Welcome to Press Night

April 7, 2016
NJ High School Journalist of the Year 2016

Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation
Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship for 2016

Lilia Wood
Glen Rock High School
Bergen County

This honor also includes Lilia being named Garden State Scholastic Press Association’s 2015 High School Journalist of the Year.
Better Newspaper Contest
2015
Editorial Awards
Weekly Division
Responsible Journalism: Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Cleaning up local streets

Litter still bugs Panther Park visitors

Joshua Jongsma
Managing Editor

Dylan Moroses
Managing Editor
Police use of force reports reveal shooters

Meghan Grant
Jaimie Julia Winters
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Proposal includes 460 townhomes on Fairview Avenue

Expand schools, redistrict, or have another referendum?

Council ‘handcuffed’ by project

The best of a bad situation

Impact extends to Verona

Chris Leyden        Joshua Jongsma
Sports Editor         Managing Editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

*Bringing Marco home*

Bob Cannon, Community Editor
The Ridgewood News

Seeing need for housing, many seek reduced plan

Planner proposed density decrease

Board approves master plan amendment

Zoning changes brought forward

Council holds off on vote

Mark Krulish
Staff Writer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The Montclair Times
Buzz Aldrin School
Ricardo Kaulessar
Education Editor
Mark S. Porter
Editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Jersey Journal

Terrence McDonald’s Public Service/Lloyd B. Burns Memorial Award portfolio

Terrence McDonald
Responsibility Journalism: Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Associated Press

Camden’s Tax Breaks

Geoff Mulvihill
Jeff Horowitz
Video shows moments ahead of shooting
Probe focus of anger
Experts weigh in
No charges
Family to request probe
Staff
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

$50 million missing from lead poison fund

Todd Bates
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Looking for a remedy
Consumers choosing to shop for prices
Delivering options
Changing practice
What lies ahead?

Crissa Shoemaker Debree
Marion Callahan
Staff Writers
This is... Herointown

At Hudson County jail, ‘a chance at recovery’

Fentanyl fatalities add to N.J. drug crisis

Killer tightens its grip on N.J.

Amid heroin crisis, major rehab center could close, CEO warns

Stephen Stirling
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: Editorial Comment
Third Place Weekly Under 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Twin W deserves better

Information deserves to be public

Aubrey Huston
Editor
The Montclair Times

Affirmation

Dice Cold

Mark S. Porter
Editor
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Cartoonists

Board drops the ball

Harry Trumbore
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Progress

Time for healing

Go censor yourself

Russ Crespolini
How about opting in?

Bye-bye, PARCC

Harry Trumbore

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Those people' are our people

It's a problem for everyone and it's not just the people who are in the business. We've all seen the ads and heard the stories. The problem is that these people are often portrayed as villainous, even though they are just trying to make a living.

The way this is portrayed in the media is not only harmful to these people, but it also creates a culture of fear and suspicion. It's important that we, as a community, come together and work towards a solution that is fair to everyone involved.

We need to start by acknowledging that these people are not evil. They are just people who are doing their best to make a living. We need to start by understanding their struggles and working towards a solution that is fair to everyone.

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Bill Barlow, Editor

The Ocean City Gazette
Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

Santa at steep price naughtier than nice

PETA loves N.J.’s Lucy but not too much

Congress gives maddening pass on train safety controls

Elliot Goldberg
Fight back on property taxes!

Am you and your family tired of high property taxes? Are you and your family subject to real estate assessments that you might have to pay if you sell your home? Do you worry about the tax burden and the potential for disaster in your local school district?

That's why the Asbury Park Press has launched a campaign to reform the property tax system. This is a vital issue for property owners and residents, and we believe it's time for a comprehensive solution that addresses the root causes of the crisis.

Our View

By Thomas M. DiNapoli, Asbury Park Press

We believe that a comprehensive reform of the property tax system is necessary to ensure fair and equitable taxation. Our proposal includes a new formula that would reduce the burden on homeowners and stabilize the property tax system.

The Asbury Park Press

Asbury Park Press

Campaign to reform property tax system

Randy Bergmann
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Hiring lacked transparency

Pedestrian deaths deserve quick police response

Not so jazzed over fest cost

Gretchen Barret
Editorial page editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Christie’s claims of boosting drug treatment ring hollow

Keep kids out of isolation, adult prison

PARCC opt-out hurts racial equality

Julie O'Connor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Trentonian

Trentonian editorials

John Berry

Judges need to remember the first amendment

Trentonian editorials

John Berry
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Cowboys junkie

This is unsettling

Northern exposure

Cynthia Burton
Editorial Writer
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
Concern over park location continues

Leagues playing with field shortage

Fate of property’s historic house remains uncertain

Officials face open space shortage

Mark Krulish
Staff Writer
Alzheimer's: The looming epidemic

Donna Rolando
Bryan Laplaca
Debbie Walsh
Holly Stewart
Officials address complaints regarding employees’ coverage

Cheryl O’Brien
Staff Writer
Teacher, parents say buses making people sick

Meghan Grant
Kelly Nicholaides
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Midland Park
Suburban News

Trends in Education: State puts districts (and parents) to the test

Marsha Stoltz
Tom Nobile
Rebecca Greene
Christina Scully
‘Internet of Things’ Could Drive Litigation Uptick

Charles Toutant
Hank Grezlak
Zack Needles
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
The state of gangs in Trenton

Gangs of Trenton

Penny Ray
Sulaiman Abdur-Rahman

The Trentonian
The Star-Ledger

Thank God I’m not dead. Because I could be...

Priest admits he had sex with teen

Priest accepted big bucks and gifts, but was it wrong?

Did officials know priest was ‘milking’ parishioner?

Priest who accepted gifts takes leave from parish

Mark Mueller
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

BCC, Rowan could partner

Rowan, BCC seal deal

Major change

Rowan at BC transition offers great opportunity

Board approves timeline for RCBC expansion

David Levinsky
Staff Writer

Kristina Scala
Staff Writer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Betrayal of Trust

Shannon Mullen
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Tax assessment investigation

Susanne Cervenka
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

No third place
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:  
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

‘Free Speech’

Ricardo Kaulessar  
Education Editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ocean Star

Martell’s 30-day suspension begins

Kimberly Burnett
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

‘Release the PARCC opt-out numbers’

Ricardo Kaulessar
Education Editor

Mark S. Porter
Editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Nutley Sun

Advocates challenge recording guidelines
Video recording rules are overreaching
Commissioners to set recording guidelines

Nutley sets recording guidelines

Hasime Kukaj
Owen Proctor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Hoboken Reporter

Garcia may modify lawsuit against the city

Who’s the Boss

Citizen Grossbard

Thrown out of a council meeting, resident files lawsuit

Al Sullivan
Steven Rodas
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
Art Weismann Memorial Award
Paper trail lacking in bridge’s upkeep

County details Centerton Road bridge closing

End of the road

Kristina Scala
Staff Writer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Where will they go?

