2005 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily Newspapers

Journalist of the Year – Daily:

Lindy Washburn
“Crushed By Medical Bills”
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

General Excellence:

Daily, under 60,000

Herald News, West Paterson

Daily, over 60,000

The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

D-01 - Responsible Journalism, Public Service, Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Daily, over 60,000

1st Place: “Toxic Legacy”
Staff
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

2nd Place: “Death, Fear in the Air”
Tracey L. Regan, Darryl R. Isherwood, George Amick
The Times, Trenton

3rd Place: “Heart Gallery of New Jersey”
Robin Gaby Fisher, Katie Wang, Matthew Reilly
The Star-Ledger, Newark

Daily, under 60,000

1st Place: “Land Grab”
Asjylyn Loder, Tom Meagher
Herald News, West Paterson

2nd Place: “Fixing N.J.’s Tax Mess”
Colleen O’Dea, Laura Bruno, Abbott Koloff, Rob Seman
Daily Record, Parsippany

3rd Place: “Well-armed for a Rent Fight”
Jarrett Renshaw
The Jersey Journal, Jersey City
D-02, Responsible Journalism, Editorial Comment

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Bullying Series”
Mark Correa
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill
2nd Place: “Palmyra Tapes”
Mark Correa
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill
3rd Place: “Looking Far, Wide and Pricey”
Joan Whitlow
The Star-Ledger, Newark

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Adoptees Have Right to Know”
Keith Ryzewicz
Courier News, Bridgewater
2nd Place: “West’s Plea Deal an Outrage”
Agustin Torres
The Jersey Journal, Jersey City
3rd Place: “Sex Offender Ordinance Has To Be Tougher”
John Garrahan
The Daily Journal, Vineland

D-03, Responsible Journalism, Enterprise

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Scandal in the Schools Construction Corp.”
Dunston McNichol, Steve Chambers
The Star-Ledger, Newark
2nd Place: “Making Play Pay”
Jean Rimbach, Gregory Schutta
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
3rd Place: “Club Monmouth”
Bob Cullinane, Nina Rizzo
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Living on the Brink”
Lorraine Ash, Bob Karp
Daily Record, Parsippany
2nd Place: “Low Wages, Strong Backs”
Tom Meagher, Suzanne Travers
Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place: “Working in the Shadows”
Maria Armenthal
Daily Record, Parsippany
D-04, Responsible Journalism, First Amendment (The Art Weissman Memorial Award)

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place:  “Right To Know”
   Staff
   Courier-Post, Cherry Hill
2nd Place:  “9/11 Funds Go Begging”
   Amy Klein,
   The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
3rd Place:  “One Judge & 8 Towns = Justice Inc.”
   Michael Diamond
   The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place:  “Waivers Gone Away”
   Martin C. Bricketto, Anne B. Jolis
   Gloucester County Times, Woodbury
2nd Place:  “Anguish & Anger”
   Samantha Henry
   Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place:  “NJ Pumps Regular into Fuel-Alternative Cars”
   Sarah N. Lynch
   Daily Record, Parsippany

D-05, Reporting and Writing, Breaking News

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place:  “Operation Bid Rig: Rooting Out Corruption in, Monmouth County”
   Kathy Matheson, James Prado Roberts, Jason Method, Staff
   Asbury Park Press, Neptune
2nd Place:  “Floods Hammer Area”
   Kirk Moore, Erik Larsen, Andrea Alexnader, Joseph Picard, Staff
   Asbury Park Press, Neptune
3rd Place:  “Rival to Buy AT&T for $16 Billion”
   Jeff May, Staff
   The Star-Ledger, Newark

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place:  “Drug, Gambling Ring Busted”
   Giovanna Fabiano, Peter N. Spencer, Chad Weihrauch
   Courier News, Bridgewater
2nd Place:  “Blackout Paralyzes Downtown Morristown”
   Rob Seman, Abbott Koloff, Meg Huelsman
   Daily Record, Parsippany
3rd Place:  “2 Cops Shot in Precinct”,
   Molly Bloom, Michaelangelo Conte, Staff
   The Jersey Journal, Jersey City
D-06, Reporting and Writing, News Writing Portfolio

