2019
New Jersey Press Association
Spring Awards Ceremony
April 11, 2019
Hamilton, New Jersey
DOOR PRIZE TIME!
2019
Bernard Kilgore
Memorial Scholarship
High School Journalist of the Year
Andrew Rowan
Mooresstown Friends School
Mooresstown, NJ

Andrew also was named 2019
New Jersey High School
Journalist of the Year
by the Garden State
Scholastic Press Association
DOOR PRIZE TIME!
2018 NJPA Newspaper Contest Photography Results
Contemporary Issues
Contemporary Issues

THIRD PLACE
Craig Matthews
The Press of Atlantic City

Falling through Medicare’s net
Contemporary Issues

SECOND PLACE
Doug Hood
Asbury Park Press

Living Outdoors
Contemporary Issues

FIRST PLACE
Thomas P. Costello
Asbury Park Press

Faces of Justice
Feature
Feature

THIRD PLACE
Daniel Freel
New Jersey Herald

Basketball Eclipse
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature

SECOND PLACE
Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

Sand Storm
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature

FIRST PLACE
Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger

Holy meal
Feature Picture Story
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature
Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
Craig Matthews
The Press of Atlantic City

A sea of cosmos
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature
Picture Story

SECOND PLACE
David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Learning To Surf
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature
Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record
(Bergen County)

Oysters on
Delaware Bay
General News
General News

THIRD PLACE
Daniel Freel
New Jersey Herald

Parade Flip
General News

SECOND PLACE
Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Flying with the Birds
General News

FIRST PLACE
Chris LaChall
Courier-Post

Students surprise retired crossing guard
Illustration
Illustration

THIRD PLACE
No award given
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Illustration

SECOND PLACE
Saed Hindash
The Express-Times
Jahan
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Illustration

FIRST PLACE

Jake West
New Jersey Herald

Pies
News Picture Story
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

News Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
Daniel Freel
New Jersey Herald

Dedication to Tommy Bock
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

News Picture Story

SECOND PLACE
Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger

Burning of the Bread
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

News Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Bob Karp
The Record (Bergen County)

Paramus Bus Crash
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Pictorial

THIRD PLACE
Jake West
New Jersey Herald

Sun Flower
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Pictorial

SECOND PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record
(Bergen County)

Lake Gerard
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Pictorial

FIRST PLACE
Tariq Zehawi
The Record
(Bergen County)

Supermoon
Portrait
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Portrait

THIRD PLACE
Daniel Freel
New Jersey Herald

Haeleigh Lestz
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Portrait

SECOND PLACE
Craig Matthews
The Press of
Atlantic City

Similarly special players
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Portrait

FIRST PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record
(Bergen County)

Darah
Sports Action
Sports Action

THIRD PLACE
Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Goal line stretch
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Sports Action

SECOND PLACE
John Munson
The Star-Ledger

Stiff Arm
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Sports Action

FIRST PLACE
Danielle Parhizkaran
The Record
(Bergen County)

Dive
Sports Feature
Sports Feature

THIRD PLACE
Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Fog
Sports Feature

SECOND PLACE
Andrew Mills
The Star-Ledger

Champions!
Sports Feature

FIRST PLACE
Chris Pedota
The Record
(Bergen County)

Cooling Off
Sports Feature Picture Story
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Sports Feature
Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Superhero Run
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Sports Feature
Picture Story

SECOND PLACE
Chris LaChall,
Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post

Eagles fans celebrate
Super Bowl win
Sports Feature
Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

Island Races
Spot News
Spot News

THIRD PLACE
Tracy Klimek
New Jersey Herald

Tragic Bus Accident
Spot News

SECOND PLACE
Tariq Zehawi  
The Record  
(Bergen County)

Stand-off
Spot News

FIRST PLACE
Nancy Rokos
Burlington County Times

Melted Aftermath
Best Portfolio
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Best Portfolio

THIRD PLACE
Kristen Kelleher
Ocean City Sentinel
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Best Portfolio

SECOND PLACE
Daniella Heminghaus
The Coast Star
NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Best Portfolio

FIRST PLACE
Mark R. Sullivan
The Ocean Star
Photo Best of Show
Best in Show

Michael Karas | The Record (Bergen County) | “Darah”
Congratulations to all of our photo winners.

We’ll take a brief intermission and ask NJPA Board Member and Editorial Committee Member, Shane Fitzgerald from the Burlington County Times to the stage to begin the presentation of the Editorial Awards.
DOOR PRIZE
TIME!
2018 NJPA Newspaper Contest
Editorial Results
News Writing
Weekly Division
News Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Joan Buehler, Matt Enucos
The Retrospect

Community Helps Iosue Family Fight Cancer; Cocaine Paraphernalia Found at Audubon Elementary School
News Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Jay Cook, Chris Rotolo
The Two River Times

Marching For Their Lives
News Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Erin Roll
Montclair Local

Flood causes heartbreaking damage

Flash flood, slow recovery

Damage heavy after freak rain storm

at ERIN ROLL.

Residents spent the early part of the week recovering from a late flood that left basements flooded and cars stranded throughout the township over the weekend.

A fast-moving storm deposited up to three inches of rain on Montclair within a few hours Saturday afternoon.

Gov. Phil Murphy declared a state of emergency for Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Monmouth and Ocean counties on Tuesday. The order authorizes the state Office of Emergency Management to provide aid to homeowners and municipal authorities in flood-affected areas.

Among the worst damage reported was the basement of a home on River Road, in Montclair, which flooded. Residents said water surged up through drains and down a little-used driveway near the basement, breaking down two street-level doors into the basement.

The theater lost almost all of its photos and memorabilia. Montclair Film was also badly flooded, with the climate space now cleaned for about a month to undergo revitalization, and many of the former Academy classics moved off-site.

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Breaking News
Daily, Over 12,000
Breaking News
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Editorial Staff
The Times

Bloodbath. 1 killed, 22 injured in shooting at Trenton fest
Breaking News
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
Asbury Park Press

Colts Neck Family Murders
Breaking News
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

Deadly Bus Crash
May 18-19, 2018
Breaking News
Daily, Under 12,000
Heavy snow adds to power outages
Breaking News
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Kurt Bresswein, Nick Falsone, Sarah Cassi
The Express-Times

Report names 36 local priests;
Report scrutinizes bishop's handling of abuse complaints
Breaking News
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Trentonian

Art of Violence
Coverage of Government Weekly Division
Coverage of Government
Art Weissman Memorial Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Joan Buehler
The Retrospect Portfolio
Coverage of Government
Art Weissman
Memorial Award
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Mike Condon
Roxbury Register

Portfolio
Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Winters
Montclair Local

Portfolio
News Writing Portfolio
Daily Under, 12,000
News Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Suzanne Russell
Home News Tribune
Portfolio
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

News Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Penny Ray
The Trentonian

Portfolio
Before he's sentenced to prison, ex-officer apologizes to everyone except his victims

BY COREY M. MCDONALD
THE JERSEY JOURNAL

December 20, 2016

Sorry Not Sorry

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Portfolio
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THIRD PLACE
Stacey Barchenger
Asbury Park Press

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News Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Dustin Racioppi
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
News Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
James Nash
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Coverage of Election/Politics
Weekly Division
Coverage of Election/Politics
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Victoria Ford, David Biggy
The SandPaper

Portfolio
Rallying for the disenfranchised

By Jaimie Winters
Montclair Local

Many of the New Jersey voters are being denied their right to vote due to their criminal history.

