

**2003**  
**Photography**  
**NJPA Better Newspaper Contest Results**

**Spot News**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Fatal Fire”

Nick Messina

The Shopper News, Fair Lawn

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Refinery Fire”

Scott D. Longfield

The Two River Times, Red Bank

**Third Place**

“Rollover”

Nick Messina

The Shopper News, Fair Lawn

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Spot News**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Saving An Angel”

Bob Karp

Daily Record, Parsippany

**Second Place**

“High School Fight”

Danielle Austen

Daily Record, Parsippany

**Third Place**

“Rescued Kittens”

David Gard

The Times, Trenton

**Honorable Mention**

“East Brunswick Fire”

Mark R. Sullivan

Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Honorable Mention**

“Run to Safety”

Frank Conlon

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**General News**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Wish You Were Here”

Alan Leon

Bloomfield Life

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Home is Where You Lay Your Head”

Jeff Granit

The News Transcript, Freehold

Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**

“Homecoming”

Jeff Granit

The Independent, Middletown

Greater Media Newspapers

**Honorable Mention**

“Candlelight Memories”

Michael Karas

Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**General News**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Tensions in Iraq”

Noah Addis

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**

“Cry for Shani”

Mitsu Yasukawa

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Third Place**

“Reflecting and Remembering”

Brian Ferreira

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Honorable Mention**

“Remains”

Noah Addis

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Honorable Mention**

“The Price of Being Different”

Jon Naso

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**General News Picture Story  
Weekly**

**First Place**

“Cpl. Curtin”

Jeff Granit

Tri-Town News, Jackson

Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Time with Seniors”

John Keating

Cranbury Press

Packet Publications

**Third Place**

“Unity”

Veronica Yankowski

The Independent, Middletown

Greater Media Newspapers

**General News Picture Story  
Daily**

**First Place**

“Forensic Detectives”

Michael J. Treola

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Second Place**

“Bullet Wound Brings Palestinian Teen to US for Recovery”

Kevin R. Wexler

Herald News, West Paterson

**Third Place**

“Greatest Gift”

Chris Rossi

Gloucester County Times, Woodbury

**Sports Action  
Weekly**

**First Place**

“Stop You Anyway I Can”

Jerry Wolkowitz

The Examiner, Allentown

Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**

“The Human Wall of Ocean”

Chris Kelly

The Hub, Long Branch

Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**

“Super Sacker”

Bill Allen, Jr.

The Progress, Caldwell

Recorder Community Newspapers

**Honorable Mention**

“Worlds Collide”

Alan Leon

The Montclair Times

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Sports Action**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Pedro vs. Zimmer”

Chris Faytok

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**

“Twisted Face”

Edward B. Lea

The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Third Place**

“Hanger On”

Peter Ackerman

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Honorable Mention**

“Ouch at Second”

Scott Anderson

Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Sports Feature**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Male Bonding”

Chris Kelly

Brick Township Bulletin

Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Sudden Death Winner”

David Nahan

Ocean City Sentinel

Sample Media, Inc.

**Third Place**

“It Hurts”

Ben Scheetz

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing

**Honorable Mention**

“We Won”

John Keating

Cranbury Press

Packet Publications

**Sports Feature**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“This Bites”

Mark R. Sullivan

Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Second Place**

“Private Moment”

John Munson

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Third Place**

“Peek-a-boo”

John O'Boyle

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Honorable Mention**

“Victors”

Peter Ackerman

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Honorable Mention**

“Grief for 'Goose' “

Cie Stroud

The Times, Trenton

**Sports Feature Picture Story**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Standing on His Own Two Feet”

Veronica Yankowski

Brick Township Bulletin

Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Little League”

John Keating

South Brunswick Post, Dayton  
Packet Publications

**Third Place**

“From the Beginning”

Jeff Granit

The Sentinel, East Brunswick  
Greater Media Newspapers

**Sports Feature Picture Story**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Pastime”

Chris Faytok

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**

“Beach Battle”

Peter Ackerman

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Third Place**

“Tennis Everyone?”

