

2009 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily

General Excellence

Daily under 60,000

Daily Record

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The Record (Bergen County)

**D-1, Responsible Journalism – Public Service,
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award**

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Pingry Arms"
Mark Spivey
Courier News

2nd Place: "Tracking the Federal Stimulus"
Ryan Tracy, Meir Rinde, Erin Duffy, Tom Sommerville
The Times

3rd Place: "Plainfield Quizzed On Role Of Pair"
Mark Spivey
Courier News

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1st Place: "Hackensack University Medical Center"
Lindy Washburn, Mary Jo Layton, Peter Sampson
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "Fighting New Jersey's Tax Crush"
Paul D'Ambrosio, Jean Mikle, Andrea Clurfeld, Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: "Bergen County Technical School District"
Michael Gartland
The Record (Bergen County)

D-2, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Responsibility, Not Loopholes"
"State Needs to Stop this Pain"
"For Bill Cahir, Our Gratitude"
Mary Lee Donahue
Gloucester County Times

2nd Place: "Big Payout in Dover"
"Perks Out of Control"
"Off-Base in Hanover"
Fred Snowflack
Daily Record

3rd Place: "Now Is The Times"
Nora O'Dowd
The Times

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1st Place: "Hoping to Beat the Odds"
"Credit the Surgeons"
"A Crack in the Records Act"
Kevin Manahan
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "20-point Tax Plan Series"
Randy Bergmann
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: "An Assemblyman's Parking Ticket"
"Of Mussels and Men"
"Gadhafi and New Jersey"
Jim Perskie
The Press of Atlantic City

D-3, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Educating Our Work Force"
Joseph P. Smith
The The Daily Journal
- 2nd Place: "Fear of Curbs Spurs Rise in Gun Permits"
Matt Manochio
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Medicine or Mistake?"
Stephen J. Novak, Bill Wichert, Sarah Wojcik, Tom Quigley
The Express-Times

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- 1st Place: "Desperation Street"
Meredith Mandell, Leslie Barbaro
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "The Wounds Within: Suicide in the Military"
Mark Mueller, Tomas Dinges
The Star-Ledger
- 3rd Place: "Eye on the Economy"
Shannon Mullen, Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

D-4, Responsible Journalism – First Amendment The Art Weissman Memorial Award

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Mayor in Corruption Sweep Has County Ties"
Melissa Hayes, David Levinsky
Burlington County Times
- 2nd Place: "Big Payout in Dover"
Staff
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "State Tosses Hanover Park Regional's Buyout Deal"
Laura Bruno
Daily Record

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- 1st Place: "Private Jobs, Public Pensions"
Elise Young
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "New Jersey Denies 911 Call Centers Millions"
Daniel Walsh
The Press of Atlantic City
- 3rd Place: "Six-figure Salaries on Your Dime"
Paul D'Ambrosio, Andrea Clurfeld, Jean Mikle,
Todd B. Bates, Shannon Mullen
Asbury Park Press

D-5, Reporting and Writing – Breaking News

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Charged"
"Healy: Yes, I'm Official 4" et al
Michaelangelo Conte, Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark, Agustin Torres,
Paul Takahashi Carly Baldwin, Jennifer Kim
The Jersey Journal
- 2nd Place: "Bloodbath"
"Trail of Violence"
Michaelangelo Conte, Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark,
Agustin Torres, Paul Takahashi
The Jersey Journal
- 3rd Place: "Vanaman Pleads Guilty"
Jospeh P. Smith, Joel Landau, Kristi Funderburk, Joe Moore
The The Daily Journal

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- 1st Place: "Greed, Betrayal, Shame"
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "Miracle on the Hudson"
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: "Walk of Shame"
Staff
The Star-Ledger

D-6, Reporting and Writing – News Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Missing Hunter's Body Found"
"10 Years after Columbine, Security a Fact of School Life"
"Slim Chance"
Jessica Beym
Gloucester County Times
- 2nd Place: "Growing Number of Patients Lack Health Insurance"
"Asian Stink Bugs Invading New Jersey"
"Breaking Up Harder as the Economy Adds Obstacles"
Lorraine Ash
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Acquitted in Sex Case, Coach Fights to Survive"
"One Act Destroyed Three Families"
"Disabled Man Questions Exclusion from Jury"
Ken Serrano
Home News Tribune