In simpler time, charity care was simpler too

How patients can find a participating physician

Kathleen O’Brien
South Jersey Times

N.J. mayor doubled up on reimbursements, records show

N.J. mayor who doubled up on reimbursements apologizes, plans to refund tax payers

Michelle Caffrey
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM™:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Second Place Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Seidle records fight

Ken Serrano
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place Daily Under 25,000

The Jersey Journal

Terrence McDonald’s Weissman Award Portfolio

Terrence McDonald
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place Daily Over 25,000

 Courier-Post

Racist jail texts exposed
Judge allows release of racist texts by officers
Panel backs jail officer’s firing over racist texts

Jim Walsh
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: News Writing
Belleville Times

Community aids resident, 91, after fire

Roman Uschak
Trooper shoots 4-H pig in Woodbine, Animal control describes ‘Hatfield’ as aggressive

David Benson
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: NEWS WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Echoes-Sentinel

Murder-suicide rocks town
Heidi Erickson’s loss
Eric Hostettler
LEH Police Shooting Investigated

Police Chief Defends Actions Of His Officers

Friend Remembers Police Shooting Victim

Pat Johnson
Reporter
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: NEWS WRITING
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Echoes-Sentinel

Mourners pay

Outpouring of support

Shooter had past

Eric Hostettler
Conrad Dudderar
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
NEWS WRITING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Jersey City Reporter

In the eyes of the beholder

By Al Sullivan

Gene Ritchings

In the eyes of the beholder

By Al Sullivan

Gene Ritchings

‘Healing is power’

Army veteran comes back to Jersey City to help other vets

By Al Sullivan

Gene Ritchings
Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Breaking News
REPORTING AND WRITING: BREAKING NEWS

The Jersey Journal’s
Breaking News submission

Jonathan Lin
Michaelangelo Conte
Reena Sibayan
Jesse Brothers
REPORTING AND WRITING: BREAKING NEWS

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Former Christie Allies Indicted

Waiting Until Traffic Was At Its Worst

Probe Into Hoboken’s Sandy Aid

Jonathan Tamari
Maddie Hanna
Andrew Seidman
Reporters
REPORTING AND WRITING: BREAKING NEWS

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Fire destroys warehouse
Blaze closes homeless shelter
Mount Holly fire under investigation
Shelter to reopen after nearby fire

Steven Hart
Sean Patrick Murphy
Jeannie O'Sullivan
Staff Writers
REPORTING AND WRITING: BREAKING NEWS

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Bridgegate Indictments

Staff
Storm takes heavy toll
Prepare to spend days in the dark
Staff
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

_Cop kills ex-wife on street_

Step Solis
Nicquel Terry
Andrew Ford
Ken Serrano
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Government – Art Weissman Memorial Award
Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Tenafly Suburbanite

Committee to brainstorm on BID
Committee advises to keep BID operating
BID’s board asks to be dissolved

Robert Christie
Staff Writer
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Mahwah Suburban News

DPW director investigated on pornography charge, fired, reinstated

Tom Nobile
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Nutley Sun

Sposato: I'm a Nutley Resident

Citizens: Trucks bring noise, damage

Servicemen taut township’s help for U.S. veterans

Hasime Kukaj
 HQs plans proceed as disputes persist

Police HQs plans are scaled back

Council opts for 2-story police HQs

Philip DeVencentis
Assistant Editor
City council rescinds police chief’s contract

Cape May asks court to rule on county prosecutor’s authority

City wants monitor removed to appoint acting police chief

GRC determines clerk unlawfully denied OPRA request

Christopher South
Judge says state can proceed with dune project

Dune opponents, supporters see element of victory in judge’s decision

Ventnor, Longport voice support for dune project

Nanette LoBiondo Galloway
Staff Writer

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Downbeach Current
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: News Writing Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING:
NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

**Burlington County Times**

*What lies ahead?*

**A journey to wellness**

**Separating swill from swirl**

**Shift change**

Kristina Scala
Staff Writer
Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

**The Star-Ledger**

**Priest accepted big bucks and gifts, but was it wrong?**

**The final days of John Nash**

‘A political vendetta’

Mark Mueller
REPORTING AND WRITING:
NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

N.J. mayor doubled up on reimbursements, records show

Battle in the pines: Inside the fight over N.J.’s last wild place

‘There was no response’: Witness of fatal plane crash recalls tragic scene

Michelle Caffrey
REPORTING AND WRITING:
NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

Rebuilding Lives

Looking for an addiction antidote

The living have to keep living

Phaedra Trethan
Reporter
First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Gov. Christie campaign brings attention to Fort Dix Five case

MacArthur and Norcross form partnership to protect joint base

Jazz fest spending surpasses $146,000

David Levinski
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Online crisis

Unfriendly skies?

How ‘free’ chopper cost $2M

Ted Sherman
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Elections/Politics
Emergency responders oppose vehicle reassignment

Elimination of employee position sparks heated debate

OEM vehicle reassignment update

Cheryl O’Brien
Staff Writer
South Bergenite

**Change coming to Lyndhurst?**

Zachary Croce
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION:
COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS/POLITICS

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Voting stays at Laning
What’s ahead for the council?
Martin calls it quits

Joshua Jongsma
Managing Editor
Can the Williams Center save Rutherford's downtown?

More restaurants to serve up booze if state begins serving up cheap licenses

Campaign funds reported as towns appoint professionals

Following the trail of campaign contributions

Meghan Grant
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

His name to stay on ballot

Voters pull lever for deceased candidate

Board seeks to fill deceased member’s seat

Hasime Kukaj
Christopher Renda
Who deserves your vote in the municipal race?

City Council candidates in Wards 1, 2, 3 make their case

By Steven Rodas

Who deserves your vote in the municipal election

Putting their names in the hat

New faces on the school board

Steven Rodas
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Local News Coverage
The Jersey Journal

The Jersey Journal’s Local news coverage

Staff
Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Asbury Park Press news week

Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

News

B1 Local

Life

Staff
EATONTOWN, N.J. (AP) — All that would peek above the ocean waves off New York and New Jersey would be two small buoys tethered to underwater pipes. But they’re already casting a large shadow, with potential effects on the economy of the New York metropolitan area, the marine environment, and even America’s future as a net importer or exporter of energy.

Liberty Natural Gas wants to build a deep-water port in federal waters 19 miles off Jones Beach, New York, and 29 miles off Long Branch, New Jersey. Its stated purpose is to bring additional natural gas into the New York area during times of peak demand, thereby lowering home-heating prices.

Business and labor groups support the plan, which was first proposed in 2008 and is projected to generate 800 construction jobs. But environmentalists, fishing groups and some elected officials say it is a dangerous, unnecessary project, given that America is awash in large supplies of domestically produced natural gas, much of which is produced in the Marcellus Shale formation just west of New York.

