2009 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Daily

General Excellence

Daily under 60,000

Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

The Record (Bergen County)
D-1, Responsible Journalism – Public Service, Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “Pingry Arms”
Mark Spivey
Courier News

2nd Place: “Tracking the Federal Stimulus”
Ryan Tracy, Meir Rinde, Erin Duffy, Tom Sommerville
The Times

3rd Place: “Plainfield Quizzed On Role Of Pair”
Mark Spivey
Courier News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Hackensack University Medical Center”
Lindy Washburn, Mary Jo Layton, Peter Sampson
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: “Fighting New Jersey’s Tax Crush”
Paul D’Ambrosio, Jean Mikle, Andrea Clurfeld, Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: “Bergen County Technical School District”
Michael Gartland
The Record (Bergen County)
D-2, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “Responsibility, Not Loopholes”
“State Needs to Stop this Pain”
“For Bill Cahir, Our Gratitude”
Mary Lee Donahue
Gloucester County Times

2nd Place: “Big Payout in Dover”
“Perks Out of Control”
“Off-Base in Hanover”
Fred Snowflack
Daily Record

3rd Place: “Now Is The Times”
Nora O’Dowd
The Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Hoping to Beat the Odds”
“Credit the Surgeons”
“A Crack in the Records Act”
Kevin Manahan
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: “20-point Tax Plan Series”
Randy Bergmann
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: “An Assemblyman’s Parking Ticket”
“Of Mussels and Men”
“Gadhafi and New Jersey”
Jim Perskie
The Press of Atlantic City
D-3, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “Educating Our Work Force”
Joseph P. Smith
The The Daily Journal

2nd Place: “Fear of Curbs Spurs Rise in Gun Permits”
Matt Manochio
Daily Record

3rd Place: “Medicine or Mistake?”
Stephen J. Novak, Bill Wichert, Sarah Wojcik, Tom Quigley
The Express-Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Desperation Street”
Meredith Mandell, Leslie Barbaro
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: “The Wounds Within: Suicide in the Military”
Mark Mueller, Tomas Dinges
The Star-Ledger

3rd Place: “Eye on the Economy”
Shannon Mullen, Peter Ackerman
Asbury Park Press
D-4, Responsible Journalism – First Amendment
The Art Weissman Memorial Award

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: “Mayor in Corruption Sweep Has County Ties”
Melissa Hayes, David Levinsky
Burlington County Times

2nd Place: “Big Payout in Dover”
Staff
Daily Record

3rd Place: “State Tosses Hanover Park Regional’s Buyout Deal”
Laura Bruno
Daily Record

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: “Private Jobs, Public Pensions”
Elise Young
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: “New Jersey Denies 911 Call Centers Millions”
Daniel Walsh
The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place: “Six-figure Salaries on Your Dime”
Paul D’Ambrosio, Andrea Clurfeld, Jean Mikle,
Todd B. Bates, Shannon Mullen
Asbury Park Press
D-5, Reporting and Writing – Breaking News

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “Charged”
           “Healy: Yes, I’m Official 4” et al
           Michaelangelo Conte, Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark, Agustin Torres,
           Paul Takahashi Carly Baldwin, Jennifer Kim
           The Jersey Journal

2nd Place:  “Bloodbath”
           “Trail of Violence”
           Michaelangelo Conte, Charles Hack, Amy Sara Clark,
           Agustin Torres, Paul Takahashi
           The Jersey Journal

3rd Place:  “Vanaman Pleads Guilty”
           Jospeh P. Smith, Joel Landau, Kristi Funderburk, Joe Moore
           The The Daily Journal

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Greed, Betrayal, Shame”
           Staff
           The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  “Miracle on the Hudson”
           Staff
           The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place:  “Walk of Shame”
           Staff
           The Star-Ledger
D-6, Reporting and Writing – News Writing Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: “Missing Hunter’s Body Found”
“10 Years after Columbine, Security a Fact of School Life”
“Slim Chance”
Jessica Beym
Gloucester County Times

2nd Place: “Growing Number of Patients Lack Health Insurance”
“Asian Stink Bugs Invading New Jersey”
“Breaking Up Harder as the Economy Adds Obstacles”
Lorraine Ash
Daily Record

3rd Place: “Acquitted in Sex Case, Coach Fights to Survive”
“One Act Destroyed Three Families”
“Disabled Man Questions Exclusion from Jury”
Ken Serrano
Home News Tribune