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- 1st Place: "A Shore Tradition: Wise Guys"
"On Tape, Savage Gloats Over Six Deaths"
"Married to the Mob, Without the Laughs"
George Anastasia
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 2nd Place: "Party All Week"
"Security at Clubs May Not be Trained"
"Christie Takes Risk with Inner-City Strategy"
Juliet Fletcher
The Press of Atlantic City
- 3rd Place: "Reactor Warning Devises Still Out"
"Water Pollution Signs"
"Police Salaries \$90,000 Plus Overtime"
Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press

D-7, Reporting and Writing – Environmental Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Sussex County's Power Future"
Seth Augenstein
New Jersey Herald

2nd Place: "EPA Steps Up NJ Site Cleanup"
Stephen J. Novak
The Express-Times

3rd Place: no winner

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1st Place: "Is It Worth Going Green?"
Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: "A Muddy Future"
"Coal's Here to Stay"
"Habitat for Danger"
Scott Fallon
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: no winner

D-8, Reporting and Writing – Feature, Lifestyle & Entertainment Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Joby is Still Leading the Way"
"BHS Class of 1959 Reunites"
"14 Year-old Strings 'Beads of Courage' Fighting Leukemia"
Joe Green
The News of Cumberland County
- 2nd Place: "Parubchenko Earns Reputation for Doing 'Damn Good Work'"
"Praise the Lord and Pass the Popcorn"
"Chilly Plung for Good Cause"
Erin Duffy
The Times
- 3rd Place: "Go-Go Soaks Up Limelight"
"Bad Moon Rising"
"City Pulling Plug on Basement Shows"
Chris Jordan
Home News Tribune

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- 1st Place: "Intriguing People: Oksana Baiul"
"Intriguing People: Jim White"
"Jackson Profoundly Influenced a Generation"
Mike Kerwick
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "This Summer's Hot Beach Game. Quoits? Nah! It's Ladder Ball"
"Pool of Rock"
"An Old Hand at Fresh Seafood"
Amy Rosenberg
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 3rd Place: "Banker to Bayman"
"Post-Literate Society"
"Leaving NJ"
Shannon Mullen
Asbury Park Press

D-9, Reporting and Writing – Sports Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: Jerry Carino
Courier News
- 2nd Place: Ben Watanabe
The The Daily Journal
- 3rd Place: Paul Franklin
Home News Tribune

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- 1st Place: Jeff Roberts
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: Stephen Edelson
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: Gus Ostrum
Courier-Post

D-10, Reporting and Writing – Scholastic Sports Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Greg Tufaro
Home News Tribune

2nd Place: Patrick Villanova
The Jersey Journal

3rd Place: Jane Allison Havsy
Daily Record

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1st Place: Jeff Roberts
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Matthew Stanmyre
Courier-Post

3rd Place: Kevin Minnick
Courier-Post

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

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Frozen Bond Markets Thawing"
"Recession Gives Community Banks Opportunity"
"Recession Hurts Job-Hunting Teens"
Ryan Tracy
The Times
- 2nd Place: "The Man with the Plan"
"To Some It's Harder to Rent Out"
"Girl, 13, Opens Thrift Shop for the Needy"
Jessica Driscoll
Gloucester County Times
- 3rd Place: "Rate Change Jolts NJ Farmers"
"Owner Puts Cork in Winery"
"Milk Prices Could Climb"
Bill Wichert
The Express-Times

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- 1st Place: "Unhappy Returns"
"Shore Bargains on Pricey Homes"
"Surf's Up"
David P. Willis
Asbury Park Press
- 2nd Place: "Atlantic City Battered by Rivals, Economy"
"What Happens in Vegas: Lots Less"
"States Go All In to Get a Shot at Gambling Gold"
Suzette Parmley
The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 3rd Place: "Cherry Hill Mall Unveiled: Major Revamp Enlivens Icon"
"Many S.J. Restaurants Hungry for Profits"
"Two S.J. Mortgage Firms Tied to Scam"
Eileen Smith
Courier-Post