Ellie Markovitch

Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**

“Wild, Wild East”

Danielle Richards

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

**Feature**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“High Dive”

Reena Rose Sibayan

The Cranford Eagle

Worrall Community Newspapers

**Second Place**

“Got an Itch”

Robyn C. Stein

Hopewell Valley News

Packet Publications

**Third Place**

“Walking a Fine Line”

Jeff Granit

The Suburban, Old Bridge

Greater Media Newspapers

**Honorable Mention**

“The Shot”

Nick Messina

The Shopper News, Fair Lawn

North Jersey Community Newspapers

**Feature**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Embarrassed Poet”

Kathy Johnson

Courier News, Bridgewater

**Second Place**

“Hoop Play”

Melvin C. Evans, Jr.

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

**Third Place**

“Hugs and Kisses”

Augusto F. Menezes

Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Honorable Mention**

“Snow Headaches”

Jose. F. Moreno

Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Feature Picture Story**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Shad Fishing”

Robyn C. Stein

The Beacon, Lambertville

Packet Publications

**Second Place**

“Training to Survive”

Phil McAuliffe

The Register News, Bordentown

Packet Publications

**Third Place**

“Decoy Mania”

Marjorie Amon Stone

The Sandpaper, Surf City

**Feature Picture Story**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Street Preachers”

Amy Newman, Kevin R. Wexler

Herald News, West Paterson

**Second Place**

“Mahogany”

Ellie Markovitch

Herald News, West Paterson

**Third Place**

“Broad Street”

Aris Economopoulos

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Honorable Mention**

“Pregnant with Cancer”

Bob Karp

Daily Record, Parsippany

**Honorable Mention**

“Two Households as One”

Peter Ackerman

Asbury Park Press, Neptune

**Portrait**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Hometown Hero”

Veronica Yankowski

The Suburban, Old Bridge

Greater Media Newspapers

**Second Place**

“All in the Family”

Veronica Yankowski

The Examiner, Allentown

Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**

“Charlotte and the Butterfly”

Reena Rose Sibayan

Summit Observer

Worrall Community Newspapers

**Portrait**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Halloween Tour Guide”

Danny Drake



The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Second Place**

“Durreshahwar & Children”

Jason Towlen

Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Third Place**

“Blues Man”

Ryan Mercer

Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**

“Reflection”

David Gard

The Times, Trenton

**Honorable Mention**

“Fighter”

Alexandra Pais

Home News Tribune, East Brunswick

**Pictorial**

**Weekly**

**First Place**

“Snow Birds”

Scott D. Longfield

The Two River Times, Red Bank

**Second Place**

“Crazy 'bout an Automobile”

Veronica Yankowski

The Examiner, Allentown

Greater Media Newspapers

**Third Place**

“Falls Beauty”

Phil McAuliffe

The Register-News, Bordentown

Packet Publications

**Pictorial**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Gone Sledding”

Cindy DeSau

The Times, Trenton

**Second Place**

“Stripers in December”

Ryan Mercer

Herald News, West Paterson

**Third Place**

“Mantis at Rest”

Jose F. Moreno

Courier-Post, Cherry Hill

**Honorable Mention**

“Winter Walk”

Cindy DeSau

The Times, Trenton

**Honorable Mention**

“Sunset Row”

Daniel Hulshizer

Associated Press

**Illustrations**

**Daily**

**First Place**

“Cyber Nannies”

Saed Hindash

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Second Place**

“All American Tomato”

Vernon Ogrodnek

The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville

**Third Place**

“Summer Fruit”

Ryan Mercer

Herald News, West Paterson

**Honorable Mention**

“Waist Not-Want Not”

Saed Hindash

The Star-Ledger, Newark

**Best of Show**

“Pedro vs. Zimmer”

Chris Faytok

The Star-Ledger, Newark