Vaughn Gurganian
Oakland Press
Play Time

Sports photo
First
Ray Skowronek
Macomb Daily
Final Call
Great action shot. Ouch! You can feel the contact!

Second
Vaughn Gurganian
Oakland Press
Championship Win

Print Class C

Spot or breaking news
First
Brad Lindberg
Grosse Pointe News
Straight Down the Barrel of the Gun
Well-detailed narrative of a robbery and the arrest of a suspect. Nicely told.

Second
Jennie Miller
C&G
He Was My Special Baby'

Third
Brad Lindberg
Grosse Pointe News
CCD Buildings Destroyed

General news reporting

First
Robert Sklar, Vanessa Denha-Garmo
Detroit Jewish News, Chaldean News
A Well-Rooted Friendship

A very interesting and worthwhile project, developed in great detail with a broad range of sources, research and effort. Informative and inspiring, even for readers who are neither Jewish nor Chaldean.

Second
Sherri Welch
Crains Detroit
More of a Business, Less Family

Third
Brad Lindberg
Grosse Pointe News
Get a Dose of This

Honorable Mention
Rebecca Jones
Wayne State Magazine
Custom Cures

Features reporting

First
Richard Bak
Hour Detroit
Generation of Happy Campers

A masterful exhibition of writing, weaving the tale of a son's discovery of his father's history and character with the story of his father's time in an obscure, yet respectful, government program from the 1930s and 1940s. Engaging, entertaining and a delight to read.

Second
Erin McClary Hooper
C&G
The Man in the Woods

Perhaps an example of what an obituary should be. In this case, the story immortalizes a man many have overlooked and breathes life into his memory. After reading this story, there's no doubt many will have wished they knew Jack Mason.

Third

Trevor Coleman

BLAC Magazine

Correcting Corrections

A gripping retelling of one woman's courageous journey through the horrors of a prison system rife with sexual abuse and neglect, and her triumphant battle for justice. A story worth being told and read.

Honorable Mention

Andy Kozlowski

C&G

Domestic Violence Forum

Honorable Mention

Cortney Casey

C&G

Triple the Blessings

Honorable Mention

Heidi Roman-Tiano

C&G

Life After Amputation

Honorable Mention

Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe News

Hippie Days are Here Again

Investigative reporting

First

Jeremy Carroll

C&G

City Manager Still on Payroll

Watchdog journalism in fine display. Showcases dogged reporting and effective use of FOIA.

News columnist

First

Jeff Payne

Voice

Great watchdog reporting that offers a glimpse into local politicking.

Second
Gerald LaVaute
C&G
Settlement Invokes Memories, Questions Follow

Single editorial
First
Trevor Coleman, Lori Robinson
BLAC Magazine
Pain and Promise
A thoughtful and well-researched piece that challenges the readers to action.

Second
Robert Sklar
Detroit Jewish News
Building a Congregation

Editorial cartoon
First
Dale Neleman
Voice
Direct, effective, and humorous

Headline writing
First
Bryan Gottlieb
Red Thread
The Stink Over Ink
Smart, topical, to-the-point headline packages that entice and inform

Second
George Bulanda
Hour Detroit
Cheesy Does It

Third
K. Michelle Moran
C&G
Lawn and Order

Front page design
First
Jennifer Sakey
C&G
St. Clair Shores Sentinel 3-24-10

The photographs, paired with the headline package, instantly convey this tragic story's emotional weight.

Magazine cover design

First

Jessica Decker

Hour Detroit

Outdoor Living

An inviting, well-styled, and nicely lit photograph; well-considered headline placement in an easy-to-read, thematically appropriate typeface

Second

Margaret Kelly

Wayne State Magazine

Hometown Heroes

Third

Jose Zamudio, Lori Robinson

BLAC Magazine

Movie Mania Storms the D

Magazine spread design

First

Jose Zamudio, Lori Robinson

BLAC Magazine

Producing on Industry

Clean, attractive photo illustration instantaneously communicates article's main idea

Feature page design

First

Jeff Johnson

Crains Detroit

Michigan's Burning Question

The headline's simple, yet effective, type treatment and well-executed graphic work in tandem to instantly convey the article's message

Editorial page design

First

Jeff Johnson

Crains Detroit

Governor's Race

Effective, easy-to-read use of design elements to enhance reporting on governor's race.

