2008 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily

General Excellence

Daily under 60,000

Herald News

Daily over 60,000

The Record (Bergen County)
D-01, Responsible Journalism – Public Service, Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "District Ripped on Consultant Hire"
Ed Beeson
Herald News

2nd Place: "Hoboken Police Scandal"
Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark, Carly Baldwin, Agustin C. Torres, Ron Zeitlinger, Michaelangelo Conte
The Jersey Journal

3rd Place: "Super Perks: Superintendents' Big Benefits"
Colleen O'Dea, Laura Bruno, Joe Ungaro, Matt Manochio
Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Big Time, Big Costs: The High Price of Rutgers Sports"
Ted Sherman, Josh Margolin
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "Smoke and Mirrors: The Subversion of the EPA"
John Shiffman, John Sullivan, Tom Avril
The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place: "A Troubled Diagnosis"
Alan Guenther
D-02, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Keith Ryzewicz
Courier News

2nd Place: Nora O'Dowd
The Times, Trenton

3rd Place: Fred Snowflack
Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Some Perspective Please"
"Attorney General Should Get Involved"
Carla Linz Callaway
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: "We Got to Have FAITH"
"Sponge Bob's Large Pants"
"Corzine's Education"
Mary Ellen Shoonmaker
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "Poor Excuse for Diploma"
"Lame Duck"
"Don't Drop Ball"
Clare McDowell
Asbury Park Press
D-03, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Family Kept in Dark About Death”
Lisa Rich, Lisa Coryell
The Times, Trenton

2nd Place: "Somebody's Watching You”
Abbott Koloff
Daily Record

3rd Place: "A Boy Named Hitler”
Douglas Brill
The Express-Times, Easton

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "The Accidental Artist”
Amy Nutt
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "A Mystery in the Desert”
Kathleen O'Brien
The Star-Ledger

3rd Place: “Casualties of the Health Insurance Crisis”
Michael Vitez
The Philadelphia Inquirer
**D-04, Responsible Journalism – First Amendment, Art Weissman Memorial Award**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place:  "LoBiondo: Earmarks Aid District"
            "Transparency Sought in Earmark Process"
            Joseph P. Smith
            The Daily Journal

2nd Place:  "Fire Captain Taking Heat"
            "Another Fireman on the Hot Seat"
            "Investigator Suspended, Faces Charges"
            Alex MacInnes
            Herald News

3rd Place:  "Vineland Mayoral Election"
            Tim Zatzariny Jr., Joel Landau, Kristi Funderburk,
            Joe Smith, Jennifer Hague
            The Daily Journal

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place:  "Minimal Regulation of Child Care in New Jersey"
            James W. Prado Roberts, Jean Mikle, Paul D'Ambrosio
            Asbury Park Press

2nd Place:  "Senators Bring Home Millions for New Jersey"
            Lisa Grzyboski
            Courier-Post

3rd Place:  "Waiting in Pain"
            Dunstan McNichol, John P. Martin
            The Star-Ledger
D-05, Reporting and Writing – Breaking News

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  "Fatal Crash on Route 22"
            "I Just Assumed I was Going to Die"
            Sara K. Satullo, Douglas Brill, Michael Buck, Nick Falsone
            The Express-Times, Easton

2nd Place:  "Woman Shot Dead, 2 Wounded At Church"
            Karen Keller, Jennifer H. Cunningham, Meredith Mandell,
            Barbara Williams, Paul Brubaker, Heather Haddon
            Herald News

3rd Place:  "The Death of Ruben Martinez"
            Meghan Van Dyk, Rob Jennings, Matt Manochio,
            Tehani Schneider, Peggy Wright
            Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  "Teaneck Blast Kills 1"
            Staff
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  "Trapped in Haiti"
            Lindy Washburn
            The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place:  "Boat Captain Missing Off Atlantic City"
            Richard Degener
            The Press of Atlantic City
D-06, Reporting and Writing – News Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  "Unsolved Tragedy"
            "Working Under the Radar"
            "Plainfield Stabbing Victim"
            "20 Laid to Rest"
            Mark Spivey
            Courier News

2nd Place:  "Saved from the Battlefield"
            "Veteran Returns to the Skies"
            "Monster Bloom"
            Tehani Schneider
            Daily Record

3rd Place:  "Recalling the Horrors of War"
            "Superintendent Accused of Plagiarism"
            "Green Movement Seeks to Generate Bright Future"
            Martin C. Bricketto
            Courier News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  "Restoring 'Pleasure Palace"
            "New Battle Lines"
            "Riot Ready"
            Mike Kelly
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  "Drug Kingpins in ON Suburbs Spoils"
            George Anastasia
            The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place:  "What Happened to This 'All-American Boy' "
            Mark Mueller
            The Star-Ledger
D-07, Reporting and Writing – Environmental Writing Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: "Wetlands at a Crossroads"
Jared Kaltwasser
Courier-News, Bridgewater

2nd Place: "Business End of Cows Could Cost Farmers"
Bill Wichert
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place: "How Will the Wind... Wells of Hope Add Life and Genuine Horsepower"
Jeff Trently
The Times, Trenton

