Welcome to the … 2022 Better Newspaper Contest Awards Presentation

Forsgate Country Club, Monroe – April 27, 2023
Thank You for Being Here!

We Have Prizes to Give Away! Make Sure You Have Your RED Ticket Ready!

Now Let’s begin with the Advertising Awards!
It’s Now Time to Honor the 2023 Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship Winner!
Congratulations to ... 

Henry Frieman 
Communications High School
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 NJPA Advertising Contest

#NJPAAdAwards
Special Thanks again to our Sponsors
Best Real Estate Ad

2022 NJPA ADVERTISING CONTEST
Best Real Estate Ad

Third Place

The SandPaper

Beach House Realty

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer, Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Real Estate Ad

Second Place

The SandPaper

Mancini Realty Co.

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer, Chris seiz, Sales Representative
As We Enjoy Memorial Day, Remember to Honor Our Fallen

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scorce heard amid the guns below.

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Best Auto Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Auto Ad

Third Place

The SandPaper

Holgate Marina

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer,
Andrea Driscoll Sales Representative
Second Place

The SandPaper

Miss Erin Charters

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer,
Lauren Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Auto Ad

First Place

The SandPaper

Surf City Marina

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer, Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Food/Restaurant/Entertainment Ad-B&W or Color

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Food/ Restaurant/ Entertainment Ad- B&W or Color

Third Place

The SandPaper

Black Eyed Susans

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer, Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Food/ Restaurant/ Entertainment Ad- B&W or Color

Second Place

The SandPaper

Bird & Betty's

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer, Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Food/Restaurant/Entertainment Ad - B&W or Color

First Place

The West Essex Tribune

Matzo Pizza!

Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona, Garry DeYoung
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Home & Garden Ad
Color or Black & White

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Home & Garden Ad-
Color or Black & White

Third Place

The SandPaper

*Seascape Home & Garden*

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer,
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Home & Garden Ad - Color or Black & White

Second Place

The Star-Ledger

*Transform the front of your house*

Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Joseph Miles, Account Executive, NJ Advance Media
First Place

The SandPaper

Between The Sheets - Design Your Home in Style

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer,
Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Fashion & Personal Care Ad - Color or B&W

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Fashion & Personal Care Ad - color or b&w

Third Place

The SandPaper

Sur La Plage

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Fashion & Personal Care Ad - color or b&w

Second Place

The SandPaper

Coco Kimono

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer,
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Fashion & Personal Care Ad - color or b&w

First Place

The SandPaper

Indian Summer

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer,
Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative
Best Ad Professional & Technology Services
Color or B&W

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Ad Professional & Technology Services-
color or b&w

Third Place
The Retrospect

That's Powerful

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Steve Miller, VP of Sales
Second Place

**The Retrospect**

*$5 Online Barre Classes*

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Best Ad Professional & Technology Services-color or b&w

First Place

The SandPaper

Vote Steve Eposito

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Ad for Retail Business

Third Place

The SandPaper

*Acme Beach & Bike*

Staff, Graphic Designers

Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative
Best Ad for Retail Business

Second Place

The SandPaper

Tuckerton Lumber Company

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Ad for Retail Business

First Place

The SandPaper

Surf City 5&10

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Use of Color

Third Place
The SandPaper

LBI Distilling Company

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Use of Color

Second Place

The SandPaper

*B&B Department Stores*

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer

Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Use of Color

First Place

The SandPaper

Bird & Betty's

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
PRIZE TIME!!
Best Use of Humor

2022 NJPA ADVERTISING CONTEST
Best Use Of Humor

Third Place

The West Essex Tribune

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg
Second Place

**The SandPaper**

*Country Kettle Fudge - No Worries
I'll Remember the Fudge*

Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist
Best Use Of Humor

First Place

The SandPaper

_The Cheese Shop - It Doesn't Get Chedda' Than This_

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Best Newspaper Promotion or House Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Newspaper Promotion or House Ad

Third Place
The SandPaper

The SandPaper - We've Got You Covered

Staff, Graphic Designers
Second Place

**The Star-Ledger**

*EmpowerU Medicare*

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist
Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager
NJ Advance Media
First Place

The Star-Ledger

Get Matched

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate
NJ Advance Media
Best External Promotion Piece or Media Kit

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best External Promotion Piece or Media Kit

Third Place

The SandPaper

Ice Cream Pages 2022

Staff, Graphic Designers

Staff, Sales Representatives
Best External Promotion Piece or Media Kit

Second Place

The Star-Ledger

Committed to your success

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist
Michele Hayes, VP Marketing
NJ Advance Media
Best External Promotion Piece or Media Kit

First Place

The Retrospect

Retrospect Media Kit 2023

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist,

Brett Ainsworth, Publisher,

Steve Miller

VP of Sales
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE
TIME!!
Best Special Section

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Special Section

Third Place

Ocean City Sentinel

Endless Summer

Samuel Hutchins, Graphic Designer
Second Place

**Asbury Park Press**

*Summer Guide 2022*

Karen Guarasi, Sarah Griesemer,
Paul D'Ambrosio, Michelle Lauzon
Best Special Section

First Place

The Express-Times

Stronger Than Steel

Creative Team, NJ Advance Media
Nick Falsone, Managing Producer
Best Special Section Cover

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Special Section Cover

Third Place

The SandPaper

Section - August 30, 2022

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Second Place

Ocean City Sentinel

Senior Lifestyles

Samuel Hutchins, Graphic Designer

Best Special Section Cover
Best Special Section Cover

First Place

The Star-Ledger

Fall Travel

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate

NJ Advance Media
Best Special Topic Page(s)

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Special Topic Page(s)

Third Place
The Star-Ledger

Braven Health: The Right Way to Medicare

Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Jimmy Wiegers, Sales Assistant, Ed Burns
Sr. Sales Director, NJ Advance Media
Best Special Topic Page(s)

Second Place

The SandPaper

Discover Barnegat Light

Staff, Graphic Designers

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Special Topic Page(s)

First Place

The Star-Ledger

Think Pink

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate
Direct Marketing Team

NJ Advance Media
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
At this time, I would like to invite fellow advertising committee member, Kim Alvarez, NJ Advance Media, to come up and continue with the advertising awards.
Best Community Service or Shared Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Community Service or Shared Ad

Third Place

The Times Holiday Appeal 2022

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist
Michele Hayes, VP Marketing
NJ Advance Media
Best Community Service or Shared Ad

Second Place

The Times

Kiwanis Camp Fund

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist
Michele Hayes, VP Marketing

NJ Advance Media
Best Community Service
or Shared Ad

First Place

The Star-Ledger

I Am Becoming

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate
Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager
NJ Advance Media
Best Healthcare Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Healthcare Ad

Third Place
Ocean City Sentinel

Candy Brayces

Samuel Hutchins, Graphic Designer
Best Healthcare Ad

Second Place

**The West Essex Tribune**

*A Plus Rehab*

Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Best Healthcare Ad

First Place

The Star-Ledger

RCCA: Local, Advanced, Compassionate Cancer Care

Julie Williams, Sr. Account Manager
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant
NJ Advance Media
Best Use of Small Space
Black & White

2022 NJPA ADVERTISING CONTEST
Best Use of Small Space - Black & White

Third Place

The SandPaper

*Expert Nails Spa 2*

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Use of Small Space - Black & White

Second Place

The SandPaper

Francis Private Dining

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer,
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Use of Small Space - Black & White

First Place

The West Essex Tribune

McManus Locksmiths

Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona, Garry DeYoung
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Use of Small Space - Color

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Use of Small Space - Color

Third Place

The Retrospect

Lutheran Church of Our Savior Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve. Worship

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Best Use of Small Space - Color

Second Place

The West Essex Tribune

Friends of Library & Liv Public Library

Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Best Use of Small Space - Color

First Place

The Retrospect

Haddon Township High School Haunted Hotel

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Best Large Space
Ad - Color

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Large Space Ad - Color

Third Place

The SandPaper

Extra Space Storage

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Lauren Driscoll, Sales Representative
Second Place

The Retrospect

Wishing You Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Best Large Space Ad - Color

First Place

The SandPaper

Air Technical Services

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Ad in a Niche Publication/Magazine
Best Ad in a Niche Publication/Magazine

Third Place

The Star-Ledger

High School Game Changers Sport Awards

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate
Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager
NJ Advance Media
Best Ad in a Niche Publication/Magazine

Second Place

The SandPaper

Focusing On Life - Jack Reynolds Photography

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Andrea Driscoll
Sales Representatives
Best Ad in a Niche Publication/Magazine

First Place

The Star-Ledger

Experience Vintner Wonderland at Renault Winery

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist, Direct Marketing Team, David Thompson, Account Executive, NJ Advance Media
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Advertising Campaign - Any Size

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Advertising Campaign - Any Size

Third Place

The SandPaper

The Van Dyk Group

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Advertising Campaign - Any Size

Second Place

The SandPaper

Heritage House Interiors

Staff, Graphic Designers

Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Advertising Campaign - Any Size

First Place

The Star-Ledger

Father Wants Us Dead Podcast

Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant
Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist
Rebecca Everett, Crime Reporter
NJ Advance Media
Best Classified House Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Classified House Ad

Third Place
The SandPaper

Too Much Stuff

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Classified House Ad

Second Place

The SandPaper

Find a Roofer

Nora Devin, Classified Manager / Graphic Designer
Best Classified House Ad

First Place

The SandPaper

SandPaper Power

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Classified Recruitment/Miscellaneous Display Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Classified Recruitment/Miscellaneous Display Ad

Third Place

The SandPaper

Roy Handyman

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Classified Recruitment/
Miscellaneous Display Ad

Second Place

The SandPaper

Schoney's

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/
Graphic Designer
Best Classified Recruitment/Miscellaneous Display Ad

First Place

The SandPaper

R. Kokai

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Small Space Classified Ad

Third Place

The West Essex Tribune

Habitat Siding

Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Second Place

The West Essex Tribune

Berkeley Tennis

Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Best Small Space Classified Ad

First Place

The SandPaper

JP Landscaping

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Classified Pages

Third Place

The SandPaper

SandPaper Classifieds
May, 25 2022

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/
Graphic Designer
Best Classified Pages

Second Place

The SandPaper

SandPaper Classifieds
December 21, 2022

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Classified Pages

First Place

The SandPaper

SandPaper Classifieds

June 29, 2022

Nora Devin, Classified Manager/Graphic Designer
Best Miscellaneous Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Miscellaneous Ad

Third Place

The SandPaper

Hearts of Mercy Spring Fling

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Best Miscellaneous Ad

Second Place

The West Essex Tribune

Memorial Day 2022

Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg
Best Miscellaneous Ad

First Place

The SandPaper

Tuckerton Seaport

Pattie McIntyre, Graphic Designer
Lauren Driscoll, Sales Representative
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Use of Black & White to Make a Statement

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Use of Black and White to Make A Statement

Third Place

The SandPaper

South End Paddle - Spring Has Sprung!

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative
THE LONG BEACH ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kindergarten Registration 2022/2023

Attention Parents
The LBI School District is initiating registration for Kindergarten students for the 2022/2023 school year.

