

# 2012 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily

## General Excellence

Daily Over 35,000

**The Star-Ledger**  
Newark

Daily Under 35,000

**Burlington County Times**  
Willingboro

**D1 – Responsible Journalism –  
Public Service – Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award**

**Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Cheated: Why Lakewood Public Schools Have Failed  
and What We Can Do to fix Them”  
Shannon Mullen  
Ken Serrano  
Todd Bates  
Margaret Bonafide
- 2nd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Road to Recovery – After Superstorm Sandy”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Law and Disorder”  
“Betraying the Badge”  
“Chief Reveals FBI’s Role in Edison Probe”  
“More Turmoil for Cops in Edison”  
“TSA Hired Ex-Edison Cop with a History”  
Mark Mueller

**Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“A Lost Soul No Longer”  
“Seven with No Family Buried”  
Carly Romalino
- 2nd Place: **Courier News**  
“Access to Public Records at Stake”  
“Judge OKs Access to Public Records”  
“Courts Sides with Access”  
“Senate Bill May Relax Records Ruling”  
“Payroll Company Behind Newspapers’ Lawsuit  
Against Borough Waives Fee”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **South Jersey Times**  
“Rail Incident Is Second at Mantua Creek Span in Past Three Years”  
“Residents Outraged in Paulsboro”  
“An Informed Public Is a Safer Public”  
“Schools Back in Action”  
“Wash. Twp. Fire Crew Quits HAZMAT Team”  
Staff

## **D2 – Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
"Chill Councilman"  
"Both Ignore Truth"  
"The Naked Truth"  
Jim Perskie
- 2nd Place: **Home News Tribune**  
"Christie's Not Credible"  
"MCIA Leaders Have Changes"  
"Edison Police Need..."  
Keith Ryzewicz
- 3rd Place: **The Philadelphia Inquirer**  
"N.J. Legislature Has Finally 'Gone to the Dogs'"  
"I Got This' Video Had More Than One Message"  
"Union Job Is Nice Work, Especially the Pay"  
Josh Gohlke

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
"Nothing 'Premier' in 3-year Impasse"  
"Don't Wait a Year on N.J. Wage Lift"  
"Toxic Transports Needs to Be Safer"  
Mary Lee Donahue
- 2nd Place: **Daily Record**  
"Dover Is Moving Too Fast on Public Safety Plan"  
"Trenton Bipartisan Maturity Went Away"  
"Free Beaches, Whatever It Takes"  
Keith Ryzewicz
- 3rd Place: **The Times**  
"Resign Mayor Mack"  
"Gov. Christie, Please Visit TCHS"  
"The Paper Chase"  
Nora O'Dowd

## D3 – Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

### Daily Over 35,000

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"A How-To Guide to New Jersey's Power Game"  
Jeff Pillets
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"48 Hours That Forever Changed New Jersey"  
"‘Angels Are Gathering’ Amid Ruins of a Shore Town"  
"Empty Shelves, Heavy Hearts: Closing Up Shop"  
"Everyday Heroes Step Up in Shore's Darkest Hours"  
Amy Ellis Nutt
- 3rd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Gripped by Violence"  
Alesha Williams  
Michelle Gladden  
Kevin Penton  
Nicquel Terry

### Daily Under 35,000

- 1st Place: **The Times**  
"Ghost Garage Project Among Targets of FBI Searches"  
"Before FBI Warrants Came Ex-Lawyer, Cash in Hand"  
"A Case Built with Help of ‘Cooperating Witnesses’"  
"The Auto-Detailer and the FBI Binder of Evidence"  
"FBI: ‘Uncle Remus’ was phrase that pays"  
Alex Zdan
- 2nd Place: **The Express-Times**  
"Seeking Cancer Answers"  
Rudy Miller  
Pamela Sroka-Holzmann
- 3rd Place: **Daily Record**  
"Sasquatch in New Jersey?"  
"The Hot Spots for Sightings"  
"The Last Step"  
Lorraine Ash