A public hearing on the proposal last week drew more than 1,000 people, many of whom said they fear the project, dubbed Port Ambrose, is really a Trojan horse designed to be switched to an export facility once it is built, to facilitate the sale of gas produced by hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking, to overseas markets.
First Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Daily Journal

Daily Sections

Staff
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Stockton University president resigning (4/23)

Six Flags green choice (4/25)

Inquirer South Jersey Staff
Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Crime – Police Courts
Candlelight vigil Friday at Shrine of St. Joseph's

Man charged with sexually assaulting girl in parking lot

Morris County ranks No. 1 in state for homebuyers seeking to get mortgage

Reassessment process starts

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Echoes-Sentinel

Judge: Gun cannot

Hit-and-run driver

Man charged with

Staff
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Community News

Mayor rescinds police promotions

Police officers appealing mayor’s rescinding of promotions

Officers have their promotions reinstated after being rescinded

Katherine Milsop
Reporter
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Wyckoff Suburban News

Officials support officer at center of ‘tragic event’

Dispatch audio pinpoints error in burglary investigation

Officials turn issues surrounding slain dog over to attorneys
Police look into alleged kidnap and homicide

Seven-year-old becomes police chief for a day

Crane knocks out water to Fort Lee, other towns

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Staff Writer
A thousand displaced, homes and belongings gone

Owner of Binghamton owes $393K in damages

Federal judge dismisses part of lawsuit claim

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Staff Writer
FBI: 21-year-old man accused of conspiring to provide support to ISIS

Former resident latest individual allegedly linked with ISIS group

Man charged with harassment, stalking and terroristic threats

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Staff Writer
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing:
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Just breathe

Burlington Township boy has Congressional audience

A FARE holiday

Kristen Coppock
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Education Reporting by Nicquel Terry

Nicquel Terry
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Senate votes Barr to Pinelands Commission

Natural gas company sets sights on Pinelands

Debate over motor vehicle access in Wharton State Forest rages

David Levinsky
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Where will they go?

New wave of victims?

Unraveling a mystery

Kathleen O’Brien
Zombie foreclosures: Why it’s a problem and what one N.J. county is doing about it

A look inside 1 of N.J.’s many abandoned homes (PHOTOS)

What you need to know before buying a foreclosed home in N.J.

Matt Gray
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Heroin addiction’s youngest victims

Bringing life to death

Polio’s second act

Nicole Leonard
Staff Writer
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Interpretive Writing
Historic area hearing draws large crowd

Neighborhood has seen many changes since 1700s

Lea Kahn
Staff Writer
Montgomery Gardens 2.0
Sections of crime-ridden housing project slated for demolition

Montgomery Gardens, 2.0

Just in time for the end of summer:
Expanded Boyd-McGuinness Park designed to serve all ages

A change in the air

Al Sullivan
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: INTERPRETIVE WRITING

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

The ins and outs of SDA's Cedar Grove proposal

Dylan Moroses
Managing Editor
Demographic shifts prompt sea change

Kenny Walter
Reporter
Nothing fake about facades attracting business: BID president says

The Wildwood Leader

Working to clean up Wildwood, one property at a time

Revitalizing downtown Wildwood: One block at a time

Nothing fake about facades attracting business

The party is over

Madelaine Vitale
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: INTERPRETIVE WRITING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

New Jersey Law Journal

In Menendez Case, Friendship Defense Could Prove Effective

Charles Toutant
Hank Grezlak
Zack Needles
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing:
Feature, Lifestyle and Entertainment
Writing Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE, LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

Daily Record

Jane Havsy’s Feature, Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio

Jane Havsy
Finding Home
Arlo Guthrie Celebrates 50 years of ‘Alice’
Resurrecting Victor Legacy

Tammy Paolino
Editor
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE, LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Courier News

A collaboration joined in love

Finding her voice

Green Avenger

Bob Makin
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE, LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Hardcore brotherhood: Small scene with big heart

River City extension says its goodbyes

How a little beach town landed a huge music fest

Bobby Olivier
Flush with rhyme
Delran guitarist wows classic rock legends, fans
Football dreams

Joe Green
Staff Writer
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

From Russia, With Love

Hey, Mr. DJ

Musical Time Machine

John Scanlon
Reporter
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Feature Writing
For Ocean View man, interest in kilt making started with heavy metal

Christopher South
EHT ‘car guy’ on a mission to restore auto body education

Laura Stetser

Alder Avenue Middle School eighth-grader wins regional spelling bee

Second place goes to Fernwood student

The Current of Egg Harbor Twp.

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FEATURE WRITING

Second Place Weekly Under 6,500

The Madison Eagle

Rare Bible uncovered at Drew

Christine Lee
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FEATURE WRITING

Second Place Weekly Over 6,500

The Middle Township Gazette

Girls night lock-in builds respect, confidence

David Benson
At 9, Lower Township girl is wearing starkly different hats

Christopher South
First Place Weekly Over 6,500

The Sandpaper

Walking the Walk: Appalachian Trail

Maria Scandale
Reporter
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Sports Writing Portfolio
Overcoming autism: One boy’s story of football and the Philadelphia Eagles

Can you guess which Eagles tackle used to be a grave digger?

Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper reunites with young N.J. fan

Kelly Roncace
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Josh: The ‘Man-Child’ athlete

Escaping ‘The Jungle’ ...
escaping death

When fantasy becomes reality

Matthew Stanmyre
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Daily Record

Daniel Canova’s Sports Writing Portfolio

Daniel Canova
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger
Deep end of the pool
True grit
Finding the light
Steve Politi
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

Difference Maker

Winless seasons, independent schedules

Giannini

Bill Evans
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

93-year-old Hall of Famer welcomed to Rutgers

A day in the life of an NFL hopeful

RU’s Flood balances family life, football

Ryan Dunleavy
Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Column Writing
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COLUMN WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Cape May Gazette

Wearing glasses has been a lifelong thing

That’s not what I said

Christopher South
Jewish-Muslim outreach

It’s no coincidence that the last few weeks have seen a flurry of Muslim-Jewish dialogue, most of it initiated by Jewish groups. In this issue we open on a visit by 10-Ethiopian refugee families to Half Moon in Hoboken, whose labors welcome them by recasting the story of their own family’s flight from Ethiopia. Temple-Tifereth in Telfed’s Peace was among the initiatives often laterally using history and memory to help historicize, as for example, the St. John the Baptist school, founded in 1857. The school, born in 1857, is one Jewish leader calls the “first formal document that makes clear there was a special relationship (between the church) that actively promoted among them.”

Newspapers such as the New York Times, to quote a recent article, “is a diverse religion and leads a central power structure to highlight the Yiddish, and to part because of the Jewish community contact and the expansion of the Muslim political and religious leaders” remain a massive shrinking block. In the United States, none of those engaged in dialogue must abandon the issue and risks actually benefitting from the division of religion and freedom from discrimination. And even if we recognize that correlation does not causation always lead, we’re born to carry the thread that is defensible that carries on evidence in the name of all the others. That doesn’t mean it goes to undermine the conclusion. If we can agree on what we disagree with, we can agree on coordination. And we can certainly stand up for those in danger; and directly includes our awareness of religiously inspired terrorism and the place of religion in society. Deep, perhaps reconciliation is a long way off, but a partnership does exist, because it is not our responsibility to finish the work of dialogue, we are not free to decide from 8, either.

Opinion

Auld lang rhyme, 2015

Wel, that’s ever’s, and that’s my theme too.
And I don’t say that because’m a law,
Not between my heart and me I am!
Let none of all those bits be in our heads!

C文体 of the state of the
Republican race,
Leaving to himself, who lacks
That old fashion, that’s true.
And from the days of old, not gone.
Those who have a hat, that’s true.