If your child will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2022, please log on to the district website at www.ibischools.org for more information. Registrations accepted beginning April 4th.

if you have any questions, please call 609-494-8851 EXT.2011

Best Use of Black and White to Make A Statement

Second Place
The SandPaper

LBI School District - Attention Parents

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Use of Black and White to Make A Statement

First Place

The SandPaper

Early Bird Fitness – Maintain Your Independence

Nina Schulze, Graphic Designer
Chris seiz, Sales Representative
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Large Space Ad - Black & White

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Large Space Ad - Black & White

Third Place

The SandPaper

South End Paddle

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer
Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative
Best Large Space Ad - Black & White

Second Place

The SandPaper

Man Around The House LBI

Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Designer

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Large Space Ad - Black & White

First Place

The SandPaper

*Society Beach - The Beach is Open*

Staff, Graphic Designers

Chris seiz, Sales Representative
Best Digital Standard Unit Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Digital Standard Unit Ad

Third Place

NJ.com

Pulse: What could you do with an extra $1,000?

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate, Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital Standard Unit Ad

Second Place

NJ.com

*Touchpoint Pediatrics: Through Life's Journeys*

Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Andrew Polizzotto, Sr. Account Manager, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital Standard Unit Ad

First Place

NJ.com

Renault Winery: The magic of the season awaits!

Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, David Thompson, Account Executive, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital Impact Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Digital Impact Ad

Third Place
NJ.com

RCCA: Expert Cancer Care For You.

Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Julie Williams, Sr. Account Manager, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital Impact Ad

Second Place

NJ.com

Casale Jewelers: Throwback Pricing

Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, NJ Advance Media, Kara Scandaglia, Digital Account Manager, Staten Island Media Group
Best Digital Impact Ad

First Place
NJ.com

Segal & Morel: Live Better, Spend Less, Get More

Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Andrew Polizzotto, Senior Account Manager, NJ Advance Media
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Best Digital House Ad

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
Best Digital House Ad

Third Place

NJ.com

EmpowerU Money Moves Webinar

Robert Morgia, Marketing Strategist, Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital House Ad

Second Place

NJ.com

Cocktails & Connections

Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate, Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager, NJ Advance Media
Best Digital House Ad

First Place

NJ.com

Father Wants Us Dead

Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Manager, Rebecca Everett, Crime Reporter, NJ Advance Media
General Excellence

The SandPaper

2022 NJPA Advertising Contest
At this time, I would like to invite NJPA executive officer and editorial committee member, David Nahan, Sample, to come up to begin the photography awards presentation.
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

DAILY PHOTOGRAPHY RESULTS
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

SPOT NEWS
THIRD PLACE

Tariq Zehawi
The Record (Bergen)

Rocky
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Spot News

SECOND PLACE

Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

Shoveling Out
FIRST PLACE

Chris Pedota
The Record (Bergen)

Frozen Fire
GENERAL NEWS
THIRD PLACE

Anne-Marie Caruso
The Record (Bergen)

World Cup Party
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — General News

SECOND PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Fire Training
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — General News

FIRST PLACE

Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Awaiting The Winner
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

GENERAL NEWS

PICTURE STORY
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — News Picture Story

THIRD PLACE

Kevin R. Wexler
Anne-Marie Caruso
The Record (Bergen)

Saying Goodbye To Bischoff’s
SECOND PLACE

Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Philly Naked Bike Ride
FIRST PLACE

Mitsu Yasukawa
The Record (Bergen)

Miss New Jersey
Ends Her Reign
PRIZE
TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Action

THIRD PLACE

Chris Faytok
The Star-Ledger

Long Jump
SECOND PLACE

Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

By a Hair
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Action

FIRST PLACE

Andrew Mills
The Star-Ledger

Go!
Daily Photography Awards

SPORTS FEATURE
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Feature

THIRD PLACE

Chris Faytok
The Star-Ledger

Victory!
SECOND PLACE

Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Hands
FIRST PLACE

Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Championship Kiss
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

SPORTS FEATURE
PICTURE STORY
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Feature Picture Story

THIRD PLACE

Reena Rose Sibayan
The Jersey Journal

Kids vs. Cops
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Feature Picture Story

SECOND PLACE

Amy Newman
The Record (Bergen)

Paterson Divas
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Sports Feature Picture Story

FIRST PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Dream Chaser
2022 Better Newspaper Contest
Daily Photography Awards

FEATURE
THIRD PLACE

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

Mermaid
SECOND PLACE

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

Graduation!
FIRST PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Fire Eater
FEATURE
PICTURE STORY
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Feature Picture Story

THIRD PLACE

Ed Lea
The Press Of Atlantic City

On the Move
SECOND PLACE

Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times

Boots or Barefoot
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Feature Picture Story

**FIRST PLACE**

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

Prom Night
PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

PORTRAIT
THIRD PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Anchorman
SECOND PLACE

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

Aztec Dancer
FIRST PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Top Wrestler
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

PICTORIAL
THIRD PLACE

Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Winter’s Beauty
SECOND PLACE

Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press

Island Beach Sunrise
FIRST PLACE

Ed Murray
The Star-Ledger

Dance Record
PROTEST
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Protest

THIRD PLACE

Alexander Lewis
Courier News

Bridgewater Husain Protest
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards — Protest

SECOND PLACE

Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

Justice for Irving
FIRST PLACE

Mitsu Yasukawa
The Record (Bergen)

Voting Rights
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE

TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography Awards

BEST PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Tim Hawk
South Jersey Times
SECOND PLACE

Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press
FIRST PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times
BEST IN SHOW
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Photography – Best in Show

Fire Eater

Saed Hindash

The Express-Times
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
WEEKLY PHOTOGRAPHY RESULTS
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards

SPOT NEWS
THIRD PLACE

Kathleen Carroll
Montclair Local

House Fire
In Montclair
SECOND PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Flare-Up
FIRST PLACE

Kathleen Carroll
Montclair Local

Treatment for Feline Fire Victim
GENERAL NEWS
2022 Better Newspaper Contest
Weekly Photography Awards — General News

THIRD PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Earth Day
SECOND PLACE

Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

Flying Through Eclipse
FIRST PLACE

Craig D. Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

Coming Down
GENERAL NEWS
PICTURE STORY
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — News Picture Story

THIRD PLACE

Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

Albert Hall
Turns 25
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — News Picture Story

SECOND PLACE

Jack Reynolds
The SandPaper

Underground Metal
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — News Picture Story

FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Firefighter Funeral
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
SPORTS ACTION
THIRD PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Hard Landing Ahead
SECOND PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Goalie Save
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Save as Time
Expires
SPORTS FEATURE
THIRD PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Playoff Celebration
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Sports Feature

SECOND PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Time to Celebrate
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Foggy Victory
SPORTS FEATURE
PICTURE STORY
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Sports Feature Picture Story

THIRD PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

LBI Swim Championships
SECOND PLACE

Jack Reynolds
The SandPaper

Waves of Strength
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Memorial Lifeguard Races
FEATURE
THIRD PLACE

Jack Reynolds
The SandPaper

Baby Seal
SECONrD PLACE

Karsten Englander
Montclair Local

Skateboard Jump
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Not the Winners
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards

FEATURE PICTURE STORY
THIRD PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Is Pie Eating Serious Business?
SECOND PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Where Honey Comes From
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Feature Picture Story

FIRST PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Southern Regional
Class of 2022
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards

PORTRAIT
THIRD PLACE

Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper

Bob Selfridge
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Portrait

SECOND PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Her Easter Best
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Happy Warrior
PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest
Weekly Photography Awards
PICTORIAL
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Pictorial

THIRD PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Winter Wonderland
SECOND PLACE

Emma Hot
Montclair Local

Montclair at Dawn
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Pictorial

FIRST PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Holiday Lights
Weekly Photography Awards

PROTEST
THIRD PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Roe Won’t Go
2022 Better Newspaper Contest
Weekly Photography Awards — Protest

SECOND PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Victims of Gun Violence
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Protest

FIRST PLACE

Kate Albright
Montclair Local

Lukoil Protest
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards

BEST PORTFOLIO
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Best Portfolio

THIRD PLACE

Ryan Morrill
The SandPaper
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Best Portfolio

SECOND PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards — Best Portfolio

**FIRST PLACE**

Kate Albright
Montclair Local
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography Awards

BEST IN SHOW
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Weekly Photography – Best in Show

Memorial Lifeguard Races

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE
TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE
TIME!!
At this time, I would like to invite NJPA executive officer and fellow editorial committee member, Audrey Harvin, Burlington County Times, to come up and begin the editorial awards presentation.
EDITORIAL RESULTS
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Editorial Awards

Daily – Under 20,000

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
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SECOND PLACE

Joshua Rosario
Haresh Oudhnarine

New Jersey City University’s Fiscal Crisis

The Jersey Journal
FIRST PLACE

Sara K. Satullo
The Express-Times

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Matthew Stanmyre
The Star-Ledger

A Mystery in Colonia
SECOND PLACE

Kelly Heyboer
The Star-Ledger

Inside the Quiet Rooms
FIRST PLACE

Kayla Canne
Asbury Park Press

New Jersey’s Affordable Housing Crisis
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award for Public Service
LBI Road Conditions Spark Local Concern Over Public Safety: Unforeseen Issues Postpone Circle Drive Work

Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

For Erich Steinbrunn, going public with his concerns about the road conditions is about protecting the safety of the public and passing on lessons learned.

"I don't want to be a complainer," he said Monday afternoon, the day after he was forced to slow his journey on the island's Circle Drive as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) vehicle was moving into the median.

What Steinbrunn wants is for the contractor to be accountable for the conditions of the road during a project. "I hope they are held at least to the standards of a landscaper," he said.

"We have inspectors," he said of his firm's work as the owner of Growing World Landscape, based in Mahwah, New Jersey. "I hope they are held accountable for what they do."

Since 2020, Steinbrunn has been concerned that the landscaping firm hired to maintain the road on the island and bordering streets did so at great expense of bumping roads, which caused one of his trucks to crash in late May. "I was hit by a crater," Steinbrunn said.

That's the story, but it wasn't the end of the story.

While the back-painted roads may not be an insignificant risk for all motorists, he said most drivers don't realize how much the islands are under the public's purview. "We're not the only ones doing this work," he said.

"Two bumps and a dip," he said of the large, two-meeting increments that are as yet unresumed on the island.

Two bumps and a dip is how he began the day, while remain-

ing at just about 20 mph, the brakes make the road better," Steinbrunn said.

Before the week, Steinbrunn was saying, "The entire island is like a sandstone难以理解的背景或内容。

The SandPaper is a daily newspaper that covers the news in Long Beach Island, New Jersey.