News photo

First

Dave Angell

Voice
Farewell
Well-composed image of an unfortunate circumstance

Second
Brad Lindberg
Grosse Pointe News
Wall of Flames
Quick response to a fire always produces the best photo

Third
C.J. Carnacchio
Oxford Leader
Timber
The scale of three humans gives this photo impact

Sports photo
First
C.J. Carnacchio
Oxford Leader
Cats on the Move
The visual tension and competing lines make this stand above the rest.

Second
C.J. Carnacchio
Oxford Leader
Aerial Assault
Chaos is clearly represented and tension felt

Online journalism

Website
First
Crain's Detroit Business Staff
Crains Detroit
Website
Well-designed, easy to navigate site that covers local business exceptionally well.

Second
Casey O'Neil and Metro Times Staff
Metro Times
If you want to know what's going on in Detroit, this is the website to check out. Clean design, good typography and easy to navigate. Good site!

Multimedia feature

First

Nathan Skid, Steve Williams

Crains Detroit

20 In Their 20s

Interesting concept whose technical presentation befit's the young achievers it features. Great photos, especially the title one featuring a montage of the winners. Profiles use similar questions/formats that are brief and easy to read

Commentary, blogging

First

Mike Thompson

Detroit Free Press

Interesting and fun blog that is understandably quite popular with Free Press readers. The caption contests are fun! What is notable here is that Thompson takes advantage of various social media to reach as many people as possible.

Second

Bill Shea

Crains Detroit

Video journalism

First

Brian Kaufman, Gina Damron

Detroit Free Press

Belle Isle project

A complete package--well-written copy, good narration, clear, useful map and wonderful photos and videos-- that show what a special place Belle Isle is and how citizens are working to keep it that way. Imaginative camera angles, such as those from the kayak, add interesting angles--literally--to the story

Second

Donna Terek

Detroit News

Donna's Detroit

Third

Ray Skowronek

Macomb Daily

Concussions

Radio

Spot or breaking news

First

WDET News team

WDET

Kilpatrick Indictment

An outstanding effort of covering breaking news. WDET's staff not only got the story and did a good job of explaining the indictments, but made good use of experts to help listeners understand what was going on. This is the type of breaking news that journalism radio often does best.

Second

Michigan Radio Newsroom

Michigan Radio

Kalamazoo River Oil Spill

Third

Tracy Samilton

Michigan Radio

Whitacre Resigns

General news

First

Sarah Cwiek, Sarah Hulett, Dustin Dwyer

Michigan Radio

Shrinking Detroit

This coverage of the need for Detroit to come up with ways to use the land in its shrinking neighborhoods is both creative and substantive. The reporters look at different ideas and talk to a variety of people with ideas to make it happen. "Shrinking Detroit" might contain come blueprints for the city's future.

Second

Noah Ovshinsky

WDET

DPS Outreach

Third

Sarah Hulett

Michigan Radio

Inch-vestors in Detroit

Honorable Mention

Quinn Klinefelter

WDET

Clarke Profile

Features reporting

First

Sarah Hulett, Sarah Cwiek, Jennifer Guerra, Dustin Dwyer

Michigan Radio

Muslims in Michigan

This series was truly informative and interesting. The topic choice showed originality, which meant the listener could learn about matters not often reported or generally covered when it comes to Muslim culture, such as courtship, borrowing money or attending college. An outstanding team effort.

Second

Kate Davidson
Michigan Radio
Retraining

Third

Martina Guzman
WDET
Belly Dancing

Sports reporting

First
Martina Guzman
WDET
Boxer Waits

An interesting profile of a successful young boxer unable to try out for the U.S.Olympic team because he is not an American citizen. Guzman captures his talent, hope and quest to become a citizen so his dream can be realized.

Second

Kyle Norris
Michigan Radio
Detroit Soccer Club

Third

Dustin Dwyer
Michigan Radio
Curling

Honorable Mention

Martina Guzman
WDET
Wrestling

Investigative reporting

First
Jennifer Guerra, Sarah Hulett, Mercedes Mejia, Vincent Duffy
Michigan Radio
Rebuilding Detroit Schools

This look at ways in which Detroit can rebuild its school took an ambitious approach--comparing its problems and challenges to those faced by New Orleans. This made the

series especially creditable since there were some real results--in New Orleans--to look at and see how they might work in Detroit. The team that produced this did an excellent job of talking to a variety of interested parties, including students, teachers and administrators.

Second

Rebecca Williams, Lester Graham

Michigan Radio

Is Fire Safety Putting Us at Risk?