New Jersey law states that once a person completes their parole or probation, they should have the right to vote. However, many people are being denied this right due to their criminal history.

The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (NJI) is calling for a full restoration of voting rights for all individuals who have completed their parole or probation.

According to NJI, nearly 1 in 5 New Jerseyans have a criminal history and are therefore denied the right to vote.

The NJI is calling on the state to fully restore voting rights to all individuals who have completed their parole or probation.

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FIRST PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio
Local News Coverage
Daily Over 12,000
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

October 12-16, 2018
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Press of Atlantic City

October 5-9, 2018
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Asbury Park Press
Local News Coverage
Daily Under 12,000
Local News Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Trentonian
Local News Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
Courier News
Local News Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
New Jersey Herald
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court Weekly Division
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Erin Brautigan
The Coast Star
Portfolio
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Victoria Ford
The SandPaper

Portfolio
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Michael Booth
New Jersey Law Journal

Bad Alcotest Calibrations Invalidate More Than 20,000 DWI Charges

By Michael Booth

The New Jersey Superior Court has agreed with a special master that a state police technician’s error in calibrating Alcotest devices to regulate the validity of more than 20,000 blood alcohol concentrations on defendants.

In a memorandum opinion on Monday, the court said that the technician’s failure to properly calibrate the breath test machines means that 20,000 cases would be either reversed on the state’s convictions or perhaps abandoned if they are still pending.

The failure to run the type of the machine as specified by the Supreme Court in State v. Clancy, 80 N.J. 495, 452 A.2d 207 (1982), renders the Alcotest 7310, “inadmissibility probable, raising substantial doubts about the scientific reliability of breath test results produced by Alcotest devices calibrated without use of a

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Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily Over 12,000
Specialty Writing
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Steph Solis
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
Specialty Writing
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Kelly Heyboer
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Specialty Writing
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Mike Davis
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
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THIRD PLACE
Cheryl Makin
Courier News

Portfolio
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Steve Novak
The Express-Times

Portfolio
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Deborah M. Marko
The Daily Journal

Portfolio
Interpretive Writing
Weekly Division
Interpretive Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Victoria Ford
The SandPaper

Gender Identity a Journey of Understanding
As NJ Sick Leave Law Debuts, Confusion Remains on Finer Points

By Charles Toutant

Noting that New Jersey’s Paid Sick Leave Act has gone into effect, the state’s employers must understand how much vacation time they must provide. The new law, which went into effect on October 29, requires employers to provide up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per year to full- and part-time workers. The law details the use of paid sick time taken as an employee’s or a family member’s sick time, in order to attend a child’s school-related meeting or event. Employers who fail to comply with the law are subject to fines and administrative penalties and civil sanctions. However, compliance with the law is subject to the fact that the sick leave is applied on the administrative leave policy, and to the state’s administrative leave policy. Noncompliance with the paid sick leave policy is a criminal offense, and the subsequent provision not to meet the law and penalty.
Interpretive Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Sarah Nolan
Pascack Valley Community Life

Remembering the child behind Joan's Law
Feature Lifestyle & Entertainment Portfolio

Daily Over 12,000
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Carol Comegno
Courier-Post

Wise beyond his years

South Jersey 9 year old is no ordinary historian

In this year of the bicentennial, and even in this lifetime, he has learned perhaps
limit beyond his years — all of them. Heir to a family of history lovers, he
enjoys spending time with his dad, who frequent national parks and historic
sites. He also loves reading about history and collecting historic artifacts.

He has been visiting his home state at a young age, and he enjoys the
challenge of being a scholar at heart. He is a bit of a renaissance man,
writing stories about history and his own life. He is a bit of a renaissance
man, writing stories about history and his own life.

He has been collecting artifacts and memorabilia, including a fascinating
item or two. He continues to amaze his classmates and teachers with his
knowledge of history and his ability to draw upon it in his own life.

Courier-Post
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jay Lassiter
InsiderNJ.com
Portfolio
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio

Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Shannon Mullen
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
Feature Lifestyle & Entertainment Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
Finding humor in stinky kids

Stand-up comedian Dena Blizzard returns to SCCC April 7 to cap Ladies Retreat

If you go:

When: Fri., April 7

Where: 2000 Main St.

Tickets: $40, $45 and $50

www.ladiesretreat.com

Atlantic City, New York City and Los Angeles

Dena Blizzard grew up right here in New Jersey. She attended South Brunswick High School and Glassboro State College before moving to New York to pursue a career in acting and stand-up comedy.

"I grew up in a very small town in South Jersey and I have a lot of love for New Jersey," she said. "I miss the green trees, the fields, the mountains and the beach."

Blizzard moved to New Jersey after graduating from college with a degree in theater. She worked at several comedy clubs in New Jersey and then moved to New York City, where she started performing at The Comedy Store on the Upper West Side.

She quickly became a hit at the club, and she continued to perform at several other clubs across the country, including The Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman.

But it wasn’t easy. Blizzard said she had to work hard to get noticed in the competitive world of stand-up comedy.

"It’s tough," she said. "You have to be prepared to put in a lot of work and be willing to take risks."

Blizzard said she learned a lot from her time in New Jersey, including how to handle difficult situations and how to keep a positive attitude.

"New Jersey taught me to be tough and to never give up," she said. "I’m so glad I grew up here, and I’m grateful for the opportunities it gave me to pursue my dreams."

Blizzards said she’s excited to return to New Jersey for the Ladies Retreat and to perform at SCCC.

"I can’t wait to see everyone again," she said. "I’m sure the event will be a huge success, and I’m looking forward to meeting everyone."

Tickets for the event are available online at www.ladiesretreat.com. For more information, contact the SCCC Office at 609-448-7400.
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jane Havsy
Daily Record

Portfolio
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio

Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Lori Comstock
New Jersey Herald
Portfolio
Feature Writing
Weekly Division
Feature Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

Cosplayers part of a welcoming community
Feature Writing  
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE  
Amanda Valentovic
News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange

CHS alum bikes to Maplewood from Montana for reunion

By Amanda Valentovic  
Staff Writer

When the members of the Columbia High School Class of 1966 gathered for their 50th reunion Oct. 19, most probably a few tears flowed on an airplane to connect with one another. But one member of that graduating class cadre has traveled 3,062 miles from Minneapolis, Minn., back to Maplewood, a two-monthexpedition. Matthew Cohn rode into the Reunion on Oct. 19, just in time to see old friends and explain why he had decided to make a weekend trip back to his hometown last 70 days.

“I went to my 50-year reunion last year and it was the best,” said Stew, who is planning to return to his alma mater. “And around the time of my 40th reunion, I read an article about a woman who rode from Montana to her high school reunion in San Diego and thought, ‘That would be cool.’ Then I forgot about it. About two years ago I got a reminder that the 50th was coming up and I thought I could actually do it.”

So Cohn bought a new touring bike, raised it “Million Miles,” and began to break it in by cycling less than 10 miles a day. Spring the reunion would be later in the year, so he wouldn’t have to bike through winter storms. Cohn started training seriously in May and worked out his route in June. On Aug. 5, he set out for the East Coast with 50 pounds of clothing gear on his back.

