

2008 Golden Quill Finalists

Category #1 Daily Newspaper and Wire Services (45,000 and Over)

#1-A. Enterprise/Investigative Article

Finalists

“The Girl in the Ditch”

Dennis B. Roddy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pennsylvania Lawmaker’s Budget Bulge”

Mike Wereschagin

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“MBA Mystery in Morgantown”

Patricia Sabatini and Len Boselovic

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#1-B. Enterprise/Investigative Series

Finalists

“Under The Influence”

Bill Schackner

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“State Bonuses Stun Rendall, et. al”

Tracie Mauriello, Tom Barnes and Dennis Roddy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Life Interrupted”

Steve Levin

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#1-C. Spot News

Finalists

“Dangerous Wild Ride”

Kara Rhodes and Steven M. Sweeney

Erie Times-News

“I-90 Nightmare”

Tim Hahn, Lisa Thompson and Ed Palattella

Erie Times-News

“Meadville Mishap Defines Wrecking Ball”

Steve Levin

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#1-D. Continuing Coverage

Finalists

“High Stakes, Deep Secrets”

Mark Gruetze

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Brian Welles Stories”

Ed Palatella

Erie Times-News

“The Impossible Loan”

Dennis B. Roddy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Three Officers City Promoted Had Domestic Run-ins”

Jonathan D. Silver and Rich Lord

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#1-E. Features

Finalists

“Touching Evil Series”
Michael A. Fuoco
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Life Support”
Gerry Weiss
Erie Times-News

“Chicken Killing”
Virginia Phillips
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#1-F. Business

Finalists

“Black Gold’s Bonanza Creates Silver Lining for Pennsylvania”
Robin Acton
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“A Lifetime of Savings Evaporates With Bank’s Collapse”
Dan Fitzpatrick
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Made in Mexico”
Jim Martin
Erie Times-News

#1-G. Health

Finalists

“The Cure”

Allison M. Heinrichs

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Giving Families Strength”

Luis Fabregas

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Stars Aligned”

David Bruce

Erie Times-News

#1-H. Science & Technology

Finalists

“Tiny Bug May End Ash’s Long Hitting Streak”

Don Hopey

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Bit by Bit, Computers Alter How We Read”

Bill Schackner

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Healthy Rivers, Healthy Mussels”

Don Hopey

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category #1-I. Cultural

Finalists

“Pop Survivor”

Scott Mervis

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Salute to Sgt. Pepper”

Scott Mervis

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Regis Behe

“Ovation Exploration”

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Category #1-J. Criticism

Finalists

Restaurant Reviews

Luis Fabregas

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Jimmy Stewart: It’s A Wonderful Legacy” and other reviews

Barbara Vancheri

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category #1-K Editorials

Finalists

“No. 21”

Tom Waseleski

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“June’s Pleasures” and other editorials

Susan Mannella

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Time to Be United”

Reg Henry

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category #1-L. Columns

Finalists

Eric Heyl Portfolio

Eric Heyl

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“UPMC: At Odds With Itself” and other columns

Sally Kalson

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Want A Good Time? Join the Elks” and other columns

Brian O’Neill

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category #1-M. Sports

Finalists

“Ballparks Clean Up”

Robin Acton

Tribune-Review

“The Steelers at 75 Series”

Robert Dvorchak

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category #2 Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Under 45,000)

Category #2-A. Enterprise/Investigative Article

Finalists

“Academic Red Flags/Subgroup Students”

Angie Oravec

The Herald-Standard

“Pushing the Public”

Scott Beveridge

The Observer-Reporter

“Heads of the Class”

Jay Young

Altoona Mirror

Category #2-B. Investigative/Enterprise Series

Finalists

“Havoc on the Hill”

Scott Beveridge

The Observer-Reporter

“Paycheck to Paycheck”

Anne Denahy and Chris Rosenblum

Centre Daily Times

“Charter Schools”

Bob Bauder

Beaver County Times

Category #2-C. Spot News

Finalists

“Aliquippa Flood”
Bob Bauder, Michael Pound and Larissa Theodore
Beaver County Times