Tuckertonians With Livestock Have Questions

Two Local Cleanups Set for April 30

During the April 18 Tuckerton Borough Council meeting, Councilman John Turovec addressed an inaccurate Facebook post about a quick-cleaning day event

"The borough's currently planning to work on Circle Drive, and it's going to be in late April," Turovec said. "The goal is to get it ready for the public, and we're having some sort of cleanup event."
SECOND PLACE

Bethany Mitros
Joan Buehler

The Retrospect

Bring Children’s Mental Health Awareness to Heights; Remembering the Life of a Young Heights Soldier; NBA Player to Visit HTHS About Substance Abuse
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Weekly — Public Service

FIRST PLACE

P.C. Robinson
Alex Parker-Magyar
Mike Condon
Observer Tribune

Stormwater Matters

Water, water, everywhere – but is it safe to drink?

Ensuring water quality from its start really does take a village. To learn how, read on.

By M. Parker-Magyar

Water, water, everywhere. We take for granted that there’s plenty of it. But what if you didn’t have access to quality drinking water? It’s a reality for many in the United States, including New Jersey residents who rely on stormwater runoff to deliver safe and clean water.

Stormwater is rainwater that flows over the land surface rather than infiltrating into the ground. It can carry pollutants, sediment, and contaminants that can end up in our rivers, lakes, and groundwater, compromising water quality.

New Jersey has a significant problem with stormwater runoff. A study by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection found that stormwater pollution is a major source of pollution in New Jersey’s streams and rivers, contributing to the decline of fish populations and other wildlife.

In an effort to address this issue, New Jersey has implemented a series of programs and initiatives aimed at improving water quality. These include the Stormwater Mitigation Program, which provides funding for projects that reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality, and the Watershed Action Plan, which focuses on reducing pollution in specific watersheds.

Stormwater Matters: The Observer Tribune’s series explores the challenges faced by New Jersey residents who rely on stormwater runoff for their drinking water. The articles highlight the importance of proper stormwater management and the role of citizens in protecting water quality.

The series includes articles on the history of stormwater management in New Jersey, the impact of stormwater pollution on water quality, and the efforts of individuals and organizations working to improve water quality.

Through Stormwater Matters, the Observer Tribune aims to raise awareness about the issue of stormwater pollution and encourage readers to take action to protect their water supply. The series serves as a reminder that we all have a role to play in ensuring clean and safe water for ourselves and future generations.
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EDITORIAL COMMENT
THIRD PLACE

Elliot Goldberg
South Jersey Times

Could N.J. Diocese Settlement Be Last of Its Kind?; Stay Away from Senator’s N.J. Don’t Say ‘Gay’ Bill; Another Pension Grab for N.J.’s Politically Privileged
SECOND PLACE

Nick Falsone
The Express-Times

Something’s Wrong at Northampton County Juvenile Center; The Problem with Bethlehem Area Schools’ Mysterious Internal Investigation; Developer Rolls a Gutter Ball with Plans to Raze Warren Lanes and Build a QuickChek
Margaret Schmidt
The Jersey Journal

Amy DeGise Must Step Down
Now, Let City Move on: Critical to Reposition NJCU for Success; Don’t Leave Ward F Behind

Amy DeGise must step down now, let city move on

Embattled Jersey City Councilwoman Amy DeGise just doesn’t get it. If anything, her impassioned 4-minute speech at Wednesday night’s council meeting proved that she is not only unfazed by the wave of criticism but also unafraid to claim herself as entitled to special treatment—and that it is high time for her to step down.

DeGise’s remarks focused on the trauma she said she endured since she struck and injured a bicyclist with her car, kept driving and didn’t report it to police for six hours. After searching dozens of recipients, the police sought her out to call for her resignation. DeGise once again refused to explain her actions.

While she said she felt “terrorized” about what happened last month and in glad no one was seriously injured, she didn’t apologize to the bicyclist or her constituents.

She then pulled out the old excuse that she’s acting on “the advice of attorneys” and has to limit her comments until it all plays out in court, whenever that may be.

The people of Jersey City deserve answers now, not weeks or months from now.

Since the July 19 incident, the Jersey City Police Department has found 14 instances of DeGise’s driving record is littered with a string of very real and very concerning infractions.

It’s not just the dozen of pending tickets—it’s the failure to pay them to the point of two license suspensions. It’s failure to appear in court—driving without insurance . . . failing to pay insurance surcharges that are penalties for certain infractions.

We know it’s hard to park in Jersey City, but these incidents show a complete disregard for the rules that govern the privilege to operate a vehicle. Jersey City needs someone to be represented by someone who respects and lives by the law, not someone who ignores it.

AMT DeGise attends the council meeting on Wednesday when hundreds packed City Hall. Many were there to call for her resignation.

The Jersey Journal also learned of instances over unpaid bills in DeGise’s private life and questioned—without getting a response—how she lives in housing intended for low- and moderate-income people when she makes a total of nearly $800,000 a year between her city council position and her day job at the Hudson County Schools of Technology.

The Hudson County View website posted police footage from the incident just this past November in which DeGise’s car is about to be impounded after she illegally parked it close to a corner and it was struck by a truck. Her car had to be impounded. The officer explained, because the registration had expired in 2018.

In the video, we see DeGise院士—unashamedly—to throw her political weight around in an effort to get the cop to release the car. Such conduct is reprehensible.

DeGise has refused to explain any of these actions, leaving the evidence to speak for itself and it does so—foolishly.

It is imperative that DeGise step down now, not only because she’s shown by her actions that she’s unfit for her office, but also because the clock is ticking on how a replacement would be chosen.

If DeGise steps down by Sept. 3, there will be time to get a special election for her citywide council seat on Nov. 8 ballot. After that, Mayor Fulop and his political allies on the council would have to pick an interim to preside over the city until the next general election in November 2023.

We agree that some of the rhetoric directed at DeGise, particularly on social media, has been beyond hateful.

To diagnosing, misrepresenting and threatening politicians—well, that’s politics. But some of the examples we’ve seen are outside the realm of political discourse and are unacceptable, to put it mildly.

Yet while we denounce the actions of those who have gone too far, we stand with the scores of speakers at Wednesday’s meeting who called for DeGise to resign. She should do so without further delay, before her line of judgment further divides the city and distracts the council from its necessary work.
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EDITORIAL COMMENT
Kevin Post
The Press of Atlantic City

Always-Partisan Redistricting Part of Democracy; City Doubles Down in DEP Dune Fight; Until Public Workers Take Less, Others Will Pay More

In 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court – despairing of effective and fair intervention in state political matters – ruled that federal judges have no authority to refile redistricting claims under the U.S. Constitution.

Democratic Rep. Andy Kim more likely. Ocean County, where Republicans are strong, has been completely removed from his district.

Historically, redistricting was left to the discretion of state lawmakers, acknowledging and ensuring bipartisan character. Then for about half a century, the U.S. Supreme Court developed case law devoted to the constitutional requirement of one person, one vote, and the impermissible use of race in redistricting.

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court – despairing of effective and fair intervention in state political matters – ruled that federal judges have no authority to refile redistricting claims under the U.S. Constitution.

Redistricting fights, therefore, must stay within the confines of state government. That leaves political parties free to try to use state government to give themselves electoral advantages in any way they think they can get away with.

The cure for this is not trying to tie their hands with some law that could be undone, worked around or ignored. Nor are truly impartial, nonpartisan independent and wise leaders able to cut through the politics likely to be found – and if they were, government and party officials wouldn’t put them in charge of redistricting.

As in so many matters about voting, only the public can ensure its continued freedom to choose representatives and influence how they govern. The public can insist that any meaningful changes to the electoral process are truly bipartisan, supported by most in each party. And if a party tries to unilaterally give itself an electoral advantage, the public can kick it out of office. Predictably while that remains possible.
SECOND PLACE

Dave D’Alessandro

The Star-Ledger

Murphy’s Plot to Avoid Blame for More Than 200 Vets’ Deaths; A Culture of Racist Corruption in Clark Township; The $4B Plan to Choke Hudson County

Murphy’s plot to avoid blame for more than 200 vets’ deaths | Editorial

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First Place

Julie O’Connor
The Star-Ledger

Abortions late in pregnancy are a tragedy, not a talking point. Ask these women.

Abortions Late in Pregnancy are a Tragedy, Not a Talking Point – Ask These Women; Kids at This Violent Newark High School Deserve Rescue, Not Spin; Yes, Shut Down Bad Charter Schools – But Why is Murphy Strangling the Best Ones?
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EDITORIAL COMMENT
Elected Officials, Public Figures Have No Personal Social Media

What’s in a Name? Two Year Colleges, Trade Schools Should Be Stigma Free

From the moment that you hire your petition is in. For Donald Trump and his allies, it is in the<br> third place. The<br> board of<ref> Elected Officials, Public Figures Have No Personal Social Media; What’s in a Name? Two Year Colleges, Trade Schools Should Be Stigma Free</ref>
Craig D. Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

Support the Entire Constitution; Northfield Neighbors Balk at Sober Living Facility in Tight Quarters
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Will the State BPU Care About O.C.’s Objections; Love and Acceptance an Easy Decision; Demonization Doesn’t Help
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ENTERPRISE
Ice Cream Company Joins List of Fort Monmouth’s Growing Businesses; Fort Monmouth Redevelopment Spurs Some Complaints Over Tree Removal and More; Netflix Studios Fort Monmouth Details Emerge as Proposal Faces Vote
SECOND PLACE

Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local

Montclair hands over its email list

Montclair has settled a lawsuit by nonprofit anti-hate group that plans to send residents report about policing

Katya Weck said, ‘It’s one of dozens of legal disputes between the state and municipalities over the past few months, some all involving their mailings lists or police records to be used for its research. Montclair officials had already made any public statement acknowledging that a睫毛 over the list when they settled in February. Katya acknowledged that month a settlement had been reached, but didn’t disclose any terms, saying that until the parties satisfied their obligations, it wasn’t yet final. She didn’t answer multiple emails sent in subsequent weeks seeking information on the terms. Weck also admitted that the township, after being ordered to hand over the email list to the association, sent out its own message that the “matters that we are all engaged by the court’s decision.” Weck noted in January that in the Montclair Property Owners Association case, the group was awarded the list only for a limited time and purpose, and then required to delete it. Weck said Montclair settlement is not far from the Rise Against Hate only victory against a municipality reluctant to hand over its list. Shove told Montclair Local in January that his group had requested such lists from communities all over New Jersey, and about 70% provided them without a fight. Rise Against Hate filed lawsuits against other communities, including Toms River and Brick, but those cases were stayed pending appeal. A judge in Janus also ordered Lakewood to turn over its list. In several other municipalities, the cases have been settled and withdrawn, while the association said that it is because local govern-
FIRST PLACE

Gina G. Scala, Victoria Ford, Juliet Kaszas-Hoch, Maria Scandale, David Biggy

The SandPaper

Impact from Sandy Raises Standards; Memories Still Fresh for SandPaper Staff; Stafford Officials Reflect on Resiliency Following Sandy’s Impact; Arts Festival All About Community
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ENTERPRISE
THIRD PLACE

Staff
The Jersey Journal

Peacock Pride
Keepsake Edition
SECOND PLACE

Brett Johnson
Rudy Miller
Jonathan D. Salant
The Express-Times

The Lands of Oz
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Daily Under 20,000 — Enterprise

FIRST PLACE

Rudy Miller
The Express-Times

They’re Not Criminals -
In Northampton County
Recovery Court, They’re People
Who Need Help
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Daily – Over 20,000 ENTERPRISE
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Daily Over 20,000 — Enterprise

THIRD PLACE

Mathew Fagan, Mary Chao, Liam Quinn, Lori Comstock
The Record (Bergen)

Human Trafficking
In New Jersey
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — Enterprise

SECOND PLACE

Joe Strupp
Mike Davis
Asbury Park Press

Turmoil in Wall
FIRST PLACE

Michael Diamond
Stephen Stirling
Asbury Park Press

Jersey LLC: How Corporate Home Buying is Surging in NJ
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FIRST AMENDMENT
THIRD PLACE

Craig Wolff, Jaimie Julia Winters, Hank Greenberg, Carla Baranauckas

Montclair Local

Lackawanna Plaza plan sparks discussion about what a neighborhood is

An overarching question emerged as the Montclair Planning Board officially began its review of the township’s redevelopment plan for Lackawanna Plaza on Monday, Dec. 12. The question: What is a neighborhood?