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Medical School Giving Fat Raises”
“Big Winners in No Bid Bonanza”
“Billing Scam Could Cost Us 40M”
Patricia Alex
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
2nd Place: “Political Bosses Escape Reform”
“$800,000 Pay & Side Income, Too”
“Trantino’s Public Profile Irks Victims’ Kin”
Jeff Pillets
The Record (Bergen County, NJ),
3rd Place: “Spalliero’s Empire”
James W. Prado Roberts
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Where’s Danielle”
“Hurricane Katrina Interrupted Their Reunion After Iraq”
“Learning the Many Faces of Muslim Women”
Danielle Camilli
Burlington County Times, Willingboro
2nd Place: “Cop Held Dying Son”
“Religious Experience”
“Reduced To Ashes”
Samantha Henry,
Herald News, West Paterson,
3rd Place: “Teacher Loses Figh With Rare Disease”
“Raking in Cash on Contraband”
“Check This Out!”
Jaci Smith,
Herald News, West Paterson
D-07, Reporting and Writing, Feature, Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**

1st Place:  “A Dramatic Gamble”;
“A Dramatic Gamble Act II”
“A Dramatic Gamble Act III”  
Peggy McGlone  
The Star-Ledger, Newark

2nd Place:  “Final Exposure”;
“If They Talk, History is Lost”
“All About Lenny Welch”  
Shannon Mullen  
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

3rd Place:  “Girl’s Cancer Battle Unites Community”;
“No Cure In Atlanta For Absecon Girl”
“Spirited Absecon Girl Dies After Battle”  
Lynda Cohen  
The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Daily, under 60,000**

1st Place:  “Altered Boys”
“Nobody’s Home”
“Battle-scarred”  
Maya Kremen  
Herald News, West Paterson

2nd Place:  “What The Best-Dressed Dogs are Wearing”
“Love Songs”
“Feeling Like a Stuffed Turkey?”  
Marcia White  
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place:  “Postcards From Band Camp”
“A Cut Above the Rest”
“What’s Bugging You?”  
Lorinda Jarvis  
The Daily Journal, Vineland
D-08, Reporting and Writing, Sports Writing Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**

1st Place: “Tiger’s Morning”
   “Wright and Wrong”
   “A Taste of Home”
   Kevin Monahan
   The Star-Ledger, Newark

2nd Place: “NHL Needs To Get Over Itself”
   “Mourning a Hero”
   “Cruel Lesson in Law”
   Bill Handleman
   Asbury Park Press, Neptune

3rd Place: “New Day Dawns”
   “Owen’s Love”
   “Empty Feelings”
   Phil Anastasia
   Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Daily, under 60,000**

1st Place: “Dangerous Game”
   “Miracle Man”
   “Happy Days”
   Stefan Bondy
   New Jersey Herald, Newton

2nd Place: “Falato’s Dramatic Recovery”
   “Under Pressure”
   “Washington Still Challenging Call”
   Jerry Carino
   Courier News, Bridgewater

3rd Place: “Johnny Baseball”
   “Agoos’ Experience”
   “Separating Coach from Parent”
   Jane Allison Havsy
   Daily Record, Parsippany
D-09, Reporting and Writing, Scholastic Sports Portfolio

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Why Coaches Are Hard To Find”
   “It Always Hurts”
   “Parents A Big Part Of Steroid Problem”
   Steve Politi
   The Star-Ledger, Newark
2nd Place: “Karcick More Than Another Coach”
   “A Sense of Loss, But The Spirit To Win”
   “School vs. Club”
   Jeff Roberts
   The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
3rd Place: “Champions of Breakfast Hour”
   “Star Plays Through The Pain”
   “Wickham Remains Very Much in Hearts”
   Sean McCann
   Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Honduran Brothers”
   ‘Kenyan Teen’s Playing Fields”
   “Gibson’s Memory”
   Jane Allison Havsy
   Daily Record, Parsippany
2nd Place: “Touche”
   “Sounds of Silence”
   “In or Out?”
   Jeff Offord
   Burlington County Times, Willingboro
3rd Place: “3 Brothers, 2 Sports”
   “A Fabulous Four”
   “He’s One Special Player”
   Ives Galarcep
   Herald News, West Paterson
D-10, Reporting and Writing, Business and Financial Writing
Portfolio