## **D4 – Responsible Journalism – First Amendment – Art Weissman Memorial Award**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Bill in an Instant"  
"At Ariz. Confab: How to Turn Conservative Ideas into Law"  
"Christie's Education Bills Called Originals"  
"Hard Road in Fighting Copycat State Bills"  
"Liberals Taking Aim at Copycat GOP Bills"  
Salvador Rizzo
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"From a Tattered Mob Case, Bitter Charges Flare"  
Shawn Boburg  
Jean Rimbach  
Monsy Alvarado
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Troopers face probe", "2 Troopers", "Three Top"  
"State Police policy", "A Beating by Troopers", "How Trooper Pumped"  
"State Slams Brakes", "If Troopers Speak Up", "In Most States"  
"Treatment of Diabetic"  
"Startling Turn In"  
"Amid Gains, State"  
Christopher Baxter

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Courier News**  
"The Cost of Moving Ahead"  
"Somerville Slashes Promoter's Pay"  
Sergio Bichao
- 2nd Place: **New Jersey Herald**  
"LTR", "High Point Won't Release", "High Point at Odds", "Police Called"  
"Schools Chief Faces", "Superintendent Sued", "Board Addresses"  
"Still at Odds", "Investigation Opened", "Superintendent Resigns"  
"Chief's Retirement", "Chief Addresses"  
"Debated in Court", "Judge Denies"  
Eric Obernauer
- 3rd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Ballot Slots Blamed for Losses"  
"Ballot Positioning Taken to Task"  
"Maybe They're Just Not That into You"  
Rose Krebs  
Jeannie O'Sullivan  
Gretchen Barrett-Hanafy

## **D5 – Reporting and Writing – Breaking News**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Superstorm Sandy”  
Staff
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Storm Punishes North Jersey”  
“Shellshocked”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Historic Devastation”  
“Pure Hell”  
Staff

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **South Jersey Times**  
“Residents Witness Mantua Creek Bridge Collapse”  
“Officials: Long-Term Effects Not Likely”  
“Sweeny: Derailment Is Conrail’s Responsibility”  
“Officials Evacuate Additional Residents as Precautionary Measure”  
“Coast Guard, DEP Assess How to Remove Vinyl Chloride”  
Staff
- 2nd Place: **The News of Cumberland County**  
“Millville Mourns Officer”  
“Driver in Fatal Crash Wanted to Be Officer”  
“‘Nothing in My Arms All Day’”  
Alex Young  
Jim Cook  
Phil Tomlinson
- 3rd Place: **Courier News**  
“Community Grieves for Victims of Fire”  
“Family Receives Community Support After Fire Kills 5”  
Staff

## **D6 – Reporting and Writing – News Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Law and Disorder”  
“Funeral Industry Struggles to Cope in Dire Conditions”  
“State Scrambles to Fix a Polling System That Sandy Left in Shambles”  
Mark Mueller
- 2nd Place: **The Philadelphia Inquirer**  
“Wildwood Days for Seaside Refugees”  
“Cleanup Headaches”  
“FEMA Delivers a Blow at Shore”  
Amy Rosenberg
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Testimony May Weaken Defense”  
“M.B. Wants to See Ravi Serve Time”  
“Spotlight on Judge’s Reasoning in Ravi Sentence”  
Karen Sudol

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Times**  
“FBI Raids Mack’s Home”  
“Before FBI Warrants Came Lawyer, Cash in Hand”  
“Vendor Paid ‘Finder’s Fee’ for City Contract”  
Alex Zdan
- 2nd Place: **Courier News**  
“Plainfield Home-Invasion Victim, 87, Recounts Torture”  
“NJ Supreme Court Rules Plainfield Couple Can Sue Rescue Squad  
for Failing to Save Shot Son”  
“Man Not Guilty in Family Attack”  
Mark Spivey
- 3rd Place: **Today’s Sunbeam**  
“Local Wrestling Champ Found Dead”  
“County Officials Nix Ghost Show Visit to Johnson Hall”  
“Skull Found in Del. River”  
Mike Williams