Cohn has lived in Wisconsin since 1976, when he took a job with a nonprofit organization in the western Monticello city. He grew up in Maplewood and worked for a Minneapolis manufacturer that had an office in New York City until he was 35, before he realized that working at a suit and tie to work everyday wasn’t for him.

“I had this vision of moving on, and the ride was it,” said Cohn. Page 7

Columbia High School alumna Matthew Cohn bicycled 3,062 miles to come to his 50th reunion in Maplewood on Oct. 19. He chronicled his journey, including the moment above on the subway, in a blog.
How do you thank a stranger for your life?
Sports Writing Portfolio
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Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Chris Iseman
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Matthew Stanmyre
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger

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Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
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THIRD PLACE

Dan Canova

The Jersey Journal

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SECOND PLACE
Jason Bernstein
The Jersey Journal
Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Andrew Tredinnick
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
Column Writing
Weekly Division
Column Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Jack Fichter
Cape May Star & Wave

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Column Writing
Weekly Division

Len Bardsley
The Coast Star
Portfolio
Column Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Craig Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio
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Tom McGurk,
Anthony Coppola,
Mark Trible
Courier-Post
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
Asbury Park Press
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Press of Atlantic City
Local Sports Coverage
Daily Under 12,000
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Daily Journal
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
New Jersey Herald
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Dan Canova
The Jersey Journal
Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division
Gesicki Ready to Work Hard in Miami

Former Ram Knows the NFL Is No Joke

I spent a lot of time working out, but I realized I had to work even harder if I wanted to achieve what I wanted to achieve.

Sports Roundup

- Outer Banks, NC: Vacation Rentals
- Sports Roundup: Various sports events and updates
- David Biggy: Weekly Division Sports Writing Portfolio

THIRD PLACE

David Biggy

The SandPaper

Portfolio
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper
Portfolio
Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Adam Young
The Coast Star

Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily Over 12,000
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Josh Friedman
Courier-Post
Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger
Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Matthew Stanmyre
The Star-Ledger Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Josh Friedman
The Daily Journal

Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jane Havsy
Daily Record
Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Matt Bove
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division
THIRD PLACE
Liz Kilpatrick
The Retrospect
Portfolio
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Sarah Hodgson
The SandPaper
Portfolio
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Patrick Reilly
The Coast Star

Portfolio
Business/Finance Writing Portfolio

Daily Over 12,000
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Business/Finance Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Bill Duhart
South Jersey Times

Portfolio
Business/Finance Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
David Danzis
The Press of Atlantic City
Portfolio
Business/Finance Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Rebecca Panico
TAPinto.net

Portfolio
Business/Finance Writing Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
Business/Finance
Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Anthony Coppola
The Daily Journal
Portfolio
Business/Finance
Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Bob Makin
Home News Tribune

Portfolio
Business/Finance
Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Bob Makin
Courier News

Portfolio
Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Investigative
Reporting
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Daniel Jackovino
The Independent Press of
Bloomfield
Postal official: Thieves 'fish'
mail out of mailboxes


Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Jaimie Winters
Montclair Local

"Cleared trees cause concern";
"River watch"; "No permits requested"; "Crews contain sewage leak in Third River"
Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Hannah Dreyfus,
Johanna Ginsberg
New Jersey Jewish News

New Jersey Camps
We’ll take a brief intermission and ask Editorial Committee Member, Jaimie Winters, Montclair Local, to the stage to continue with the presentation of the Editorial Awards.
DOOR PRIZE TIME!
News Column
Daily Under 12,000
Jeff Edelstein
The Trentonian

THIRD PLACE

Mike Snyder, 17, of Hamilton. DYING UNDER THE 2018 TRANSPLANT GAME

Three kidney transplants later, a Hamilton teen is taking home the gold

Mike Snyder is no stranger. The basketball senior, at the young age of 17, has already figured out it’s not the center you get, but how you play them.

“Oh yeah, it does help with girls,” Snyder said. “I definitely use it.”

“It’s in this case is the last kidney is already on his third donated kidney af- ter being born with kidney fol- low. I didn’t add him specifically how he’s “use” it, but god bless Snyder for realizing every edge counts in the wild, wild world of teenage love.

But enough embarrassing the kid, let’s end it here and move on (and no mean, spite) for a moment.

The two of them, you know, have a lot of a different deal than the typical parent child rela- tionship. After all, when Mike was barely 2 years old, he received one of his father’s kidneys.

But like most sons whose mothers don’t let them play like theirs.

Mike was like “no, don’t want it” and the transplant didn’t take. When Mike was very young, he got a second kidney, and this one did OK, but started to fail about five years ago and by 2010, freshman year in high school, Mike re- ceived that kidney as well and ended up on dialysis.

That mean, every night, start- ing at 5 p.m., he had to be hooked up to the dialysis machine in his room.

For eight straight hours.

“It was tough in the begin- ning,” Mike said. “I didn’t know if I was going to be able to do every- thing, simple things like just hanging out with my friends, go-
News Column
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
L.A. Parker
The Trentonian
Portfolio

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Hopewell Valley fans underscored issues about fear of coming to Trenton

A Colonial Valley Conference boys' basketball showdown between Hopewell Valley and Trenton Central High schools delivered disappointment.

Hopewell High (17-4) offered a Caucasian team that resembled a "Hoosiers" moment and Trenton High (16-4) delivered an opposite color-schemed squad.

Trenton High won the contest, competitive until the Tomatoes delivered a fast and furious rush towards the end of the third quarter for a 44-40 advantage.

Disappointment occurred as fear claimed the greatest victory with Hopewell Valley High School students and most Bulldogs fans absent from Rivera Middle School where security stands on high alert.

Despite the fact that Trenton High has suffered no incident at Rivera and the reality that Caucasians, especially in attendance at a high school basketball game, are rarely the subject of Trenton violence, Hopewell Valley High fans did not attend.

If the massacre at Our Lady of Good Counsel High caught us anything, it's that violence simmers and leaks even in places not considered dangerous.

"I'm not scared, that's why I'm here," said a Hopewell High student. The young man received a compliment for his honesty and attitude based on the fear that fear, false evidence appearing real, limits opportunities.

While Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives birthday celebration for his noted speeches, significant insights about life struggles rarely receive mention. Take for instance the civil rights leader's thoughts regarding our inability to connect.

King said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

If no interaction occurs then we create falsehoods built on hearsay and distortion.

If Trenton expects revitalization then residents must eliminate barriers that prevent us from building diverse friendships and alliances.

The human experience delivers similar desires and wants whether a person resides in suburban Hopewell Township or inner city Trenton.

Most humans hope for love, respect, acceptance, shelter, worthy employment, friendships, a supportive family and to be judged fairly.

Bottom line! We are more alike than different. If we spent significant time together then this truth would become self-evident.

A team with acne in Trenton has similar skin concerns as his counterpart in Hopewell Twp.

Fear pressures register similar numbers in suburban and urban environments.

The Trenton High cheerleaders and basketball players honored on "Senior Night" share similar joys and dreams as their Hopewell Valley peers.

Drake, a talented musician with intellect and insight, penned these words in his song called "Fear". The pop artist requests honesty and for people to "look him in the eyes and don't please be scared of me."

