2003 Photography
NJPA Better Newspaper Contest Results

Spot News
Weekly
First Place
“Fatal Fire”
Nick Messina
The Shopper News, Fair Lawn
North Jersey Community Newspapers
Second Place
“Refinery Fire”
Scott D. Longfield
The Two River Times, Red Bank
Third Place
“Rollover”
Nick Messina
The Shopper News, Fair Lawn
North Jersey Community Newspapers

Spot News
Daily
First Place
“Saving An Angel”
Bob Karp
Daily Record, Parsippany
Second Place
“High School Fight”
Danielle Austen
Daily Record, Parsippany
Third Place
“Rescued Kittens”
David Gard
The Times, Trenton
Honorable Mention
“East Brunswick Fire”
Mark R. Sullivan
Home News Tribune, East Brunswick
Honorable Mention
“Run to Safety”
Frank Conlon
The Star-Ledger, Newark

General News
Weekly
First Place
“Wish You Were Here”
Alan Leon
Bloomfield Life
North Jersey Community Newspapers
Second Place
“Home is Where You Lay Your Head”
Jeff Granit
The News Transcript, Freehold
Greater Media Newspapers
Third Place
“Homecoming”
Jeff Granit
The Independent, Middletown
Greater Media Newspapers
Honorable Mention
“Candlelight Memories”
Michael Karas
Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill
North Jersey Community Newspapers

General News
Daily
First Place
“Tensions in Iraq”
Noah Addis
The Star-Ledger, Newark
Second Place
“Cry for Shani”
Mitsu Yasukawa
The Star-Ledger, Newark
Third Place
“Reflecting and Remembering”
Brian Ferreira
Asbury Park Press, Neptune
Honorable Mention
“Remains”
Noah Addis
The Star-Ledger, Newark
Honorable Mention
“The Price of Being Different”
Jon Naso
The Star-Ledger, Newark
General News Picture Story
Weekly
First Place
“Cpl. Curtin”
Jeff Granit
Tri-Town News, Jackson
Greater Media Newspapers
Second Place
“Time with Seniors”
John Keating
Cranbury Press
Packet Publications
Third Place
“Unity”
Veronica Yankowski
The Independent, Middletown
Greater Media Newspapers

General News Picture Story
Daily
First Place
“Forensic Detectives”
Michael J. Treola
Asbury Park Press, Neptune
Second Place
“Bullet Wound Brings Palestinian Teen to US for Recovery”
Kevin R. Wexler
Herald News, West Paterson
Third Place
“Greatest Gift”
Chris Rossi
Gloucester County Times, Woodbury

Sports Action
Weekly
First Place
“Stop You Anyway I Can”
Jerry Wolkowitz
The Examiner, Allentown
Greater Media Newspapers
Second Place
“The Human Wall of Ocean”
Chris Kelly
The Hub, Long Branch
Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**
“Super Sacker”
Bill Allen, Jr.
The Progress, Caldwell
Recorder Community Newspapers

**Honorable Mention**
“Worlds Collide”
Alan Leon
The Montclair Times
North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Sports Action**

**Daily**

**First Place**
“Pedro vs. Zimmer”
Chris Faytok
The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**
“Twisted Face”
Edward B. Lea
The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Third Place**
“Hanger On”
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Honorable Mention**
“Ouch at Second”
Scott Anderson
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Sports Feature**

**Weekly**

**First Place**
“Male Bonding”
Chris Kelly
Brick Township Bulletin
Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**
“Sudden Death Winner”
David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel
Sample Media, Inc.

**Third Place**
“It Hurts”
Ben Scheetz
Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington
NJN Publishing

Honorable Mention
“We Won”
John Keating
Cranbury Press
Packet Publications

Sports Feature
Daily
First Place
“This Bites”
Mark R. Sullivan
Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

Second Place
“Private Moment”
John Munson
The Star-Ledger, Newark

Third Place
“Peek-a-boo”
John O'Boyle
The Star-Ledger, Newark

Honorable Mention
“Victors”
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Honorable Mention
“Grief for 'Goose' “
Cie Stroud
The Times, Trenton

Sports Feature Picture Story
Weekly
First Place
“Standing on His Own Two Feet”
Veronica Yankowski
Brick Township Bulletin
Greater Media Newspapers