## **D7 – Reporting and Writing – Environmental Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
“Trawl Study Repeat”  
“Protecting Studying the Red Knots”  
“Chemical Spill Dissipates but Worry Lingers”  
Sarah Watson
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Pipeline Scar Headed Here”  
“Riverside Dangers”  
“EPA Fears Toxic Spread”  
Scott Fallon
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“After Falling Behind in recycling, NJ Looks for Solutions”  
“Drinking Water Going to Waste”  
“Pumping Proposal Sparks Water War”  
James O’Neill

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Where the Wild Things Are Safe and Sound”  
“Base”  
“Taking a Bite Out of Mosquitoes”  
“Copepods”  
“Coastal Experts Eye Ocean’s Land Grab”  
“Erosion”  
Peg Quann
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Rare Combination Brews Huge Storm”  
“Sandy to Go Down in History as Remarkable Storm”  
“Powerful Storms Becoming Common”  
“Storm”  
Matt Chiappardi
- 3rd Place: **The Express-Times**  
“History of Sludge on Fields Pungent”  
“GenOn Closing Isn’t Healthy for Economy, Mayor Claims”  
“Board Approves Fertilizer Facility”  
Andrew George



## **D8 – Reporting and Writing – Feature, Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Where’s the Respect?”  
“The Keys of E”  
“The Soul of ‘Soul Train’”  
Tris McCall
- 2nd Place: **The Philadelphia Inquirer**  
“Rental Rules in N.J. Raise Concerns”  
“Still Eating What They Can Catch”  
“Mexican Rodeos’ Find Crowds, and Criticism”  
James Osborne
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“The Risk Was Real, but So Was Their Love”  
“Life Saver”  
“Cancer’s Other Risk”  
Lindy Washburn

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Times**  
“A Little Curd Goes a Long Whey”  
“Voices of Freedom”  
“Sharpening Their Powers of Persuasion”  
Wendy Plump
- 2nd Place: **The Express-Times**  
“Legends and Lenses”  
“Fricke’s Picks”  
“Bamboozle”  
Tiffany Bentley
- 3rd Place: **The Express-Times**  
“Her Breast Bet”  
“Burlesque Is Back”  
“A Chronicle of Our Time”  
Kelly Huth

## **D9 – Reporting and Writing – Medical Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Cancer’s Other Risk”  
“Easy Credit a Risk for Patients”  
“The Risk Was Real, but So Was Their Love”  
Lindy Washburn
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Marooned in the Moment”  
“Optimistic Physician-Warrior Seeks Patients  
Before Disease Takes Hold”  
“Chatham CVS Accidentally Gave Kids Breast Cancer Pills”  
Amy Ellis Nutt
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Medical Shortage Putting Lives at Risk”  
“Homeless Using ERs for Shelter and Food”  
“No Longer a Prisoner of Illness”  
Barbara Williams

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Daily Record**  
“Raising Awareness About Strokes”  
“Deadly Reality”  
“Telepsychiatry”  
Lorraine Ash
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Cooking to Connect”  
“Gift of Empowerment”  
“Dangerous Bounty”  
Naila Francis
- 3rd Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“Medical Tests Begin for Kiddie Kollege Students”  
“Medical Students Honor Their Class Cadavers”  
“Are the Odds in Your Favor?”  
Carly Romalino

## **D10 – Reporting and Writing – Education Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“SAT Data Fails Test”  
“College Merger Already Costly”  
“Good Students Can Get a Great Deal”  
Patricia Alex
- 2nd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Experiment in Success”  
“Holding Back to Get Ahead”  
“Tough Time for Special-Needs Kids”  
Alesha Boyd Williams
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Schools Take on Bullies, with Mixed Results”  
“School’s Out for Charter That Opened Doors to All”  
“N.J. Probes School Districts Over Standardized-Test Security”  
Jeanette Rundquist

