

# **2008 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily**

## **General Excellence**

**Daily under 60,000**

**Herald News**

**Daily over 60,000**

**The Record (Bergen County)**

**D-01, Responsible Journalism – Public Service,  
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "District Ripped on Consultant Hire"  
Ed Beeson  
Herald News

2nd Place: "Hoboken Police Scandal"  
Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark, Carly Baldwin, Agustin C. Torres,  
Ron Zeitlinger, Michaelangelo Conte  
The Jersey Journal

3rd Place: "Super Perks: Superintendents' Big Benefits"  
Colleen O'Dea, Laura Bruno, Joe Ungaro, Matt Manochio  
Daily Record

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Big Time, Big Costs: The High Price of Rutgers Sports"  
Ted Sherman, Josh Margolin  
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "Smoke and Mirrors: The Subversion of the EPA"  
John Shiffman, John Sullivan, Tom Avril  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place: "A Troubled Diagnosis"  
Alan Guenther

## **D-02, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: Keith Ryzewicz  
Courier News
- 2nd Place: Nora O'Dowd  
The Times, Trenton
- 3rd Place: Fred Snowflack  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Some Perspective Please"  
"Attorney General Should Get Involved"  
Carla Linz Callaway  
The Press of Atlantic City
- 2nd Place: "We Got to Have FAITH"  
"Sponge Bob's Large Pants"  
"Corzine's Education"  
Mary Ellen Shoonmaker  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: "Poor Excuse for Diploma"  
"Lame Duck"  
"Don't Drop Ball"  
Clare McDowell  
Asbury Park Press

## **D-03, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Family Kept in Dark About Death"  
Lisa Rich, Lisa Coryell  
The Times, Trenton

2nd Place: "Somebody's Watching You"  
Abbott Koloff  
Daily Record

3rd Place: "A Boy Named Hitler"  
Douglas Brill  
The Express-Times, Easton

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "The Accidental Artist"  
Amy Nutt  
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "A Mystery in the Desert"  
Kathleen O'Brien  
The Star-Ledger

3rd Place: "Casualties of the Health Insurance Crisis"  
Michael Vitez  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

**D-04, Responsible Journalism –  
First Amendment, Art Weissman Memorial Award**

**Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "LoBiondo: Earmarks Aid District"  
"Transparency Sought in Earmark Process"  
Joseph P. Smith  
The Daily Journal
- 2nd Place: "Fire Captain Taking Heat"  
"Another Fireman on the Hot Seat"  
"Investigator Suspended, Faces Charges"  
Alex MacInnes  
Herald News
- 3rd Place: "Vineland Mayoral Election"  
Tim Zatzary Jr., Joel Landau, Kristi Funderburk,  
Joe Smith, Jennifer Hague  
The Daily Journal

**Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Minimal Regulation of Child Care in New Jersey"  
James W. Prado Roberts, Jean Mikle, Paul D'Ambrosio  
Asbury Park Press
- 2nd Place: "Senators Bring Home Millions for New Jersey"  
Lisa Grzyboski  
Courier-Post
- 3rd Place: "Waiting in Pain"  
Dunstan McNichol, John P. Martin  
The Star-Ledger

## **D-05, Reporting and Writing – Breaking News**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Fatal Crash on Route 22"  
"I Just Assumed I was Going to Die"  
Sara K. Satullo, Douglas Brill, Michael Buck, Nick Falsone  
The Express-Times, Easton
- 2nd Place: "Woman Shot Dead, 2 Wounded At Church"  
Karen Keller, Jennifer H. Cunningham, Meredith Mandell,  
Barbara Williams, Paul Brubaker, Heather Haddon  
Herald News
- 3rd Place: "The Death of Ruben Martinez"  
Meghan Van Dyk, Rob Jennings, Matt Manochio,  
Tehani Schneider, Peggy Wright  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Teaneck Blast Kills 1"  
Staff  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "Trapped in Haiti"  
Lindy Washburn  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: "Boat Captain Missing Off Atlantic City"  
Richard Degener  
The Press of Atlantic City

