2022 New Jersey Press Association Spring Awards Celebration

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At this time, I’d like to invite Richard Vezza, NJ Advance Media and NJPA executive committee member, to come to the stage to begin the presentation of Photography Awards.
2021 NJPA Photography Contest Results
SPOT NEWS
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

Spot News

THIRD PLACE
Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post

Flood
Spot News

SECOND PLACE
Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger

House fire
Spot News

FIRST PLACE
Tariq Zehawi
The Record
(Bergen County)

Flood lines
GENERAL NEWS
General News

THIRD PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record
(Bergen County)

Blacksmith
General News

SECOND PLACE

Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post

Women’s March
General News

FIRST PLACE
Tariq Zehawi
The Record
(Bergen County)

In Mourning
NEWS PICTURE STORY
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

News Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper

Unmask the Kids
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

News Picture Story

SECOND PLACE
Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Laid to rest
News Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Dave Hernandez
South Jersey Times

Protest reaches fever pitch in Mount Laurel
SPORTS ACTION
Sports Action

THIRD PLACE
Al Amrhein
South Jersey Times

Duck and cover!
Sports Action

SECOND PLACE
Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Pandemic cheer
Sports Action

FIRST PLACE
Scott Faytok
The Star-Ledger

Facial
SPORTS FEATURE
Sports Feature

THIRD PLACE
Chris LaChall
Courier-Post

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat
Sports Feature

SECOND PLACE
Scott Faytok
The Star-Ledger

Triple overtime loss
Sports Feature

FIRST PLACE
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

Consoling
SPORTS FEATURE PICTURE STORY
Sports Feature
Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper

Summer
Swimming Finale
Sports Feature Picture Story

SECOND PLACE
Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

Battle for Bragging Rights
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

Sports Feature
Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger
Friday Night Fights
FEATURE
Feature

THIRD PLACE
Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Coolest pup at the party
Feature

SECOND PLACE
Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Snow dog
Feature

FIRST PLACE
David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Celebration
FEATURE PICTURE STORY
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

Feature Picture Story

THIRD PLACE
Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Goin' barefoot
SECOND PLACE
Reena Rose Sibayan
The Jersey Journal

Back to School At Last
Feature
Picture Story

FIRST PLACE
Reena Rose Sibayan
The Jersey Journal

Back to School in the Time of COVID
PORTRAIT
Portrait

THIRD PLACE
Adam Monacelli
The Daily Journal

Black Farmer POC
Joe Bartee KJ Farms
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

Portrait

SECOND PLACE
Reena Rose Sibayan
The Jersey Journal

Remembering 9/11
JOURNALISM CONTEST: 2021 Photography Awards

Portrait

FIRST PLACE
Mitsu Yasukawa
The Record
(Bergen County)

Haircut
PICTORIAL
Pictorial

THIRD PLACE
Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

American Cloths
Line
Pictorial

SECOND PLACE
Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Thunder moon
FIRST PLACE
Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

Beyond Ambient
BEST PORTFOLIO
Best Portfolio

THIRD PLACE
Saed Hindash
The Express-Times
Best Portfolio

SECOND PLACE
Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times
Best Portfolio

**FIRST PLACE**

Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press
COVID-19
THIRD PLACE
Reena Rose Sibayan
The Jersey Journal

COVID-19 Vaccinations for the Homebound
COVID-19

SECOND PLACE

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

101st Birthday during Covid
COVID-19

FIRST PLACE
Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post

Nursing Home
PROTEST
Protest

THIRD PLACE
Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Women's March
Protest

SECOND PLACE
Thomas Costello
Asbury Park Press

Distress at the Capitol
Protest

FIRST PLACE
Thomas Costello
Asbury Park Press

Capitol Insurrection
Photo Best of Show

NJPA
NEW JERSEY PRESS ASSOCIATION
BEST IN SHOW PHOTO

HAIRCUT
Mitsu Yasukawa and Staff
The Record
PRIZE TIME!!!
At this time, I’d like to invite Audrey Harvin, Burlington County Times and NJPA executive committee member, to come to the stage to begin the journalism awards.
2021 NJPA JOURNALISM CONTEST

Journalism Results
Daily, over 25,000 Public Service Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns
Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

Saturation Point
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
S.P. Sullivan, Joe Atmonavage, Blake Nelson, Ted Sherman
The Star-Ledger
Abuse at New Jersey's Prison for Women

Dozens suspended at N.J. prison after officers are accused of beating women inmates
Updated: Jan. 28, 2021, 10:29 a.m. | Published: Jan. 25, 2021, 1:20 p.m.
Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Kayla Canne
Asbury Park Press

Illegal housing discrimination goes unchecked;
'Uninhabitable:' Mold leaves NJ renters to battle health effects, costly cleanup
Daily, under 25,000
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Daily, Under 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Carolyn Sampson, Cheryl Makin, Mary Ann Bourbeau, Joe Martino
Home News Tribune
Needy Cases Fund

CARING COMMUNITIES

MyCentralJersey Needy Cases Fund 2021: How to help your neighbors in need this holiday season
Scroll to the bottom of this article to find how you can help this holiday season

Joe Martino
MyCentralJersey.com
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Elijah's Promise Community Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick serves about 115,000 meals throughout the year.
Officials fumbled an election in Middlesex County.
Private financing proposal roils county sewerage authority meeting

Joseph P. Smith
Vineland Daily Journal
Published: 5:01 a.m. ET May 24, 2021 | Updated 11:25 a.m. ET June 18, 2021

BRENTON - The Cumberland County Utilities Authority will test the financial market for long-term investment deals that would give it up-front cash in exchange for concessions on revenue and operational control, but not ownership.

The CCUA Board of Commissioners, at the end of an often out of control meeting last week, voted to draft a public solicitation for investment proposals. The idea is that at least some responses could be received before the next board meeting in June.

More: Investment firm looks for deal on Millville utilities
More: Court-appointed monitor named for Cumberland County Jail, federal court case continues

How exactly such an investment deal might work and what the authority would do — or legally could do — with the money is unsettled, despite a two-hour meeting. Even the language of the bid solicitation is uncertain.

The proposal affects a broad area of southern Cumberland County. The authority is a regional sewerage system provider, with contracts with Bridgeton and the townships of Upper Deerfield, Hopewell, Deerfield, and Fairfield.
Weekly Division
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Repeal or Referendum

Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local
NJPA 2021 JOURNALISM CONTEST

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM

Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Joan Buehler
The Retrospect

Haddon Heights Affordable Housing Flap
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division
FIRST PLACE
Staff
Montclair Local
Asian Americans in Montclair No Strangers to Prejudice
Daily, Over 25,000
Editorial Comment
Editorial Comment

Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE

Jim Beckerman
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
What N.J. didn’t know about the newly famous Mr. Ed | Editorial

It’s not often in New Jersey that the winner of a key legislative race celebrates the first hours after a victory with an apology tour.