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "Too Many Questions Not Even Asked"
"Safety Testing Lax on New School Sites"
"The Mob’s Playground?"
Jeff Pillets
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "Welcome to the Jersey Shore. Now Go Home"
Wayne Parry
The Associated Press, Trenton

3rd Place: "Going Green, Even to the Grave"
"Getting Sick from Flame Retardants"
"Wind Sails into Pennsylvania Power Scene"
Sandy Bauers
The Philadelphia Inquirer
D-08, Reporting and Writing –
Feature, Lifestyle & Entertainment Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Fallen Hero's Footsteps"
"Little Golf Course on a Big Lake"
"More Employers Will Google You"
Abbott Koloff
Daily Record

2nd Place: "Back Off Wackos"
"Run, Run, Run"
"12 Angry Men"
Tony Nauroth
The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place: "Headscarf Ban Wears on Turks"
"Empty Hearts"
"Hard Lesson Learned"
Heather Haddon
Herald News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Love That's Outlasted the Mementos"
"Bob Peckar"
"Maria Mazziotti Gillan"
Mike Kerwick
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "Expressing Vows"
"True Weekend Warriors"
"Slapping and Tapping to Her Own Beat"
Robert Bieselin
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "Finding His Place"
"For These Guys, Sneakers are the Heart & Soul of Their Obsession"
"Outfits Worthy of Praise"
Vincent Jackson
The Press of Atlantic City
D-09, Reporting and Writing – Sports Writing Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place:  
"Princeton Futility"  
"Colleges Don't"  
"At Mercer"  
Craig Haley  
The Times, Trenton

2nd Place:  
"Parros"  
"Final Step"  
"MorrisCheers"  
Jane Havsy  
Daily Record

3rd Place:  
"Faithful Hope"  
"New Track"  
"Gravitating Toward"  
Stefan Bondy  
Herald News

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place:  
"Cathy Rush"  
"Next Stop"  
"Yank's Home"  
Susan Lulgjuraj  
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place:  
"Son's Big Heart Lighens Load Caused by Dad's Painful Past"  
"Life of Pain for Walker"  
"I Don't Know How I Did It"  
Ian O'Connor  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place:  
"One Fish"  
"Best Laid Plans"  
"Call Off the Dogs"  
Kirk Moore  
Asbury Park Press
D-10, Reporting and Writing – Scholastic Sports Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "No Mercy"
Stefan Bondy
Herald News

2nd Place: "Players, Coaches, Strategies"
Jerry Carino
Courier News

3rd Place: "Prep Stuns No. 1 Bees"
"CREATE's Harrison: I Feel Like I Hurt the Team"
"Union Hill Junior Matta Has Coaches, Opponents Impressed"
Ned Winner
The Jersey Journal

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Remembering Ryne"
"The Survivor"
"His Darkest Hour"
Jeff Roberts
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: "New Home for Old Passion"
Phil Anatasia
The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place: "Dave Lewis"
Michael McGarry
The Press of Atlantic City
D-11, Reporting and Writing – Business and Financial Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "A Cut Above"
"Landis Facelift: 71 Businesses"
"Boat Industry Suffers"
Kristi Funderburk
The Daily Journal

2nd Place: "Big Growth"
"Food-Preneur"
"Totally Tea"
Lorraine Ash
Daily Record

3rd Place: "Philling the Bank"
"Discomforts of Home"
"Arena Coming to Landfill Location?"
Lucas K. Murray
Gloucester County Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "It's Still a Big Deal"
"Casino Dealers Rage Against Machines"
"A Little Bit of Old Hollywood in the Middle of Nowhere"
Donald Wittkowski
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: "Betting the House"
"Why Hasn't Your House Sold Yet"
"Homeowner's Life Spins into Desperation"
Kathy Lynn
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "Giving You a Reason to Leave"
"Running on Empty"
"Specializing in Deep Discounts"
David P. Willis
Asbury Park Press
D-12, Reporting and Writing – Columns

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "A Special Gift for Little Erin"
           "Fretting Remains, the Pace is Slower"
           "Here It Is: My Own Bucket List"
           Bob Shryock
           Gloucester County Times

2nd Place: Jay Jefferson Cooke
           Courier News

3rd Place: "It's Not Possible to Protect People from Themselves"
           "Feeling Sick? Check Out This Payday"
           "Exasperated Dad Sees Little Satisfaction"
           Joseph P. Owens
           The Express-Times, Easton

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Tossed into the Jobless Ranks at Age 84"
           "Ah, for the Innocent Snows of Yesteryear"
           "Rutgers Football"
           Mark DiIonno
           The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: "American Dream, American Nightmare"
           "Interview with Inmate in Pod B"
           "Wound Unhealed"
           Bill Handleman
           Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: "Money Worries: Going Through the Change"
           "Mother Nature Puts Wet Blanket on 'Be Prepared'"
           "Love for Pet Ever Endures"
           Diana Fasanella
           Asbury Park Press
D-13, Reporting and Writing – Critical Writing

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  "Alda Brings the Truth"
            "Jerry Stiller"
            "Bacon Brothers"
            Ellen Wilkowe
            Daily Record