The question posed to the Hopewell Valley student represented reconsideration, a search for information about fear, especially as it relates to young people.

Of course, life instruction should include lessons regarding good fear, those gut feelings about danger. A basketball game in Trenton? Not discounting anyone's feelings about this but it's difficult to understand.

One should consider Dale Carnegie's, "If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

L.A. Parker is a Trentonian columnist.
**Challenge of expunging pot charges**

Everyone who spoke at the Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing on the Drug Policy Revitalization Bill emphasized that one thing, the most important thing that needs to be done, is to get rid of the criminal record. But as we often hear, there are no easy solutions.

In the past few years, more than 10,000 people in New Jersey were convicted for possession of 15 or less grams of marijuana. In 2018 alone, 13,000 people were charged with possession of marijuana.

Joan Quigley

The Jersey Journal
News Column
Daily Over 12,000
News Column
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Jim Walsh
Courier-Post

Portfolio
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

News Column
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jerry Carino
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
News Column
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Mike Kelly
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Arts & Entertainment Writing
Weekly Division
Arts & Entertainment
Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Pamela Dollak
Atlantic City Weekly

Portfolio
Arts & Entertainment
Writing
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Amanda Valentovic
West Orange Chronicle
Portfolio

Synesthete brings her artwork to West Orange Library

A Marina Pecorini photograph of some of her works. Her newly opened show at West Orange Public Library, "Gnomes in her piece, "Synesthete." (Photo courtesy of West Orange Public Library.)

Above: synesthete displays some of her works that are now on view at West Orange Public Library. From right to left: "Keep My Salmon Scaled" and "Fell Into Myself."

Synesthete's new exhibition of her artwork was held at West Orange Public Library. The show, titled "Gnomes in My Brain," features a variety of multimedia works, including paintings, sculptures, and installations. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the month. Synesthete is a local artist who has been active in the West Orange art scene for several years. Her work often explores themes of identity, memory, and the subconscious.

Valley revitalization underway with new Central Ave. development

A view of the new development along Central Avenue in West Orange, taken of May 18. The city is planning a major development project along both Central Avenue and Broadway in the near future. The project will include the construction of new buildings, businesses, and public spaces. West Orange is currently undergoing a major revitalization effort, with the goal of attracting new businesses and residents to the area.

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FIRST PLACE
Gretchen VanBenthuysen
The Two River Times
Portfolio
Feature/Entertainment Column

Daily Under 12,000
Feature/ Entertainment Column
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
No award given
Feature/Entertainment Column
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jenna Intersimone
Courier News

Portfolio
Feature/Entertainment Column
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Rev. Alexander Santora
The Jersey Journal
Portfolio

Transgender pastor to be ‘renamed’

By Rev. Alexander Santora
The Jersey Journal

When you’re called to minister by the first name...
Feature/Entertainment Column
Daily Over 12,000
Time to pay 2-decades-old Super Bowl bet

Phil Gianficaro
Burlington County Times
Feature/Entertainment Column
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Chris Jordan
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
First Place

Chris Maag

The Record (Bergen County)
Special Subject Writing
Weekly Division
Special Subject
Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Gina Scala
The SandPaper
Portfolio
Special Subject
Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Zimmer
Suburban Trends

Portfolio
Special Subject Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Rebecca King, Ryan Loughlin
Atlantic City Weekly

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily Under 12,000
Sports Column
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Anthony Coppola
The Daily Journal

Portfolio
When it comes to Trenton Central High School student cheerleaders, believe the hype and don’t believe the hype.

Wendy, a father whose daughter plays on the Notre Dame team, says, “You can believe the hype. They really do have enough energy. They have the right chemistry. They’re a team that can win the whole thing.”

Trenton Central High School cheerleaders made a strong showing at the county tournament.

Trenton Catholic Academy boys basketball team moves toward developing a Mushroom All reputation. At least an aging squad, as they say, is getting better, often only partly down to the last three years for the school. Trenton Central High School, with a 20-3 record, has two players in the second team.

A majority of the team is to always bring a lot of energy to match their opponents and the team. It doesn’t matter if we’re winning or losing, we bring our best to the game,” Dawkins said.

Trenton Central High School cheerleaders have a strong second team and a strong first team. The team has a good balance of experienced and inexperienced players, according to the coaches.

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Time to embrace the start of another baseball season

Andrew Tredinnick
New Jersey Herald
Portfolio

It was my first time in a new city and a new school, yet sports don’t make it feel like it is my first time. The excitement of the season remains the same. It was a brand new experience and I had no idea what to expect.

With the cold weather in the Northeast, the start of the season is almost here. The excitement of the season remains the same. It was a brand new experience and I had no idea what to expect.

The New Jersey Herald is one of the oldest newspapers in the state and has a rich history of covering sports. It has always been a source of pride for the community.

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I’m excited to see what the future holds for the Herald and the community it serves. The Herald is an institution and it’s a privilege to be a part of it.

Thank you to the Herald for the opportunity to cover sports and for being a great place to work.

Andrew Tredinnick
Herald Staff Writer
Sports Column
Daily Over 12,000
Sports Column
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Darren Cooper
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Jerry Izenberg
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Weekly Division
Profiles in Retrospect

How Yoga Aided Erik Marrero’s Cancer Recovery

There is a yoga philosophy that says in our lifetime, we only have a certain number of breaths,” Erik Marrero, yoga instructor at YogaWood and TriShula in Collingswood explained, “and if you breathe quickly you use all your breaths quicker and you die young.” A grain of truth, he conceded, but one steeped in ancient wisdom and plain observation.

It’s no secret that a higher resting heart rate requires more breaths and underscores deeper health issues, yet telling someone that health is the currency of life is a dangerous proposition. Erik Marrero has been close enough to death to feel the chilling expanse of eternity, but the mysteri-

ous power of mindfulness pulled him away from an early death.

Marrero was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1992. “I was doing work for Habitat for Humanity and in a freak accident, I ended up breaking a couple ribs.” Marrero said, “Two days later, I started having flank pain and I was passing blood in my urine.” Blood clots became an urgent issue as well and after visiting his primary care physician, he was immediately sent to a hospital. After several scans, Marrero said he showed him he had a tumor the size of his fist on his left kidney.

Two years later, Marrero took a job with UPS as a truck driver. After six months, Marrero was promoted to a supervisory position and the next leg of his couple’s nomadic migration began.

Ford, he was transferred to northern West Virginia. Two years later, he and his wife were relocated to central West Virginia and in 1988, the pair landed in Philadelphia as Marrero was chosen to install all of the technology at the UPS facility at Philadelphia International Airport.

After the ultrasound showed Marrero the tumor on his kidney in 1997, he went to Jefferson University Hospital for a second opinion. The kidney was removed and monitoring risk factors and cancer indica-

tors ensued over the next few years.