Earlier this month, the Township Council sent the redevelopment plan for the 8.2-acre site at Bloomfield Avenue and Grove Street to the board for a 60-day review. The board’s attorney, Arthur Niess, explained to Planning Board members that they are being asked to make one determination: Is the plan consistent or inconsistent with the township’s master plan? “It’s a very narrow goal,” Niess said.
Educators, Families Reel Over 83 Nonrenewals: Half of Nonrenewed Staff Rehired; Drums Director Rehired After Getting Nonrenewal Notice

Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

'Fear we did not fulfill our obligation for oversight,' board member says

Montclair’s school superintendent says he issued 83 nonrenewal notices to staff Friday as part of an effort to stabilize the staff size and head off substantial nonrenewals in years to come.

Districts have until May 15 of each year to warn nonrenewal teachers and other staff that their contracts aren’t being renewed — even if they might later get offers to come back as administrators, substitute teachers or in other support roles.

And schools Superintendents Jonathan Pondos said at Monday night’s Board of Education meeting that some could have offers to return as early as the next day. More would get declining notices by June 30.

The exact number of nonrenewals — including 12 teachers, up from the 26 Pondos said would be cut last week — and the rapid changes to plans left educators and families attending Monday’s board meeting stunned and dismayed.

The head of the district’s teachers union called it “an untenable position.”

“After the chair of the board’s committee of finance and facilities, and the board, and I must say that I had no idea that there were going to be anywhere near this number of nonrenewals,” Eric Scher- ner said.

When Scheiner said Pondos had assured him the district wouldn’t face budget problems, the superintendent said that’s what he’d been told by “someone,” Pondos added.

Drums Director Nicholas Cipiana — knowledge Cipiana and the district had parted ways.

Cipiana, hired last summer, had been at a board meeting since March 2, and last month the board hired acting business administrator Paul Roth at a rate of $450 per day, without ex- plicating why the position was needed.

At Cipiana’s last meeting, the district hired an independent consultant to investigate a complaint alleging dis- criminatory statements were made by a Montclair school district staff member, but officials haven’t addressed whether those are related.

Cipiana then began working with the district last year.
Audit Finds Warren Affordable Housing Fees Short By $207K
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TIME!!
Weekly

NEWS WRITING
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Weekly — News Writing

THIRD PLACE

Sunayana Prabhu
The Two River Times

Holmdel’s Historic Big Bang Antenna at Risk, Residents Say
SECOND PLACE

Craig D. Schenk
David Nahan

Ocean City Sentinel

Rally Blasts Sex Ed Standards; Queer Kid Belongs Here; City Council Backs Parents Bill of Rights; Superintendent: School District Already in Sync With Bill, To Put All Curricula Online
FIRST PLACE

Gina G. Scala
Maria Scandale

The SandPaper

Dramatic rescue at Mouth of Inlet After Victims Trapped Under Boat
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Art Weisman Memorial Award

FIRST AMENDMENT
SECOND PLACE

Jake Maher
The Jersey Journal

Amy DeGise Accident
And Aftermath
FIRST PLACE

Nick Falsone
Rudy Miller
Kurt Bresswein
The Express-Times

A Quest to See How One State Belt Town, Embroiled in Development Feud, Spends Taxpayer Money
Daily – Over 20,000

Art Weisman Memorial Award
FIRST AMENDMENT
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Daily Over 20,000 — First Amendment

THIRD PLACE

Susan K. Livio
Ted Sherman

The Star-Ledger

Understaffed and Overwhelmed
SECOND PLACE

Colleen O’Dea
NJ Spotlight News

Pet Projects, Public Cash
FIRST PLACE

Riley Yates
S.P. Sullivan
Deion Johnson
The Star-Ledger

N.J. town grapples with history of racism after leaders’ slurs surface in secret recordings

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N.J. Town Paid $400k+ to Conceal Alleged Racist Slur
By Mayor, Police Chief
Editorial Awards

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COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT

Art Weissman Memorial Award
W. Jacob Perry
The Bernardsville News

First Aid Squad to Halt Operations; Litigation Looms; Squad Fight Continues
SECOND PLACE

Craig D, Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel

Somers Point is Forgiving Appointee’s Past; Adams Resigns From Council; Somers Point Council Picks DePamphilis; Fox: ‘Republicans Controlling ... the Laws of Physics’
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Planning Board Wary of Elm St. Plan’s Density: Developer Downsizes Plans for Elm Street Housing and Office Space Development; Elm Street Four-Story Housing, Office Gets Planning Board’s OK
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PRIZE TIME!!
Weekly

COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS/POLITICS
THIRD PLACE

Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

Montclair School Board Election Results Continue: Bouknight, Fleischer, and Inyang Elected to Montclair School Board

On Tuesday, Montclair voters overwhelmingly approved the largest investment in its schools in the township's history, $187.7 million, promising relief to a school system that for decades has relied on Band-Aid fixes to its aging buildings.

In unofficial results reported by the Essex County Clerk's office at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, 11,153 voters backed the referendum question — 84.01% of the vote tallied to that point. Just 2,123 opted against the measure.

That count reflects 95.12% of Montclair districts, and includes early voting and mail-in ballots.
“Supreme Court in Turmoil”

Colleen Murphy, New Jersey Law Journal

For Law Firms Seeking Work From the State, the Process Is Changing

By Colleen Murphy

Acting Attorney General Matthew Platkin and the Division of Law has announced that, as of Nov. 1, a new version of “Outside Counsel Guidelines” will go into effect as part of the new fall initiatives for the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The new guidelines for outside counsel, last updated in 2015, address topics such as reimbursing expenses and updated ethics principles. In order to refresh the department’s subject-matter lists, the Department of Law and Public Safety will issue several new “Requests for Qualifications for Outside Counsel.” A new online application tool will be used for RFQs, which will be the subject of an Oct. 14 training webinar. There will also be a virtual introduction session on Sept. 14.

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‘It Wasn’t Just Politics’: Sen. Schepisi and Gov. Murphy Strike Deal to Nominate 2 NJ Supreme Court Justices

By Colleen Murphy

Bergen County Sen. Holly Schepisi, left, and Rachel Wainer Apter, right, has agreed to release the hold on Gov. Phil Murphy’s nomination of Rachel Wainer Apter to the New Jersey Supreme Court, nearly 18 months after she was first nominated to the New Jersey high court.

Apter is Murphy’s nominee to replace retired Justice Jaynee LaVecchia on the court. The confirmation process initially stalled when Schepisi invoked senatorial courtesy. Murphy nominated Apter earlier this year. Senatorial courtesy dictates that a confirmation hearing could not take place without Schepisi’s consent since Apter, too, is a resident of Bergen County.
FIRST PLACE

Charlie Zavalick

The Bernardsville News

Mayoral Race is On: Conflict Charges Heat Up Race: Canose Poised for Re-election
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Daily – Under 20,000

NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Alexander Lewis
Courier News

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

William Westhoven
Daily Record

Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

Matt Gray
South Jersey Times

‘All of Us are Living with Trauma’: Kids Face Tough Odds in This N.J. County; Where is Dulce Alavez? Family Frozen in Times 3 Years Into One of N.J.’s Biggest Nightmares
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Editorial Awards

Daily – Over 20,000 NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Amy Rosenberg
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Tim Alexander Thinks He Can Knock Off Jeff Van Drew – Does Anybody Else?
SECOND PLACE

Kelly Heyboer
The Star-Ledger

Inside the Quiet Rooms: The Woman Who Needs No Introduction; N.J. Kids Who Lost Special Ed Services Due to COVID Can Get More Help, But Deadline is Looming
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Daily Over 20,000 — News Writing Portfolio

**FIRST PLACE**

Spencer Kent
The Star-Ledger

The Exodus; Forgotten Heroes;
The Forgotten Grievers

The forgotten grievers
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COVERAGE OF CRIME, POLICE, COURTS
ThIRD PLACE

Matt Enuco
The Retrospect

Township Web Vigilante Nabs Pedophiles; PATCO Van Takes Out Utility Pole, Damages Two Cars; One Charged in Post-HMHS Graduation Bash at School
SECOND PLACE

Colleen Murphy
New Jersey Law Journal

Managing Court Backlogs And Vacancies
FIRST PLACE

Talia Wiener
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Lawyer Sues Montclair, First Responders; BLM Supporters Targeted with Anonymous Letters; Two Philly Men Killed in May Crash
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
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INTERPRETIVE WRITING
PR Officials Seek Funds to Address ‘Damn Dam’ Issues On School Campus

Ongoing Pineland Regional School District Business Administrator Rick Brown had some good news for the Pineland Regional Board of Education at its July meeting, the last of Brown’s tenure.

“My favorite topic,” sarcastically said President Beth Anne McVeay when opening the old business segment of the meeting before turning serious, “is one of the many reasons why I will miss Rick going forward, is his hard work and determination on trying to resolve the fact that the Pineland Regional Board of Education is the owner of the damn dam and the bog.”

Before moving on to Brown’s reply, the reason McVeay referred to the “damn dam” must be explained. It is a tiny wooden dam that holds back the water from a series of four ponds that were built in Little Egg Harbor by Sterling Otis in the early 20th century. Otis, a well-respected citizen of Tuckerton – Otis Bog Road is named for him – got an actual dam for his cranberry business.

One is located on land now owned by Walmart. It has been left to grow over with native vegetation as part of that company’s mitigation plan to develop an environmentally sensitive area that is home to two endangered species, the Cape’s gray tree frog and the Patz Bannas tree frog.

The second and third bog or, as some call them, pools, are located behind the Pineland Regional High School and were used by the school’s successful “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” program for many years. They can, however, cause trouble. When they flood, their water backs up into the high school’s drams and into the Commons area of the school, where students gather during lunch and on breaks.

It is the fourth and largest bog and the dam, though, that have long caused a much larger problem for the Pineland Regional BOE. In February 2019, Pineland Superintendent of Schools Melissa McColey told now-retired SandPaper reporter Pat Johnson that the dam had been an issue for about 20 years.