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: “A Shore Tradition: Wise Guys”
“On Tape, Savage Gloats Over Six Deaths”
“Married to the Mob, Without the Laughs”
George Anastasia
The Philadelphia Inquirer

2nd Place: “Party All Week”
“Security at Clubs May Not be Trained”
“Christie Takes Risk with Inner-City Strategy”
Juliet Fletcher
The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place: “Reactor Warning Devises Still Out”
“Water Pollution Signs”
“Police Salaries $90,000 Plus Overtime”
Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press
D-7, Reporting and Writing – Environmental Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “Sussex County’s Power Future”
Seth Augenstein
New Jersey Herald

2nd Place: “EPA Steps Up NJ Site Cleanup”
Stephen J. Novak
The Express-Times

3rd Place: no winner

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “Is It Worth Going Green?”
Todd B. Bates
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place: “A Muddy Future”
“Coal’s Here to Stay”
“Habitat for Danger”
Scott Fallon
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: no winner
D-8, Reporting and Writing – Feature, Lifestyle & Entertainment Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “Joby is Still Leading the Way”
            “BHS Class of 1959 Reunites”
            “14 Year-old Strings ‘Beads of Courage’ Fighting Leukemia”
            Joe Green
            The News of Cumberland County

2nd Place:  “Parubchenko Earns Reputation for Doing ’Damn Good Work’”
            “Praise the Lord and Pass the Popcorn”
            “Chilly Plung for Good Cause”
            Erin Duffy
            The Times

3rd Place:  “Go-Go Soaks Up Limelight”
            “Bad Moon Rising”
            “City Pulling Plug on Basement Shows”
            Chris Jordan
            Home News Tribune

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Intriguing People: Oksana Baiul”
            “Intriguing People: Jim White”
            “Jackson Profoundly Influenced a Generation”
            Mike Kerwick
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  “This Summer’s Hot Beach Game. Quoits? Nah! It’s Ladder Ball”
            “Pool of Rock”
            “An Old Hand at Fresh Seafood”
            Amy Rosenberg
            The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place:  “Banker to Bayman”
            “Post-Literate Society”
            “Leaving NJ”
            Shannon Mullen
            Asbury Park Press
D-9, Reporting and Writing – Sports Writing Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Jerry Carino  
Courier News

2nd Place: Ben Watanabe  
The The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Paul Franklin  
Home News Tribune

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Jeff Roberts  
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Stephen Edelson  
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: Gus Ostrum  
Courier-Post
D-10, Reporting and Writing – Scholastic Sports Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Greg Tufaro
Home News Tribune

2nd Place: Patrick Villanova
The Jersey Journal

3rd Place: Jane Allison Havs
Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: Jeff Roberts
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Matthew Stanmyre
Courier-Post

3rd Place: Kevin Minnick
Courier-Post
D-11, Reporting and Writing – Business and Financial Writing Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “Frozen Bond Markets Thawing”
            “Recession Gives Community Banks Opportunity”
            “Recession Hurts Job-Hunting Teens”
            Ryan Tracy
            The Times

2nd Place:  “The Man with the Plan”
            “To Some It’s Harder to Rent Out”
            “Girl, 13, Opens Thrift Shop for the Needy”
            Jessica Driscoll
            Gloucester County Times

3rd Place:  “Rate Change Jolts NJ Farmers”
            “Owner Puts Cork in Winery”
            “Milk Prices Could Climb”
            Bill Wichert
            The Express-Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Unhappy Returns”
            “Shore Bargains on Pricey Homes”
            “Surf’s Up”
            David P. Willis
            Asbury Park Press

2nd Place:  “Atlantic City Battered by Rivals, Economy”
            “What Happens in Vegas: Lots Less”
            “States Go All In to Get a Shot at Gambling Gold”
            Suzette Parmley
            The Philadelphia Inquirer

3rd Place:  “Cherry Hill Mall Unveiled: Major Revamp Enlivens Icon”
            “Many S.J. Restaurants Hungry for Profits”
            “Two S.J. Mortgage Firms Tied to Scam”
            Eileen Smith
            Courier-Post
D-12, Reporting and Writing – News/Business Column

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “When is Too Much Information a Problem?”
Paul C. Grzella
Courier News