“Lightening Sparks Fire”
Frank Sojak and Kecia Bal
The Tribune-Democrat

Category #2-D. Continuing Coverage

Finalists

“Springdale Noise Ordinance”
Michael Aubele
Valley News Dispatch

“Interstate 99”
Mike Joseph
Centre Daily Times

“Ellwood City Police Chief”
MaryAlice Meli
New Castle News

Category #2-E. Feature

Finalists

“Passages”
Patti Conley
Beaver County Times

“Charlie No Face”
Bob Bauder
Beaver County Times

“Faces of the Flood”
Staff
The Tribune-Democrat

Category #2-F. Business

Finalists

“Jammin’ With the Guys”
Larissa Theodore Dudkiewicz
Beaver County Times

“Time to Come Clean”
Mary Ann Thomas
Valley News Dispatch

“Pouring into the Centre Region”
Jennifer Thomas
Centre Daily Times

Category #2-G. Health/Medical

Finalists

“Dealing With Dialysis”
Rex Rutkoski
Valley News Dispatch

“To Sell or Not To Sell”
Larissa Theodore
Beaver County Times

“Playing Hurt”
Randy Griffith
The Tribune-Democrat

Category #2-H. Health/Technology

No finalists

Category #2-I. Cultural

Finalists

“The ‘Might Wurlitzer’ “

Brad Hundt

The Observer-Reporter

“Art Beat”

Rex Rutkoski

Valley News Dispatch

“Time Travel”

Lisa Micco

New Castle News

Category #2-J. Criticism

Finalist

“ ‘Monty’ Full of Laughs”

Brad Hundt

The Observer-Reporter

Category #2-K. Editorials

Finalists

Editorials

Park Burroughs

The Observer-Reporter

Editorials

Lou Florian

The Observer-Reporter

Mitchel Olszak

New Castle News

Category #2-L. Columns

Finalists

Kayleen Cubbal
New Castle News

Marsha Keefer
Beaver County Times

Paul Sunyak
The Herald-Standard

Category #2-M. Sports

Finalists

“Mike Tomlin, A New Direction”
Mike Beris
Beaver County Times

“ ‘Slapshot’ 30 Years Later”
Mike Mastoruch
The Tribune-Democrat

“Ethnic Taunts Follow Player”
Gavin Jenkins
Valley News Dispatch

Category #3 Non-daily Newspapers

Category #3-A. Enterprise/Investigative Article

Finalists

“Military Police”

Charlie Dietch

Pittsburgh City Paper

“Over A Barrel”

Violet Law

Pittsburgh City Paper

Category #3-B. Enterprise/Investigative Series

Finalist

“Becoming American”

Zandy Dudiak

Times-Express

Category #3-C. Spot News

Finalist

“Flood Raise Fears”

Tawnya Panizzi

The Herald

Category #3-D. Continuing Coverage

Finalists

“Real Estate Market Reacts to Capital Crunch”

Ben Semmes

Pittsburgh Business Times

“Issues Impacting Pittsburgh’s Hospitality Industry”

Tim Schooley

Pittsburgh Business Times

“Fatal House Fire”

Brandon Szumlasky

Greene County Messenger

Category #3-E. Feature

Finalist

“Tech it’ fillah...Energizes Jewish Worship”

Lee Chottiner

The Jewish Chronicle

Category #3-F. Business

Finalists

“More Staying on the Job Past 70”

Kim Lyons

Pittsburgh Business Times

“A Tough Row to Hoe”

Bill O’Driscoll

Pittsburgh City Paper

Category #3-G. Health/Medical

Finalists

“Defining Death Sparks Debate”

Kris Mamula

Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pregnant Questions”

Bonnie Schindler

Pittsburgh City Paper

“Bodies Stirs Consternation from Area Rabbis”

Susan Jacobs

The Jewish Chronicle

Category #3-H. Science/Technology

Finalists

“Team Races Against the Clock”

Kris Mamula

Pittsburgh Business Times

“State of the Arts”