Modern medicine and conventional wisdom place cancer patients in a five-year purgatory after treatment before declaring them cancer free and sending back to life. And just as the five-year milestones approached, Marrero was dealt a second blow. In 2002, his doctor discovered that his prostate-specific antigen levels were elevated. A biopsy...
Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Pat Johnson
The SandPaper Portfolio
Boy's frog-catching has some people hopping mad

Owen Proctor

Born a young age, 42-year-old Owen Proctor has not seen what it's like to be
prized. When he was 16, he made up to Camp Lewis in New York, the boy
gathered a potato, and off the ground by the side of his tent. The
boy, said his father, was thrilled. He was the only person there to catch a
turtle, and he was the only one to catch a fish, and he was the only one to
The excitement was worth it, Owen said, and it's the benevolence that makes
him want to do it. "When you see someone, it's nice," he said. "You
want to help people, and you want to be the one to help them."

They can be chased and frightened. Some skinfolds of skin, it seems, are
On the side of the road, there's a man with a sign that says "Frog Hunting"
That's what he does. "I just want to help people," he said. "I want to

take the water from the lake and put it in a bucket."

The little girl at the lake, one of many, was surprised to see a frog in the
tree. "I've never seen a frog that big," she said. "I just want to help them."
Critical Writing
Daily Over 12,000
Critical Writing
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Emily Teel
Courier-Post

Portfolio
Critical Writing
Daily, over 12,000
SECOND PLACE
Bobby Olivier
The Star-Ledger
Portfolio

Rum’s the word at Chesney show

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Another newspaper competition for the Star-Ledger. The winners are summarizing a generation and its music by more accessible means.

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A “Little Ramallah” Standout

Al Bash brings the flavors of Lebanon to Paterson

WRITTEN BY ESTHER DAVIDOWITZ  PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL KARAS

Many food lovers in North Jersey (anywhere, actually) will drive for hours —heck, even get on a plane — to dine at the most avant-garde, most fashionable, most buzzworthy spot they’ve just read about. But they never step foot, and thus dine, in one of the most interesting cities in New Jersey: Paterson.

Not only is the “Silk City” rich in history (America’s first industrial city, home of the Great Falls, birthplace of Lou Costello), but one of the most ethnically diverse communities in America. Many consider it to be the capital of the Perso-Filipino diaspora. Plus, Paterson is home to the largest Turkish-American population in the U.S. and the second largest Arab-American population after Dearborn, Mich. Which brings us to Lebanon/Mediterranean Al Basha, one of the many Middle Eastern restaurants that dot Main Street in the southern part of town. There are so many Syrian, Palestinian, Jordanian and Lebanese residents, shop and dining joints in South Paterson that this thriving, colorful section of town has been nicknamed Little Ramallah.

Twenty-year-old Al Basha may be the most popular spot for grabbing nosh that speaks of home. If home was once in the warm Middle East. FYI: I have often quizzed Paternians about where to get good hummus in the area (I devoured lentil of it growing up in Israel), and most often the answer is... Al Basha.
Critical Writing
Daily Under 12,000
Critical Writing
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
No award given
Critical Writing
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Robert Price
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
A double dose of iconic music

By Bob Blau, above, and Rob Thompson viewed at Headworks concert at 9:30 am with their guitar-penover facing.

Bob Dylan, Black, is well-known among the most widely held blues; it's one of the songs every single person can sing along and has been performed in many different styles over the years. Thompson's version of the song has a smooth and soulful delivery, with the use of harmonica and guitar providing a nice contrast to the original vocal.

Thompson's other song, "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," is another classic blues song that has been covered many times. Thompson's version is more soulful and bluesy, with a strong vocal delivery and some nice guitar improvisations.

The setlist included songs like "Like a Rolling Stone," "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," "Hurricane," "Like a Rolling Stone," and "Help." Thompson's guitar playing was top-notch, with some nice solos and a strong vocal delivery.

The audience was dancing and singing along to the music, and the energy in the room was electric. Thompson's performance was one of the highlights of the night, and the crowd was cheering and clapping along to every song.

A New Jersey Herald critic wrote, "Thompson's performance was one of the highlights of the night, and the crowd was cheering and clapping along to every song."
Business & Economic Writing
Weekly Division
Third Place
Jaimie Winters
Montclair Local

North Korean mix-up

Entrepreneur: U.S. sanctions halted my business

By Jaimie Winters
winters@theclairmontclair.com

Last week, Montclair’s post-pharmaceutical entrepreneur was supported to be launching a new product, a line of U.S.-made seedlings, that he thought would revolutionize the landscaping industry.

A joint with U.S. manufacturers that had been hard to find, he said, resulted in a batch of South Korean seedlings that could not be shipped to the United States due to U.S. sanctions.

Typically, the plants are shipped to customers in the United States and sold through local nurseries.

Without the U.S. market, the company has been forced to scale back its operations and restructure its business model.

The company, founded by a second-generation entrepreneur, is currently exploring new markets in the United States and seeking alternative sources of revenue to sustain its operations.

Meanwhile, the U.S. market has been hit by sanctions, putting a strain on the company’s financial health and its ability to meet the needs of its customers.

The news has been met with mixed reactions from the local community, with some expressing concern for the company’s future and others celebrating the resilience of small businesses in the face of adversity.
Building a brand

Montclairite makes a deal on ‘Shark Tank’

By GWEN OREL, MontclairLocal

Nick Batulski describes how his MBA entrepreneurship degree taught him how to build a business. Now he’s using that knowledge to build a brand.

Building a brand

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Business & Economic Writing

Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE

Gwen Orel
Montclair Local

Building a brand

Gwen Orel is a journalist for Montclair Local. She covers business and economic news in the Montclair area. She has a degree in business and economics from Fordham University. Orel is a regular contributor to the newspaper’s Business section and has won several awards for her work.
Convenience store mania is alive in NJ
Robert P. Kelly Award
New Journalist
Daily Over 12,000
Robert P. Kelly Award
New Journalist
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Sophie Nieto-Munoz
The Star-Ledger
Robert P. Kelly Award - New Journalist

Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE

Avalon Zoppo

The Press of Atlantic City

Orange slices of potential

Developers see promise in three A.C. blocks still high in petty crime but also sprouting new businesses

AVALON ZOPPO

ATLANTIC CITY—Whenfever broke out in a month-
ly housing block in one of the city’s struggling zones, we
didn’t plan to stay there long.
It was a recurring nightmare.

The area, known for the
15-year-old incident, was home
to a thriving nightlife and
social scene. But now, with new
developers moving in, there’s
a sense of optimism.

“People are excited about
the future,” said Mike Smith,
local business owner.

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FIRST PLACE
Andrew Goudsward
Asbury Park Press
Robert P. Kelly Award
New Journalist
Daily Under 12,000
No award given
Education Writing
Weekly Division
Education Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Matt Enuco
The Retrospect

Racial Slur at Track Meet Sparks Action

When a black student reported the use of a racial slur during a girls track meet at Hudson High Memorial High School, the school board has administered punishment.

Hudson High student Henry Thomas said the popular during the preliminary of the meet, to show some byproduct sign that he was made up.

"I mean, it may seem like that sign was there just for someone's benefit or to harass me," Thomas explained. "But not. It's made people angry."

The incident occurred during a May 1 track meet at Hudson High Memorial High School. With police and grace, Hudson High had the opportunity to show how the issue was resolved.

Even though it may seem like the Hudson High police and Grace were a very helpful tool for the school, it was not immediately resolved. However, the school board has administered punishment.