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The News of Cumberland County**  
“Social Media, Social Conflict”  
“The iShoe”  
“Bridgeton Youth Get Another Shot at Diploma”  
Lauren Taniguchi
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Go Make Waves”  
“Academic Outlook Brightens”  
“County Special Education Services Help More Kids”  
Peg Quann
- 3rd Place: **New Jersey Herald**  
“School Boards Consider Moving Election to November”  
“Skype Brings Fredon, Sparta Third-Grade Classes Together”  
“Test Scores Show Where Help Needed”  
Jessica Masulli Reyes

## **D11 – Reporting and Writing – Sports Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"Ref's Third Job: Counseling Vets"  
"After Cheating Death, He's Living Life"  
"Dickey's Rise to Stardom Keeping Knucklers Afloat"  
Jeff Roberts
- 2nd Place: **Courier-Post**  
"A World Turned Upside Down"  
"Blind Ambition"  
"Medal & Mystique"  
Randy Miller
- 3rd Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
"Dawkins Goes Out as an Eagle"  
"When Play Becomes Hard Work"  
"Crew Coach Loses Leg Not Drive"  
David Weinberg

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Punch Bag"  
"Webb"  
"Golden Girl"  
"Carli"  
"Best for Last"  
"Finley"  
John Lewis
- 2nd Place: **Daily Record**  
"Camaraderie, Health on Display at Adaptive Event"  
"Where Are They Now? Minor Leaguers Move On"  
"Mohrbutter Rolls Over Obstacles"  
Jane Havsy
- 3rd Place: **The Trentonian**  
"Baggett's Big Chance"  
"Former, Current Players Show Support for Baggett"  
"Small Schools, Big Penalty"  
"Trenton Loses NCAA Tourney Amid Sports-Betting Fight"  
"Read to Ride"  
"Noon More Than a Manager"  
Kyle Franko

## **D12 – Reporting and Writing – Scholastic Sports Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"The Ultimate Must-Win Game"  
"Finding Resolve to Play On"  
"From Trip of a Lifetime, a Voyage of Grief"  
Matthew Stanmyre

2nd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"N.J. Coaches & Athletes: Real World Teamwork"  
"Family, Football and Tradition"  
"Playing Through the Pain"  
Stephen Edelson

3rd Place: **Courier-Post**  
"Track Star Mom"  
"Able to Adapt"  
"Safety First in H.S. Sports"  
Celeste Whittaker

### **Daily Under 35,000**

1st Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
"Graziani Going for Four"  
"Lions' Light Gets 300th Win"  
"Sophomore Put Himself Among Elite"  
Bill Evans

2nd Place: **The Jersey Journal**  
"Kearny Gets Probation, Fine"  
"Sarah's Home Run for Victoria"  
"Win Would Sure Show Sandy"  
Patrick Villanova

3rd Place: **Daily Record**  
"Swimmer Is a Survivor"  
"Families Help Team Realize Baseball Dream"  
"With Heavy Hearts, Randolph Boys Win Soccer Match"  
Jane Havsy

## **D13 – Reporting and Writing – Business & Financial Writing Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Philadelphia Inquirer**  
“Christie Called Slow on Bets Law”  
“A.C. Sees Non-Gaming Vegas Gold”  
“Revel’s Growing Peril”  
Suzette Parmley
- 2nd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Sunny Days or Cloudy Skies?”  
“Drowning Dreams”  
“High Cost of Being Poor”  
Michael Diamond
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“NJ Drug Industry Losing Its Edge”  
“Doubts Dog Art Auctions”  
“Biofuel Firm Feels Squeezed”  
Hugh Morley

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Express-Times**  
“Seek and Employ”  
“Valley Company’s Test Gets FDA’s OK”  
“Imprinted Memories of Mack Plant”  
Tom Zanki
- 2nd Place: **The Times**  
“Lights Out on Incandescent Bulbs”  
“Business (Not as Usual)”  
“Chilling Effects of Mild Winter Weather”  
Joyce Persico
- 3rd Place: **The Times**  
“Tackling the College Conundrum”  
“Shedding Light on 401(k) Fees”  
“Getting Ready for Retirement”  
Kurt Rossi