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Bells…”
    “Whistles”
    George Jordan
    The Star-Ledger, Newark
2nd Place: “Leave…”
    “NJ…”
    Michael Diamond,
    Asbury Park Press, Neptune
3rd Place: “Borgata is Waging…”
    Donald Wittkowski
    The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Shipment…”
    “River…”
    “Highway”
    Anne Jolis
    Gloucester County Times, Woodbury
2nd Place: “Day…”
    “Ways to Improve”
    “Self Esteem”
    Andrea Gurwitt
    Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place: “New Mail”
    “Convenience”
    “Entrepreneurs”
    Jessica Adler
    Herald News, West Paterson
D-11, Reporting and Writing, Columns

**Daily, over 60,000**
1st Place: “Coming Home”
Laurie Granieri
Home News Tribune, Woodbridge

2nd Place: “Greasing the Electorate”
Mike Kelly
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

3rd Place: “Christmas Comes to the State House”
Tom Hester Jr.
The Times, Trenton

**Daily, under 60,000**
1st Place: “Dear Kelly, Part II”
Joseph P. Owens
The Express-Times, Easton

2nd Place: “Smoke Detectors”
L.A. Parker
The Trentonian, Trenton

3rd Place: “State’s Man In Our Schools”
Earl Morgan
The Jersey Journal, Jersey City
D-12, Reporting and Writing, Critical Writing

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place:  "Face of Evil"
   "Six Feet"
   "Flight 93"
   Virginia Rohan
   The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
2nd Place:  "Springsteen"
   "Motley Crue"
   "George Carlin"
   Scott Cronick
   The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville
3rd Place:  "Kevin Smith"
   "Bank Channels"
   "British Invasion"
   Mark Voger
   Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place:  "Midsummer Night’s Dream"
   "Monticello"
   "Dangerous Liaisons"
   William Westhoven
   Daily Record, Parsippany
2nd Place:  "Voices"
   "Latinologues"
   "Family Drama Observed"
   Ed Beeson
   Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place:  "Super Sushi"
   "Italian Delight”; Steak and Sushi"
   Hilary Harding
   Courier News, Bridgewater
D-13, Reporting and Writing, Robert P. Kelly Award

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place:  “Have Canoe, Will Stay”
           “A Beloved Spruce is Going to Town”
           “Pilot, Passenger Safe After Small Plane Crash”
           Margaret K. Collins
           The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
2nd Place:  “Teachers Left Waiting”
           “Special Kids: Being Aidan”
           “Perth Amboy School Adds Success to Math”
           Arielle Levin Becker
           Home News Tribune, East Brunswick
3rd Place:  no winner

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place:  “Seeing Eye Unveiling Sculpture in Mo’town”
           “Fire! Denville Tower a Means of Defense”
           “More Women Opt to Have Caesarean Childbirths”
           Sarah N. Lynch
           Daily Record, Parsippany
2nd Place:  “Out on a Limb”
           “A Man’s World”
           “Women Warriors”
           Sheila Miller
           Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place:  no winner

D-14, Reporting and Writing, Best Headlines

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place:  “As Atkins Fades, Bread Rises Again”
           Blake Johnson
           The Times, Trenton
2nd Place:  “In Fourth Gear”
           Devin McLaughlin
           The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville
3rd Place:  “This Year, Everything Is Relativity”
           Jay Levin
           The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place:  “Good Humor Guys in a Grumpy Mood”
           Melvin Hyman
           Herald News, West Paterson
2nd Place:  “Turning Over a New Leaf”
           Damian Fanelli
           Courier News, Bridgewater
3rd Place:  “Not Caught, But He’s Red-Handed”
           Ron Zeitlinger
           The Jersey Journal, Jersey City
D-15, Reporting and Writing, Special Issue

**Daily, over 60,000**

1st Place: “Major Quest”  
Chris D’Amico  
The Star-Ledger, Newark

2nd Place: “In Service of Freedom”  
Ron Panarotti, Andrew Premdimano  
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