Such is the case with Edward Durr, the Republican who knocked off state Senate President Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, in a shocking surprise that made national news. David beats Goliath. The giant killer who reportedly spent just $153 to knock a powerful, 20-year lawmaker off of his perch. We all know the narrative by now.
Editorial Comment

Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Paul D'Ambrosio
Asbury Park Press

Fix deplorable and discriminatory housing. Now.
Daily, Under 25,000

Editorial Comment
EDITORIAL COMMENT

Daily, Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE

Margaret Schmidt

The Jersey Journal

Portfolio

WAIT, IS THIS A FARCE?

Tuning in to ‘Commissioners’

The Board was able to get the public to be concerned about the 'Commissioners'

The Board was able to get the public to be concerned about the 'Commissioners'
Wilson Area’s cowardly compromise in Native American school logo issue | Turkeys & Trophies

Updated: Sep. 25, 2021, 11:14 a.m. | Published: Sep. 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

By Express-Times opinion staff

TURKEYS

As if high school sports coaches don’t have enough to deal with already. The pressures of the job, particularly in a region as competitive as the Lehigh Valley, are immense. The pay is generally low. Accolades – especially from parents who always seem to find something wrong with the team’s strategy – are rare. And you’re constantly disciplining teenagers who are always acting like... well... teenagers. A proposal concocted by
Weekly Division

Editorial Comment
Unneeded shock content; Zoom silence in Watchung
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper

Portfolio

If Wind Farm Is Constructed You May Forget It Is There

By RICK MELLERUP

I’m going to have to buy Crocs. More precisely, complete with a long nose, mouth, sad, sad eyes, and tiny feet on the bottom, I have to buy Crocs. The Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind project is in full swing, and the Crocs are essential for the safety of the workers. But that’s not all. Crocs will also be a symbol of our commitment to renewable energy.

The project will cost billions of dollars. It will take years to build. Crocs will be worn by the workers. It will be a symbol of our commitment to the environment. Crocs will be a symbol of our commitment to progress. Crocs will be a symbol of our commitment to our children.

But it’s not just about the money. It’s about the environment. It’s about the future. It’s about our children. It’s about our grandchildren.

So let’s do it. Let’s build the wind farm. Let’s wear the Crocs. Let’s be proud of our commitment to the environment. Let’s be proud of our commitment to our children.
EDITORIAL COMMENT

Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE

Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper

Portfolio

Try to Enjoy ‘Normal Times’
No Matter What That May Be

By RICK MELLERUP

It definitely appears that 2020 is at least starting to return to normal in the U.S. after more than a year of the COVID-19 pandemic. But Thursday Dr. Jeff Duchin, director of the Public Health-Seattle & King County, said fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks, either indoors or outdoors. Of course, there were many exceptions regarding crowded indoor settings such as prisons, buses, airplanes, preschools and funeral homes. And while N.J. Gov. Phil Murphy said his administration is reviewing the CDC guidelines, the indoor mask requirements remain in effect in the state through the weekend.

While we have the numbers of new infections, hospitalizations and deaths dropping dramatically not only in New Jersey but across the country, it will soon because very difficult for Murphy and his management team to continue requiring their residents to wear masks or not, because how can anybody tell, absent "vaccine passports," who has had four doses—or more?

Meanwhile, professional sports teams are allowing more and more fans to attend games, travel is up and even the Statue of Liberty is open to visitors.

But what about the pandemic in the U.S.? In these states, there are plenty of new dangers out there. Affluence is creating another big problem. There is a massive labor shortage. And a generation of students has lost much of two years’ worth of school. Cyber threats. Rising crime rates. The Latino/Mexican situation has spun out of control. National security in North Korea. A rise of Taliban in Afghanistan. Right-wing political parties gaining strength in Europe as well as in our homeland. Radical terrorism.

By AN American political division as well as an internal crisis. Don’t resist. Global warming and snow and even active terrorist, racism, immigration.

Normalcy can be a personal issue. If you were just diagnosed with cancer, life isn’t normal.

If your son or daughter was just killed in a car accident, life isn’t normal. If you were the means toward your home, as a 120-lb. kid, the Egg Harbor on Friday afternoon, life isn’t normal. To report, what is normal? This image

Planetary Earth is a dangerous place even in the best of times.

Humans are responsible for that to a great degree. Consider, for example, that throughout human history these have been wars and...
Daily, Over 25,000

Enterprise
Enterprise
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger

The Predator in Plain Sight

The Predator in Plain Sight

When an ex-Rutgers athlete was charged with killing a woman in Tijuana, it left communities in Mexico and New Jersey stunned and asking the same question: Why?
Enterprise
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

The Jersey Four
Enterprise
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Rebecca Everett
The Star-Ledger

Father wants us dead

Father wants us dead

John List murdered his family, then vanished. The lasting scars left by 1 of N.J.’s most notorious killers.
Daily, Under 25,000

Enterprise
ANIMALS

Future of Middlesex County zoo remains uncertain

Cheryl Makin
MyCentralJersey.com
Published 5:01 a.m. ET Oct. 13, 2021

South Bound Brook woman reunites with her two dogs after Hurricane Ida

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center was able to care for and then reunite Indy Carmen, a South Bound Brook resident, and her two dogs - Brownie and Chloe. The three had been displaced from their flooded second-floor apartment. Cheryl Makin, MyCentralJersey.com
Enterprise
Daily, Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Rudy Miller
The Express-Times

How a 'powerhouse' reached brink of collapse
Enterprise
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Rudy Miller
The Express-Times

The rise of Neston Heights
Weekly Division

Enterprise
Red Bank Senior Center

Allison Perrine
The Two River Times

THIRD PLACE

Enterprise Weekly Division

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM
Enterprise
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Biggy, Gina G. Scala, Monique M. Demopoulos
The SandPaper

Portfolio
Enterprise
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

Whistleblower inquiry
PRIZE TIME!!!
Daily, Over 25,000
First Amendment
Art Weissman Memorial Award
First Amendment

Art Weissman Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Matthew Stanmyre, Steve Strunsky
The Star-Ledger

Hazing allegations at Wall High School football program

District stayed silent as football hazing scandal erupted. Inside an N.J. town that protects its own.