Leaving his rival, from Christian to Franti,
To figure out how far to push.
But the broken and the broken
That isn’t when they want it.

Meanwhile the Democrats held
That’s over;
Between Mrs. Clinton and a
You want to see him.
The way he looks, the way
Or vote for him to have.

New Jersey Jewish News

Auld lang rhyme, 2015

Strangers in a welcoming land

Andrew Silow-Carroll

And after a spat between their nations,
Took the step to bring them back.
Good people fight against those who held

The new Mideast, with the others facing war.
That’s all it was on who went through that before.

David Friedman launched theCurve past Chicken Stat.
In that case, the Middle East and Jewish
And then we got to know what it is.

The new Mideast, with critics, was fresh and fresh.
And the new Mideast, with war and terrorism.

So enjoy a glass, however you want it.
I think it’s in Yiddish, of which I’m so steven.
I saga from

The view expressed in this column are those of the author.
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COLUMN WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Around the Horn

Mike Morsch
Executive Editor
Riding along the Mason-Dixon line

Love it or leave it?

David Nahan
When a friend fades into a treasured memory

Advice easily given, hard to follow

Nancy Rubenstein
Columnist
To stand or not to stand? is only part of the question.

WHY ME THE SAD?
There are no sad. Actors feel sad and bored. When actor feels sad, they are not the same person as the character they are playing. Actor puts the character back in the costume, at its original height, and then you are ready for the next shot. At that moment, the character is no longer there. The character was not there. The actor is the character.

INNER MONOLOGUE

Gwen Orel

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The Montclair Times

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Arts Editor
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Reporting and Writing: Local Sports Coverage
REPORTING AND WRITING:
LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Jersey Journal

The Jersey Journal’s Local Sports Coverage (April 23-28)

Garrett Rasko-Martinis
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LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

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Courier-Post
Sports Daily
Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING:
LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times
Local Sports Coverage
Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING:
LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

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The Press of Atlantic City

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April 24
April 25
April 26
April 27

Sports Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Sports Staff
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Sports Writing Portfolio
The Bernardsville News

Electric atmosphere charges up already crackling rivalry

Strong wheeled, strong willed

Her cup runneth over

Kelly Fenton
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place Weekly Over 6,500

The Sandpaper

Ice Hockey Rams Clinch Team’s First Division Title

Little Egg Harbor Man’s Dad Was Early NBA Star

LBI Pro Fights Ring Round 1

Rick Mellerup
Reporter
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Nutley Sun

Condito commits as legion ball stays hot

Team of destiny mounts upset

Joe Piro’s football plan

Joseph DiFranco
For Howarth family, swimming is second nature

New gym, old gym

Like father, like son

Bill LeConey
Staff Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

Copper's continuous pursuit of a dream

Tribute to the life of Bruce Lackey

Bengals earn historic win over Montclair

Joseph DiFranco
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The Montclair Times

Mourning Coach J.R.

Remembering Earl

Parker’s hat trick lifts Mounties

Kevin Meacham
Sports Editor
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Daily Division

Reporting and Writing:
Scholastic Sports Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING: SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Jersey Journal

Jason Bernstein’s Scholastic Sports Writing Portfolio

Jason Bernstein

SPORTS

H.S. FOOTBALL

BACK TO WORK

Snyder not slowing down after first win since 2011

BY JASON BERNSTEIN

The football players marching out on the field got a rousing welcome from the school band and student body. The scene was not as electric as the previous night, but the Tigers had reason to be happy. They were back on the field after a hard-fought victory the previous night at Cinnaminson.

The Tigers won the game, 31-14, on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Snyder to George Tippett. Snyder, who has been the starting quarterback since last season, was expected to have a big game.

Snyder was surprised by the outcome of the game, but he was happy with the result. He said, "I was very happy with the way we played and the way we prepared for this game. We knew we had to play well to win and we did."
REPORTING AND WRITING: SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

A special kind of sport

‘Score only a number’

Where is the line?

Michael McGarry
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

New Jersey Herald

Comfortable with chaos

Holy Cross

Time to start over

Carl Barbati
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

Social media arena explodes
Crusader’s courage
A night in the Panther’s den

Kevin Minnick
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING: SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Express-Times

Royal Family (Parts I and II)

Source of Inspiration

Poised for Victory

Greg Joyce
Big-buck boosters

Hoop dreams deflated

Despite blowouts and barbs, the small schools survive

Matthew Stanmyre
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration:
Robert P. Kelly Award
Study on WO twins furthers NASA’s plans of visiting Mars

By Art Schwartz

Although the study on West Orange, Mark Kelly, and his twin brother, Scott Kelly, has not yet been published, the results of the ongoing study have been announced. The study was conducted by NASA and involves the participation of Scott Kelly, who is currently on a long-duration mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The study aims to investigate the effects of space travel on the human body and to determine whether there are any specific physical or psychological risks associated with long-duration spaceflight. Scott Kelly’s participation in the study is expected to provide valuable insights into the effects of space travel on the human body. The study is expected to be published in the near future, and results will be shared with the scientific community and the general public.

Relationship between town and WOFAS remains heated

Art Schwartz
Letters sent to council speakers get personal

The Ocean City Gazette

Struggling for normal, facing cancer

Letters sent to council speakers get personal

Andrew Parent
Glen Ridge natives reach lacrosse pinnacle

By Joe DiFranco

A pair of Glen Ridge lacrosse natives around town just got the Memorial Day weekend off on the right foot as they earned spots on the Under 15 U.S. Girls and Boys National Teams that will compete at the National Championship Festival in New York City next month.

Joe DiFranco is a senior at Glen Ridge High School and will be attending the University of Maryland in the fall. He is a member of the lacrosse team.

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Glen Ridge Voice

Red dogs making football relevant in Glen Ridge

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Montclair Times

Moving on up or moving on out?

More soup for you

Lisa Marie Segarra
Reporter
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

Waldwick Suburban News

He’s making sure his son’s legacy keeps on truckin’

Renaming bill passed by both houses

Rodrigo Torrejon
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

**The Hoboken Reporter**

**Thrown out of council meeting, resident files lawsuit**

City that lost most in one zip code

Steven Rodas
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Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Business & Financial Writing Portfolio
Paleo profits: How a N.J. health food company is preserving integrity while saving lives

The next luxury membership? How N.J.-based chain is shaking up salon services

Let them eat cake: Famous NY cheesecake company thriving in new N.J. digs

Michelle Caffrey
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

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Asbury Park Press

Making special plans;
Pay raise
Supermarket shakeup

Devin Loring
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Daily Record

Lorraine Ash Business Writing Portfolio

Lorraine Ash
A.C. cabbies are also feeling

Atlantic City rebirth

End may be near for A.C.

Suzette Parmley
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

State of the unions
Retailers cash in on pope’s visit
Santa at heart

Crissa Shoemaker DeBree
Staff Writer
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Shaking up the Shore

Business cry: fix N.J. now

Why did it cost $1,315 for a cough?