“Some years ago, the state of New Jersey told the district that it must replace the dam. But doing so will be expensive. While the district owns the bog and dam, Ocean County owns Cliffordtown Lane, abutting the fourth and largest bog and the dam, and Little Egg Harbor Township owns the pipe that goes under the roadway to drain the bog’s water into Lake Pohatcong. And while Brown emphasized the county and township have been cooperative, neither one has volunteered to ante up money for the replacement.

Again, the county and township have been cooperative. Back in 2019 they had engineers do a cost estimate for the project. Then-Little Egg Harbor Township Administrator Matt Alasio said the final cost estimate was roughly $350,000, according to the county and township.

‘State Mandate: The Pineland Regional Board of Education must replace or completely rebuild the wooden dam that holds the water of four bogs on its campus and which has caused problems for the district for two decades. T&M Engineers said in order to avoid the district from possibly having to demolish the damn dam, a new dam would be needed.’
SECOND PLACE

Eileen Moon
The Two River Times

Red Bank Couple Returns After Ukraine Rescue Mission
FIRST PLACE

Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Drill Hones Intricate Response Skills
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SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Kyle Morel
New Jersey Herald

Education Beat
SECOND PLACE

Bruce Scruton
New Jersey Herald

Environment
2022 Better Newspaper Contest
Daily Under 20,000 — Specialty Writing Portfolio

FIRST PLACE

Phaedra Trethan
Courier-Post

Portfolio
Daily — Over 20,000

SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Bobby Brier
NJ Spotlight News

Mental Health Coverage

Mental health of migrant workers now in focus

BOBBY BRIER, MENTAL HEALTH WRITER | AUGUST 15, 2022 | HEALTH CARE; SOCIAL

Advocates work to expand access for farmworkers who tell of mental health risks

New Jersey’s migrant and seasonal farmworkers have few mental health services available and little access to them, although some support exists from health centers like Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers.
SECOND PLACE

Rebecca Everett
The Star-Ledger

The Dog Whisperer; The Boys
Upstairs; Double Jeopardy
FIRST PLACE

Deena Yellin
The Record (Bergen)

Covering Religion
Weekly

FEATURE WRITING
THIRD PLACE

Charles Toutant
New Jersey Law Journal

Beth Baldinger Sees $10M Settlement Creating an Incentive To Reform Police Practices
SECOND PLACE

Craig Wolff
Montclair Local

A Montclair Wall, Vividly Transformed
Yo, Cuzzie! New Tennessee Ave. Pizzeria Slices Up the Competition in Atlantic City

Ryan Loughlin
Atlantic City Weekly

Cuzzie’s Pizzeria Kitchen

Atlantic City Weekly

Cover Story

New Tennessee Ave. pizzeria slices up the competition in Atlantic City.
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COLUMN WRITING
Michael Izzo
The West Essex Tribune

Michael’s Musings

Fun at the Family Festival

Memory Lane

I always know that the earliest signs of fall are upon us when I start wearing my wool sweater. I love the transitional stages of the season when nature is a canvas for the colors of life. But what I was looking forward to was the things little things—further down the line. I took them up to a movie and they didn’t seem to have the same impact.

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THIRD PLACE

Get Your Fall Shots

The gradual drop in temperature and faint smell of pumpkin spice means that we have once again arrived at September’s National Immunization Month, and this is right around the time we encourage everyone to get their flu shots.

This time of year is not just about getting everyone’s newly available (as of this month) COVID booster shots, but also the flu shots. Everyone, regardless of age, should consider getting a flu shot to ensure they are healthy and well protected.

We understand that “flu season” may be setting in for some (as many as this year, it will be the 6th COVID shot in less than two years), but due to our age, we take this time to get our flu shots.

The same could be said about the flu. While the past two years have been significantly dryer than our ancestors, due to the large amount of precipitation taken during COVID pandemics, signs in the northeastern United States indicate a rough flu season may be incoming.

While seasonal influenza viruses are detected year-round, they are more common in the fall and winter. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), everyone older than 6 months should get a flu vaccine.

What was Livingston like back then? There was a lot of farm land, and gladiatorial fights in town. There was even a horse race every year, with everyone going to the races. I miss my sweet boys and the fun times we had together.

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SECOND PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Is It Better to Be Woke of Blissfully Asleep?: Forty Valentine’s Days
Monique M. Demopoulos
The SandPaper

Zack Jones Returns to Jersey Shore as Sting’s Drummer; The Beat Goes On, Even in Recovery
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Matthew Korfhage
Courier-Post

Portfolio

NJPA
SECOND PLACE

Celeste Whittaker
Burlington County Times

Portfolio

'A story that is like no other': Christina Grimmie's music revived by hometown teen singer

Late star's unfinished song 'Rule The World' will be released as a duet with Marlton, NJ, singer-songwriter Ryan Brown with Grimmie family's blessing.

Celeste S. Whittaker Cherry Hill Gazette Post
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FIRST PLACE

Lori M. Nichols
South Jersey Times

An Anchor to the Past; A Water-Skiing Dog and Other Celebrity Pets Call This N.J. Cemetery Home
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Astrea Slezak
NJ Spotlight News

Here’s how Eric Schubert helped solve a notorious murder

ASTREA SLEZAK | MAY 30, 2022 | LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, MORE ISSUES

Hundreds of Pennsylvania police had worked on the Marie Chiverella case. Along came the young man from Medford Lakes


When he was 8 years old, Eric Schubert had a passion for memorizing license plates and
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Alfred Lubrano
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Delaware Owns a Small Chunk of South Jersey
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Jason Nark
The Philadelphia Inquirer
D7 Portfolio
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Even Though It’s the Big Game, Harris’ Job is 8 Yards at a Time; Rising Overcomes Rough Road and Ends It as Valedictorian; Barnegat’s Valencia Gosser Excited for D1 Track Career
SECOND PLACE

Bob Decker
The Citizen of Morris County

Lakers Make Easy Work for Flynn’s Milestone Win: It’s All Family to Flynn; Remembering Honest Frank Elias
FIRST PLACE

Rich Chrampanis

The Two River Times

Holmdel’s Principal Returns to Basketball; SJV Returns to Field, Honors Injured Teammate; RFH Student Manager Gets Special Senior Day Moment

Holmdel’s Principal Returns to Basketball, Coaches Against Wife in SCT
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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
One Investigation Into Promotions Test is Done: Prosecutor Looking Into Claims About Fire Department

Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local
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Joan Buehler

The Retrospect

Colls Neighbors Upset Over Lourdes Garden Removal
FIRST PLACE

Lauren S. Barr
Katie Moen
The Westfield Leader

OPRA Request Yields Private Information, Potential Conflicts
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THIRD PLACE

Josh Friedman

Courier-Post

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Brad Wilson
The Express-Times

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Jane Allison Hausy
Daily Record

Portfolio
Daily – Over 20,000

SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

How Rutgers crashed the Big Ten

Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger

How Rutgers Crashed the Big Ten; ‘I Told You I’m a Superstar!’; The Punting Picasso
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Jerry Carino
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

Andrew Mendlowitz
Home News Tribune

Portfolio
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WRITING
Mystery Solved! An Inadvertent Artist Works With Nature

By Elizabeth Wulfhorst

SEA BRIGHT — The rock towers on a local beach may have disappeared but the artist who created them has emerged.

Andrey Ivanov never intended to be mysterious; he often creates art on the northern beaches of Sea Bright and makes no attempt to hide his actions. But the appearance of over a dozen approximately Mountaintop rock structures along the dune line this summer caused many to question their origin.

Ivanov, a resident of Woodbridge, began coming to the beach in Sea Bright by “trial and error” three years ago. “We picked the beach because it’s very pleasant, it’s very clean,” he said. Prior to that he and his family went to Sandy Hook beaches for about 20 years.

Ivanov grew up in Odessa, Ukraine, within walking distance of the Black Sea, so going to the beach is in his soul. “I grew up with it,” Ivanov said. “It feels like if it’s the right place to be.”

He emigrated to the United States at 19, attended Brooklyn College and then NYU College of Dentistry, and worked in New York. “Then my kids were born and I noticed that I have the house and they’re still sleeping and I come back and they’re about to go to bed, so I was missing out a lot,” Ivanov said. Comfortable with his wife’s income, the couple decided Ivanov would stay home and look after the children.

Ivanov kept his dental license active though, even filling in for six months recently for a dentist friend who had back problems.

But about 12 years ago, Ivanov began introducing his two now grown children — one just graduated high
Hypnosis and improv to meet on UC PAC stage

Yael Katzwer
Union County Local Square

Hypnotism and improv to meet on UC PAC stage

By Yael Katzwer

UC PAC ANNOUNCED — The show is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve your skills in hypnosis and improv. “Hypnosis and Improv: A Night of Comedy” is scheduled for November 12th, 2022, at UC PAC in Union County. The event is open to anyone who wants to learn from the experts in the field.

Hypnosis is a powerful tool that can help people tap into their subconscious minds and improve their confidence, focus, and creativity. Improv, on the other hand, is a form of theater that encourages spontaneity and quick thinking.

The show promises to be a night of laughter, learning, and entertainment. You’ll have the opportunity to watch some of the best hypnotists and improv artists perform, and then participate in a workshop where you can practice your skills.

The show is scheduled for 8 pm. Tickets are available for $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, visit ucpac.org or call 908-606-7994.

Yael Katzwer
Union County Local Square
Joan Buehler

The Retrospect

Colls Author Unmasks Legendary Didrikson

Coming of age as lesbian in the bad old days of the 1930s — as did Collingswood author Ruth A. Rouff — meant living a cloistered life. There were no role models, and no people in the public eye who admitted to being gay, because no laws existed to protect homosexuals from being fired from their jobs or otherwise discriminated against if they were "outed."

Though not a wonderful era to live through if you yourself were gay, Rouff was able to store experiences from that time to later inform her fiction writing. Memories that came in handy when she decided to reimagined a lesbian life for possibly the greatest female athlete of all time. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, the subject of Rouff's latest novel, "Lost Star," published earlier this year.

Zaharias earned two Olympic track and field gold medals in the 1932 Games, and later became a legendary golfer who co-founded the modern-day ladies professional golf association (LPGA) before her untimely death at age 45 from cancer.