Second Place
“Little League”
John Keating
South Brunswick Post, Dayton
Packet Publications

**Third Place**
“From the Beginning”
Jeff Granit
The Sentinel, East Brunswick
Greater Media Newspapers

**Sports Feature Picture Story**

**Daily**

**First Place**
“Pastime”
Chris Faytok
The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**
“Beach Battle”
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Third Place**
“Tennis Everyone?”
Ellie Markovitch
Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**
“Wild, Wild East”
Danielle Richards
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

**Feature**

**Weekly**

**First Place**
“High Dive”
Reena Rose Sibayan
The Cranford Eagle
Worrall Community Newspapers

**Second Place**
“Got an Itch”
Robyn C. Stein
Hopewell Valley News
Packet Publications

**Third Place**
“Walking a Fine Line”
Jeff Granit
The Suburban, Old Bridge
Greater Media Newspapers
Honorable Mention
“The Shot”
Nick Messina
The Shopper News, Fair Lawn
North Jersey Community Newspapers

Feature
Daily
First Place
“Embarrassed Poet”
Kathy Johnson
Courier News, Bridgewater
Second Place
“Hoop Play”
Melvin C. Evans, Jr.
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)
Third Place
“Hugs and Kisses”
Augusto F. Menezes
Home News Tribune, East Brunswick
Honorable Mention
“Snow Headaches”
Jose. F. Moreno
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

Feature Picture Story
Weekly
First Place
“Shad Fishing”
Robyn C. Stein
The Beacon, Lambertville
Packet Publications
Second Place
“Training to Survive”
Phil McAuliffe
The Register News, Bordentown
Packet Publications
Third Place
“Decoy Mania”
Marjorie Amon Stone
The Sandpaper, Surf City

Feature Picture Story
Daily
First Place
“Street Preachers”
Amy Newman, Kevin R. Wexler
Herald News, West Paterson
Second Place
“Mahogany”
Ellie Markovitch
Herald News, West Paterson
Third Place
“Broad Street”
Aris Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger, Newark
Honorable Mention
“Pregnant with Cancer”
Bob Karp
Daily Record, Parsippany
Honorable Mention
“Two Households as One”
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Portrait
Weekly
First Place
“Hometown Hero”
Veronica Yankowski
The Suburban, Old Bridge
Greater Media Newspapers
Second Place
“All in the Family”
Veronica Yankowski
The Examiner, Allentown
Greater Media Newspapers
Third Place
“Charlotte and the Butterfly”
Reena Rose Sibayan
Summit Observer
Worrall Community Newspapers

Portrait
Daily
First Place
“Halloween Tour Guide”
Danny Drake
The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Second Place**
“Durresahwar & Children”
Jason Towlen
Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Third Place**
“Blues Man”
Ryan Mercer
Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**
“Reflection”
David Gard
The Times, Trenton

**Honorable Mention**
“Fighter”
Alexandra Pais
Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

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**Pictorial**

**Weekly**

**First Place**
“Snow Birds”
Scott D. Longfield
The Two River Times, Red Bank

**Second Place**
“Crazy 'bout an Automobile”
Veronica Yankowski
The Examiner, Allentown
Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**
“Falls Beauty”
Phil McAuliffe
The Register-News, Bordentown
Packet Publications

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**Pictorial**

**Daily**

**First Place**
“Gone Sledding”
Cindy DeSau
The Times, Trenton

**Second Place**
“Stripers in December”
Ryan Mercer
Herald News, West Paterson

**Third Place**
“Mantis at Rest”
Jose F. Moreno
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Honorable Mention**
“Winter Walk”
Cindy DeSau
The Times, Trenton

**Honorable Mention**
“Sunset Row”
Daniel Hulshizer
Associated Press

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**Illustrations**

Daily

**First Place**
“Cyber Nannies”
Saed Hindash
The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**
“All American Tomato”
Vernon Ogrodnek
The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Third Place**
“Summer Fruit”
Ryan Mercer
Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**
“Waist Not-Want Not”
Saed Hindash
The Star-Ledger, Newark

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**Best of Show**
“Pedro vs. Zimmer”
Chris Faytok
The Star-Ledger, Newark