2nd Place:  “Cover Captured Reality of Violence”
L.A. Parker
The Trentonian

3rd Place:  “Thanks Again, Sister Rosa Mystica”
Jim Six
Gloucester County Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Take the City Back”
Barry Carter
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place:  “Under Fire”
Bill Handleman
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place:  “Camden’s Needs Unmet”
Monica Yant Kinney
The Philadelphia Inquirer

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D-13, Reporting and Writing – Op-Ed Column

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:      “He Answered the Call and Paid the Price”
                “Image of Truth Is Something We’d Rather Not See”
                “Tragic Story Deserves Its Day in Court”
                Joseph P. Owens
                The Express-Times

2nd Place:      “Brave Call on Marijuana from Carroll”
                Fred Snowflack
                Daily Record

3rd Place:      “Vega’s Got a Big Problem and Small Political Future” et al
                Agustin C. Torres
                The Jersey Journal

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:      “Like Childhood, Shea is Nothing More Than a Memory”
                “Listen to the Sounds of Snap, Crackle and Pop”
                “What’s Love Got To Do with It”
                Alfred Doblin
                The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:      no winner

3rd Place:      no winner
D-14, Reporting and Writing – Feature/Entertainment Column

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “Uphill Climb Has Many Pitfalls, but Big Rewards”
            “Getting By – One Day at a Time”
            “Faith, Attitude Stronger than Spinal-Cord Injury”
            Mike Daigle
            Daily Record

2nd Place:  “Richter Scale”
            Adam Richter
            The Express-Times

3rd Place:  “Missing the Days When I Was a Backyard Mechanic”
            “Still Praying and Singing in the Same Church”
            “Carving Out a Comfort Zone on Thanksgiving Day”
            Rick Malwitz
            Home News Tribune

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Psyched Up for Sports”
            “How Children Can Stave Off Vacation Brain Burnout”
            “School Daze”
            Colleen Diskin
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  “Looking for Where You Find It”
            “Trust Your Parenting GPS”
            “Miracles Don’t Always Come in Straight Lines”
            Lu Hanessian
            Courier-Post

3rd Place:  “The Gift of Tongues, Slip of Tongue”
            “Springsteen Turns 60”
            “Sons Restore a Father’s Sense of Pride”
            Michael Riley
            Asbury Park Press
D-15, Reporting and Writing – Sports Column

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “New League Draws Rave Reviews”
            “Clues Emerging a Month into Season”
            “More Millennium Decade Memories”
            Joe Hofmann
            Daily Record

2nd Place:  “The Real Deal” et al
            Jay Dunn
            The Trentonian

3rd Place:  no winner

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Unnecessary Roughness”
            “This Course Is No Classic”
            “Always Labor Day for this Shortstop”
            Ian O’Connor
            The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place:  “Brown’s Impact Reaches Far Beyond the Football Field” et al
            Stephen Edelson
            Asbury Park Press

3rd Place:  “How To Begin Road Toward a 26.2 Mile Run” et al
            Kevin Clapp
            The Press of Atlantic City
**D-16, Reporting and Writing – Critical Writing**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: “‘10’ Revisited”  
“The Return of Beatlemania”  
“New Bach Choir”  
Adam Richter  
The Express-Times

2nd Place: “Irredeemable”  
“Kill Audio”  
“The Flash”  
Johnathan Hardick  
The Express-Times

3rd Place: “History Was Never So Enjoyable as in ‘1776’”  
“Noises Off’ a Delightful Disaster”  
“A ‘Prairie’ Full of Ups and Downs”  
William Westhoven  
The Daily Record

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: “Ports of Call”  
“Seasons 52”  
“Fine Flip-Flop Fare”  
Craig LeBan  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

2nd Place: “A Little Trust Can Go a Long Way”  
“A Beautiful Setting is the High Point”  
“Ambassadors for Peruvian Cuisine”  
Elisa Ung  
The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place: “‘Year One’ a Dud of Biblical Proportions”  
“Almodóvar’s Love Letter”  
“A World Apart”  
Stephan Whitty  
The Star-Ledger
D-17, Reporting and Writing – Robert P. Kelly Award

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Matt Fair  
The Times

2nd Place: Jake Remaly  
Daily Record

3rd Place: Kelly Huth  
The Express-Times

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Chris Megerian  
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place: Graelyn Brasher  
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: no other entries
D-18, Reporting and Writing – Best Headlines