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Weekly CRITICAL THINKING
SECOND PLACE

Victoria Ford
The SandPaper

‘Examine Elemental Effects’ in LBIF’s Latest Exhibition; ‘Limoncello’ Celebrates Light on a Summer Night; In ‘Fog’ Photography Exhibit, Artist Ann Coen Shares Self; Kevin Coogan’s Creations Frozen Moments, Fluidly Felt
FIRST PLACE

Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper

Surflight Theatre Presents ‘An American in Paris’; ‘Legally Blonde’ Enjoyable, if Flawed; ‘Chess’ Production is Total Checkmate; ‘Orient Express’ Honors Agatha Christie’s Brilliance
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SCHOLASTIC SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO
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Bill Evans
South Jersey Times

Delran’s Roskos Siblings Boy-Girl Region Champs Now Look for Joint State Goals; Debbie Schwartz on Verge of Exclusive 700-Win Club; Collingswood Wrestling’s Townsend S.J. Champs Emotional Leader
SECOND PLACE

Jane Allison Hausy
Daily Record
Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

Josh Friedman
Courier-Post

Portfolio
THIRD PLACE

Andrew Mendlowitz

Home News Tribune

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Sean Farrell
The Record (Bergen)

Should HS Lacrosse Use a Shot Clock?: As Title IX Turns 50, We Caught Up With The Record’s First Female Athlete of the Week: Identical Twins Go Head-to-Head When Bergen County Soccer Powers Square Off
Camden celebrates a hoops rebirth. But critics wonder: Did they cheat their way to a championship?

Kevin Armstrong
The Star-Ledge

Camden Celebrates Hoops Rebirth, But Critics Wonder;
Back on the Trail; To Beat COVID-19 Pandemic, High School Track Teams Take Their Meets Outdoors
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ONGOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE
THIRD PLACE

Juliet Kaszas-Hoch
Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Ship Bottom Officials Address Status of LBI School Sale: Board Votes to Sell LBIG Grade School to Local Architect For $14 Million; Zoning Change Necessary to Finalize Sale of School; Housing, Open Space Part of Redeveloping LBI School Property
Another Summer Season for Coast Guard in Beach Haven; Coast Guard Ready for Busy Summer on Local Waters; Quick, Reliable: Coast Guard’s Presence Keeps Boaters Safe Off Beach Haven
Board New Eyes $190 Million Referendum; Parents: Why Weren’t Repairs Done Sooner?: School Officials Talk Oversight, Openness; Taking a Stand – Or Not; Overwhelming ‘Yes!’ to Repairing Schools

Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

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Montclair Local

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At this time, I would like to invite fellow editorial committee member, Vinessa Erminio, NJ Advance Media, to come up and continue with the editorial awards presentation.
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THIRD PLACE

Charles Toutant
New Jersey Law Journal

Courthouses in 2022

'I Did Not See a Single Person': Things Have Changed at Courthouses

By Colleen Murphy

The New Jersey Appellate Division ruled that, while the plaintiff’s handling of a personal injury matter “was hardly a model of diligence,” the lower court erred in ruling that only the defendants were entitled to continue discovery.

Plaintiff Carmen R. Rodriguez De Collado allegedly tripped and fell on a broken sidewalk outside 265-267 Spring Street in Paterson, according to the appeals court’s unpublished Dec. 9 opinion. Less than a year later, she filed a negligence complaint against Gauthier Laclanc and Paterson. On appeal, De Collado challenged four Law Division

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With some trial courts rethinking how they operate in the aftermath of COVID-19, some litigators say the continued use of remote technology deprives them of an important element of their practice.

Lawyers who are accustomed to motion hearings or status conferences being held in person during pre-pandemic days say the chance to rub elbows with colleagues on trips to the courthouse is lost when pretrial hearings are conducted via Zoom.

Holding such hearings remotely even after the threat of COVID has lessened allows judges and litigators to operate more efficiently. No longer do lawyers have to travel an

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Elizabeth Wulfhorst
The Two River Times

Ladies, Start Your Engines!
Middletown Native is Honda’s First Woman Engineer
On Indy 500 Winning Team
FIRST PLACE

Alex Parker–Magyar
Erin Flaherty
The Madison Eagle

‘I am Not a Slave’: Immigrant Rights Group Moves Headquarters; Graduation Ceremony in Madison Celebrates Latino Immigrants
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Courier News

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Joseph Smith
The Daily Journal

Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

William Westhoven
Daily Record

Portfolio
Daily – Over 20,000 BUSINESS WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Christopher Maag
The Record (Bergen)
Pandemic Failures
SECOND PLACE

Daniel Munoz
The Record (Bergen)

New Jersey Business
FIRST PLACE

Amy Rosenberg
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Why Chef Herbie Allwood and Pamela Womble are Closing One of Ocean City’s Only Black-Owned Restaurants
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Judy O’Gorman
The Two River Times

Listen to Your Heart
- A Couple’s Tragedy
SECOND PLACE

Matt Enuco
The Retrospect

Rosen Eludes COVID’s Death Grip, Does Triathlon with Doc
FIRST PLACE

Bethany Mitros
The Retrospect

DeAngelo Brings Reproductive Awareness to Millions
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ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING
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Weekly — Environmental Writing

THIRD PLACE

Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

Plastic Bag Ban: Businesses Have Been Preparing for Years

On Thursday, May 4, a state law banning the use of single-use plastic bags will go into effect. Paper bags will be taxed at a higher rate than plastic.

But Montclair businesses have been preparing for the ban for years. In September 2020, the state Assembly and Senate gave their approval to what would become one of the most stringent bans on plastic products and paper bags in the country.

The ban highlights the growth in plastic usage and its effects. Plastic production has increased from 3 million tons in 1970 to 70 million in 2020, according to PlasticEurope, a trade association that aims to reduce plastic waste. Eight million tons of plastic end up in the oceans annually, which is estimated to result in the loss of 8% of the species of animals, according to the World Economic Forum, said a researcher.

New Jersey retail stores, grocery stores and food service businesses will not be allowed to provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags or plastic poly bags from food service providers.

Single-use plastic carryout bags will be allowed to be provided or sold, except for grocery stores equal to or larger than 3,500 square feet, which may only provide or sell reusable carryout bags.

A mandate signed into law in March created an exception for food pantries and non-profits — they can keep using plastic through Nov. 4, 2020.

But since December 2019, Montclair businesses have been preparing for the ban. Talia Wiener, a reporter for the Montclair Star, wrote a series of stories highlighting the plastic bag ban and its effects.

Monmouth University has also been preparing for the upcoming changes, with in-store signage and reminders to "plan for the ban," spokeswoman Karin O’Hara said.

"While our goal is to encourage customers to make changes and bring their reusable bags to shop, we will also have a variety of reusable totes and options for shoppers who forget to bring their own bags after the state law takes effect," O’Hara said.

At Whole Foods, customers will have several reusable bag options to choose from if they forget to bring their own, according to a spokesperson for the company.

For local businesses that didn’t fall under the town’s ordinance, the past 12 months have been key to planning and preparing for the ban.

Many small businesses in the Upper Montclair Business District have already phased out single-use plastic bags, Wendy Lacey, president of the Upper Montclair Business Association and owner of Corinna Montclair, said.

"The majority of our small business owners have already put environmental and friendly practices in place," Lacey said.

"With so many plastic bags in the environment, we have no idea how long is left before we have a problem, and I think getting the government to move is really important in stopping the spread of plastic bags."

New Jersey’s Plastic Bag Ban is expected to save the state’s environment, businesses and residents money.

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The SandPaper

Nesting Piping Plovers
In Barnegat Light Deliver
Big Blow to Ocean Mile Swim
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David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

View from O.C. Music Pier: 612 Wind Turbines; Commenter: BOEM Report Downplays Wind Farm’s Impact on Fishing, Tourism; Orsted Asks BPU for Rights of Way in O.C.; City Continues Fight; Timeline: Orsted Split Evident
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Teri West

The Jersey Journal

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Joseph Smith
The Daily Journal

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Kyle Morel
Daily Record

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GOVERNMENT WRITING PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Ashley Balcerzak
The Record (Bergen)

NJ Counties Try to Count, Help Those Experiencing Homelessness; It’ Tough for NJ’s Homeless to Get IDs, But to Get Vital Services They Must Show IDs; Code Blue Helps Homeless When Temps Drop But Some Still Get Left
SECOND PLACE

Kathleen Hopkins
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
They violated the public trust. Yet these N.J. officials were still awarded pensions.

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They Violated the Public Trust, Yet These NJ Officials Were Still Awarded Pensions: Lawmakers Move to Tighten NJ Pension Law to Exclude Officials Convicted of Crimes in Office: Accused NJ Cops Paid to Stay Home, Costing $1M and Counting

Riley Yates
The Star-Ledger
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BUSINESS/ECONOMIC WRITING
Recreational Pot Sold ... For About 3 Hours
SECOND PLACE

Maria Scandale
The SandPaper

Pumped-Up Fuel Not Forecast To Stall LBI’s 2022 Summer

BUSINESS PEOPLE WONDERING how the gasoline price spike will affect summer tourism may take some encouragement from those who say LBI’s easy reach is a plus in pulling people here.

Southhampton Ocean County Chamber of Commerce CEO Lori Poppella’s view comes from past experience in 2008, when gas prices approached $5 per gallon. Now Jerseyans still needed a summer.

When I joined the chamber, I remember being very upset that gas was on its way to hitting $5 a gallon and people could jump on planes to go other places. At the time, that was much cheaper,” Poppella said when asked by The SandPaper. “This situation seems to me very different. The way we work is so different now than it was before the pandemic. We have people who are down here already.”

And those who held an interest in LBI are not far away. “We are within range of such a large population within an hour and a half of major cities that it is still going to be economically viable,” Poppella pointed out. “It certainly has a lot of meetings and special events that people are committed to. Rentals for vacations involving multiple family members, so that this is where they are going to come together, so there is dedication,” she noted.

“I don’t think it’s going to affect weekly rentals. I think it’s going to improve it,” predicts Diane Wollington, whose website www.vrbo.com (Vacation Rentals LBI) markets vacation homes for homeowners and for real estate brokers.

As people see gas prices go up, they may want to stay even closer to home, observers said. A term “vacation” trend is still in play, Wollington says.

“The majority of our rentals come from New Jersey and New York, within a three-hour drive. What’s that cost in gas compared to let’s say the kids on a plane and fly? That’s going to be big money,” he says. “And the sea sits in good position, so that this is where they are going to come together, so there is dedication.”

The gas price levels today come at the same time that the shore is a first-air escape in what Wollington called “our third COVID bump.”

“Investors have come in earlier since the pandemic, he said. Regardless bookings that were made months ago,” Wollington said. “I still think there is a lot of people to go to LBI’s 2022 Summer. The SandPaper

Lucky in Lights

Shamrock Shines in Ship Bottom

GO GREEN: Each year, Ship Bottom lights up the bayfront to mark St. Patrick’s Day, held on March 17 to commemorate the death of Ireland’s primary patron saint in 461.

First Responder Tax Deduction

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FOR VOLUNTEER EMS AND FIREFIGHTERS

SAYS CHRISTOPHER CONNER, ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN RAMPF AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN DA-ANN FUNKE

Two summers result in a lot of people plan early. “Bookings are really strong all around, and ahead of schedule. For the 10 summer weeks, we have about 70% of our rentals left. Some of the weeks availability is less than 25%.”

To be clear, many choices are still open, depending on when you’re going. The most rental-able weeks are June 3, when 18% of the rentals are still open, and Aug. 27, with 32% available.

When a spring weekend warms up, it gives businesses a “snack pack” of going interest.