This is sports reporting with depth. An interesting profile of a successful young boxer unable to try out for the U.S. Olympic team because he is not an American citizen.

Guzman captures his talent, hope and quest to become a citizen so his dream can be realized.

Third

WDET News team

WDET

Illegal Trucking

Honorable Mention

Noah Ovshinsky

WDET

DSO Strike

Newscast

First

Pat Batcheller

WDET

WDET News 5:30, 9-8-10

Solid newscast that not only gave the news, but included a talk with a reporter about the story he is covering on the mayor's plan to relocate people in different parts of the city.

Second

Christina Shockley, Michigan Radio Newsroom

Michigan Radio

6 a.m. Newscast 10-14-10

Third

Christina Shockley, Michigan Radio Newsroom

Michigan Radio

7 a.m. Newscast 8-10-10

Honorable Mention

Pat Batcheller

WDET

WDET News, 6:30, 2-5-10

News special/documentary

First

Lester Graham, Rebecca Williams, Mark Brush

Michigan Radio

Coal: Dirty Past, Hazy Future

This exhaustive look at coal and its place in American history and life is truly impressive. There is more to coal than most people realize and the reporters show this through various interviews. It is informative and takes as a complete look at this resource, including what the future might hold. Coal might be dirty, but it is here to stay when it comes to America's energy sources.

Second

Lester Graham

Michigan Radio

Kennedy and the Peace Corps

This has to be one of the best documentaries/specials done to mark the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Archival sound footage and interviews with students, journalists, advisors and others who were there help bring the time and Peace Corps beginnings back to life. This is riveting stuff, whether you are old enough to remember when the Peace Corps began or not.

Open government reporting

First

Lester Graham

Michigan Radio

Paying for Michigan Schools

Lester Graham does an outstanding job of exploring and explaining the many different components that go into paying for schools. He also presents possible solutions from school district mergers to holding down the costs of employee benefits. His utilization of different sources added to the wider perspective that this subject requires.

Second

Lester Graham

Michigan Radio

Who Writes the Laws?

This report was quite an eye-opener by showing how laws are really written in Michigan. The role of lobbyists in the process was explored in a balanced way. Any person who thinks they know how laws are written should listen to this informative and educational story.

Television

Features reporting

First

Alexandra Bahou

Detroit Free Press

The Art of Packaging

A fun and interesting feature about the Michigan State School of Packaging. Good shots of various packages and students at work plus comments from faculty provide a brief, but important explanation of what the packaging school does

Second

Detroit Free Press

Math and Hot Dogs

Sports reporting

First

Tim Kochenderfer

WXYZ-TV

Ernie Harwell, Loss of a Legend

The death of legendary Detroit Tiger announcer Ernie Harwell was deeply felt throughout the city. This sports report captured the mood of fans and Harwell's life and work in a respectful, loving way. Nice job of getting reactions from the average fan as well as former players and Harwell's colleagues--this showed how popular Harwell was.

Investigative reporting

First

Scott Lewis and news team

WXYZ-TV

Smash and Grab

What began as a reporter's car being broken into opened the floodgates to an ongoing problem--that cars outside the juvenile courts were routinely having their windows smashed and items stolen. One crime being caught on camera was especially powerful. Lewis uncovered the problem, showed how common it was, brought it to the attention of various officials and got results

Second

Heather Catallo, Ross Jones

WXYZ-TV

Unity Studios

Third

Scott Lewis and news team

WXYZ-TV

Escalade Thefts

Honorable Mention

Ross Jones, Ramon Rosario, Randy Lundquist

WXYZ-TV

Assistant Attorney General Out of Order

Newscast

First

Tim Kochenderfer

WXYZ-TV

Detroit Firestorm

This newscast did an impressive job of covering a day of fires throughout Detroit. Camerawork was very good and helped show viewers the wide range of fires in different neighborhoods. Reporters provided solid information, even getting the fire commissioner to answer questions about the deployment of the city's firefighters

First

Ross Jones, Scott Lewis, Heather Catallo

WXYZ-TV

Open Government Reporting

This three-part series is an outstanding example of open government reporting and makes you wish that more television stations were willing to commit the time and resources for such public service journalism. The reporters' difficulties in obtaining public information and getting information on a supposedly "transparent" fund should serve as a wake-up call for the viewing public. The story on the public official who ran on a transparency promise but then refused to give the information to the reporter was especially strong and brought results. Congratulations to everyone involved in this project.