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: “All Pants Wet”
“You’re a Republican? I Am Too!”
“Tree a Tunnel Vision
John Crittenden
The Jersey Journal

2nd Place: “In It for the Picks”
“Cash and Caryover”
“Turning Up the Volumes”
Glenn Koppleman
Gloucester County Times

3rd Place: “Law and Tall Order”
“Job Odyssey: Fired, Suit, Rehired, Removed, Suit”
“Animal Backers
Glenn Koppleman
Gloucester County Times

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: “What’s Wrong with this Picture?”
“Where Fascinating Rhythm Meets Good Vibrations”
“Pot in Every Chicken”
Craig Neddle
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: “For Joba the Not, a Long Day in Belmar’s Court”
“In Ocean County, Politics Is All A-Twitter”
“Judge: There’ll Be No Divorcing in the Dark”
Lisa Kruse
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: “Mixed Football Marriage in Margate Offers Chance
for Some Wedded Blitz”
“Same Bank, Same Crime, Same Suspect, Same FBI Agent”
“Boughing to the Economy”
Owen Gallagher
The Press of Atlantic City
D-19, Reporting and Writing – Special Issue

Daily under 60,000

1st Place:  “Women’s Lifestyle in Salem County”
            Colleen P. Moore
            Today’s Sunbeam, Salem

2nd Place:  “Mission Impossible 2”
            Steve Feitl, Ryan Dunleavy
            Courier News

3rd Place:  “2009 Courier News Wish Book”
            Staff
            Courier News

Daily over 60,000

1st Place:  “Best of Winter High Sports”
            Michael Melhorn, Michael McGarry, Emily Gorman, Michael Ein
            The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place:  “Advances in Fight Against Breast Cancer”
            Staff
            The Record (Bergen County)

3rd Place:  “South Jersey Guide 2009-2010”
            Staff
            Courier-Post
D-20, Design and Presentation – News Page Design Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: Kevin Davis  
Daily Record

2nd Place: no winner

3rd Place: no winner

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: Robert S. Townsend  
The Record (Bergen County)

2nd Place: Shawn Weston  
The Star-Ledger

3rd Place: Alan Schuster  
Courer-Post
D-21, Design and Presentation –
Feature Section Page Design Portfolio

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place:  “World Tour”
“V for Victory”
“Inside Story”
“Oh Deer”
“C is for Cookie”
Donna Poulsen
Courier News

2nd Place:  “Cupcake Crazy”
“Cocktail Time”
“Fall Fun”
“Marking a Milestone”
“High-Tech Holidays”
Michelle Malouf-Steimle
Daily Record

3rd Place:  “Work & Play”
“Life Cycle”
“Whistle Blower”
“Cane & Comfort”
“Pane & Simple”
Jane Humes
Gloucester County Times

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place:  Mark Voger
The Star-Ledger

2nd Place:  Jeff Colson
Asbury Park Press

3rd Place:  Emily Gorman
The Press of Atlantic City
**D-22, Design and Presentation – Sports Page Design Portfolio**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place:  “Home News Sports”  
Steve Feitl  
Home News Tribune

2nd Place:  “2009 High School Football Review”  
Patrick Villanova, Mike Gesario  
The Jersey Journal

3rd Place:  Josh Friedman  
The The Daily Journal

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place:  Kevin Steimle  
Asbury Park Press

2nd Place:  Emily Gorman  
The Press of Atlantic City

3rd Place:  R. L. Rebach  
The Record (Bergen County)
D-23, Design and Presentation – Graphics/Illustration Portfolio

Daily under 60,000

1st Place: Andrew Prendimano
            Daily Record

2nd Place: Joe Moore
            The Daily Journal

3rd Place: Adam Hollanek
            Daily Record

Daily over 60,000

1st Place: Tim Faherty
            The Press of Atlantic City

2nd Place: Jeff Colson
            Asbury Park Press

3rd Place: Charlie McGill
            The Record (Bergen County)
**D-24, Innovation Award**

**Daily under 60,000**

1st Place: no winner

**Daily over 60,000**

1st Place: “Obama Posters”  
Andy Prendimano, Jeff Colson,  
Michelle Malouf-Steimle, Alex Riley  
Asbury Park Press