“It warmed up 10 degrees, and that’s all we need to get in the car and take a drive,” Poppella said. “The price of gas is high, but it’s not the price of the gas you’re going to the beach. We’re seeing shore weeks in even longer stays, especially among second homeowners.”

One other factor in favor of travelers is the better fuel efficiency of cars than in 2008.

“We are optimistic but always cautious,” the chamber CEO summed up. “We want to make sure everyone when they come down feels the experience here is good and worth the trip, and we know that we always meet
Eileen Moon
The Two River Times

Two River Cobbler Shops
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David Biggy
The SandPaper

Southern Middle School Celebrating 50 Years
In Many Groovy Ways

Earning through the not-so-groovy way at headquarters Regional Middle School on April 13, a music revolution was taking place. On stage, the performance was simply groovy, funky and out of this world. And for this week in celebration the middle school’s 50th anniversary, students and staff members performed in their own unique ways. They were feeling the energy and the atmosphere in their hearts. Some were singing, some were dancing, and others were just enjoying the moment.

After several days of working the social media and other key connections, taking Flower Power to its next level and leaving the audience impressed, the school’s principal held a press conference the day before the big event. He invited the media to come and experience the special day.

The band performed for the seniors on this monumental day during the last day of the school year. The event was a success, and the audience was impressed with the performance.

Science teacher Pat DeSimone, typically in his green vest and white shirt, was one of the speakers. He discussed the history of the school and its achievements. He also highlighted the importance of science in our daily lives.

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SECOND PLACE

W. Jacob Perry
The Bernardsville News

Classroom Computer Monitoring Supported: Culture Wars Flare: Election to Spur Changes
Students, Parents Ask for Support on Grieving

Talia Wiener
Montclair Local

Say assistance after loss is lacking

As Talia Wiener

When Clara Conner walked through the Montclair High Freshman doors for the first day of her Freshman year, she did not realize it would be the last day she would walk those halls. Clara Conner, 16, was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer.

"No one in my family, my friends, or my school community knows about my mother's cancer treatment," the junior said at the Montclair Board of Education meeting on Thursday. Clara Conner, 16, did not share her family's news with the school, she did not receive "any meaningful support" from her teachers, she said.

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Daily – Under 20,000

NEWS COLUMN
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Under 20,000 News Column

THIRD PLACE

Joan Quigley

The Jersey Journal

Portfolio

Hey, NJ: Find the money and fix Rte. 139

I was February 1991, I’d been elected to my first term in the New Jersey As- sembly. A few weeks later, I visited New Jersey’s Turnpike for the first time,

The situation was harrowing and heart-wrenching, and it seemed to me that the

It took me a minute to realize that the正宗 way was not to the oxygen zone and did that, the person in the car was not only

This was before Google made directory assistance obsolete, so I called 1-800-Go-Phony and got the phony number for the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Trenton. I found out the name was Ms. Joan Quigley and I had never been appointed to any position. I identified myself as an assemblywoman and asked her to send me some documentation.

Somewhat to my surprise, she got the phone/microphone off and explained that she was anonymous and that the car was not in the oxygen zone. She said that she was a retired nurse and that she had found the car in a rest area in New Jersey.

The scene was chaotic, with police, fire, and medical personnel all working frantically. A small group of people were helping the person in the car, who was seriously injured.

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And running alongside the roadway are rows of homes with extended sidewalks to the road below. It’s lined with shops, in- dustries, and schools, and appears to be a quiet suburban area.

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SECOND PLACE

Brad Wadlow
Courier News

Portfolio
BEYOND THE WALL

Eye-opening visit to U.S.-Mexico border reveals life, struggles of migrants and aid workers

https://news.nj.com/jersey-journal/opinion/2022-better-newspaper-contest-

FIRST PLACE

Alexander Santora

The Jersey Journal

Portfolio

Decision making at the border is a complex and multifaceted process. It involves a variety of stakeholders, including the U.S. government, Mexico, aid organizations, and local communities. The challenges faced by migrants at the border are significant and include issues of safety, health, and legal status. 

Migrants who arrive at the border are often placed in holding facilities, where they等待 processing before being transferred to other locations. These facilities can be overcrowded and lack adequate resources to meet the needs of the migrants. The living conditions in these facilities may be subpar, with limited access to sanitation, healthcare, and legal advice. 

The process of seeking asylum at the border can be lengthy and complex. Migrants are required to fill out paperwork, provide evidence of persecution, and undergo interviews with immigration officials. The asylum process requires legal representation, which can be difficult to obtain for many migrants who may not have the resources to hire an attorney. 

Despite the challenges faced by migrants at the border, there are organizations that provide assistance and support. These organizations work to provide legal aid, medical care, and other resources to help migrants navigate the asylum process. 

The experiences of migrants at the border are often traumatic and can have long-lasting effects. The journey to the border is fraught with risks, and the consequences of being denied asylum can be severe. 

The story of the migrants at the border is a reminder of the need for compassion and empathy in our approach to immigration policy. It is crucial that we continue to advocate for policies that prioritize the well-being of migrants and ensure that they receive the assistance they need to claim their rights and seek safety. 

The Jersey Journal, Featuring Alexander Santora

Portfolio
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Editorial Awards

Daily – Over 20,000 NEWS COLUMN
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — News Column

THIRD PLACE

Amy Rosenberg
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Jerry Carino
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

Mike Kelly
The Record (Bergen)

Portfolio
Weekly

FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING
Plan Would Reshape
The Fourth Ward

Louis C. Hochman
Montclair Local
PRIZE
TIME!!
Weekly HEADLINES
Eggstraordinary! There’s a Peck of Chicken Farmers in Montclair: Catching Lightning in a Bottle and Other Joys of Firefly Season: Young Team + No Home Field: Recipe for 2 Championships?!
Joe Dziublenski
Montclair Local

Side By Side Over Sondheim; This is What It Sounds Like, When Doves Fly; Storming Back After Weather Delays
Jay Mann

Driving Whale Sloshed is Just Fine With Goldfish; That’s a Bumblefish: Bees Are Reassigned to Strange Category; Visited By Smokey’s Kin, County Gets Its Bearings

First Place

Jay Mann
The SandPaper

Weekly – Headlines

2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PERENNIAL PLACE: The Beston Island Falcon Tower, constructed by Ron Wanta, Habitat Program manager with Causeway Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, attracts perigean falcons that formerly nested under the newly-restored Causeway Bridge until ousted by construction work. With bridge work completed, the falcons prefer their new digs.

Jay Mann

Driving Whale Sloshed is Just Fine With Goldfish; That’s a Bumblefish: Bees Are Reassigned to Strange Category; Visited By Smokey’s Kin, County Gets Its Bearings

The Fish Story

That’s a Bumblefish: Bees Are Reassigned To Strange Category

Inshore, Offshore, Nearshore ... Unsure

An ifisheries.com article headlined "Great Day for Bumbleflies As California’s Un-Make That Day’s Fish" during a day by explaining the antics. District Chief of the APC has stated that in the APC, efforts can be channelled in an erroneous effort to make the California Inland Fisheries Act less defensible.

Goldfish’s ESA may be weakened by releasing all amphibians, reptiles, mammals and fish. Bees! Not so much. Buzzards and chafers are protected in a previous legal effort to gain some conservation measures for the bees. The court ruled in favor of "no bees at all".

A whole new set of predators are now being considered for the bees of the 2022 season. California recently banned itself from releasing bees in the state. Effective June 1, 2022, the release of non-native bumble bees are ... Shh ... Say "shh"!

"Every attempt should not go all the way to the ESA and not even the setup of releasing bumble bees in the near future. Nor should they have been using flying fruit. Cal’s bumble bees are becoming more and more endangered. Being the buzzard – and the very idea that they are considered invasive – is one of the reasons they have the bee in the day ... for now, appeals being what they are.

My read: "The Fish" classification comes to a shock to the bumblebees, one bee being quoted as saying, “I’m a flying pollinator. I can’t swing a lasso, dude.” A Sacramento bee recently said, “I’m taking the whole Bumble Bee thing very seriously.”

While this piece of flying wildlife remains uncertain, it is possible the ESA may be extending to help protect the bees. While N.J. is generally doing commendable well at keeping in line with those protection, many folks like myself are always looking to improve N.J’s natural state, even if we wind up having “fish” cross-polinating our cranberries and blueberries farms.

CASYWAY FOR CONCERN:

For decades, we know the big three structures that grace the Island’s beachfront were technically called "grows" but the colloquially accepted "jetties" – jetty technically being a rock structure marking the break of an inlet, not anti-terrorism devices used against an anti-terrorist entity.

By choice, we intentionally chose not to call the grounds by their given name. The reason was obvious: the term “jetties” was a stringent term used to describe the above mentioned structures.

Though our genes are currently nested values, should they suddenly begin to refer to them as “jetties,” it’s grandfathereed in, making them grandpappy groups. Which brings us to “Causeway,” which is neither a grow ... nor uncommon. Explanation seems needed.

The 3-mile connector of LBI and the mainland is not even remotely a causeway, despite being informally dubbed such from the 19th century. I usually recall once being lectured on the subject, I lied not remotely. It was the Causeway, our Causeway, enough said.

Robert Howard

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Quick E-Bike Rejoiner:
I got a mostly, mostly a feedback after last week’s gab about e-bikes. I had expected some solid news from chemically uneasy drivers, which is largely - and needed to massively and steadily, may even still be on-going.
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PRIZE TIME!!
Daily – Under 20,000

SPORTS COLUMN
SECOND PLACE

Bill Evans
South Jersey Times

After Just 5 Seasons, Softball Tournament of Champions Gone Before Its Time; Glory–Suriano Highlights Huge Night for NJ; A Gamble that Matched Up 2 Stars was Good for Teams, Wrestlers and the Sport
FIRST PLACE

Brad Wilson
The Express-Times

Wrestling Columns
Daily – Over 20,000

SPORTS COLUMN
THIRD PLACE

Art Stapleton
The Record (Bergen)

Inside Kevin Burkhardt and Greg Olsen’s Rise from North Jersey to NFL Broadcasting Stardom; Unique Bond has NY Giants Fan Rooting for Odell Beckham Jr. in Super Bowl; Inside a Hall of Fame Leg
SECOND PLACE

Steve Politi
The Star-Ledger

Days After His Wife Died, This 86-Year-Old NJ Ace Honored Her With a Championship; St. Peter’s Tops Purdue as the Best Story in NCAA Hoops History Gets Even Better; How Grieving NJ Bobsledder Will Honor Her Late Sister at Beijing Olympics

How a grieving N.J. bobsledder will honor her late sister at the Beijing Olympics | Politi

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A Yankees legend and Jersey guy leaves a legacy that goes beyond pinstripes.