"We have to make sure that this doesn't happen again," said Hudson High principal Matthew Thompson. "We have to make sure that everyone is held accountable for their actions."
Squan-A-Thon beats last year’s fundraising mark

“We were close to our fundraising goal last year. This year, we did better than that. We raised over $15,000 in just three hours,” said Allison Perrine, the editor of The Coast Star. “Our students worked hard to reach their goal, and I’m proud of them.”

The annual event, which is held on the day of the Maspalagas Art Festival, is a student-run fundraiser that supports local charity organizations. This year, the proceeds were used to support the local food bank.

“I’m so proud of our students for their hard work and dedication,” said Perrine. “They organized the event, raised money, and made sure that every student had a great time.”

The event included a dance competition, a talent show, and a bake sale. Students also sold handmade crafts and art projects to help raise money.

“Squan-A-Thon is a great way to bring our community together,” said Perrine. “It’s a fun event that everyone looks forward to.”

The Coast Star is a weekly newspaper published in Maspalagas, New Jersey. It covers local news, events, and community activities.

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Education Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Kayla Marsh
The Ocean Star
Portfolio
Best Headlines
Daily Over 12,000
Best Headlines
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Kathleen Hopkins
Asbury Park Press
Best Headlines
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Ron Panarotti
South Jersey Times
Best Headlines
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Scott Muller
The Record (Bergen County)

“Every day it smells here. It’s overwhelming, because I’m basically living next to a tar pit.”

Somethin in the Air

Edgewater residents breathing in foul-smelling, potentially harmful odor for 9 months

According to reports compiled by the town and the global environmental group, the Edgewater Community has repeatedly complained about the foul odor for nearly a year. The town and the state have been working on a solution, but the residents are still waiting for a resolution.

NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

African-American history finally gets place at museum
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Charles Zavalick
The Bernardsville News

Women die in combat, too

‘Women die in combat, too’
Lone female in local VFW addresses crowd

By CHARLIE ZAVALICK

BERNARDSVILLE—While Memorial Day tributes often focus on men who made the ultimate sacrifice in military duty, attendees at the annual holiday service here were reminded on Monday that many women have also lost their lives in service for our nation.

Keynote speaker Sgt. First Class Katazyna Czaja, a member of the New Jersey National Guard, came to America from Poland about 18 years ago and has served her new nation for all of those years.

In 2004, her unit was mobilized and deployed to Iraq. She spent the next year in Iraq and Kuwait with the 49th Infantry Division, which, she called “an historic division” that contributed to the end of World War II with the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

‘And then in 2005 we made history again,” she said. “We were the first National Guard Division that was in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

In the last few years, please see memorial page 4.

Photo by Betsy Bascot-Aigner

Among the veterans attending the Bernardsville Memorial Day services and parade were, from left, Gerard “Jerry” Beaudry of Basking Ridge, a World War II veteran who served as Grand Marshal, Sgt. First Class Katazyna Czaja of the N.J. National Guard, the keynote speaker, and VFW Post 7958 Commander Fred Sweller of Bernardsville.
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper

 Loads of Love Ministry Serves the Community In Small, Powerful Way

When Ben Politojoined first and the planner item on...
Best Lede
Daily Over 12,000
Best Lede
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Jerry Carino
Asbury Park Press
Best Lede
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Chris Franklin
South Jersey Times
Best Lede
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Jim Beckerman
The Record (Bergen County)
Best Lede
Daily Under 12,000
Best Lede
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Deborah M. Marko
The Daily Journal
Best Lede
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Kyle Morel
New Jersey Herald
Best Lede
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Terrence McDonald
The Jersey Journal
Graphics & Illustration
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Leslee Ganss
The SandPaper
Graphics & Illustration
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Mark Zeigler
The Retrospect
Graphics & Illustration
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Krishna Mathis
Atlantic City Weekly
Special Issue
Daily Over 12,000
Special Issue
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Press of Atlantic City

Honoring Our Veterans
Special Issue
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Karen Croke
The Record (Bergen County)

Holidays in NYC
Special Issue
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

Groomed, then Gone

Dozens of people took their dogs to PetSmart for routine haircuts and nail trimmings. Then, they say, the unthinkable happened. An investigation prompted by their deaths found "hush money" agreements, as well as allegations of inadequate training and intense pressure to grow profits inside the leading U.S. pet retailer.
Special Issue
Daily Under 12,000
Special Issue
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Paul Grzella, Alexander Lewis, Carolyn Sampson
Courier News

Courier News Wish Book 2018 is here
Special Issue
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
New Jersey Herald

It's Fair Time
Special Issue
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
New Jersey Herald

Vision
Headlines
Weekly Division
Headlines
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Craig Schenck
Cape May Star & Wave
Headlines
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Pamela Dollak
Atlantic City Weekly
FIRST PLACE
Ryan Loughlin
Atlantic City Weekly
News/Business Page Design Portfolio
Daily Over 12,000
News/Business
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Luis Solano
Courier-Post
SECOND PLACE
Luis Solano
Courier-Post
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

News/Business Page Design Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Take Uda
The Record (Bergen County)
News/Business Page Design Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
News/Business
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE
No award given
News/Business Page Design Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Tanya Manthey
The Jersey Journal
News/Business Page Design Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Jodi Miskell
The Daily Journal
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Best Lede
Weekly Division
Best Lede
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper
Best Lede
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper
Best Lede
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel
Feature Section Page Design Portfolio

Daily Over 12,000
Feature Section
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Chelsea O'Donnell
Asbury Park Press
Feature Section
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Merry Eccles
Asbury Park Press
Feature Section
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Take Uda
The Record (Bergen County)
Feature Section Page Design Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
Feature Section
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

NO AWARDS GIVEN
General Typography & Layout
Weekly Division
General Typography & Layout Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE Staff
Atlantic City Weekly
SECOND PLACE
Richard Mardekian, Krystle Brennan
Mahwah Suburban News
General Typography & Layout
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Kevin Meacham, Andrea Bondy, Jaimie Winters, Erin Roll
Montclair Local
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily Over 12,000
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Ian Young
Courier-Post
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Gail Wilson
The Press of Atlantic City
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Marc Jenkins
The Record (Bergen County)
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily Over 12,000
We’ll take a brief intermission and ask NJPA Board Member and Editorial Committee Member, David Nahan, Sample Media, to the stage to read the remaining Editorial Awards and also ask NJPA Editorial Committee Member, Kevin Whtimer, NJ Advance Media, and Peggy Arbitell, NJPA, to relieve Brett and Gina with the plaques and certificates.
DOOR PRIZE TIME!
Sports Page Design Portfolio
Daily Under 12,000
Sports
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, under 12,000

NO AWARDS GIVEN
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Front Page Layout
Weekly Division
Front Page Layout
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Fred Tuccillo,
Gloria Stravelli
The Ocean Star
SECOND PLACE
Kevin Meacham,
Andrea Bondy,
Jaimie Winters,
Erin Roll
Montclair Local
First Place

Fred Tuccillo

The Coast Star
Editorial Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division
Editorial
Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Craig Schenck, Jack Fichter
Cape May Star & Wave
SECOND PLACE

Kevin Meacham,
Andrea Bondy,
Jaimie Winters,
Deborah Ann Tripoldi

Montclair Local

Opinion

Town Square

A new kid in town at Crane Park

by B. GINER

inwood editor

MOUNTAIN has a reputation of being town with the right mix of family centered parks and spaces that are unique and beautiful. One of the highlights of a walk in the park is the Robberson Park playground. It is located near the Montclair Center and is a favorite spot for families with young children. However, the park has been in need of some improvements.