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NJPA 2021 JOURNALISM CONTEST
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM

First Amendment
Art Weissman
Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Andrew Ford, Agnes Chang, Jeff Kao, Angel Philip
Asbury Park Press

How the police bank millions through their union contracts

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First Amendment
Art Weissman
Memorial Award
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Susanne Cervenka
Asbury Park Press

'It's deception': Monmouth County commissioners secretly gave themselves raises

Monmouth County commissioners secretly gave themselves raises in December 2019, with the first pay bumps hitting their take-home checks the following month.
Daily, Under 25,000
First Amendment
Art Weissman Memorial Award
NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

Retired Hudson schools chief getting $1.1M by staying on the payroll

By Peter D'Auria
The Jersey Journal

GARGIULO

NOMINATED FOR:

FIRST PLACE

Peter D'Auria
The Jersey Journal

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM
Weekly Division
First Amendment
Art Weissman Memorial Award
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

Black firefighters allege bias in promotions test
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Matt Enuco
The Retrospect

Woodlynne Councilmember Faced with Fine
Township attorney accused of racist remark; Township attorney resigns; Ex-township attorney still to get about $86,000
PRIZE TIME!!!
Daily, Over 25,000

Breaking News
Breaking News
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
Courier-Post

Ida Tornado
Breaking News
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

Ida leaves death, destruction
Breaking News
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Burlington County Times

Mount Laurel Racism

Bias-crime suspect and police are pelted with bottles in Mount Laurel

Nicolette White and Jim Walsh Burlington County Times
Published 2:55 p.m. ET July 5, 2021 | Updated 9:29 a.m. ET July 7, 2021

Watch: Bias-crime suspect arrested during protest in Mount Laurel
Bias-crime suspect Edward Cegney Matthews arrested Monday at his Mount Laurel home after hours-long protest by Black activists.

Edward Matthews, Burlington County Times
Daily, Under 25,000

Breaking News
Breaking News
Daily, Under 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Daily Journal

Fairfield Mass Shooting
Easton school bus crash
Breaking News
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Courier News

Hurricane Ida coverage

FLOODING
Ida flooding leaves at least 8 dead in Central Jersey, 23 in NJ, Murphy says: Live updates
Mike Deak, Susan Loyer and Nicolas Fernandes MyCentralJersey.com
Updated 7:06 p.m. ET Sept. 2, 2021

Home of Yankees’ affiliate Somerset Patriots completely flooded by Ida muddy waters
In the wake of Ida passing through Somerset County, muddy flood waters surround TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.
Thomas P. Costello and Tara Zehavi, MyCentralJersey.com
Weekly Division

News Writing
News Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Joan Buehler
The Retrospect

Audubon Couple Initiates Newton Lake Rescue
Cameras, Snares on Beaches Aid in Coyote Survey

Maria Scandale
The SandPaper

SECOND PLACE
News Writing
Weekly Division

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News Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Christine Sablynski
The West Essex Tribune

Emergency Personnel Take Part in Dramatic Water Rescue as Hurricane Ida Drops 10 Incehs of Rain on Livingston
Daily, Over 25,000

News Writing Portfolio
News Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Bill Barlow
The Press of Atlantic City

Portfolio
News Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Carol Comegno
Courier-Post

Portfolio
News Writing
Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Spencer Kent
The Star-Ledger

Some days are hell; The lost generation; The invisible pandemic

The lost generation

The opioid crisis is over for some drug companies. But not for mourning N.J. families.
Daily, Under 25,000

News Writing Portfolio
THIRD PLACE
Joshua Rosario
The Jersey Journal
Portfolio
News Writing Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
William Westhoven
Daily Record

Funeral mom and son; Holiday calendar Randolph; Trump supporters
NJPA 2021 JOURNALISM CONTEST

News Writing
Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Kurt Bresswein
The Express-Times
Portfolio

NEW JERSEY PRESS ASSOCIATION
Weekly Division
Coverage of Government
Art Weissman Memorial Award
Council moves on LGBTQ-inclusive policies

Unisex bathrooms could be mandated by JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

The Montclair Township Council has introduced a set of ordinances meant to establish more LGBTQ-inclusive policies. However, some council members say they’re worried a requirement for unisex bathrooms throughout town hasn’t had enough discussion yet.

The ordinances, placed on the June council agenda as "discussion only" items to open up a dialogue, would require single-occupancy bathrooms in town to be unisex.

Councilman Peter Vecchiali and Mayor Sean Spiller raise the Progressive Pride Flag in front of Montclair’s town hall on Friday, June 4, to mark Pride Month. Vecchiali, the township’s first openly gay elected official, has introduced ordinances that would expand Montclair’s antidiscrimination protections to cover gender identity, and to require single-occupancy bathrooms in town.
Audit finds issues in library budget

Township seeks more transparency with funding requests

By Jaimie Julia Winters
winters@montclairlocal.com

A forensic audit of the Montclair Public Library’s budget found problems including more than half a million dollars in overstated expenses, and recommends several practices the town council should look at to help the library budget going forward.

Among them, the consultants told the Montclair Township Council last week, the library should come up with a baseline budget for only the funding state requires it receives — even though Montclair has historically provided hundreds of thousands of dollars past that amount. Any spending above the statutory requirement should be presented separately with a detailed analysis to aid in transparency, they said. And the consultants recommended separate budgets for the Montclair branch and its Belleville Avenue branch.

Library Director Peter Croy, who compiled the budget, told Montclair Local in October that it had not received the audit on Friday, Oct. 15, and could not comment on the details of the report. But he said library officials would respond to the council on the findings, some of which he called unsettling.

The Montclair Township Council authorized a $41,500 audit into the Montclair Public Library budget.
Coverage of Government

Art Weissman
Memorial Award

Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jacob Perry
The Bernardsville News

Cop DWI revealed; Life a tidal wave;
High static at meeting
PRIZE TIME!!!
Daily, Over 25,000
Local News Coverage
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
Asbury Park Press
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Press of Atlantic City
Local News Coverage
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger
Daily, Under 25,000

Local News Coverage
Local News Coverage
Daily, Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Express-Times
Local News Coverage
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Jersey Journal
Weekly Division

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

THIRD PLACE
Dave Polakiewicz
Echoes-Sentinel

Portfolio
Coverage of Election/Politics
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Talia Wiener, Diego Jesus Bartesaghi Mena,
Louis C. Hochman,
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Portfolio
Coverage of Election/Politics
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jacob Perry
The Bernardsville News

Portfolio
Daily, Over 25,000

Specialty Writing Portfolio
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Nicolette White
Burlington County Times

Portfolio

NEWS
Skateboarders say the culture welcomes diversity in a way other sports don't. Here's why
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Joe Martucci, Selena Vazquez, John Upton
The Press of Atlantic City

Climate Central on sea level rise and Atlantic City
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Ted Sherman
The Star-Ledger

A crooked place; Bags of cash;
An inside game
Daily, Under 25,000

Specialty Writing Portfolio
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Alexander Santora
The Jersey Journal

Funeral for a church in Secaucus

The Jerseym Journal

LifeFaith

 Funeral for a church in Secaucus

A legated family gathered at the First bahist Church of Secaucus on Thursday morning, Nov. 21, to
buhar three of its most beloved members, who passed away in less than a month.