3rd Place: “The Hole Story”  
Chris D’Amico  
The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Daily, under 60,000**

1st Place: “Medicare Part D”  
Jessica Adler, Suzanne Travers  
Herald News, West Paterson

2nd Place: “Day in the Life of Randolph High School”  
Staff  
Daily Record, Parsippany

3rd Place: “Grid Guide”  
Staff  
Ocean County Observer, Toms River
D-16, Design and Presentation, News Page Design Portfolio

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “Jan. 12, Feb. 23, April 3, April 20, Oct. 15, 2005”
   Jim Delcioppo
   Asbury Park Press, Neptune
   Robert Townsend
   The Record (Bergen County, NJ)
   Tara Fraser
   Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Our Team”
   “World Bids Farewell”
   “The Great 8”
   “Terrorists Blast London”
   “NJ’s Hottest Summer on Record”
   Walt King
   Burlington County Times, Willingboro
2nd Place: “Terror on NJ Transit”
   Matt Pabreza
   The Trentonian, Trenton
3rd Place: “John Paul II”
   “Terror Comes to London”
   “Liftoff”
   “Overwhelming”
   “2,000 Dead”
   Scott Muller
   Herald News, West Paterson
D-17, Design and Presentation, Feature Section Page Design Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**
1st Place:  “Morrissey Portfolio”  
Mark Morrissey  
The Star-Ledger, Newark
2nd Place:  “Weston Portfolio”  
Shawn Weston  
Asbury Park Press, Neptune
3rd Place:  “The Mix & Food Sections”  
Lisa Mansolillo-Dalie  
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

**Daily, under 60,000**
1st Place:  “Henry Portfolio”  
Melanie Henry  
The Express-Times, Easton
2nd Place:  “Fanelli Portfolio”  
Damian Fanelli  
Courier News, Bridgewater
3rd Place:  “Portfolio”  
Chris Sharkey  
Daily Record, Parsippany

D-18, Design and Presentation, Sports Page Design Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**
1st Place:  Lucy Quintanilla  
Asbury Park Press, Neptune
2nd Place:  Michelle Malouf-Steimle  
Asbury Park Press, Neptune
3rd Place:  Annette Vazquez  
The Star-Ledger, Newark
3rd Place:  Tara Fraser  
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Daily, under 60,000**
1st Place:  “Five Pages”  
Rick Burchfield  
Daily Record, Parsippany
2nd Place:  “Money Met Paterson’s Final 4”  
Brett Anderson  
Herald News, West Paterson
3rd Place:  “Swing Away”  
Ron D’Orazio  
The Trentonian, Trenton
D-19, Design and Presentation, Business Page Design Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**

1st Place: “Business Page Portfolio”
Liz Roberts
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

2nd Place: “Business Page Portfolio”
Diane Tinsley
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

3rd Place: no winner

**Daily, under 60,000**

1st Place: “Business Page Portfolio”
Adam Hollanek
Daily Record, Parsippany

2nd Place: “Business Page Portfolio”
Ashley Nester
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place: “Business Page Portfolio”
Johnathan Hardick
The Express-Times, Easton

D-20, Design and Presentation, Graphics/Illustration Portfolio

**Daily, over 60,000**

1st Place: “Jeff Colson Portfolio B”
Jeff Colson
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

2nd Place: “Jeff Colson Portfolio A”
Jeff Colson
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

3rd Place: “R.L. Rebach Portfolio”
R.L. Rebach
The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

**Daily, under 60,000**

1st Place: “Leeza Hernandez Portfolio”
Leeza Hernandez
Courier News, Bridgewater

2nd Place: “Jan Housewerth Portfolio”
Jan Housewerth
Herald News, West Paterson

3rd Place: “Sean Everwine Portfolio”
Sean Everwine
Gloucester County Times, Woodbury
D-21, Overall Award, Innovation Award

Daily, over 60,000
1st Place: “RallyCast”
Tony Graham, Thomas P. Costello
Asbury Park Press, Neptune

Daily, under 60,000
1st Place: “Young Poets of Central Jersey”
Staff
Courier News, Bridgewater