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Editorial Awards

Weekly

BEST LEDE
THIRD PLACE

Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Timing of Road Work, First Responder Access Called Into Question; 34th Exercise Tiger Remembrance Marked on LBI; Law Enforcement Lauds Connection With Community
Barnegat Girls Bowlers Just Miss on Division Title; Stafford Softball Player Takes Home Run Swing to National Junior Derby; Simon’s Career at Southern Capped By D-1 College Signing

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Barnegat Girls Bowlers Just Miss on Division Title: Stafford Softball Player Takes Home Run Swing to National Junior Derby: Simon’s Career at Southern Capped By D-1 College Signing

SECOND PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper

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Weekly — Best Lede
Pro Wrestling Returns; Tree-mendous; Green Sunfish

David Polakiewicz
Echoes-Sentinel

Pro Wrestling Returns; Tree-mendous; Green Sunfish
2022  Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
THIRD PLACE

Gail Travers
Pattie McIntyre

The SandPaper

Editorial Pages
SECOND PLACE

Andrea Bondy
Montclair Local

Jan. 6; Sept 22
FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Opinion June 29;
Opinion Sept. 28
Daily — Under 20,000

BEST HEADLINES
SECOND PLACE

David Blomquist
The Jersey Journal
Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

James Moening
The Express-Times

Neighbors Say Restored Church Bell Taking a Toll; Compost Plan Draws Heaps of Residents; Council Hears Shellfish Reason to Remove 3 Dams
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Editorial Awards

Daily – Over 20,000

BEST HEADLINES
THIRD PLACE

Kevin Davis
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Scott Muller
The Record (Bergen)

The Plight of the Honeybee;
The Father and the Son;
Nose for Collectibles
FIRST PLACE

Phil Cornell
The Star-Ledger

It Wasn’t Calm and She’s Not Carrying On: Bag Ban Curbs My Enthusiasm for Shopping From Home; Disco Fries and, Authorities Say, an Iced Capo

Bag ban curbs my enthusiasm for shopping from home

Walmart and Target’s out-of-bag experience packs complications into pickup.

Jessica Beym, For The Star-Ledger

I’m a mom of two boys and always looking for ways to make my life easier. Bringing them to the grocery store is NOT one of them. Pandemic or not, curbside pickup has been incredibly convenient — until now.

Wednesday was the first day of New Jersey’s plastic bag ban, and I put shop-from-home to the test at the two stores I frequent the most. Unfortunately, these stores are the ones that seemed the most problematic because they were going completely bagless: Walmart and Target.

Both stores have grocery sections larger than 2,500 square feet, so they are banned from giving out plastic or paper bags when customers check out. Most other grocery stores we talked to said they’re changing for reusable bags with every order — either worked into the cost, tacked on as a flat fee, or a price per bag.

Even that’s not ideal because the cost will surely add up: 10 bags a week, at a lower end fee of $1 a bag could mean $500 or more a year. With no way to exchange the bags, it will end up being nearly as wasteful as single-use plastics.

But Walmart and Target’s plans are, at minimum, inconvenient. If you have a big order, and at worst, not practical for anyone who has mobility issues.

Neither solution seems great and maybe grocery stores and retailers can learn from each other to come up with something better.

On the eve of the bag ban, Walmart officials told us that customers doing grocery pickup “will see app reminders to bring their reusable bags and containers to their pickup appointment for easy transfer of their items into their vehicle. Customers can also add reusable bags to their grocery purchase.”

Neither of these was true. Sure, there’s a message at the top of the app saying “Per state law, from 5/6 NJ goes bagless” with an option to “shop containers.” But those options aren’t reusable bags. Instead, I was prompted to add 18-gallon totes or a 24-inch wrench storage box set to my order. Yeah, that’s not going to work.

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2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Editorial Awards

Weekly

Packaging the News

SPORTS SECTION

LAYOUT/CONTENT
THIRD PLACE

Andrea Bondy
Montclair Local

Sports Feb. 24: Sept. 15
SECOND PLACE

Phil Nardone
The Madison Eagle

Sports March 10; Sept. 29
FIRST PLACE
Phil Nardone
Bob Decker
The Citizen of Morris County

Sports Sept. 28; Nov. 16
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Editorial Awards

Weekly

Packaging the News
SPECIAL ISSUE
THIRD PLACE

Staff

The SandPaper

The Beachcomber

Holiday Guide
SECOND PLACE

David Nahan, Rachel Shubin, Sam Hutchins, Craig D. Schenck

Ocean City Sentinel

10-Year Anniversary
Of Hurricane Sandy
FIRST PLACE

Philip Nardone
The Bernardsville News

Football 2022
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE

TIME!!
ONLINE RESULTS
Daily – Under 20,000

BEST WEB PROJECT
SECOND PLACE

Nick Falsone
Kathleen Parrish
The Express-Times

Voices of the Lehigh Valley’s LGBTQ Community
FIRST PLACE
Sara K. Satullo
Nick Falson
The Express-Times

Built to Last,
Bought to Bulldoze
Daily — Over 20,000

BEST WEB PROJECT
My Hometown: Tour the Jersey Shore Spots that Bruce Springsteen Made Famous

News Article:

Pants undone, heroin in his lap: Murder suspect’s appearance led cops to his arrest

Kathleen Hopkins

Staff

Asbury Park Press

NJPA

New Jersey Press Association
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — Best Web Project

SECOND PLACE

Adam Clark, Andre Malok, Michael Mancuso, Carl Roberts
The Star-Ledger

The Rise and Fall of The Jersey Seagull
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — Best Web Project

FIRST PLACE

Staff
The Star-Ledger

The Pay Check
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Online Awards

Weekly

BREAKING NEWS
SPORTS STORY
SECOND PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Southern Regional Clamps Down in Fourth Quarter to Win Second Straight Sectional Crown
FIRST PLACE

David Biggy

The SandPaper

Barnegat Girls Bowling Squad Captures School’s Third Sectional Championship
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Daily – Under 20,000

BEST VIDEO
Third Place

Chris LaChall
Courier-Post

Moorestown Freshman DJ with Autism Provides Music, Inspiration to School’s Basketball Team
SECOND PLACE

Chris LaChall
Courier-Post

VETMOTO Nonprofit Teaches Trade Skills to Enrich Lives of Veterans and At-Risk Youth
FIRST PLACE

Saed Hindash
The Express-Times

Lehigh Valley Pound 4 Pound Boxing is Giving Kids a Fighting Chance to Stay Off the Streets
Daily – Over 20,000

BEST VIDEO
THIRD PLACE

Chris Pedota
The Record (Bergen)

Exxon Executive Kidnapping
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — Best Video

SECOND PLACE

Michael Karas
The Record (Bergen)

Targeting Retaliation
FIRST PLACE

Brian Johnston
Doug Hood
Thomas P. Costello
Asbury Park Press

Documentary: Roadside Memorials in New Jersey and Why People Make Them
SECOND PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Southern Regional Food Drive 2022
FIRST PLACE

David Biggy
The SandPaper

Southern Regional Memorial Day Field of Flags 2022
Daily – Under 20,000

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS
SECOND PLACE

Sarah Cassi
Tony Rhodin
Kurt Bresswein
The Express-Times

Mass-Casualty Incident
At Charter School
FIRST PLACE

Sarah Cassi, Steve Novak, Tony Rhodin, Nick Falsone

The Express-Times

Shooting a Musikfest
Online Awards

Daily – Over 20,000

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS
THIRD PLACE
Nicholas Katzban
Kristie Cattafi
The Record (Bergen)

American Dream
Mall Shooting
SECOND PLACE

Eric Conklin
The Press of Atlantic City

Investigation Into Police-Involved Shooting In Absecon Continues
FIRST PLACE
Scott Fallon, Gene Myers, Katie Sobko, Steve Janoski
The Record (Bergen)
Qualco Fire Coverage
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Online Awards

Weekly

BREAKING NEWS STORY
Second Place
Gina G. Scala
Juliet Kaszas-Hoch
The SandPaper

Board Votes to Sell LBI Grade School to Local Architect for $14 Million

Sitting in the media center of the LBI Grade School at its Sept. 20 meeting, the Long Beach Island Consolidated Board of Education agreed to sell the school and its property in Ship Bottom to Michael Pagnotta for just over $14 million.

“I am pleased to announce that the district is taking a step forward towards the consolidation and improvement of our school facilities,” Board President Coleto Southwick said. “After reviewing and evaluating the effort to consolidate the schools into one building to meet the needs of our student population, both present and future, on Tuesday, the board adopted a resolution to approve the sale of the Long Beach Island School to Pagnotta Architecture. This resolution was the hard work of previous boards of education going back to 2010 when the first feasibility study was completed.”

She cautioned the resolution is only one step, noting there are still many obstacles the board faces before the building finally could be sold. Among those challenges, Southwick said, are numerous approvals from local officials in order for the property to be able to be developed.
John Kaszuba Lived to Build Up Southern Regional Community And Everybody In It

John Kaszuba was one of the students Kaszuba was talking about.

"No matter what your dream was, he was your cheerleader, somebody who always encouraged you to dream big, and it was easy to draw confidence from him," said Ward, a 2015 Southern graduate now working in Los Angeles as a TV producer for Warner Bros., who took time on Friday, Nov. 4 to talk about Kaszuba, who passed away Wednesday, Nov. 2, at age 63.
Daily – Over 20,000

BEST VIDEO PORTFOLIO
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Daily Over 20,000 — Best Video Portfolio

THIRD PLACE

Joe Martucci
The Press of Atlantic City

The Season
SECOND PLACE

Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
FIRST PLACE

Michael Karas
The Record (Bergen)

Portfolio
Daily – Over 20,000

BEST AUDIO PORTFOLIO
THIRD PLACE

Mott Holiner, Kirsten Lang, Sean Sublette, Joe Martucci

The Press of Atlantic City

Across the Sky Podcast
SECOND PLACE

Jordan Gass-Poore, Michael Sol Warren, James Kraft, Chris Pandza
NJ Spotlight News

Hazard NJ Podcast
FIRST PLACE

Rebecca Everett
Jessica Remo
The Star-Ledger

Father Wants Us Dead
At this time, I would like to ask President Brett Ainsworth, to come up and continue with the editorial awards presentation.
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
Daily General Excellence Criteria

Two General Excellence winners are awarded – one in each circulation division. This year, winners are chosen by tallying points based on each award won in the following Editorial and Online categories: Public Service, Enterprise, First Amendment, Breaking News, News Writing Portfolio, Specialty Portfolio, Features Portfolio, Sports Portfolio, Scholastic Sports, Business, News Column, Best Video, Best Online Breaking News and Best Video Portfolio, as well as all photography categories. First place earns three points. Second place receives two points. Third place gets one point.

The newspaper with the most cumulative points in each circulation division wins the award.

Weekly General Excellence Criteria

The weekly General Excellence winner is awarded according to which newspaper receives the highest cumulative total for first-, second- and third-place awards in all categories, including photography. First place earns three points. Second place receives two points. Third place gets one point.
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Daily – Under 20,000

1st
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Daily – Under 20,000

The Express-Times
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Daily – Over 20,000

1st
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Daily – Over 20,000

The Star-Ledger
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

GENERAL EXCELLENCE Weekly

1st
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

The SandPaper

GENERAL EXCELLENCE Weekly

1st
2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE

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2022 Better Newspaper Contest

PRIZE TIME!!
Thank You For Coming!
See You Next Year!