Theresa Ackerman, 91, a long-time member of the church, passed away on Nov. 16. She was
married to the Rev. Michael Ackerman, the church pastor, for 67 years. She was a devoted
member of the church and a beloved member of the community.

Kay Ackerman, 85, also a long-time member of the church, passed away on Nov. 19. She was
married to her husband, Robert Ackerman, for 63 years. She was a devoted member of the
church and a beloved member of the community.

The funeral for both Kay and Theresa was held at the church on Thursday morning. The funeral
service was led by the Rev. Michael Ackerman, the church pastor, and rev. Robert Ackerman,
the church deacon.

The service included readings from the Bible, as well as music performed by the church choir.

After the service, the family and friends of Kay and Theresa gathered for a reception in the
church hall. The church was filled with people, who came to pay their respects and remember
Kay and Theresa.

Kay and Theresa were known for their kindness and their love for others. They were devoted
members of the church and the community, and their loss will be deeply felt.

The Ackerman family would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time.
They would like to thank the church, the community, and their family for their love and support.

The family has requested that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Secaucus in
memory of Kay and Theresa.

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memory of Kay and Theresa.
Route 22 widening, decades in the making, no longer affordable. What happened and what’s next.

Updated: Nov. 08, 2021, 7:27 a.m. | Published: Nov. 08, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

Looking over Route 22 at Route 191 (Nazareth Pike) and Highfield Dr. in Bethlehem Township. Saedi Hindash | For lehighvalleylive.com
Specialty Writing Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Steve Novak
The Express-Times

Don’t drink the water: Local neighborhood thirsts for answers about chemicals in their wells

Updated: Nov 15, 2021, 9:39 a.m. | Published: Nov 15, 2021, 7:03 a.m.

The New Jersey DEP has been investigating PFAS water contamination in Washington Township, Warren County, since 2019. John Lombard, one of the area’s impacted residents, has been critical of the state and township’s response. Steve Novak | For lehighvalleylive.com
Weekly Division

Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Craig D. Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio
Nine summonses so far; Leaf blower law heading to court; Leaf blower ordinance upheld
Coverage of Crime, Police, Court
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper
Portfolio
PRIZE TIME!!!
Daily, Over 25,000

Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
My father was a war hero who saved lives and I never knew.
SECOND PLACE
Celeste Whittaker
Courier-Post
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio

Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE

Bobby Olivier
The Star-Ledger

The Rock ‘N’ Roll Consiglierie
For nearly 50 years, Steven Van Zandt has been the man behind the man. It’s time we heard his side of the story.
Daily, Under 25,000

Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
For the birds: Masonic Temple demolition leaves chimney standing for annual migration through Bethlehem

Updated: Jan. 01, 2021, 12:24 p.m. | Published: Jan. 01, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

A chimney swift, the species of bird that annually takes up residence in the Bethlehem Masonic Temple chimney during migratory season. Courtesy of Scott Burnett.
Feature, Lifestyle, Entertainment Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Sarah Cassi
The Express-Times

What’s lurking in the Delaware River? This Lehigh Valley diver takes you on his adventures

Matt Schade has crossed the iconic Easton-Phillipsburg free bridge hundreds of times, looked out at the Delaware River and wondered what was underneath the water’s surface.
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At this time, I’d like to invite Dan Sforza, The Record, and NJPA editorial committee member, to come to the stage to continue with the journalism awards.
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New Jersey Law Journal

Disciplinary Case Shines Spotlight

Attorneys and Adderall: Disciplinary Case Shines Spotlight on Drug’s Benign Image and Popularity Among Lawyers

By Charles Toutant

The case of a former McCarter & English attorney who was arrested for possession of Adderall highlights attitudes that foster use of the drug by lawyers and law students. The New Jersey Supreme Court issued a censure for Michael Collins Smith on July 8 after he pleaded guilty to possessing Adderall without a prescription. For Smith, the censure was a lucky break, since the Disciplinary Review Board had recommended a three-month suspension.

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Losing Luther

Luther Wright, the 7-foot-2 former basketball star from Elizabeth, was lost to the streets. Then he found a road back to a better life in the most unlikely place.
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Patriots return to TD Bank Ballpark a week after flood

Lauren Knego
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Home of Yankees' affiliate Somerset Patriots completely flooded by Ida muddy waters

In the wake of Ida passing through Somerset County, muddy flood waters surround TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Thomas P. Costello and Tanj Ziehawi, MyCentralJersey.com

Nine days after the remnants of Hurricane Ida flooded TD Bank Ballpark, the
Former Ferris star finds he fits right in at Saint Peter’s

By JASON BERNSTEIN
Jersey Journal

For a year after graduating from Ferris High School in Jersey City, John A. Dolezal Jr. was lost.

"I was just trying to find my way," he said. "I was just trying to figure out what I wanted to do." He was lost for a year after graduating from Ferris High School in Jersey City, trying to find his way in the world. He was a good student in high school, but he didn’t have a clear plan for his future. He was lost, just like many high school graduates are.

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Observer Tribune

A season of infancies
Teacher sex change shocked community

Battle 50 years ago ‘opened dialogue on transsexuality’

By W. JACOB PERRY

BERNARDS TWP.: To disclose may have evaded the local school community more than the one score and one-half years ago.

Halina Miron, whose school teacher had undergone a sex change, remembers the shock and controversy that surrounded the story. Halina, a student at Oak Street Middle School, was only 10 years old at the time.

“Mr. Gromoski’s stories about his experiences as an elderly man resonated with me,” said Halina. “I remember being fascinated by his description of the challenges and joys of transitioning.

“Mr. Gromoski taught me that there is no one right way to live your life. He encouraged me to embrace my own uniqueness and to be true to myself.”

Halina continues to be inspired by Mr. Gromoski’s stories and is proud to have been a part of his journey.

Please see front page for more.

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**April Fools - Someone Stole My Shifter; The Bader-Zeigler Expedition**

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_The Retrospect_ is a column written by Mark Zeigler, which was awarded first place in the NJPA 2021 Journalism Contest. The column focuses on humorous events, such as the theft of a shifter gear and the subsequent Bader-Zeigler Expedition. The contest was organized by the New Jersey Press Association (NJPA) and recognized outstanding journalism in various categories, including column writing.
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A curse helped Anthony Solometo fall in love with baseball, now he's looking to end one

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H.S. wrestling: Lenape's Caccese feels the sound of victory

Caccese has not let deafness get in the way of accomplishing his goals.

Anthony Caccese, a Lenape senior born deaf, has worked to become a varsity wrestler and a team captain. Chris LaChiet, Cherry Hill Courier-Post.
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Central Jersey girls soccer team wins TikTok contest, donates money to rival Manville

Delaware Valley girls soccer donates $2,000 to Manville

The Delaware Valley girls soccer team won $2,000 from Vibeix in a TikTok video contest and donated it to Manville. Lauren Knego, MyCentralJersey.com
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Hackettstown boys soccer tops Bernards in PK shootout to capture sectional title

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Gender-neutral coaches open eyes

Meet the women in charge of Mendham’s boys soccer team

Jane Havsy
Daily Record

Lindsey Schartner, the new Mendham boys soccer coach, watches practice on Aug. 21.