Michael Diamond
Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Investigative Reporting
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
Facing a storm of criticism

Overseeing

Putting no-kill to rest

Nicholas Katzban
Reporter

Mark S. Porter
Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

No Second Place
The Jersey City Reporter

JC schools may be 7,000 seats short

Al Sullivan
Grand jury: Driver did not knowingly leave the scene

Hasime Kukaj
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

It’s OK, it’s not OK
No exceptions

Nicholas Katzban
Reporter

Mark S. Porter
Editor
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: News Column
Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Burlington County freeholders need to fix financial accountability

Bridge tolls only a symptom of bigger problem

NAACP banquet a night of inspiration

Shane Fitzgerald
Executive Editor
Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

*Press on Your Side*

David Willis
Early detection leaves us living for the messages

My younger sister Carol sent me this message last Tuesday morning: "You don't have breast cancer, but I want to tell you about something that I read on the Internet that you should know about."

It's a common mistake among women to think that if they don't have breast cancer, they don't need to worry about it. But this is not true. Breast cancer affects millions of women worldwide, and it's important to stay informed about the signs and symptoms.

The signs of breast cancer can include:
- A lump or mass in the breast
- Change in the size or shape of the breast
- Nipple discharge
- A sore or painful area on the breast
- Redness or swelling of the breast

It's important to schedule a mammogram as soon as possible if you experience any of these symptoms. Regular screenings can help detect breast cancer early, when treatment is most effective.

In conclusion, it's crucial to stay informed about breast cancer and take action to protect yourself and your loved ones. Early detection is key to successful treatment, so don't hesitate to seek medical attention if you have any concerns.

L.A. Parker

Parker News Columns
REPORTING AND WRITING: NEWS COLUMN

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

For a post-storm hero, a heartbreaking fall

Battle cry to save Greystone: “Who made the decision?”

Witnesses who did the right thing now feel wronged

Mark Di Ionno
Something fishy about nation’s fish

Fearing the scary bridge

Christie helps GOP lose the Latino vote

J.D. Mullane
Columnist
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

*Men, it’s time to step up again*

*Honoring teacher’s gifts of life, love and learning*

*Their sons all dead, mothers reach out*

Barry Carter
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Arts & Entertainment Writing
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Ali Stroker stars on Broadway stage

Betsy Murphy
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

New Jersey Jewish News

The poet and the pol

Robert Wiener
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

Supposed Rembrant sells in Bloomfield

Christopher Renda
Singing on key: Finding Creative Venues for Lounge Singers is Tough

Pamela Dollak
At the Shore; AC Weekly Editor
Haunting Images

Cheryl Jackson's pictures of cemeteries set the scene for Halloween.

By Anthony Stoeckert

Cheryl Jackson's "Snow Angel" shows a small statue set at a grave at Fellowship Cemetery.

Anthony, Editor, TIMEOFF
Ina Golub, 76, a weaver of fine Judaica

Mountainside artist left a legacy on walls of homes, synagogues

Ina Golub would have turned 77 years old on Oct. 29. But she was still creating artwork with her dye-painted silk. Golub’s delicate and intricate designs have adorned many homes and synagogues throughout the United States and in Israel. According to the newspaper, she was known for her high-quality art and her dedication to her craft.

Ina Golub was a renowned weaver of fine Judaica. Her artwork was featured in many synagogues and homes around the United States.

Elaine Durbach

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

New Jersey Jewish News

Ina Golub, 76, a weaver of fine Judaica

Elaine Durbach
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Opinion Column
Over the Edge: Mom’s early retirement won’t slow her down
Stepping into Santa’s shoes
It takes two

Brad Wadlow
Columnist
REPORTING AND WRITING: OPINION COLUMN

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Oldest son horrified that he’s starting to look like Dad

The dangers of reading books

My Uncle Roy beat the Nazis

Mike Riley
Color in Black & White: I am ready and willing to fight for the Bill of Rights

I’m amazed: Just how ignorant can we be?

Recent incident at Kean emphasizes corruption of conversation on race

Jay Jefferson Cooke
Columnist
In plain English, Yogi was a genius

Bearing the brunt of bureaucratic illogic

Pope Francis is a big hit in the Big House

Paul Mulshine
REPORTING AND WRITING: OPINION COLUMN

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Trentonian

Parker Opinion Column

L.A. Parker

Death by heroin and expiration by violence deserve exact societal responses

When crime occurs in our cities, when people are killed, when lives are lost, we are forced to ask ourselves: what can we do to prevent this from happening again? What measures have been taken to curb the narcotics trade and protect our communities? The destruction of our homes, the loss of our loved ones, and the destruction of our society are issues that we cannot ignore.

The heroin epidemic has taken a toll on our communities. The number of deaths due to drug overdose continues to rise, and the toll on families is immeasurable. We must come together to address this crisis and find solutions to prevent further loss.

It is our responsibility as citizens to take action. We must support our local government in their efforts to combat this issue. This includes advocating for legislation that supports addiction treatment and recovery programs. We must also support organizations that provide support and resources to those affected by this crisis.

We must also work to change the culture that supports drug use. This includes addressing the root causes of addiction and providing resources for education and prevention. We must also support policies that promote economic development and job creation in our communities.

The heroin epidemic is a public health crisis that requires a multi-faceted approach. We must work together to find solutions that will protect our communities and our families.

By taking action and supporting our local government and organizations dedicated to this cause, we can help to prevent further loss and create a safer, healthier community for all.

L.A. Parker

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The Trentonian

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News outlets weigh whether to go to Baltimore

Phaedra Trethan
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Special Subject Writing
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
SPECIAL SUBJECT WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Glen Ridge Voice

‘Blankies’ soften the hospital visit

Erin Roll
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: SPECIAL SUBJECT WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Balloons help research

Zachary Croce
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: SPECIAL SUBJECT WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Near miss hits the region

Darius Amos
Assistant Editor
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

From putting out fires to zoo toys

Zachary Croce
Presidential Candidates Drawn to Elegance and Wealth of Monmouth County

John Burton
Princeton eruv caps a drive for diversity

A symbolic boundary has practical impact for a college’s image

NAN HENDERSON/NJ Press Media

The Princeton University eruv, which will be formally dedicated Saturday, caps a drive for diversity.

The eruv is a symbolic boundary that has practical implications for Jewish students, faculty and staff. It allows them to observe certain religious practices while still being able to participate in campus life.

The Princeton eruv, which is a network of underground cables that run through the campus, is designed to allow Jews to observe certain religious practices without breaking the Sabbath. It is a part of the eruv network that spans the entire city of Princeton, N.J.

The eruv is funded by private donations and is maintained by the Jewish community. It is one of the few eruv networks in the country that is not owned by a religious organization.

The eruv is an example of how universities can support religious diversity and provide spaces for students to practice their faiths in a pluralistic environment.