## **D14 – Reporting and Writing – News Column**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Bitter Cold Inside Disaster Shelter"  
"Their Rallying Cry: Angels Gather Here"  
"Tears, Red Tape and a Promise to Keep"  
Stephen Edelson
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Newark Newsstand Owner Thought Permit Fight Was History,  
City Says No"  
"Strangers in Life, Together in Heaven"  
"On the Wings of a Song, a Beloved Sister Went Home"  
Barry Carter
- 3rd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Refund Solves Giant Problem"  
"Parents' Heartache"  
"Customers Left Out in the Cold"  
David P. Willis

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"The Wait Has Become a Weight"  
"A Hard Habit to Break"  
"Baseball in Perspective"  
Phil Gianficaro
- 2nd Place: **The Trentonian**  
"Where Is Christie While Trenton Youths Are Murdered?"  
"After Sandy We'll Still Face Deadly Threats"  
"Help Prevent the Next Senseless Crime Against Women"  
L.A. Parker
- 3rd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Taking 'the Boss' to Task"  
"Taking a Stand on the Sidewalk"  
"Somewhere, a Place for Him"  
J.D. Mullane

## **D15 – Reporting and Writing – Opinion Column**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Governor to Paterson: Drop Dead”  
“In Search of a Middle Ground on Debate About Guns”  
“The Bridge That May Never Swing”  
Mike Kelly
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Watching the two Faces of Dharum Ravi”  
“On Marriage, Christie Deflects Rather Than Defends”  
“Here’s to Life, Barbara Cook and Dad”  
Alfred P. Doblin
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Seeing the Stones for Not Many Clams”  
“Welcome to the United States of Puritanism”  
“Military History Comes to the Shore”  
Paul Mulshine

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Trentonian**  
“The Mayor and JoJo Were Always a Bad Mix”  
“Tony Mack’s Cast of Characters and the Loser’s Limp”  
“Where Were You Guys Last Year?”  
L.A. Parker
- 2nd Place: **Herald News**  
“In the Case of Paterson’s Old Bricks”  
“Of Backpacks and Other Hard Choices”  
“One More Shooting on a City Street”  
Bruce Lowry
- 3rd Place: **Courier News**  
“Penn State Got What It Deserved”  
“Turn an Enemy into a Friend”  
“Another Missed Opportunity”  
Jay Jefferson Cooke



## **D16 – Reporting and Writing – Feature/Entertainment Column**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Wrecking Ball; Brother Bruce’s Sermon Lifts Up the 99 Percent”  
“As Lyrics Lean Left, Fans Say Boss Is Still All Right”  
“Female Warriors Take the Spotlight, Bow and Arrow in Hand”  
Jim Beckerman
- 2nd Place: **Courier-Post**  
“Tracing the Life of a Hero”  
“A Rose By Any Other Name...”  
“Victim No. 59 Is Almost a Certainty”  
Jim Walsh
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Ready to Rumble”  
“Still Cooking”  
“Managing Is Her Habit”  
Peter Genovese

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“Couple from Elmer Suited to a ‘T’”  
“Turnersville Man Has Two-Ton Toy”  
“‘The Hearse Guy’ Provides a Halloween Special”  
Denis Mercier
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Of Families and Beach Vacations”  
“Hate the Message, Love the Chicken”  
“Handymen Are Hot”  
Kate Fratti
- 3rd Place: **The Express-Times**  
“Three-Minute Meals: Soft Pretzel Tuna Melt”  
“Three-Minute Meals: Noodles with Thai Peanut Sauce”  
“Three-Minute Meals: Fresh Fruit and Yogurt Parfait”  
Nick Falsone

## **D17 – Reporting and Writing – Sports Column**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Courier-Post**  
“Why My Ballot Was Left Blank”  
“Smoked on the Water”  
“Franco Harris Proud of S.J. Roots”  
Randy Miller
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“Rex Is on Mute When He Should Call Out His Players”  
“Giant Message Hits Home”  
“Rutgers Takes Two Steps Forward”  
Tara Sullivan
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Allowing Kids to be Kids, for a Few Hours at Least”  
“Rutgers Getting Under the Covers with One Slithery Bedfellow”  
“Tom Coughlin: A Man Ahead of His Time – by at Least Five Minutes”  
Dave D’Alessandro