Renee Raffee, she's been asked, "How do the boys respond to you?"
Schartner, petite with her blonde hair pulled into a ponytail, sometimes raises an eyebrow in surprise.
"I don't think it's any different," said Schartner, who became Mendham's head boys soccer coach this summer.
"The boys, they're competitive. If you're going to come in and help them do what they need to do, they don't care. Are you going to help us win? OK?"

Schartner has been part of quite a few significant wins with the Minutemen. Mendham won its first NJSIAA Group 3 title in 2015, her inaugural season, and again two years later.

After being an assistant with the Minuteman girls team for eight years, Schartner was taking a step after giving birth to her daughter, Emily. Raffee didn't have an assistant coach, so leading up to Mendham's game against Morristown — Schartner's alma mater — he asked, "Want to coach against your brother?" John Weber was an assistant boys soccer coach for the Colonials.

"He got me out on the field, and I"
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Sports Landscape Has Changed a Lot But Positives Arise

Athletic Director, coaches, players make adjustments to new normal

It's a new era of college sports, and everyone across the board is trying to adjust to the new normal of operating in a pandemic. The past year has been filled with challenges for NJPA members, but there have been some positives that have arisen from the experience.

Welcome to the world of sports during COVID-19! Amidst the pandemic, college athletes have had to adapt to new protocols and regulations. Coaches and teams have had to make sure that everyone is following the guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus.

Coach Joe Smith, who has been leading the team for the past two years, said, "We've had to be more vigilant than ever before. We've had to make sure that everyone is following the rules to keep everyone safe." The team has had to adapt to a new kind of practice, with athletes having to wear masks and practice in small groups.

Despite the challenges, Smith said that the team has been able to maintain its competitive edge. "We've been able to stay focused and determined, even in these difficult times," he said. "We've had to be more disciplined than ever before, but we've been able to make it work." The team has been able to stay on track with their goals and continue to improve.

Athlete Mike Johnson said that the team has been able to stay connected despite the pandemic. "I've been able to stay in touch with my teammates through video calls and text messages," he said. "It's not the same as being on the field, but I've been able to stay connected with my teammates and continue to work on my skills." The team has been able to stay connected through technology, which has helped them to stay motivated and focused.

Despite the challenges, the team has been able to stay connected and focused. The pandemic may have changed the way that sports are played, but it hasn't stopped athletes from pursuing their dreams. "We've had to adapt to the new normal, but we've been able to make it work," Smith said. "We're excited to see what the future holds and to continue to develop as a team."
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Racism in N.J.’s child protection system

Leaders agree too many poor Black families have their children taken away by the state. Now what?
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The Daily Journal
American malls are dying.
What each one in the Lehigh Valley is doing to stay alive.

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In their heyday of the 1980s and 1990s, malls stood as monuments of consumption and strikes to credit card fiends’ splurging.
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Asbury Park Press

After 18 years in Toms River woods, homeless veteran finds a home

Kenny Epsel, 76, served in the Air Force and U.S. Army Reserve. All he had to show for it was a tent in the woods. That changed last week.

'Code Blue' shelter opens in Toms River

When temperatures dip below the freezing mark, a shelter is set up at the Toms River recreation building to give a safe place for homeless to sleep. Thomas Costello, Asbury Park Press

TOMS RIVER – Kenny Epsel served America for two decades, doing four years in
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News Column
EMTs should be able to vaccinate

Why can’t EMTs vaccinate in New Jersey? We sure could use them, in places like Florida, Massachusetts and Vermont. EMTs believe they should be able to vaccinate in New Jersey.

EMTs are experienced in disaster relief and can help provide emergency medical services, which is critical during a pandemic. Allowing EMTs to vaccinate would be a win-win for everyone.

In many areas, from rural to urban, EMTs are trusted and respected members of the community. They understand the importance of vaccination and are dedicated to improving public health.

Allowing EMTs to vaccinate would also help to address the current vaccine shortfall. With the current demand for vaccines, every opportunity to increase vaccination rates is important.

In conclusion, allowing EMTs to vaccinate in New Jersey would be a logical and effective step towards improving public health and ensuring that everyone has access to the vaccine they need to protect themselves and their communities.
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Alexander Santora
The Jersey Journal

‘God made all of us, as we are, for a reason’

Chadie Zulu would go to bed every night as a young girl praying to God she would wake up as a girl. And she kept that secret for most of her life until it was no longer a secret.

But before she made the decision she thought, “I can’t do this, I would hurt everyone, family, friends, my job.”

Then she realized, “I can’t do this.”

In 2018, Zulu came out to everyone who mattered to her and discovered she was not the only person who felt the same way. As she broke the news, she realized she was not alone in her struggle.

Today she is close to 22, and Steph, 32.

She even visited St. Paul’s Church, the church where she was baptized, and was moved to tears by the support of the community.

Zulu has a Rutgers MBA and works for a bank in Jersey City. She is now a grandmother and is proud of who she is.

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And that’s the message of Emmanuela Aimone of Power Life.

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Transgender community is facing prejudice and discrimination, but they are not giving up. They are fighting back.

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Local newspapers play an important role in shaping our lives | Deak

Mike Deak  MyCentralJersey.com
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This is the last crusade.

Four decades after I started a career in journalism, the future of community newspapers – those who focus on their special and unique slice of the universe – is imperiled.

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I am not asking for your continued support for any selfish reason. I’ve accepted that in a handful of years, the Great Editor in the Sky will give me a box for my personal belongings and a key card to the ultimate gated community.
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Arts & Entertainment Writing
Montclairian restores a groundbreaking film

Earlyest movie with all-Asian American cast gets new life

When Cutsake Simpson, film producer of Freeright Productions, learned in 1966 that there had never been a film with an all-Asian American cast, she was shocked. "The film was a turning point for me," Simpson said. "I had always dreamed of creating a film that would not only entertain, but also educate and inspire.

The narrative begins with the story of a young man named Tim, played by actor John Chen, who is struggling to make ends meet. Despite his financial hardship, Tim is determined to pursue his passion for filmmaking.

As Tim works to complete his film, he encounters a series of challenges that test his resolve and determination. He must navigate the cutthroat world of Hollywood, deal with the pressures of producing a film with a diverse cast, and overcome the obstacles that threaten to derail his project.

Despite the difficulties, Tim perseveres and ultimately completes his film. The Montclairian restoration project has brought this groundbreaking film back to life, allowing a new generation to experience the magic of this cinematic masterpiece.