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Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Feature/Entertainment Column
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE/ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

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South Jersey Times

**Jersey Devil**

**The ghosts of Finn’s Point**

**A haunting at Harper’s Pub**

Kelly Roncace
ON THE RISE
PVRIS brings high energy rock to two sold-out shows at Electric Factory

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

On the Rise; Forefather’s Feast; SJ Gets the Jokes

Matt Chimento
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE/ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Jersey Journal

Rev. Alexander Santora’s Feature/Entertainment Column portfolio

Rev. Alexander Santora
Soulful sisters transcend ‘rocker twins’

Brick + Mortar contented with ‘underdog vibe’

New duo proves Jersey can play country, too

Mark Di Ionno
Columnist
Burlington County Times

Shuttle service would help drive away death

Kids have imagination as vast as the ocean

Another madness strikes in March

Phil Gianficaro
Asbury Park Press

The greatest generation reflects
Historic, haunted and hurting
A revival at Lakewood High School

Jerry Carino
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Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration:
Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Residents protest radioactive drug factory

Cecilia Levine
Harry Trumbore
Resource site becomes cancer victim's legacy

Elaine Durbach

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New Jersey Jewish News

Resource site becomes cancer victim's legacy

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Train derailment leaks soil from Roche remediation

Commissioners question derailment circumstances

Hasime Kukaj
Coming of age with tobacco issues

Philip DeVencentis
Assistant Editor
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

*Six weeks in total darkness*

Chris Leyden
Sports Editor
A rising decline: The looming Alzheimer’s epidemic

Bryan LaPlaca
Donna Rolando
Holly Stewart
Deborah Walsh
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Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Sports Column
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPORTS COLUMN

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Trentonian

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The team we love to hate

The Press of Atlantic City

Extra Points

David Weinberg
Staff Writer
Burlington County Times

Tourney a better idea than reality

High school’s own ‘tuck rule’

Home cooking good for Falcons

John Lewis
Sports Writer
When a banana suit
Sprinter’s feat a heartfelt triumph
Playing for more than a victory

Phil Anastasia
Reporter
Fritz will always hold special place

Moustapha did everything

Russ Van Atta the real deal

Carl Barbati
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Donald’s army

For rogue coach, this fireable offense will lead to just that

This ‘curse’ does not pass the smell test

Steve Politi
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Business & Economic Writing
Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Glen Ridge Voice

OT, salt make this winter more costly

Erin Roll
Medical Marijuana a hazy issue for N.J. employers

Charles Toutant

Hank Grezlak

Zack Needles
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: BUSINESS & ECONOMIC WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Downtown stays on upswing

Darius Amos
Assistant Editor
New Foreclosure Climate Brings Law Firm Casualties

By Lara McShane and David Gialanella

NJCU Foreclosures are now happening more frequently and in more areas, leading to changes in how law firms operate. Many firms are adapting to the new reality by reevaluating their strategies and making necessary adjustments. This has led to a decrease in the number of lawyers and staff working on foreclosures. Some firms are even considering outsourcing the work to reduce costs. The changing market has also led to an increase in the number of law firms specializing in foreclosures, making it more competitive in the field. The trend is expected to continue as the market for foreclosures remains strong.
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: BUSINESS & ECONOMIC WRITING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Ending an Era

University adds to Alexander properties

Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer
Proposed ‘no knock’ penalties attracting support in Jackson

Municipal of the public have rallied behind the proposed ordinance that will, if adopted by the Jackson Township Council, make it easier and less time consuming to acquire two beekeeping properties within the township.

On Aug. 11, several members of the community met at township hall to hear the presentation from the council on the proposed ordinance.

According to Andrew Martins, the council member for the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, the association supports the proposed ordinance in Jackson and a similar one in Farmingdale.

Martins said some residents have been in contact with the council to express their support for the ordinance.

“People are concerned about the safety of their homes and the environment,” Martins said. “We believe this ordinance will provide a win-win situation for all parties involved.”

Martins added that the proposed ordinance will make it easier for beekeepers to operate in the township without facing unnecessary delays and paperwork.

Tri-Town News

Beekeepers find sweet success in N.J.

Andrew Martins
Reporter
Eastwood’s direction, Cooper’s acting pull audience into story

Eastwood’s direction, Cooper’s acting

Tackling a heavy subject

The Griswolds are back

James Berardinelli
Correspondent
Neil Young dazzles again

Mill comes out swinging

Frisky, inventive Willie Nelson

Dan DeLuca
Foul-mouthed teddy strikes gold again

Smart and witty film has Oscar-worthy lead

The father of all comedic miscues?

Bill Wine
Correspondent
REPORTING AND WRITING: CRITICAL WRITING

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Courier-Post

Townsend

Brigantessa

Lemongrass

Danya Henninger
Folk icon Tom Paxton has made history

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

New Jersey Herald

Folk icon Tom Paxton
A wonderland of Electric Blues
Forever Young

Robert Price
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

*Five more at the shore*

*Passion in every dish*

*Elements*

Craig LaBan
Restaurant Critic
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Education Writing
Robot teaches kids programming basics

Cheryl O’Brien
Staff Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: EDUCATION WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

Education coverage of Spring Lake Heights, N.J.

Kaitlyn Kanzler
The Madison Eagle

Reticent readers open up to dogs

Sally Capone
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

**Community News**

*Teachers have proposed agreement for contract*

*Teachers ratify an agreement*

Kristie Cattafi
Reporter
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: EDUCATION WRITING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Opting-out option gaining steam

Darius Amos
Assistant Editor
School uniforms' path, costs explored

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Maggie Katz
Daily Division

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The Press of Atlantic City

Christian Hetrick
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

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No second place
Pet store prompts puppy protest

Pakastani-American community promotes unity

Neutral bathroom open to all genders

Matt Flowers
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

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REPORTING AND WRITING: ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Works of Liz Dennerlein

Liz Dennerlein
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

How do townships compare to Pawnee?

Joshua Jongsma
Managing Editor
Libraries thrive amid changes in digital age

Christine Barcia
Reporter
For ‘Aggie’, it’s all about enjoying life, giving back

Brian Harris
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Do building codes go far enough?

Meghan Grant
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Snow causes Super Bowl conflicts

Joshua Jongsma
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FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Sandpaper

Women Fight at Cedar Bridge

Pat Johnson
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Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Best Headlines
Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Express-Times

Moving Tribute

Push comes to shovel

Wedded to the dress

James Moening
Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Bringing life to death
Not always turned on
Reduce, reuse, bicycle

Owen Gallagher
Senior Copy Editor
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

Just their cup of tea: Students get lesson in Japanese culture

I want him to say he’s sorry

Cart blanch: Fines may shock thieves

Ron Panarotti
Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

LOOK OUT, here comes #Juno #Nemo #Neptune (Seriously, how necessary is it to name storms?)

N.J. parents on PARCC: I disapprove. What is it?

CONCUR AND CONQUER

Dan Grote
Copy Desk Chief
First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

From cantor to decanter: Soprano is an expert on the grape

Rock ‘n’ roll over: Festival aims to raise money and awareness for local animal rescues

Spin doctors: Setting the record straight in Bordentown Township

Martha Esposito
Assistant Managing Editor
First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Honk like an Egyptian

Got taxes? Eat Pizza

The fans awaken

Lisa Kruse
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Graphics & Illustration
Report: Road to the State Championships

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Lillian Ortiz
Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Sandpaper

Artoon – Why not just RE-ASSEMBLE?

Leslee Ganss
Cartoonist
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Hold the salt, John!