## **D-06, Reporting and Writing – News Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Unsolved Tragedy"  
"Working Under the Radar"  
"Plainfield Stabbing Victim"  
"20 Laid to Rest"  
Mark Spivey  
Courier News
- 2nd Place: "Saved from the Battlefield"  
"Veteran Returns to the Skies"  
"Monster Bloom"  
Tehani Schneider  
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Recalling the Horrors of War"  
"Superintendent Accused of Plagiarism"  
"Green Movement Seeks to Generate Bright Future"  
Martin C. Bricketto  
Courier News

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Restoring 'Pleasure Palace'"  
"New Battle Lines"  
"Riot Ready"  
Mike Kelly  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "Drug Kingpins in ON Suburbs Spoils"  
George Anastasia  
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 3rd Place: "What Happened to This 'All-American Boy' "  
Mark Mueller  
The Star-Ledger

## **D-07, Reporting and Writing – Environmental Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Wetlands at a Crossroads"  
Jared Kaltwasser  
Courier-News, Bridgewater
- 2nd Place: "Business End of Cows Could Cost Farmers"  
Bill Wichert  
The Express-Times, Easton
- 3rd Place: "How Will the Wind... Wells of Hope Add Life and Genuine Horsepower"  
Jeff Trently  
The Times, Trenton

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Too Many Questions Not Even Asked"  
"Safety Testing Lax on New School Sites"  
"The Mob's Playground?"  
Jeff Pillels  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "Welcome to the Jersey Shore. Now Go Home"  
Wayne Parry  
The Associated Press, Trenton
- 3rd Place: "Going Green, Even to the Grave"  
"Getting Sick from Flame Retardants"  
"Wind Sails into Pennsylvania Power Scene"  
Sandy Bauers  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



## **D-08, Reporting and Writing – Feature, Lifestyle & Entertainment Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Fallen Hero's Footsteps"  
"Little Golf Course on a Big Lake"  
"More Employers Will Google You"  
Abbott Koloff  
Daily Record

2nd Place: "Back Off Wackos"  
"Run, Run, Run"  
"12 Angry Men"  
Tony Nauroth  
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place: "Headscarf Ban Wears on Turks"  
"Empty Hearts"  
"Hard Lesson Learned"  
Heather Haddon  
Herald News

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Love That's Outlasted the Mementos"  
"Bob Peckar"  
"Maria Mazziotti Gillan"  
Mike Kerwick  
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "Expressing Vows"  
"True Weekend Warriors"  
"Slapping and Tapping to Her Own Beat"  
Robert Biesel  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "Finding His Place"  
"For These Guys, Sneakers are the Heart & Soul of Their Obsession"  
"Outfits Worthy of Praise"  
Vincent Jackson  
The Press of Atlantic City

## **D-09, Reporting and Writing – Sports Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Princeton Futility"  
"Colleges Don't"  
"At Mercer"  
Craig Haley  
The Times, Trenton

2nd Place: "Parros"  
"Final Step"  
"Morris Cheers"  
Jane Havsy  
Daily Record

3rd Place: "Faithful Hope"  
"New Track"  
"Gravitating Toward"  
Stefan Bondy  
Herald News

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Cathy Rush"  
"Next Stop"  
"Yank's Home"  
Susan Lulgjuraj  
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: "Son's Big Heart Ligthens Load Caused by Dad's Painful Past"  
"Life of Pain for Walker"  
"I Don't Know How I Did It"  
Ian O'Connor  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "One Fish"  
"Best Laid Plans"  
"Call Off the Dogs"  
Kirk Moore  
Asbury Park Press

## **D-10, Reporting and Writing – Scholastic Sports Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "No Mercy"  
Stefan Bondy  
Herald News
- 2nd Place: "Players, Coaches, Strategies"  
Jerry Carino  
Courier News
- 3rd Place: "Prep Stuns No. 1 Bees"  
"CREATE's Harrison: I Feel Like I Hurt the Team"  
"Union Hill Junior Matta Has Coaches, Opponents Impressed"  
Ned Winner  
The Jersey Journal