Simpson is thrilled with the success of the restoration project and hopes that it will inspire others to pursue their dreams, no matter the obstacles they may face.
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Gibbs set a standard of excellence
Ramapo’s leader was a great coach, teacher and person because he kept learning

Local Sports
Gibbs ready
NorthJersey.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

Ramapo coach Drew Gibbs was a great coach, teacher and person because he never stopped learning. Tuesday morning, the New Jersey athletic community woke up to shocking news that Gibbs, 59, died following emergency heart surgery. Gibbs collapsed at practice Monday evening as his Green Raiders team was preparing for the North Jersey Game of the Year — North 1 Group 4 final against Northern Highlands.

Gibbs and Ramapo are no strangers to big games. He won seven sectional titles with the Green Raiders, finishing No. 1 in North Jersey multiple times. He sent hundreds of players to play college football, and more than a few in the NFL, including star wide receiver Chris Hogan and special teams ace Mike Conlan.

What amazed me about Gibbs was his passion for coaching. He taught me a word, “discipline,” meaning to see a presentation from another football coach on some minute part of football. I went to a law clinic with Gibbs and would wonder, doesn’t this guy already know more than he needs to know? But watching a seminar on a 2 gap defense, it’s a new world, or some special inside alignment was something Gibbs needed to.

“If my kids can’t play for me, I would have liked them to play for Drew Gibbs,” former Wayne Hills coach Chris Chen said from North Carolina on Tuesday morning. “I wish everyone always did the right thing for the kids. We had battles after battles, wins some, lose some, low
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The Express-Times

NJSSIAA girls wrestling sets path PIAA must follow | Commentary
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It looks as if the closest Pennsylvania is going to get to a girls state wrestling tournament anytime soon is New Jersey having its tourney at Phillipsburg.
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Jim Testa
The Jersey Journal
Portfolio

It’s time to get our groove back

By Jim Testa

With the first signs of spring, warmer weather and pre-COVID activities on the horizon, it’s time to stop thinking about music that resonates with no limitations, our hearts and our ears. But what will we want to hear when our spirits rise, when the paraphernalia, when we’re bustling down the Parkway toward the Shore with the windows down in the heat, our hearts pumping?

RUBY ROSES

The folk-rock quartet’s sophomore album, “Laser Youth Tiger,” arrives today on New Jersey’s Milestone Records. The band members provide the perfect tonic for these dark and dangerous times.

RUBY ROSES formed a few years ago when singer-songwriter Jane Testa, drummer Rob Koffman, bassist and guitarist Collin Hanley and saxophonist Mike Stoffel of The Jersey Journal convened in 2015.

Looking for an even bigger sound, the band added Jane Testa’s brother, lead guitar, and Ruby Roses became a staple at local clubs, and Hanley’s indie-rock festivals. They were good, but as a writer and music critic, I can’t help but wonder:

"Laser Youth Tiger" is OK, but isn’t it time for us to stop worrying about "originality"? Is it time for us to stop worrying about the money? It’s time to stop worrying about the money.

Does this still sound like every rock critic’s favorite band, Big Star? Is it time for us to stop worrying about "originality"? Is it time for us to stop worrying about the money?

If this album sounds too good, note that "Laser Youth Tiger" does have its snags. Listened to clearly, the lyrics often return in the theme of searching for love again after a messy breakup. As a musician this song may get its groove back after months of lockdown and self-engrossed isolation, it can’t come across as a better time. And, in the process.

RUBY ROSES delivered one of the most cohesive albums of the year with excellent melodies that lift the spirit despite situations like "It’s Time," "Not Out," "Rattles" and "Vice Lives." "Laser Youth Tiger" will continue to impress as we head into the summer and beyond.

Along with Testa and Hanley, Milestone Records includes bassist Nathan Hotten, guitarist RJ Caruthers and drummer Matt Cates.

The quintet formed in 2014 from the ashes of New Jersey’s rock band, the Darlings of the Darlings of the Darlings of the Darlings. Now that there’s light on the horizon, it’s time to be excited about the music and the future.

"Rinse and Repeat" offers a slow-building, haunted and beautiful piece on the journey of the heart. "On the Road," the new EP from Jersey City’s Black Wall. Here, the expansive, multi-valued, multi-layered approach of the band’s first full-length album.

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Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Junior League Says: Let’s Talk About Periods

The Junior League of Monmouth County is putting on the Period Project to raise awareness of menstrual poverty — the inability to afford period products — and expand period equity programs within communities.

At the invitation of the Junior League of Monmouth County, the Period Project was launched in 2020. The project was named as “Period Poverty.” The organization has since been renamed the Monmouth County Period Project.

The project aims to provide free period products to women in need. Last year, the project distributed over 20,000 period products to women in need. This year, the project has already distributed over 10,000 period products.

The project has been supported by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. The project has also received donations from local schools and universities.

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David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Save Our Shoreline NJ
Group organizes to fight offshore wind farms, arguing they’re not clean, green or economical

Ocean City — Organizers and opponents of a group fighting planned wind farms off the coast of southern New Jersey were elated. Their community could be spared a wind farm.

Curtis, a resident of Ocean City, one of the hundreds behind the group with the website savewindfarmscnj.com said: “We need to protect our entire shoreline.”

Curtis, interviewed last week, told the group that the planned project would be “a wind farm in the bay near you.” That was when the group realized the extent of the project.

The group is fighting the planned project, which is expected to pump wind turbines into the bay. The project is planned to start within the next few years.

Fisherman says studies do not show wind farms are safe for fisheries, sea life and fishing

By DAVID NAHAN
Ocean City, N.J.

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Never Forget
Weekly Division
Education Writing
Ozobots and Floats Come Together for Students' Thanksgiving Parade
Students, School Board Discuss Need for Artificial Turf Field
FIRST PLACE
Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Students Apply School Lessons to Create LBI Trip

Education Writing
Weekly Division
At this time, I’d like to invite Paul D’Ambrosio, back to the stage to announce the remainder of the journalism awards.
Daily, Over 25,000

General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
General Corruption/COVID-19 Coverage
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THIRD PLACE Staff
The Star-Ledger

The unraveling of N.J.
N.J.'s pandemic response started strong. Why has so much gone wrong since?
General
Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
Daily, over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)
General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
Daily, over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Michael L. Diamond
Asbury Park Press
Daily, Under 25,000

General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage

Daily, Under 25,000

THIRD PLACE

Alexander Lewis
Courier News

"My body, my choice": Hundreds gather to oppose Rutgers' COVID vaccine mandate

"My body, my choice": Hundreds gather to oppose COVID vaccine mandate

The activists met to "educate" others about the university's requirement for students to be vaccinated for the fall semester.