Harry Trumbore
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

Stay ahead of the curve with our 2015 Summer Guide

Atlantic City Weekly

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Jill Metzger
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Retrospect

Rocking Around the Christmas Tree

Mark Zeigler
Graphic Artist
Atlantic City Weekly

The Who hits 50

Krishna Mathias
Graphic Artist

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Best Lede
Councilman comments on Chattanooga shooter offensive to religious group

By Algerine Coughler

Chairman comments on Chattanooga shooting

Sulaiman Abdur-Rahman

Mayor Jackson sticks fit African American Cultural Festival with $16K bill

By Earl Baker

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Less skin in the game: Former N.J. Playmates react to Playboy changes

Vicki Hyman
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

**Burlington County Times**

*Cinnaminson snuffs out smoking*

Todd McHale
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

After violence, family adjusts to harsh new reality

A new world of words at Rutgers

Once a victim, now a helper

Phaedra Trethan
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Bridge to Christianity

David Levinsky
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

*Best Lede – Cindy Nevitt*

Cindy Nevitt
Staff Writer
Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Headlines
**Winter storm: Blizzard of blahs**

**Spend green, see red, feel blue**

**Ursine intervention in Glen Ridge**

Erin Roll
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Atlantic City Weekly

Rock Kin

Gobble this up: Places willing to give you the bird

We’re nuts about this elephant: The enduring appeal of our local landmark Lucy

Pamela Dollak
At the Shore, AC Weekly Editor
The Ridgewood News

An Olympian effort

Broken record has sweet sound for Maroon girls

Maroons create mirth-quake

Greg Tartaglia
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Matthew Bircenough
Assistant Sports Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Hoboken Reporter

Better safe than Sandy

Steven Rodas
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Glen Ridge Voice

Yellow stripes raise red flags

‘Blankies’ soften the hospital visit

Doughnuts help lure bear out of cemetery tree

Mollie Gray
No ifs, ands or puffs in Essex County Parks

Council to head shops: pipe down

Bright lights, big intersection

Nicholas Katzban
Reporter
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

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REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIAL ISSUE

New Jersey Herald Staff

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

New Jersey Herald

2015 High School Football Preview

New Jersey Herald Staff
Asbury Park Press

American Pharaoh at the Jersey Shore

Staff

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000
Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Pope Francis and the World Meet in Philadelphia

Staff
Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

This is... Herointown

Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place, Weekly Under 25,000

Courier News

Courier News Wish Book

Paul Grzella
Carolyn Sampson
MaryLynn Schiavi
Mark Sullivan
First Place, Weekly Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Josh: The Man-Child athlete

Matthew Stanmyre
Andrew Mills
Mark Voger
Joseph Green
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing and Illustration: Best Lede
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Township working toward efficiency

Dylan Moroses
Managing Editor
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

A bittersweet sendoff for beloved benefactors

Bob Cannon
Community Editor
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: 
BEST LEDE

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Martin calls it quits

Joshua Jongsma
Managing Editor
**REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE**

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

East Brunswick Sentinel

**East Brunswick reexamines EMS services**

Michael Nunes
Reporter

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**Distracted driving poses peril on N.J. roads**

By MILO ADAMS

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic in New Jersey’s schools, and now in the news for other reasons. Many of us are now aware of the dangers of cell phone use while driving. However, people also need to be aware of the dangers of driving while texting, listening to music, eating, or even just thinking about something.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving is the leading cause of crashes in which someone is injured or killed. In 2018, more than 3,600 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver. In 2017, 6,300 people were killed in crashes where a driver was using a mobile device.

In East Brunswick, the borough has taken steps to address the issue of distracted driving. The East Brunswick Police Department has increased patrols in areas known for high levels of distracted driving. The department also offers educational programs to schools and community groups.

East Brunswick reexamines EMS services

By MICHAEL NUNES

East Brunswick has reexamined its emergency medical services (EMS) program in light of recent events. The reexamination comes after a series of incidents, including a fatal crash on Route 18 that killed a pedestrian.

East Brunswick EMS is responsible for providing medical care to those in need of emergency medical assistance. The reexamination will focus on improving the quality of care provided by the department.

East Brunswick EMS is part of the Middlesex County Health Department, which oversees EMS services throughout the county.

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REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Day turned into night

Mike Morsch
Executive Editor
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Current of Galloway Township and Port Republic

County can’t afford to bail out AC alone, Galloway mayor says

Stockton professor to shed light on moths

Wise guys bring mirth to Absegami ‘Holiday Spectacular’

Stephen Prisament, Staff Writer
Joan Kostiuk, Editor
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BEST LEDE
2015, First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

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and Port Republic

Stephen Prisament
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REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

New Jersey Herald

Health Connections Magazine Winter 2015

Center for Breast Health Opens at Newton Medical Center

New Jersey Herald Staff
Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

*Inside Jersey May 2015: Down the Shore*

Inside Jersey Staff
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Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

High School Football

Staff
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Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

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REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Reality

Andy Vineberg
Reality Editor

Tom Raski
Design Editor
REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Flavor

Staff
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Packaging the News:
General Typography & Layout
of the Entire Paper
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

No third place
PACKAGING THE NEWS: GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

March 12

December 17

Kevin Meacham, Managing Editor
Bob Cannon, Community Editor
Nick Verhagen, Sports Editor
Gwen Orel, Arts Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

March 12

October 22

Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

March 19

September 24

South Bergenite Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

March 13
August 7

Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Atlantic City Weekly

2015 Summer Guide

Jill Metzger
Cover Designer

Kathy Disbrow
Graphic Artist
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: News/Business Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Daily Journal

News Design Portfolio 2

Robert Cohn, Designer
Don Leitch
Joanne Thornborough
Stephanie Quarto
Designers
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

News Design Portfolio 1

Staff Designers
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

Baywalk Empire

6 ways technology has changed buying a home

Keeping patients healthy

The heat is on

Salem Celebrates

Tiffany Schmidt
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

How will N.J. respond to ISIS threat?

Why is racism still tearing America apart?

The other F bomb

Domestic violence

A banner year

JoAnne Coughlin Walsh
Dana Stewart
Katie Bryson
Krystle Dionne
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Daily Record

Daily Record News Pages

Robert Cohn
Dana Stewart
David Anesta
Krystle Dionne
The Press of Atlantic City

The team we love to hate

Love Supreme

Papal Visit ‘Overcome with Joy’

Stuck in the Blueprints

The most infamous slur

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Jenna Ketchmark
Presentation Editor
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Front Page Layout
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

March 12

July 9

Lillian Ortiz
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

Northern Valley Suburbanite

March 12

May 7

Chris Lang
Editor

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Echoes-Sentinel

Front Page Layout

Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

A third intifada?

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

New Jersey Jewish News

A third intifada?