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Remembering Ryne"  
"The Survivor"  
"His Darkest Hour"  
Jeff Roberts  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "New Home for Old Passion"  
Phil Anatasia  
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 3rd Place: "Dave Lewis"  
Michael McGarry  
The Press of Atlantic City

## **D-11, Reporting and Writing – Business and Financial Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "A Cut Above"  
"Landis Facelift: 71 Businesses"  
"Boat Industry Suffers"  
Kristi Funderburk  
The Daily Journal
- 2nd Place: "Big Growth"  
"Food-Preneur"  
"Totally Tea"  
Lorraine Ash  
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Philling the Bank"  
"Discomforts of Home"  
"Arena Coming to Landfill Location?"  
Lucas K. Murray  
Gloucester County Times

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "It's Still a Big Deal"  
"Casino Dealers Rage Against Machines"  
"A Little Bit of Old Hollywood in the Middle of Nowhere"  
Donald Wittkowski  
The Press of Atlantic City
- 2nd Place: "Betting the House"  
"Why Hasn't Your House Sold Yet"  
"Homeowner's Life Spins into Desperation"  
Kathy Lynn  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: "Giving You a Reason to Leave"  
"Running on Empty"  
"Specializing in Deep Discounts"  
David P. Willis  
Asbury Park Press

## **D-12, Reporting and Writing – Columns**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "A Special Gift for Little Erin"  
"Fretting Remains, the Pace is Slower"  
"Here It Is: My Own Bucket List"  
Bob Shryock  
Gloucester County Times
- 2nd Place: Jay Jefferson Cooke  
Courier News
- 3rd Place: "It's Not Possible to Protect People from Themselves"  
"Feeling Sick? Check Out This Payday"  
"Exasperated Dad Sees Little Satisfaction"  
Joseph P. Owens  
The Express-Times, Easton

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Tossed into the Jobless Ranks at Age 84"  
"Ah, for the Innocent Snows of Yesteryear"  
"Rutgers Football"  
Mark Dilonno  
The Star-Ledger
- 2nd Place: "American Dream, American Nightmare"  
"Interview with Inmate in Pod B"  
"Wound Unhealed"  
Bill Handleman  
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: "Money Worries: Going Through the Change"  
"Mother Nature Puts Wet Blanket on 'Be Prepared' "  
"Love for Pet Ever Endures"  
Diana Fasanella  
Asbury Park Press

## **D-13, Reporting and Writing – Critical Writing**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Alda Brings the Truth"  
"Jerry Stiller"  
"Bacon Brothers"  
Ellen Wilkove  
Daily Record
- 2nd Place: "Teller of Trusts"  
"A Transported Tale"  
"Of Magic and Reality"  
Tim Morris  
Herald News
- 3rd Place: "Fading Away"  
"Red Cat Owner Just Jumped Into the Job"  
"Cool, Cool Family Affair"  
Jean Stevens  
Herald News

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Dream Cuisine"  
"Ted's on Main"  
"Pasta Shells and More and Shore"  
Craig LaBan  
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 2nd Place: "Weiland's Solo Show Proves Disappointing"  
"Cheech & Chong Bring Pot-laced Comedy Routine to Borgata"  
"They Lack the Magic of Their Prime"  
Scott Cronick  
The Press of Atlantic City
- 3rd Place: "9 North in Wayne"  
"Korean Fare with Old World Flair"  
"An Epicurean Jewel, Beautifully Wrapped"  
Elisa Ung  
The Record (Bergen County)

## **D-14, Reporting and Writing – Robert P. Kelly Award**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Waiting to Get a Green Card"  
"Reining in Jersey's Drug Reps"  
"Without Tickets, They Relied on Faith"  
Heather Appel  
Herald News