Justin Hopper

Pittsburgh City Paper

Category #3-I. Cultural

Finalists

“Pipe Dreams

Aaron Jentzen

Pittsburgh City Paper

“Front Lines”

Chris Potter

Pittsburgh City Paper

Category #3-J. Cultural

Finalist

“Sound Seen” and Other Articles

Adam Brossi

Pittsburgh City Paper

Category #3-K. Editorials

Finalist

Alan Wallace

Times Express

Category #3-L. Columns

Finalist

“The Chosen 1’s”

Jonathan Mayo

The Jewish Chronicle

Category #3-M. Sports

Finalists

“Life Cycle”

Melissa Meizner

Pittsburgh City Paper

“Hall of Fame Bound”

Tony DeFazio

Pittsburgh Sports Report

Category #4 Magazines

Category #4-A. Enterprise/Investigative Article

Finalist

“Trouble in the Air”
Douglas Root
H Magazine

Category 4-B. Enterprise/Investigative Series

Finalists

“Report Card”
John Craig, Jr.
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“State of Emergence Series”
Lindsay Brooke and Kami Buchholz
SAE International

Category #4-C. Continuing Coverage

Finalists

“Environment”
Merle Jantz and Elizabeth Raffaele
Mt. Lebanon

“House & Garden”
Janice Seigle and Carole Takach
Mt. Lebanon

“Public Safety”
M.A. Jackson and Merle Jantz
Mt. Lebanon

Category #4-D. Features

Finalists

“Wonderlust”
Cara J. Hayden
Pitt Magazine

“One on One”
Christine O’Toole
H Magazine

“Making Choices”
Christine O’Toole
H Magazine

#Category #4-E. Business

Finalists

“The China Syndrome”
Dan Fitzpatrick
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Campaign with a Capital P”
Jeffery Fraser
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Lawyers Guilty of Doing Good”
Geoffrey W. Melada
Pittsburgh Magazine

Category #4-F. Health/Medical

Finalists

“Learning What Their Hands Already Know”

Reid Frazier

Pitt Med

“The Jet Set”

Jeffery Frasier

Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Danger Zone”

Bo Schwerin

Pitt Magazine

Category #4-G. Science/Technology

Finalists

“Proof of the Proof”

Jennifer Bails

Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Sci-Fi”

Joseph Plummer

Pittsburgh Magazine

“Louis Comfort Tiffany”

Maureen Byko

The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society

Category #4-H. Cultural

Finalists

“On The Edge”

Cindy Gill

Pitt Magazine

“A Frame to Conjure With”

Graham Shearing

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Category #4-I. Criticism

Finalists

“Reading Room”

Sandra Lewis

Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Say Seviche”

Deborah McDonald

Pittsburgh Magazine

Category #4-J. Editorials

Finalist

“Stocks & Pedestal”

Douglas Heuck

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Category #4-K. Columns

Finalists

“What Do I Know?”

Jeff Sewald

Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Teresa Heinz Messages”

Teresa Heinz

H Magazine

Category #5 Illustration
#5-A. News Illustration
Finalists

“The Scariest Effect”
Ed Yozwick
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette”

“The Exorcists”
Daniel Marsula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Mommy Wars”
Stacy Innerst
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#5-B. Feature Illustration
Finalists

“Stevie Wonderful”
Daniel Marsula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Chicken Killing Day”
Daniel Marsula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Winter Movie Forecast”
Daniel Marsula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#5-C. Editorial Cartoon
Finalists

“Loved Ones”
Rob Rogers
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Colonoscopy DVD”
Tim Menees
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Dog Sport”
Rob Rogers
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Category 6 Television & Videography

#6-A. Enterprise Investigative

Finalists

"Convention Center Collapse"
WPXI-TV"