The town of Montclair has several parks and playgrounds that are loved by residents. One of the newest additions is Crane Park, which has become a popular destination for families.

Crane Park is located near the Montclair Center and is a beautiful space for outdoor activities. It features a playground, hiking trails, and a pond. The park also has benches and tables for picnics and relaxation.

The park has been the focus of many discussions and planning sessions, with residents expressing their opinions and ideas. The town council has been working with local artists and designers to create a unique and welcoming space for the community.

The park is currently under construction, and residents are excited to see the final product. The town hopes to complete the work soon, and the park will be open for everyone to enjoy.

The park is a great addition to the community, and it will provide a new space for families to spend time together. The town hopes to continue to improve and maintain the park to ensure that it remains a valuable resource for years to come.

By B. GINER

inwood editor

Let's embrace diversity, inclusion and the message that no one is an island.

In recent years, there has been an increase in awareness about diversity, inclusion, and the importance of embracing differences. As a community, we must work together to create a culture that values diversity and promotes inclusivity.

The town of Montclair is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all residents. We encourage everyone to participate in community events and to support local businesses.

By B. GINER

inwood editor

Why are we killing bees?

In recent years, there has been a significant decline in the number of bees. The reasons for this decline are complex and multifaceted, but they include habitat loss, climate change, and the use of pesticides.

Beekeepers and environmentalists are working together to create solutions to these problems. They are promoting the use of sustainable gardening practices, supporting local bee populations, and education others about the importance of bees.

By B. GINER

inwood editor

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Montclair Local. 

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor to montclairlocalnews@gmail.com. Letters should be no more than 250 words and should be submitted by noon on the day before publication.

On plastic bags

In recent years, there has been a growing concern about the environmental impact of plastic bags. Many communities have implemented bans or restrictions on the use of plastic bags.

Montclair is considering adopting similar measures. We encourage residents to use reusable bags and to support businesses that offer eco-friendly alternatives.

By B. GINER

inwood editor

Join the Montclair Local in promoting a green and sustainable future. Together, we can make a difference and create a better world for future generations.

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Editorial
Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Gail Travers, Patty McIntyre
The SandPaper
Feature Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division
Feature Section
Layout &
Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The SandPaper
Feature Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Ridgewood News
FIRST PLACE

Gwen Orel, Kevin Meacham, Andrea Bondy
Montclair Local
Sports Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division
Sports Section Layout
& Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper
SECOND PLACE
Len Bardsley,
Adam Young,
Fred Tuccillo,
Joyce Manser
The Coast Star
Sports Section

Layout & Content

Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE

Krystle Brennan, Richard Mardekian

The Montclair Times
Special Issue
Weekly Division
Special Issue
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Nahan,
Kristen Kelleher,
Eric Avedissian,
Craig Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

2018 Fall Edition
Special Issue
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Kevin Meacham,
Andrea Bondy,
Jaimie Winters, Gwen Orel
Montclair Local

Montclair 150
Special Issue
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Nahan,
Eric Avedissian,
Kristen Kelleher,
Emma Cardwell
Ocean City Sentinel

Be Prepared
ONLINE AWARDS
Best Web Project Daily
Best Web Project
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Joe Martucci
The Press of Atlantic City

On The Road With Joe
Best Web Project
Daily

SECOND PLACE
James O'Neill, Scott Fallon, Michael Pettigano, Chris Pedota
The Record (Bergen County)

Toxic Secrets: Pollution, evasion and fear in North Jersey

A plume of vaporizing solvents are not alone.

In New Jersey and across the nation, vapor intrusion is a growing concern, and not only for newer contaminated sites that are just starting to be cleaned. Over the past decade, for instance, New York's environmental agency has revisited 147 legacy sites that had already been considered cleaned up to check for vapor intrusion.

DuPont — which had a gross profit in 2016 of more than $10 billion — has spent money in Pompton Lakes over several decades to address some aspects of its legacy of pollution.

A $50 million cleanup of Pompton Lake is underway to remove lead and mercury that washed into the lake sediment. DuPont also spent $70 million in the early 1990s to remove and replace soil tainted with lead and mercury from the backyards of homes that lined Acid Brook, a stream that runs through the DuPont property and
Best Web Project
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

The Force Report
Best Web Project
Weekly
Best Web Project
Weekly

THIRD PLACE
No Award Given
Best Web Project
Weekly
SECOND PLACE
Adam Anik, Andrew Agarda
Montclair Local
MHS Crew Car Wash

The Montclair varsity eight (seen above in a screenshot of a live stream of their race against Cork Boat Club) competed in the Henley Royal Regatta for the second year in a row, once again finishing high in the rankings.
COURTESY HENLEY REGATTA
Best Web Project
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Atlantic City Weekly

50 Bites+
Best Multimedia Element Daily
Best Multimedia Element
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Bobby Olivier, Yan Wu, Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger

'Good ... for a Girl'
Best Multimedia Element
Daily
SECOND PLACE
Krishna Mathias
The Press of Atlantic City
On The Road With Joe
Best Multimedia Element
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Yan Wu
The Star-Ledger

Visualization of N.J. police use of force
Best Multimedia Element
Weekly
Best Multimedia Element
Weekly

THIRD PLACE
No award given
Best Multimedia Element
Weekly

SECOND PLACE
Adam Anik
Montclair Local

Video: Last 4 Minutes
Montclair Orchestra Rockin' Out Stravinsky
Best Multimedia Element
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Adam Anik
Montclair Local

Alternative Facts Homage to Lou Reed at Tierney's Tavern's Music Festival
Best Video Daily
Best Video
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post

Colonial history buff is someone out of the ordinary, so who is he?
Best Video
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Lauren Carroll
The Press of Atlantic City

EHT home gifted to US Navy vet
Best Video

Daily

FIRST PLACE

Spencer Kent, Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger

Calories Don't Count:
UrbanBurger
Best Video
Weekly
Best Video
Weekly

THIRD PLACE
No award given
Best Video
Weekly

SECOND PLACE
Pamela Dollak
Atlantic City Weekly

My flight with the Golden Knights
Our editor tries a Shamrock Shake for the first time

Associate Editor of A.C. Weekly Ryan Loughlin gives his honest first impression of a Shamrock Shake. Fellow Associate Editor Rebecca King and some McDonald’s patrons weigh in.