D-12, Reporting and Writing – News/Business Column

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "When is Too Much Information a Problem?"
Paul C. Grzella
Courier News
- 2nd Place: "Cover Captured Reality of Violence"
L.A. Parker
The Trentonian
- 3rd Place: "Thanks Again, Sister Rosa Mystica"
Jim Six
Gloucester County Times

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- 1st Place: "Take the City Back"
Barry Carter
The Star-Ledger
- 2nd Place: "Under Fire"
Bill Handleman
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: "Camden's Needs Unmet"
Monica Yant Kinney
The Philadelphia Inquirer

D-13, Reporting and Writing – Op-Ed Column

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "He Answered the Call and Paid the Price"
"Image of Truth Is Something We'd Rather Not See"
"Tragic Story Deserves Its Day in Court"
Joseph P. Owens
The Express-Times
- 2nd Place: "Brave Call on Marijuana from Carroll"
Fred Snowflack
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Vega's Got a Big Problem and Small Political Future" et al
Agustin C. Torres
The Jersey Journal

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- 1st Place: "Like Childhood, Shea is Nothing More Than a Memory"
"Listen to the Sounds of Snap, Crackle and Pop"
"What's Love Got To Do with It"
Alfred Doblin
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: no winner
- 3rd Place: no winner

D-14, Reporting and Writing – Feature/Entertainment Column

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Uphill Climb Has Many Pitfalls, but Big Rewards"
"Getting By – One Day at a Time"
"Faith, Attitude Stronger than Spinal-Cord Injury"
Mike Daigle
Daily Record
- 2nd Place: "Richter Scale"
Adam Richter
The Express-Times
- 3rd Place: "Missing the Days When I Was a Backyard Mechanic"
"Still Praying and Singing in the Same Church"
"Carving Out a Comfort Zone on Thanksgiving Day"
Rick Malwitz
Home News Tribune

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- 1st Place: "Psyched Up for Sports"
"How Children Can Stave Off Vacation Brain Burnout"
"School Daze"
Colleen Diskin
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "Looking for Where You Find It"
"Trust Your Parenting GPS"
"Miracles Don't Always Come in Straight Lines"
Lu Hanessian
Courier-Post
- 3rd Place: "The Gift of Tongues, Slip of Tongue"
"Springsteen Turns 60"
"Sons Restore a Father's Sense of Pride"
Michael Riley
Asbury Park Press

D-15, Reporting and Writing – Sports Column

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "New League Draws Rave Reviews"
"Clues Emerging a Month into Season"
"More Millennium Decade Memories"
Joe Hofmann
Daily Record

2nd Place: "The Real Deal" et al
Jay Dunn
The Trentonian

3rd Place: no winner

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Unnecessary Roughness"
"This Course Is No Classic"
"Always Labor Day for this Shortstop"
Ian O'Connor
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "Brown's Impact Reaches Far Beyond the Football Field" et al
Stephen Edelson
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: "How To Begin Road Toward a 26.2 Mile Run" et al
Kevin Clapp
The Press of Atlantic City

D-16, Reporting and Writing – Critical Writing

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "‘10’ Revisited"
 "The Return of Beatlemania"
 "New Bach Choir"
 Adam Richter
 The Express-Times
- 2nd Place: "Irredeemable"
 "Kill Audio"
 "The Flash"
 Johnathan Hardick
 The Express-Times
- 3rd Place: "History Was Never So Enjoyable as in ‘1776’"
 "‘Noises Off’ a Delightful Disaster"
 "A ‘Prairie’ Full of Ups and Downs"
 William Westhoven
 Daily Record

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- 1st Place: "Ports of Call"
 "Seasons 52"
 "Fine Flip-Flop Fare"
 Craig LeBan
 The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 2nd Place: "A Little Trust Can Go a Long Way"
 "A Beautiful Setting is the High Point"
 "Ambassadors for Peruvian Cuisine"
 Elisa Ung
 The Record (Bergen County)
- 3rd Place: "‘Year One’ a Dud of Biblical Proportions"
 "Almodóvar’s Love Letter"
 "A World Apart"
 Stephan Whitty
 The Star-Ledger