2nd Place: "Climbing the Ladder"  
"Fake Shooting Real Terror"  
"Pilgrimage Crosses Cultural Divide"  
Sarah Wojcik  
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place: "Honoring an Irish Patriot"  
"Senior Complex Up for Auction"  
"Residents: Safety Takes Priority"  
Alex Zdan  
The Times, Trenton

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Experts Dismiss Doctorate Dissertation"  
"School's Chief's Doctorate Reviewed"  
"State Tells School Chief He's No Dr."  
Joshua Riley  
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: "Tickets Anyone?"  
"Borgata Photo Shoot for the 14 Who Made the Cut"  
"Go to the Wedding? Or Go to the Series?"  
Dan Good  
The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place: no winner

## **D-15, Reporting and Writing – Best Headlines**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Duck, Goose!"  
Glenn Koppelman  
Gloucester County Times
- 2nd Place: "Economy Leaves Pets in the Doghouse"  
Ilana Keller  
Courier News
- 3rd Place: "Brotherly Shove"  
"Third Tynes The Charm"  
"Colts Come Clean...Shaven"  
Rick Burchfield  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: "Reign Delayed"  
"Mud, Sweat, Cheers"  
"Masters of Technology"  
Charles Schroeder  
The Press of Atlantic City
- 2nd Place: "Snap, Crackle, Drop"  
"Soup of the Day"  
"Independent's Day"  
Edwin Faust  
The Press of Atlantic City
- 3rd Place: "Strahan Can Smile, But He Leaves a Gap"  
"Devil's Face Road Trip from Hell"  
"Yanks Throw Salary-Cut Fastball to Vet"  
Joe Farrell  
The Record (Bergen County)



## **D-16, Reporting and Writing – Special Issue**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Living/2008 Guide to Morris County"  
Staff  
Daily Record

2nd Place: "Super Bowl XLII"  
Steve Feitl, Staff  
Home News Tribune

3rd Place: "High School Football Preview"  
Shawn Lear, Staff  
Gloucester County Times

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Summer Guide"  
Staff  
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: "Giant Heroes"  
Staff  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "South Jersey Guide"  
Staff  
Courier-Post

## **D-17, Design and Presentation – News Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Scott Muller  
Herald News

2nd Place: Lou Hochman  
Daily Record

3rd Place: Kevin Davis  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "All Eyes on Economy"  
Peter M. Brophy  
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: Ed Nest  
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: Robert Townsend  
The Record (Bergen County)

## **D-18, Design and Presentation – Feature Section Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Anthony Schiavino  
Home News Tribune

2nd Place: Lorinda Jarvis  
The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Lou Hochman  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Elaine Isaacson  
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Lisa Mansolillo Dalie  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: Tara Fraser  
Courier-Post

## **D-19, Design and Presentation – Sports Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

- 1st Place: Mindy Drexel  
Herald News
- 2nd Place: Harry Aharon  
Herald News
- 3rd Place: "Driving Force"  
"Jackpot!"  
"Numbers Game"  
"Terminator!"  
"The Great Debate"  
Dave O'Sullivan  
The Daily Journal

### **Daily over 60,000**

- 1st Place: Chuck O'Donnell  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: John Connolly  
The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: Ed Nest  
Asbury Park Press

## **D-20, Design and Presentation – Graphics/Illustration Portfolio**

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Home Safe Home"  
"Inside The VMEU"  
"Splat-afore"  
"Deep Thoughts"  
"What \$600 Can Buy"  
Joe Moore  
The Daily Journal

2nd Place: "Terminator"  
"A Summer Shocker!"  
"World Series Showdown"  
"Men at Work"  
"Wet and Wild Water Parks"  
Joe Moore  
The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Adam Hollanek  
Daily Record

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Jeff Colson  
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: Lance Theroux  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: Billy Becerra  
The Record (Bergen County)

## **D-21, Design and Presentation – Innovation Award**

### **Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Boomer on Board"  
Virginia Rohan  
The Record (Bergen County)

### **Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: no winner