"Dangerous Drinking Water"
WTAE-TV

"Carnegie Financial"
KDKA-TV

#6B. Spot News

Finalists

"Aliquippa Floods"
WPXI-TV

"Tragedy in Larimer"
WTAE-TV

"Weather Triple Whammy"
KDKA-TV

#6-C. Continuing Coverage

Finalists

"China Trip"
WSEE-TV

"State Agency Secrets"
WTAE-TV

"Convention Center Collapse"
WPXI-TV

#6-D. Feature

Finalists

"The Darlington Mine Disaster"
WQED-TV

"Stone Soldiers"
WQED-TV

"Bingo Secrets"
KDKA-TV

#6-E. Public Affairs/Documentary

Finalists

"Celebrating Rodef Shalom"
WQED-TV

"Channel 11: 50 Years of News"
WPXI-TV

"Alicia's Message"
WQED-TV

#6-F. TV Commentary/Editorial

Finalist

"Viewpoint"
WTAE-TV

#6-G. Sports Reporting

Finalists

"Sunrise at the U.S. Open"
WPXI-TV

"Flying With Rooney"
WPXI-TV

"Steeler Monday"
KDKA-TV

#6-H. Spot News Videography

Finalists

“Boy Trapped”

KDKA-TV

“Etna Arson”

KDKA-TV

#6-I. Feature/Series Videography

Finalists

“Rehabbing the T-Rex”

KDKA-TV

“I Am A Runner”

KDKA-TV

“Stone Soldiers”

WQED-TV

#6-J. Sports Videography

Finalists

“Steeler Monday”

KDKA-TV

“Sunrise at the U.S. Open”

WPXI-TV

Category #7 Radio

Category #7-A. Enterprise/Investigative

Finalists

"Wind Farms Sprout Controversy"
Lisa Ann Pinkerton, The Allegheny Front
WYEP-FM

"Coal Country Ponders a Landfill"
Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front
WYEP-FM

"The Rise of Coal Bed Methane"
Ann Murray, The Allegheny Front
WYEP-FM

Category #7-B. Spot News

Finalists

"Transit Cuts"
Kevin Gavin
WDUQ-FM

"August 9th Flooding"
Frank Gottlieb
KQV Radio

Category #7-C. Continuing Coverage

Finalist

"Earth's Bounty: Continuing Series on Food & Environment"
Jennifer Szweda, The Allegheny Front
WYEP-FM

Category #7-D. Feature/Documentary

Finalists

“Sports Are Not Football: Championship Stone Skipping”

Cynthia Berger

WPSU

“A Pennsylvania Cold Weather Wine”

Ann Murray, The Allegheny Front

WYEP-FM

“Green Golf Courses”

Ann Murray, The Allegheny Front

WYEP-FM

Category #7-E. Commentary/Editorial

Finalist

“Traffic Jam”

Robert W. Dickey

KQV Radio

“New Taxes”

Robert W. Dickey

KQV Radio

Category #7-F. Sports Reporting

Finalist

“Steelers’ 75th Anniversary Series”

Eric Hagman

KQV Radio

Category #8

Photography

#8-A. Spot News

Finalists

“Talking Her In”

Rebecca Drake

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“In The Line of Duty”

Steve Mellon

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Gunman Surrenders Peacefully

Robert Esquivel

Herald Standard

#8-B. Feature

Finalists

“Farmer’s Life”

Scott Spangler

Tribune-Review

“Lunar Landscape”

Darrell Sapp

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Among Women”

Steve Mellon

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#8-C. Sports

Finalists

“Driven”

Andrew Russell

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Over The Falls”

Lake Fong

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Winning Stretch”

Philip G. Pavely

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

#8-D. Photo Essay/Story

Finalists

“Portrait of the Allegheny”

John Beale

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist

“All Quiet on the Mexican Front”

Andrew Russell

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Category 9 Multimedia

#9-A. Online Multimedia News

Finalists

“In Harm’s Way”

Dave Rafferty

Uniontown Herald-Standard

“Diabetes Crisis”

Multimedia Team

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

“New Bishop”

Multimedia Team

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

9-B. Online Multimedia Feature

Finalists

“Murder Ball”

Phillip G. Pavely

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

“Touching Evil”

Steve Mellon and Michael Fuoco

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Grumpy Old Blogger”

Park Burroughs

The Observer-Reporter