Alexander Lewis, MyCentralJersey.com

NEW BRUNSWICK – More than 300 "medical freedom activists" gathered outside

Published 4:38 p.m. ET May 21, 2021 | Updated 10:36 a.m. ET May 25, 2021
How Hudson County kids have coped

For some children, the virus hijacked their childhood. Now, they’re reinventing themselves.

By Teri West

The Jersey Journal

One year into pandemic

Kids grew up quickly when they weren’t allowed to be kids for a while. But that was the case when children celebrate school birthdays with only a single friend when kindergartners logged on to school on laptops, and when news of vaccine clinical trials were first made public.

The end of the school year in New Jersey’s public health emergency was the year that children lost many friends, yet gained new ones through online learning, too.

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For some children, the virus hijacked their childhood. Now, they’re reinventing themselves.
Fear, isolation give way to hope on anniversary of region’s 1st reported COVID case

Published on Mar 12, 2021

Chris McMillan hugs his fiancée, Jan Garcia, at their Bethlehem home Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Over the last year, everyone in their home contracted COVID-19, and Chris ended up in a ventilator. (Darren Fisher | njnjpalive.com contributor)
PRIZE TIME!!!
Weekly Division

Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
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Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE

Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper

Kiki the Bear's Adventure: Story of Collective Kindness
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper

So Much Happens Before the Show,
And It's Mayhem
Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Erin Roll, Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

Battle over returning to Montclair schools: What we do (and don't) know
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The Record (Bergen County)
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SECOND PLACE
Luis Ortega Solano
Asbury Park Press
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The Record (Bergen County)
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The Jersey Journal
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The Jersey Journal
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THIRD PLACE
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Montclair Local

Bumblebees are anything but bumbling when it comes to pollination

What's in your backyard
David Wassmann

The 1960s could have been an anxious time for bumblebees. It wasn't then, the story goes, that an entomologist discovered that bumblebees fly to the base of wildflowers—what he saw were instead, they could not, not to speak, fly! But Fortunately, bumblebees each queen finds a tiny protected hole in the ground where she hibernates. Alone she awakens hungry in the spring, with lots of work ahead of her. It's up to her to establish a new colony, and she won't do it alone. The newly emerged queen seeks the pollen of early spring flowers for the strength in her first eggs and builds herself an underground wax chamber, often in an abandoned mouse or chipmunk burrow. Her first batch of around eight eggs will be safely observed from very close up. Some people even put foraging bees in a bridge's nest in a tree. Diverse bumblebee species inhabit most of the temperate world, with plentiful exceptions in the United States alone. Many are not doing well, and several are considered threatened. They face the same challenges as honeybees but, unlike honeybees, native wild bees don't have human caretakers to restore their numbers each year. Problems include habitat loss, pesticides and patho-

If ever, oh ever a wiz there was: Oz the cat teaches life lessons

Welcome to Montclair
Kirsten Levengstern

At the end of 2010 we adopted a kitten from the Pound Animal Welfare Society of Montclair. We went to PAWS with a specific goal in mind: After seeing a scruffy scapular from the dishwasher to under the refrigerator, we needed to find a mouse to handle the situation. The PAWS cat room, with a couple dozen kittens missing milline about and meowing aloud

Geese flying in V-formation after win over Columbia

Team has state title aspirations this spring
Andrew Gamba

When people think of throwing Frisbee, they tend to think of the pro and open fields or the number of Frisbee teams. When the Montclair Frisbee team got its start in 2010 and currently runs by Montclair High School students — think of throwing a Frisbee, they also think of this fall. And so this past October, they
Headlines
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Allison Perrine
The Two River Times

Leaking Pipes May Drain Wallets of Broad Street Tenants
By Allison Perrine

Red Bank Exterminates Animal Control Department
By Allison Perrine

Local Councils Hashing Out Cannabis Legislation
By Allison Perrine
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Take Ude
The Record (Bergen County)
SECOND PLACE
Micaela Encinas
Asbury Park Press
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Portfolio
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FIRST PLACE
Sean McKeown-Young
The Star-Ledger
Weekly Division

General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Gina G. Scala, David Biggy, Juliet Kaszas-Hoch, Victoria Ford, Maria Scandale
The SandPaper
General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Talia Wiener,
Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

District: We can’t mandate vaccination for staff

But school boards association says employers can
FIRST PLACE

Diego Jesus Bartesaghi, Erin Roll, Jaimie Julia Winters Montclair Local
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THIRD PLACE
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SECOND PLACE
James Ross
The Record (Bergen County)
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James Ross
The Record (Bergen County)
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SECOND PLACE
Mike Gesario
The Jersey Journal
Sports
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Tanya Manthey
The Jersey Journal
Weekly Division

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THIRD PLACE
Richard Mardekian,
Carrie Przeslak,
Amanda Bernal
Suburban Trends
Editorial Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Andrea Bondy
Montclair Local
Editorial Section Layout & Content Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Gail Travers, Pattie McIntyre
The SandPaper
Weekly Division

Sports Section Layout & Content
Sports Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Richard Mardekian,
Jes Spiwack
The Montclair Times
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Richard Mardekian,
Carrie Przeslak,
Amanda Bernal
Suburban Trends

Angelina Perez’s historic cross-country season
Sports Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Nahan,
Craig D. Schenck,
Kyle McCrane,
Clyde Hughes
Ocean City Sentinel

RED RAIDER LAX: SJ CHAMPIONS
Down 8-2, O.C. boys storm back to beat Shinnecock 9-6 for first sectional title

Mainland girls 4x800 wins at SJ Group III sectionals
More OCHS, CKHS girls medal, finish in top six and set personal records at meet

Ocean City boys 4x800 1st at SJ Group III sectionals
Jamison wins javelin, other Red Raiders, Mustangs earn medals, set PR in top six
Weekly Division

Packaging The News – Special Issue
Packaging the News – Special Issue
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The SandPaper

Beachcomber - Holiday Guide
Packaging the News –
Special Issue
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Nahan,
Rachel Shubin
Ocean City Sentinel

Alert Me
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FIRST PLACE
Phil Nardone
The Bernardsville News

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THIRD PLACE
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The Record (Bergen County)

Unsolved Homicides
Best Web Project
Over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

A pickle(ball) in paradise

A ritzy N.J. town capitalized on the pickleball craze.
An ear-splitting drama ensued.

