

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

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- 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

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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

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

2nd Place: "Son's Big Heart Lighens 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

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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