2nd Place:  "Teller of Trusts"
            "A Transported Tale"
            "Of Magic and Reality"
            Tim Morris
            Herald News

3rd Place:  "Fading Away"
            "Red Cat Owner Just Jumped Into the Job"
            "Cool, Cool Family Affair"
            Jean Stevens
            Herald News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  "Dream Cuisine"
            "Ted's on Main"
            "Pasta Shells and More and Shore"
            Craig LaBan
            The Philadelphia Inquirer

2nd Place:  "Weiland's Solo Show Proves Disappointing"
            "Cheech & Chong Bring Pot-laced Comedy Routine to Borgata"
            "They Lack the Magic of Their Prime"
            Scott Cronick
            The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place:  "9 North in Wayne"
            "Korean Fare with Old World Flair"
            "An Epicurean Jewel, Beautifully Wrapped"
            Elisa Ung
            The Record (Bergen County)
D-14, Reporting and Writing – Robert P. Kelly Award

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place:  "Waiting to Get a Green Card"
            "Reining in Jersey's Drug Reps"
            "Without Tickets, They Relied on Faith"
            Heather Appel
            Herald News

2nd Place:  "Climbing the Ladder"
            "Fake Shooting Real Terror"
            "Pilgrimage Crosses Cultural Divide"
            Sarah Wojcik
            The Express-Times, Easton

3rd Place:  "Honoring an Irish Patriot"
            "Senior Complex Up for Auction”
            "Residents: Safety Takes Priority”
            Alex Zdan
            The Times, Trenton

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place:  "Experts Dismiss Doctorate Dissertation”
            "School's Chief's Doctorate Reviewed”
            "State Tells School Chief He's No Dr.”
            Joshua Riley
            Asbury Park Press

2nd Place:  "Tickets Anyone?"
            "Borgata Photo Shoot for the 14 Who Made the Cut”
            "Go to the Wedding? Or Go to the Series?”
            Dan Good
            The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place:  no winner
D-15, Reporting and Writing – Best Headlines

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “Duck, Goose!”
Glenn Koppelman
Gloucester County Times

2nd Place: “Economy Leaves Pets in the Doghouse”
Ilana Keller
Courier News

3rd Place: “Brotherly Shove”
“Third Tynes The Charm”
“Colts Come Clean...Shaven”
Rick Burchfield
Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Reign Delayed”
“Mud, Sweat, Cheers”
“Masters of Technology”
Charles Schroeder
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: “Snap, Crackle, Drop”
“Soup of the Day”
“Independent's Day”
Edwin Faust
The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place: “Strahan Can Smile, But He Leaves a Gap”
“Devil's Face Road Trip from Hell”
“Yanks Throw Salary-Cut Fastball to Vet”
Joe Farrell
The Record (Bergen County)
D-16, Reporting and Writing – Special Issue

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: "Living/2008 Guide to Morris County"
Staff
Daily Record

2nd Place: "Super Bowl XLII"
Steve Feitl, Staff
Home News Tribune

3rd Place: "High School Football Preview"
Shawn Lear, Staff
Gloucester County Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: "Summer Guide"
Staff
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: "Giant Heroes"
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: "South Jersey Guide"
Staff
Courier-Post
D-17, Design and Presentation – News Page Design Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Scott Muller  
Herald News

2nd Place: Lou Hochman  
Daily Record

3rd Place: Kevin Davis  
Daily Record

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: "All Eyes on Economy"  
Peter M. Brophy  
The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: Ed Nest  
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: Robert Townsend  
The Record (Bergen County)
**D-18, Design and Presentation – Feature Section Page Design Portfolio**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Anthony Schiavino  
Home News Tribune

2nd Place: Lorinda Jarvis  
The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Lou Hochman  
Daily Record

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Elaine Isaacson  
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Lisa Mansolillo Dalie  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: Tara Fraser  
Courier-Post
D-19, Design and Presentation – Sports Page Design Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Mindy Drexel
            Herald News

2nd Place: Harry Aharon
            Herald News

3rd Place: "Driving Force"
           "Jackpot!"
           "Numbers Game"
           "Terminator!"
           "The Great Debate"
            Dave O'Sullivan
            The Daily Journal

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: Chuck O'Donnell
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: John Connolly
            The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: Ed Nest
            Asbury Park Press
D-20, Design and Presentation – Graphics/Illustration Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  "Home Safe Home"
            "Inside The VMEU"
            "Splat-fore"
            "Deep Thoughts"
            "What $600 Can Buy"
            Joe Moore
            The Daily Journal

2nd Place:  "Terminator"
            "A Summer Shocker!"
            "World Series Showdown"
            "Men at Work"
            "Wet and Wild Water Parks"
            Joe Moore
            The Daily Journal

3rd Place:  Adam Hollanek
            Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  Jeff Colson
            Asbury Park Press

2nd Place:  Lance Theroux
            The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place:  Billy Becerra
            The Record (Bergen County)
D-21, Design and Presentation – Innovation Award

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Boomer on Board”
Virginia Rohan
The Record (Bergen County)

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: no winner