Michelle Petrillo
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Suburban Trends

March 8, 2015

Matt Fagan
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: Feature Section Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

No third place
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Behind the Curtain
Endless Summer
Fasting and feasting
Words
Step into Summer

Jenna Ketchmark
Presentation Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Reality

Tom Raski
Design Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

Features Design Portfolio 2

Sheldon Sneed
Danielle Cherchio
Designers
Burlington County Times

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

Colleen Prendergast
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Courier-Post

Features Design Portfolio

Donna Poulsen
Designer
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Editorial Section Layout & Content
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Midland Park
Suburban News

March 19
June 4

Marsha Stoltz
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Ocean City Sentinel

Opinion Pages

David Nahan
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

March 26
October 8

Staff

Bye-bye, PARCC

Letters to the Editor

A good time to evaluate water quality

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Pascack Valley Community Life

March 19, 2015
January 29, 2015

Pascack Valley Community Life Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

January 29

March 19

Lillian Ortiz
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

North Valley Suburbanite

January 22
March 12

Chris Lang
Editor

Mike Curley
News Editor
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: Sports Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

New Jersey Herald

January 11
March 22
June 21
June 28
October 25

Carl Barbati
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Press of Atlantic City

3 reasons to keep watching the Phillies
National Football Locals
Chip Mountain
High School athletes of the year
Trophy Hunting

Jenna Ketchmark
Presentation Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

Burlington County Times

Sports

Bill Tull
Designer
Buena’s Brady ‘a dream player’

Eagles falling short of lofty expectations

Wait ‘til 2018

State Champs!

Truex thriving on 1-car team

Mark Melhorn
Sports Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

South Jersey Times

Megatron Jr.

Beating the odds

What Eagle’s eyes will be watching

Dynasty in the making

Rachel Vick

John Hardick
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Sports pages 1

Dana Stewart
Hannah Burkett
Eddie Alvarez
Weekly Division

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PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Education, March 19
Education, September 17

Joshua Jongsma
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Sandpaper

Sandpaper Business Section

Sandpaper Section – Entertainment Section

Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Princeton Packet

TIMEOFF

Central Jersey’s Guide to the Arts

Entertainment & Dining

Anthony Stoeckert
Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Pascack Valley Community Life

The Finest & Bravest,
March 12, 2015 edition

Community Living,
September 3, 2015 edition

Pascack Valley Community Life Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS: 
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

March 13  
December 18

Deirdre Ward  
Social Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

March 12

October 15

Gwen Orel
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: Graphics/Illustration Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

No Third Place
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

Asbury Park Press

Works of Sheldon L. Sneed

Sheldon L. Sneed
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

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GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

The Star-Ledger

Alex Rodriguez 3,000 hits

America behind bars

It’s just like magic

A month from hell

Back to the future

Kiersten Schmidt
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Sports Section Layout & Content
Masterful midfields lead RHS lax teams

Hopes high for new-look girls squad

Maroon boys aiming for a TOC crown

The Ridgewood News

March 28

May 15

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Greg Tartaglia
Sports Editor

Matthew Bircenough
Assistant Sports Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Clifton Journal

February 27
March 13

Chris Woolis

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Successful Sunday by the seashore

Farhan takes fourth place at NJSIAA wrestling tourney
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ocean Star

Sports

Dominick Pollio
Joyce Manser
The Montclair Times

**March 12**

**September 3**

Kevin Meacham
Managing Editor

Nick Verhagen
Sports Editor

Steve Tober
Columnist
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

March 19

September 17

Chris Leyden
Zach Gewelb
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

Sports Section Layout & Content

Len Bardsley
Joyce Manser
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Special Issue
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Third Place, Daily Under 25,000

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Red Zone report

Zach Gewelb
Sports Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Third Place, Daily Over 25,000

South Bergenite

Football Preview

Meghan Grant
Ed Kensik
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Second Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Two River Times

American Pharaoh Commemorative Edition

John Burton                          Jody Calendar
Senior Reporter                      Editor

Cyndy Mernick                       Tina Colella
Designer                            Photographer
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place, Daily Under 25,000

The Ridgewood News

Getting to Know Ridgewood 2015

Edward Virgin
Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place, Daily Over 25,000

Atlantic City Weekly

*Taste of South Jersey Summer 2015 Issue*

Atlantic City Weekly Staff
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Online Categories
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Best Web Project
BEST WEB PROJECT

Why New Jersey needs millennials

MILLENNIALS ARE THE LARGEST GENERATION SINCE THE BABY BOOMERS. WE SHOW YOU WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY WANT AND HOW THEY ARE IMPACTING NEW JERSEY.

Michael L. Diamond and
Kala Kachmar, @NewsGulp

Third Place

Asbury Park Press

N.J. Needs Me

Kala Kachmar
Michael Diamond
Second Place

The Star-Ledger

*Welcome to Herointown, New Jersey’s 4th-largest city*

Stephen Stirling, Andre Malok, Ashley Peskoe, Anna Vignet
BEST WEB PROJECT

First Place

Asbury Park Press

Property Tax Crisis

Staff
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

Best Multimedia Element
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

Third Place

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*Seaside Heights boardwalk comes alive in interactive video*

Brian Donohue
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

Second Place

The Press of Atlantic City

Miss America Interactive Map of Contestants

Krishna Mathias
Graphic Artist
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

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Red Zone Roadshow

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BEST BLOG

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Courier-Post

Eat My Words
Tammy Paolino, Features Editor
BEST BLOG

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Home and School

Amanda Oglesby, Karen Yi, Alesha Williams Boy, Nicquel Terry
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Bamboozled

Karin Price Mueller
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Best Video
Third Place

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16-year-old medical marijuana patient denied dose at school

John Munson
Second Place

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Amanda Marzullo
BEST VIDEO

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Battle Room

Brian Johnston
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Innovation Award
INNOVATION AWARD

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*Interactive Tax Map*

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Road Show

Staff
Cedar Market 'back to normalcy' day after fatal stabbing

ATLANTIC CITY — A day after police fatally shot a man who stabbed a clerk to death inside the local market, the business tried to get back to normal. Daily customers stopped to offer condolences, or to compliment the store’s owner and employees.

There were only two signs that two people died Tuesday at the Cedar Market on the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. One was three funeral candles sitting on a black crate outside the store. The other was the jagged cracks in the glass door.

Lynda Cohen, Staff Writer
Christian Hetrick, Staff Writer
Tyler Tynes, Staff Writer
Massive fire burning at Edgewater apartment complex

Second Place

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Fire at Edgewater apartment complex

Staff
Tears for Long Branch fire victims, possible murder-suicide

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Father kills family, self

Step Solis
Dan Radel
Andrew Ford
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Best Web Event
Asbury Park Music in Film Festival: Everything you need to know

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The hottest ticket in town is just one click away.

A new festival is coming to Asbury Park, presented by The Asbury Park Musical Heritage Foundation and the Asbury Park Press.

The inaugural Asbury Park Music in Film Festival will take place April 10 through 12. Events will be held at the Grand Arcade, the Paramount Theatre and in city nightclubs and restaurants.

Third Place

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The Asbury Park Music in Film Festival

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BEST WEB EVENT

Second Place

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Atlantic City Airshow

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*Mike the Bear Cub*

Andre Malok
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Best Use of Social Media
BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Third Place

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Around The Clock Weather

Dan Skeldon
Staff Writer
BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Second Place

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Tax crisis petition

Paul D’Ambrosio
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First Place

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Facebook chats
Susanne Cervenka, Kala Kachmar, Ken Serrano, Alesha Williams Boyd
General Excellence Awards
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General Excellence Award

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General Excellence Award
Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
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General Excellence Award
Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times
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General Excellence Award Daily
Better Newspaper Contest 2015

General Excellence Award

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General Excellence Award

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