Matthew Stanmyre | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
Best Web Project
Over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Ted Sherman
The Star-Ledger

When the rains came
Weekly Division
Best Web Project
Best Web Project
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

Montclair Local Coronavirus Tracker
Daily, Over 25,000
Best Multimedia Element
Best Multimedia Element
Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Joe Martucci, Gail Wilson
The Press of Atlantic City

2021 Shore Summer Weekend Report Card
Best Multimedia Element
Over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Thomas P. Costello, Tariq Zehawi
The Record (Bergen County)

Hurricane Ida flooding live drone video
Best Multimedia Element
Over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Tariq Zehawi, Scott Fallon
The Record (Bergen County)

The Lower Hackensack: A River on the Rebound
Daily, Over 25,000 Best Video
Best Video
Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Chris LaChall
Courier-Post

Skateboarders say culture invites, welcomes diversity
NJPA 2021 JOURNALISM CONTEST

Best Video
Over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Joe Martucci, Gail Wilson
The Press of Atlantic City

Four-mile tour of the Atlantic City Boardwalk
Raw honey is all the buzz at Zach & Zoë Sweet Bee Farm in Hunterdon County
Daily, Under 25,000
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Best Video
Under 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Saed Hindash, Rudy Miller
The Express-Times

Glendon Hotel demolition brings back bittersweet memories
Best Video
Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Easton cyclist Bill Elliston is ready to race in the Easton Twilight Criterium bike Race
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Best Video
Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Adam Monacelli
The Daily Journal
Weekly Division
Best Video
Best Video
Weekly

THIRD PLACE
Shane Paul Neil
Montclair Local

Coming of age in extraordinary times
Best Video
Weekly
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Diego Jesus Bartesaghi,
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Montclair Local

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digital, language divides
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Photographer trapped inside his studio during Ida in Montclair, NJ
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THIRD PLACE
Mary Chao
The Record (Bergen County)

Mary Chao Outreach to Asian Community
Innovation Award
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SECOND PLACE
Ashley Balcerzak,
Mike Pettigano,
Paul Wood,
Miguel Fernandez
The Record (Bergen County)

Housing Crisis Q&A Video Series

NEW JERSEY

Housing Q&A: What does the end of NJ's eviction moratorium mean for me?

Ashley Balcerzak
NorthJersey.com

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Housing Q&A: A panel discussion on rental assistance

NorthJersey.com is hosting a monthly housing video series to provide advice from a panel of experts on pandemic-related housing issues. Miguel Fernandez, Paul Wood Jr and Ashley Balcerzak, NorthJersey.com

Once Jan. 1, 2022, hits, New Jersey's eviction moratorium expires.
Innovation Award
Over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Anne-Marie Caruso,
Chris Pedota,
Mitsu Yasukawa
The Record (Bergen County)

A Photo A Day
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Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Charlie Kratovil
New Brunswick Today

Homeless Left Out in Bitter Cold as City Abruptly Closes; "Code Blue"; Warming Center
Online Breaking News
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SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

Election 2021: N.J. governor's race too close to call

N.J. election 2021: N.J. governor race still too close to call. Murphy, Ciattarelli waiting for all votes to be counted.

Updated: Nov. 05, 2021, 8:45 a.m. | Published: Nov. 03, 2021, 1:14 a.m.
Online Breaking News
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FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)

Hurricane Ida

WEATHER
Ida live updates: 25 people dead in New Jersey, many trapped in cars as floodwaters rose

Liam Quinn, Nicholas Katzban, John Connolly and Kaitlyn Kanzler NorthJersey.com
Updated 8:18 a.m. ET Sept. 3, 2021
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Javish Rosa, of Englewood, describes flooding in his apartment
Javish Rosa, of Englewood, recalls what it was like as the water rushed into his basement apartment. Tano Zehavi, NorthJersey.com

The remnants of Hurricane Ida has taken 25 lives across New Jersey, left thousands without power and dozens of streets underwater. And just as towns
Daily, Under 25,000 Online Breaking News
Online Breaking News
Under 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Staff
Home News Tribune

Hurricane Ida
Online Breaking News
Under 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
The Express-Times

Easton school bus crash
Weekly Division
Online Breaking News
Southern Regional's Bucci Removed From Girls Basketball Head Coaching Position

Amid drastically falling numbers of players within the entire program during the past week, Southern Regional girls basketball head coach Tom Bucci was removed from his position on Friday, said Athletic Director Chuck Donohue Jr. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

"Our numbers were falling, fast, and the program was drowning," Donohue said. "I'm responsible for the athletic programs here, and it's my job to make sure we have teams and positive numbers of athletes participating, and I couldn't keep allowing this to go on. I felt we needed to make a change and move the program in a different direction."
Online Breaking News
Weekly

SECOND PLACE
Victoria Ford
The SandPaper

Bodies of Missing Warren Grove Couple Found

After a month-long search, the bodies of Gray and Teresa Tucker of Stafford Township’s Warren Grove section have been found. Around 1 a.m. Tuesday, with the help of Stafford Township police, they were located in a wooded area near their home on Cedar Bridge Road.
Online Breaking News
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Montclair Local

Ida hits Montclair

‘WORST I’VE SEEN IN 30 YEARS’ — SERIOUS FLOODING AT MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS

Montclair Mayor Sean Spiker said four school buildings were damaged.

September 8, 2021

By TALIA WINTER and KATE ALBRIGHT
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The greatest thing about every single town in N.J.
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Mel Ibarra  
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FIRST PLACE
Brittney Davies,
Joe Atmonavage,
Matthew Stanmyre
The Star-Ledger

The great boat lift of 9/11
The unsung story of how hundreds of thousands were rescued that tragic day
Weekly Division
Best Web Event
Best Web Event
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

Appointed or elected BOE? A Montclair Local discussion
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Best Use of Social Media
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Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Libby Cardone,
Alyssa Passeggio,
Amy Z. Quinn, John Shabe
The Star-Ledger

Ida storm coverage
Best Use of Social Media
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Staff
Asbury Park Press
The Born to Run project
Best Use of Social Media

Over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Peter Genovese,
John Shabe
The Star-Ledger

Jersey Shore Madness
Weekly Division
Best Use of Social Media
Best Use of Social Media Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Sarah Hodgson
The SandPaper

The SandPaper Rocks Facebook
Daily, Over 25,000
Best Video Portfolio
Best Video Portfolio
Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Thomas P. Costello III
Asbury Park Press
Best Video Portfolio
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SECOND PLACE
Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger
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FIRST PLACE
Joe Lamberti
Courier-Post
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FIRST PLACE
Adam Monacelli
The Daily Journal
Weekly Division
Best Video Portfolio
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Weekly

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Shane Paul Neil
Montclair Local
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THIRD PLACE
Andre Malok,
Natalie Paterson,
Mel Ibarra
The Star-Ledger

N.J. Takeout Stakeout
Best Video Series
Over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Dwayne Uzoaru, Jeremy Schneider, Mel Ibarra
The Star-Ledger

NJ All Day
Best Video Series
Over 25,000

FIRST PLACE
Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger

You've Never Seen
New Jersey Like This
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Best Audio
Over 25,000

THIRD PLACE
Joe Martucci
The Press of Atlantic City

Something in the Air Podcast
Best Audio
Over 25,000

SECOND PLACE
Art Stapleton, Paul Wood, Jr.
The Record (Bergen County)

All-In with Art Stapleton: A NY Giants Podcast
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