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **New Jersey Herald**  
“Let’s Bring the Magic Back to Skylands Park”  
“Donoher Was a Winner, Right to the End”  
“Sports Writers Have Their Own ‘Secret’ Issues”  
Carl Barbati
- 2nd Place: **Today’s Sunbeam**  
“Sixers Singing Same Old Tune”  
“Philadelphia Gambles Away House Money”  
“Jury Still Out on QB Foles”  
Rob Edwards
- 3rd Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“Bryz Only Clueless Off Ice”  
“Intense Series Gets Physical”  
“Finally Time for Penguins to Show Off”  
Chris Pawling

## **D18 – Reporting and Writing – Critical Writing**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Small-Scale but Striking”  
“Precious Little to Like”  
“A Dangerous Icon: The Lone Gunman”  
Stephen Whitty
- 2nd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
“Forgive and Forget”  
“Flying High”  
“Falling Down”  
Bill Canacci
- 3rd Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
“Van Halen May Be Slipping but They Still Got It”  
“Band Delivers Fun Variety Surprises”  
“Madonna Once Again Proves She Is the Best Live Act Going”  
Scott Cronick

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Times**  
“Pasta Chef Gives Customers a Show Along with Fresh Dishes  
at Antimo’s”  
“Enzo’s Rebounds Quickly from Storm  
to Keep Serving Italian Favorites”  
“Wall Street Refugees Reopen Restaurant at Historic Crossroads”  
Susan Sprague Yeske
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
“Fact Based Political Thriller Will Keep You on Edge”  
“Spielberg’s Historical Epic Stands Tall”  
“Much-Anticipated Trilogy Gets Off to Slow Start”  
Lou Gaul
- 3rd Place: **New Jersey Herald**  
“D18 Book Review: Finding Pretty in the ‘Uglies”  
“Suddenly, All the Adults Are ‘Gone’”  
“‘Limitless’ Drug Takes Deadly Toll”  
Matty Putnam

## **D19 – Reporting and Writing – Robert P. Kelly Award**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Commercials Go Social"  
"A 10-Gallon Success"  
"Employers See Value in a Vet"  
Stacy Jones
- 2nd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"Bergen Police Officers Pitch in to Comfort Newtown Students"  
"Having Own Utility Helps Town Turn on Lights Quickly"  
"Lost Art Concerns Parents"  
Tatiana Schlossberg
- 3rd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Priest Arrested on Sex Counts"  
"No Easy Solution to Reducing Fatalities"  
"A Storm Worse Than Irene?"  
Anthony Panissidi

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Daily Journal**  
"Millville Officer Killed in Crash"  
"Millville's Superman"  
"Levoy Theatre Opens in Style"  
Chris Torres
- 2nd Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
"Family, Friends Mourn Death of WT Senior"  
"Moriarty Accused of DWI, Denies Charge"  
"Fatal Distraction"  
Michelle Caffrey
- 3rd Place: **The Trentonian**  
"Year of the Road Construction"  
"Benci Testimony Shows Web of Bribes, Shady Dealings  
Over Public Contracts"  
"Hamilton School District Faces Facilities, Administrative Problems"  
Michael Macagnone

## **D20 – Reporting and Writing – Best Headlines**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
"School's In for Summer"  
"Island Gets Its People Back"  
"4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens, 2 Turtle Doves"  
Dan Grote
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"State Forecast: A Catastrophe"  
"Obama Claims the 47% Romney Wrote Off"  
"To GOP, Christie's 'No' Still Sounds Like 'Maybe'"  
Patricia K. Cole
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Stuck with the Simpsons"  
"New Cab Hailed"  
"Those with an Itch for the Lottery Often Scratch"  
Todd Ritter