D-17, Reporting and Writing – Robert P. Kelly Award

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: Matt Fair
The Times
- 2nd Place: Jake Remaly
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: Kelly Huth
The Express-Times

Daily over 60,000

- 1st Place: Chris Megerian
The Star-Ledger
- 2nd Place: Graelyn Brasher
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: no other entries

D-18, Reporting and Writing – Best Headlines

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "All Pants Wet"
"You're a Republican? I Am Too!"
"Tree a Tunnel Vision"
John Crittenden
The Jersey Journal
- 2nd Place: "In It for the Picks"
"Cash and Carryover"
"Turning Up the Volumes"
Glenn Koppleman
Gloucester County Times
- 3rd Place: "Law and Tall Order"
"Job Odyssey: Fired, Suit, Rehired, Removed, Suit"
"Animal Backers"
Glenn Koppleman
Gloucester County Times

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- 1st Place: "What's Wrong with this Picture?"
"Where Fascinating Rhythm Meets Good Vibrations"
"Pot in Every Chicken"
Craig Neddle
The Record (Bergen County)
- 2nd Place: "For Joba the Not, a Long Day in Belmar's Court"
"In Ocean County, Politics Is All A-Twitter"
"Judge: There'll Be No Divorcing in the Dark"
Lisa Kruse
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: "Mixed Football Marriage in Margate Offers Chance
for Some Wedded Blitz"
"Same Bank, Same Crime, Same Suspect, Same FBI Agent"
"Boughing to the Economy"
Owen Gallagher
The Press of Atlantic City

D-19, Reporting and Writing – Special Issue

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Women's Lifestyle in Salem County"
Colleen P. Moore
Today's Sunbeam, Salem

2nd Place: "Mission Impossible 2"
Steve Feitl, Ryan Dunleavy
Courier News

3rd Place: "2009 Courier News Wish Book"
Staff
Courier News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Best of Winter High Sports"
Michael Melhorn, Michael McGarry, Emily Gorman, Michael Ein
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: "Advances in Fight Against Breast Cancer"
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "South Jersey Guide 2009-2010"
Staff
Courier-Post

D-20, Design and Presentation – News Page Design Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Kevin Davis
Daily Record

2nd Place: no winner

3rd Place: no winner

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: Robert S. Townsend
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Shawn Weston
The Star-Ledger

3rd Place: Alan Schuster
Courer-Post

D-21, Design and Presentation – Feature Section Page Design Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "World Tour"
"V for Victory"
"Inside Story"
"Oh Deer"
"C is for Cookie"
Donna Poulsen
Courier News
- 2nd Place: "Cupcake Crazy"
"Cocktail Time"
"Fall Fun"
"Marking a Milestone"
"High-Tech Holidays"
Michelle Malouf-Steimle
Daily Record
- 3rd Place: "Work & Play"
"Life Cycle"
"Whistle Blower"
"Cane & Comfort"
"Pane & Simple"
Jane Humes
Gloucester County Times

Daily over 60,000

- 1st Place: Mark Voger
The Star-Ledger
- 2nd Place: Jeff Colson
Asbury Park Press
- 3rd Place: Emily Gorman
The Press of Atlantic City

D-22, Design and Presentation – Sports Page Design Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

- 1st Place: "Home News Sports"
Steve Feitl
Home News Tribune
- 2nd Place: "2009 High School Football Review"
Patrick Villanova, Mike Gesario
The Jersey Journal
- 3rd Place: Josh Friedman
The The Daily Journal

Daily over 60,000

- 1st Place: Kevin Steimle
Asbury Park Press
- 2nd Place: Emily Gorman
The Press of Atlantic City
- 3rd Place: R. L. Rebach
The Record (Bergen County)

D-23, Design and Presentation – Graphics/Illustration Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Andrew Prendimano
Daily Record

2nd Place: Joe Moore
The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Adam Hollanek
Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: Tim Faherty
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: Jeff Colson
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: Charlie McGill
The Record (Bergen County)

D-24, Innovation Award

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: no winner

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1st Place: "Obama Posters"
Andy Prendimano, Jeff Colson,
Michelle Malouf-Steimle, Alex Riley
Asbury Park Press