Our editor tries a Shamrock Shake for the first time
Innovation Award Weekly
Innovation Award
Weekly
No entries submitted
Innovation Award Daily
Innovation Award
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

You've Never Seen New Jersey Like This
Innovation Award
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Carla Astudillo
The Star-Ledger

The Force Report: Search the most comprehensive statewide database of police use of force in the U.S.
Innovation Award
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Joe Martucci,
Mike DellaVecchia
The Press of Atlantic City

The Weather Center
Online Breaking News Weekly
Online Breaking News
Weekly
No entries submitted
Online Breaking News Daily
Online Breaking News
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Curtis Tate, Owen Proctor, Michael Karas, Daniel Sforza
The Record (Bergen County)

5 Teaneck family members killed in crash
Online Breaking News
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

Route 80 bus crash
Online Breaking News
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

November snowstorm gridlock
Best Web Event
Weekly
Best Web Event
Weekly

No entries submitted
Best Web Event
Daily
Best Web Event
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

November snowstorm gridlock
Best Web Event
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

New Jersey's Best Downtown
Best Web Event
 Daily
 FIRST PLACE
 Staff
 The Star-Ledger
 Election Day 2018
Best Use of Social Media
Weekly
Best Use of Social Media
Weekly

No winner selected
Best Use of Social Media Daily
Best Use of Social Media
Daily
THIRD PLACE
David Willis
Asbury Park Press
What's Going There?
NJPA 2018 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Best Use of Social Media

Daily

SECOND PLACE
Courtney Marabella,
Staff
Asbury Park Press

"Protecting the Shield" social plan
Best Use of Social Media

Daily

FIRST PLACE

Staff

The Star-Ledger

Groomed, then Gone
Responsible Journalism Awards
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Garry Herzog
The Madison Eagle

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Michael Izzo
The West Essex Tribune

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Michael Izzo
The West Essex Tribune

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily Under 12,000
**Editorial Comment**

**Daily, under 12,000**

**THIRD PLACE**

Margaret Schmidt

The Jersey Journal

**Portfolio**

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**Immigration measures offer hope for the American way**

Every day, stories of the thousands of people who arrive in the United States seeking a better life resonate with new Americans who are eager to make a new life for themselves and their families.

In recent weeks, the focus has been on the lives of the detained, as we near the end of the fiscal year, and the debates on immigration have dominated the news. The recent court ruling in the New York City case focused on the legality of the New York City Police Department’s (NYPD) stop-and-frisk policies.

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**NEW JERSEY TIMES ASSOCIATION**
Editorial Comment
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Bruce Tomlinson
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily, under 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Jim Flagg
The Express-Times

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily Over 12,000
Editorial Comment
Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Julie O'Connor
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Bruce Lowry
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Enterprise Weekly Division
Rally around a cause; A time to stand up; Power in numbers; Activism in art; A concert for Stoneman Douglas
End of an era for Sam’s
Enterprise
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Charles Toutant
New Jersey Law Journal

Late-Filing Excuse Undone by Instagram Photos; Increasingly, Courts Scrutinizing Lawyers' Social Media Activity
Enterprise
Daily Under 12,000
6 Sussex County-based state troopers claim retaliation
Picking up officials’ health tab

Some officials get care through government

Picking up officials’ health tab

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM

Enterprise
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Nick Muscavage,
Mike Deak
Courier News

Picking up officials' health tab
Priest removed amid news probe
Enterprise
Daily Over 12,000
Tiny, tony Tavistock: How it came to be N.J.'s smallest town (And why it will stay that way)
More DWI charges dismissed in N.J.
NJ municipal courts treat you like an ATM: Is it justice or a shakedown?
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
None awarded
At an impasse; Slow moving; Pedestrian-friendly push; Fewer drivers expected; What is historic?
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Joan Buehler
The Retrospect

Glover Mill Suit Busts Heights Budget, Raises Ethical Concerns

Glover Mill Suit Busts Heights Budget, Raises Ethical Concerns

by Joan Buehler

In response to an Open Public Records Act request, The Retrospect has learned that the law firm Duane Morris billed Haddon Heights $325,030.42 over 22 months of defending the borough in the environmental remediation lawsuit brought by the developer of the 27-house Glover Mill Village.

Bob Meyers Communities brought the suit against the borough because of contamination discovered at the borough’s former public works facility which still had the remains of a long-dissolved sewage treatment plant. The $1.6 million damage suit, plus unspecified compensation for delay of the project, attorney fees and lost opportunity, was settled for $265,000 in April 2018, bringing the total cost to the borough to $590,030.42. The cost is actually higher if the amounts billed by former town solicitor (Continued on page 8)
First Amendment
Art Weissman Memorial Award
Daily Under 12,000
First Amendment

Art Weissman

Memorial Award

Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE

No award given
First Amendment
Art Weissman
Memorial Award
Daily, under 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Lori Comstock
New Jersey Herald

Ex-Swartswood Fire Department official charged
Bayonne police brutality suit cost the city at least $1.5M to settle
First Amendment
Art Weissman Memorial Award
Daily Over 12,000
Murphy’s inside man is not on the payroll

Dustin Racioppi
The Record (Bergen County)

Third Place

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM
First Amendment Art Weissman Memorial Award
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Susan K. Livio,
Kelly Heyboer
The Star-Ledger

Amid #MeToo, a reckoning looms at Rutgers
First Amendment Art Weissman Memorial Award
Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Andrew Ford
Asbury Park Press

Press sues for secret Philip Seidle records
Best Story Originating From a Legally Required Public Notice Daily Under 12,000
Best story originating from a legally required Public Notice
Daily, under 12,000

No awards given
Best Story Originating From a Legally Required Public Notice Daily Over 12,000
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Best story originating from a legally required Public Notice Daily, over 12,000

THIRD PLACE
Jim Walsh
Courier-Post

Future uncertain for former Echelon Mall in Voorhees
Best story originating from a legally required Public Notice
Daily, over 12,000

SECOND PLACE
Allison Pries
The Star-Ledger

Embattled chief suspended until he retires in January
Best story originating from a legally required Public Notice Daily, over 12,000

FIRST PLACE
Rob Jennings
The Star-Ledger

Meeting time to pick new mayor raises eyebrows
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division
Ongoing Complaints of Facility Housing Over 70 Dogs Prompt Shamong to Propose New Law Spurring Debate
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Gina Scala
The SandPaper

Businesses Roadblocked By Bridge
Diversity More Than a Numbers Game, But Firms Must Play to Win

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Gialanella
New Jersey Law Journal
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Daily Under 12,000
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RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM

Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Daily, under 12,000

THIRD PLACE

John Berry, Penny Ray, Isaac Avilucea, Sulaiman Abdur-Rahman

The Trentonian

Trentonian mayoral debates and election coverage
In Water Gap, a rock fence or a stone wall?

Second Place
Bruce A. Scruton
New Jersey Herald

In Water Gap, a rock fence or a stone wall?

Opposition strong to state’s plan for cliffs along I-80

Knowlton — The cliffs make the Delaware Water Gap a natural wonder. The cliffs are at the top of a state list of highway safety hazards.

Now state plans to reduce those hazards near local schools and roads.

"It’s a serious issue," said Scruton in an interview. Scruton said the proposed highway is a follow-up to a Township Commission resolution in May that dealt with the issue of the state’s plan.

"We don’t want a new pyramid there," Scruton said. "It’s going to be huge."

"Safety is the top priority for the New Jersey Department of Transportation," said DOT spokesman Michael Schoppert. "This highway is approximately 10 miles north of the town of Harmony and contains a "natural park-like" area."

DOT said the project should be completed at the end of 2017 with a cost of $25 million to $30 million.

The DOT held a public meeting last year on the project, but few officials said they felt their voices were ignored in the process. Residents are still being heard.

"The DOT is taking the project very seriously," Scruton said. "The residents are being heard and the DOT is listening."
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