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Boy Meets Grill: A Match Made in the Backyard"  
"Canine Earns a Spot in Westampton"  
"He's Got the World on a String: Craftsman Brings New Life  
to Musical Instruments"  
Martha Esposito
- 2nd Place: **The Express-Times**  
"Dark Night"  
"Battered Face Sends Warning"  
"Sajak, White Drunk at 'Wheel'"  
Stephen Novak
- 3rd Place: **New Jersey Herald**  
"Sunny Skies Meet Irish Eyes in Newton"  
"The Importance of Being Ernest"  
"Ancestry Search Has Historic Outcome"  
Jim Bohlen

## **D21 – Reporting and Writing – Special Issue**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Sandy’s Heroes”  
Staff
- 2nd Place: **The Press of Atlantic City**  
“High School Football Kickoff 2012 Tough Enough”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Rock & Pop Hall of Fame 2012”  
Jay Lustig  
Tris McCall  
Shawn Weston

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Daily Journal**  
“Mike Trout: Rookie of the Year”  
Josh Friedman  
Joe Moore
- 2nd Place: **The Jersey Journal**  
“Looking Back, Looking Ahead, 9/11”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **The Daily Journal**  
“Back in the Spotlight”  
Staff

## **D22 – Reporting and Writing – Niche Publication**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
“(201) Magazine”  
Staff
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
“Blue Heaven: The New York Giants Incredible Run  
to the NFL Championship”  
Staff
- 3rd Place: **Courier-Post**  
“Mint”  
Mary Price  
Tara Page

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“Washington Township Times”  
Jessica Beym  
Michelle Caffrey
- 2nd Place: **Gloucester County Times**  
“Indulge South Jersey”  
Kristie Rearick
- 3rd Place: No winner

## **D23 – Design and Presentation – News Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"‘Jerk’ ‘Numbnuts’ ‘Idiot’"  
"Historic Devastation"  
"288 0 30"  
"The Failure of Penn State"  
"Champs Again!"  
Joe Lee
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Yes, It’s Constitutional"  
"911, Where Is Your Emergency?"  
"Nowhere to Go"  
"Amazin’"  
"Obama"  
Shawn Weston
- 3rd Place: **Home News Tribune**  
"Why You Pay So Much at the Pump"  
"A Tale of Two Christies"  
"Making a Comeback"  
"The Forensic of Texting"  
"Saying Goodbye"  
Suzanne Palma

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Burlington County Times"  
Colleen Prendergast
- 2nd Place: **Herald News**  
"Show of Faith"  
"Healthcare Choices Coming"  
"Gabby Grabs Gold"  
"Devastation"  
"Searching for Relief"  
Scott Muller
- 3rd Place: **Courier News**  
"8 Things That Will Cost You More This Year"  
"When Will It Stop?"  
"Game On!"  
"Obama!"  
"Four Decades of Failure"  
Suzanne Palma



## **D24 – Design and Presentation – Feature Section Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Reflections of Raquel"  
"Our Man Bond"  
"Are We Headed for War with Iran?"  
"Our Broken Constitution"  
"Gifts from Tinseltown"  
Neville Harvey
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"The Wonder of Whitney"  
"Overkill"  
"Sir Ian"  
"Fall Movie Preview"  
"Rock & Pop Hall of Fame"  
Shawn Weston
- 3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"No Fancy Food, Thank You"  
"Hitting the Road with Don Bosco's Boosters"  
"Reliving a Love Story"  
"A River Reborn"  
"It's Not Easy Being Green"  
Jerry Luciani

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **The Times**  
"Classical Strands"  
"It's All About the Dog"  
"Other Worlds"  
"Winter Wonders"  
"It Happened Here"  
Michael Mancuso
- 2nd Place: **Courier News**  
"Think Outside the Lunch Box"  
"Best of the 'Wurst"  
"1. Fruit"  
"Here Comes Hanukkah"  
"Deck the Halls"  
Jennifer Meyer
- 3rd Place: **The Express-Times**  
"Tying the Knot"  
"Bug Off!"  
"To Bee or Not to Bee"  
"Frights and Delights"  
"Color Watch"  
Melanie Henry

## **D25 – Design and Presentation – Sports Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Too Much Pitching?"  
"Should Knicks Go All Lin?"  
"Resident Genius"  
"Second to None"  
"BCS or Bust"  
Kiersten Schmidt
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Damned Yankees"  
"Pooling Their Efforts for Stunning Results"  
"Blue Heaven!"  
"Bird of Prey"  
"00:03.00 or Less"  
Dan Worthington
- 3rd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Danger Ahead"  
"Let the Games Begin"  
"All Shore"  
"Conquering Hero"  
"Nova Takes Command"  
Eduardo Alvarez

### **Daily Under 35,000**

- 1st Place: **Courier News**  
"Resident Genius"  
"Should Knicks Go All Lin?"  
"Tried & True"  
"BCS or Bust"  
"Second to None"  
Kiersten Schmidt
- 2nd Place: **Courier News**  
"Versatile Veterans"  
"Danger Ahead"  
"Safety First"  
"Walking the Walk"  
"Conquering Hero"  
Eduardo Alvarez
- 3rd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Sports"  
Paul Moser

## **D26 – Design and Presentation – Business Page Design Portfolio**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**

“Designs”  
Marcus Scott

2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**

“More Than Batteries Required”  
“Stuck with the Simpsons”  
“For Panasonic, Newark Site Is On the Money”  
“How to Make a Better Television”  
“Help Wanted: Company Seeks Corporate Rock Star,  
Office Jedi, Cubicle Ninja”  
Todd Ritter

3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)

“New Assault on Drugstores”  
“Ventures Have Another Option to Raise Funds”  
“Back to School Outlook Bright”  
“Tax Appeals Are Hard Work”  
“Black Friday Starts Thursday”  
Lance Theroux

### **Daily Under 35,000**

1st Place: **The Times**

“Lights Out on Incandescent Bulbs”  
“Hospital Move a Flatline for Business”  
“Passive Houses: ‘It’s All About the Guts’”  
“They’re Tired of Working for ... (Peanuts)”  
“These Joints Are Jumping”  
Jeff Trently

2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**

“Business”  
Morgaine Ford-Workman

3rd Place: No winner

## D27 – Design and Presentation – Graphics/Illustration Portfolio

### Daily Over 35,000

- 1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Gas Prices So High?"  
"Football for the Uninitiated"  
"Barnegat Bay Projects"  
"Race for Presidency"  
"Monster Mash-Up"  
Jeff Colson
- 2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"The Summer Slump"  
"What If the Bird Flu Got Away?"  
"Are We Headed for War with Iran?"  
"Single Parent, Double Trouble"  
"Stories to Tell"  
Neville Harvey
- 3rd Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Reel Romance"  
"Boardwalk Cuisine"  
"Look Who's Coming to Dinner"  
"Why Kids Lie"  
"Tricks for Treats"  
Jeff Colson

### Daily Under 35,000

- 1st Place: **Courier News**  
"Good for the Nation's Health"  
"Governor Christie"  
"Core Controversy"  
"Where Are the Doctors?"  
"Hard Labor"  
Joseph Woods
- 2nd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Generation Disconnect"  
"Newtown Massacre"  
"Prom Monster"  
"School Bus Hell"  
"Facebored"  
Tom Raski
- 3rd Place: **Burlington County Times**  
"Pumpkins and Princesses"  
"Veggin' Out"  
"Hollystock"  
"Black Friday Game Plan"  
"Pie for Dinner"  
Morgaine Ford-Workman

## **D28 – Overall Award – Innovation Award**

### **Daily Over 35,000**

1st Place: **Asbury Park Press**  
"Hurricane Resource Center"  
Staff

2nd Place: **The Star-Ledger**  
"Two Days"  
Staff

3rd Place: **The Record** (Bergen County)  
"Signature"  
Staff

### **Daily Under 35,000**

1st Place: No winner

2nd Place: No winner

3rd Place: No winner