

SPJ – New Jersey Chapter
Journalism Awards for 2001

The coverage of the terrorist attacks of September 11 in The Record of Hackensack, The Two River Times and The Montclair Times, including the iconic photograph that rallied a nation behind its heroes, were recognized in the 2001 annual journalism awards of the New Jersey chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The award for daily deadline reporting went to the staff of The Record for its Sept. 12 edition, headlined "Terror hits home." The photograph by Thomas E. Franklin of The Record, taken on September 11, of firefighters raising the American flag over the ruins of the World Trade Center was chosen best daily spot news photo.

The staff of The Two River Times of Red Bank won the award for weekly deadline reporting for its edition that went to press on September 12, headlined "Two River Torment."

The Stuart and Beverley Awbrey Award for distinguished public service by a community newspaper was shared by The Montclair Times, for its post-September 11 ongoing coverage of the impact of the attacks on Montclair, and the Amboy Beacon, for its campaign to prevent the housing of Perth Amboy's pre-school classes in trailers.

The new Wilson Barto Award for outstanding achievement by a first-year reporter was won by Nicholas Clunn of the Courier News of Bridgewater.

The awards will be presented Saturday at a reception in Hackensack hosted by The Record.

The daily and magazine awards were judged by the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, while the weekly awards were judged by the Western Washington chapter of SPJ. There were more than 500 entries.

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DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Deadline Reporting

- 1st Place Staff, The Record, "Terror hits home"
- 2nd Place Staff, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Camden Parking Authority director murder/suicide"
- 3rd Place Andrew Glazer, A. Scott Ferguson, Herald

News, "Tears for a fallen firefighter"

Feature Writing

- 1st Place Eleanor Barrett, The Star-Ledger, "Seeking globally, hiding locally"
- 2nd Place Matthew Katz, Daily Record, "Dreams of apartment met with frustration"
- 3rd Place Peter Genovese, The Star-Ledger, "Food so good it's criminal"

Business Writing

- 1st Place Ewart Rouse, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Connectiv"
- 2nd Place Joseph R. Perone, The Star-Ledger, "A long, hard road"
- 3rd Place Kevin G. DeMarrais, The Record, "Keeping the lights on"

Profile Reporting

- 1st Place Peter Genovese, The Star-Ledger, "A walk on the wild side"
- 2nd Place Jay Levin, The Record, "At 88, dressed to the nines"
- 3rd Place Kirk Moore, Asbury Park Press, "Pilot takes bravery to new heights"

Sports Reporting

- 1st Place Tara Sullivan, The Record, "Sneaker wars — footing the bill"
- 2nd Place Kristian Pope, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "A gift for running"
- 3rd Place Angela Daidone, The Jersey Journal, "Bad News, Bears"

Health, Science, Technology, and Environmental Reporting

- 1st Place Joseph R. Perone, Beth Fitzgerald, The

- Star-Ledger, "The pitch"
- 2nd Place Jason Fink, The Jersey Journal, "Diabetes: hitting minorities hard"
- 3rd Place Todd B. Bates, Asbury Park Press, "Green Line"

Series Writing & Reporting

- 1st Place Michael Vitez, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Paulsboro Wrestling"
- 2nd Place Sarah Kanter, Herald News, "Urban Health, Obesity: Reaching Critical Mass"
- 3rd Place Mike Kelly, The Record, "Fire in the Hills"

Investigative Reporting

- 1st Place Will Van Sant, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Camden overtime"
- 2nd Place Jason Method, Asbury Park Press, "Childhood lost: problems at DYFS"
- 3rd Place Staff, The Record, "Driving by deception"

Enterprise Reporting

- 1st Place Staff, The Record, "Generation ecstasy"
- 2nd Place Douglas A. Campbell, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Lobstermen jockey for lucrative territory"
- 3rd Place Michael Diamond, John Froomjian, Jack Kaskey, The Press of Atlantic City, "There's no backbone in state wetlands law"

Editorial Writing

- 1st Place Cynthia A. Henry, The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 2nd Place Jim Wright, The Record, "Trenton's Silence On Mall"
- 3rd Place Henry Bryan, The Philadelphia Inquirer

Column Writing

- 1st Place Michael Kelly, The Record, "A cop on his own"
- 2nd Place John Petrick, The Jersey Journal, "Ticket to ride"
- 3rd Place Bill Handleman, Asbury Park Press, "Coming full circle"

Review Writing

- 1st Place John Zeaman, The Record
- 2nd Place Peter Genovese, The Star-Ledger, "Somethin' Fishy"
- 3rd Place Eleanor O'Sullivan, Asbury Park Press, "A Tarnished Tale"

Headline Writing

- 1st Place Howery Pack, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "New Jersey Group Says It Has a Chance of a Ghost"
- 2nd Place Jeffery Cohen, The Jersey Journal, "Pet Peeves"
- 3rd Place Jeff Trently, The Times of Trenton, "Jesus Is Just Alright to Read"

Editorial Cartooning

- 1st Place Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "We the people"
- 2nd Place Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Torricelli, DiFrancesco, Verniero"

Informational Graphic

- 1st Place Jeffery Cohen, The Jersey Journal, "Diabetes"
- 2nd Place Laurie Triefeldt, The Star-Ledger, "Mountains"

Front Page Layout

- 1st Place Karen P. Funfgeld, The Philadelphia Inquirer,

"McGreevey New N.J. Governor"
2nd Place Lance Theroux, The Record, "Many Faiths Rally for America"

Feature Page Design

1st Place Mark Voger, Asbury Park Press, "Oh, Mickey, You're So Fine"
2nd Place Elaine Isaacson, The Record, "Finding Her Wings"

Spot News Photography

1st Place Thomas E. Franklin, The Record, "Firemen flag-raising"
2nd Place Dan Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Liberty Stands Amid Darkness"
3rd Place Dan Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Tug of War"

Feature Photography

1st Place Ellie Markovitch, Herald News, "Three faces of survival"
2nd Place Sarah J. Glover, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Gotta dance"
3rd Place Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Helping hand"

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS

Stuart and Beverley Awbrey Award for Distinguished Community Journalism

The Montclair Times and the Amboy Beacon

Deadline Reporting

- 1st Place Eileen Moon, Sheilagh Casey, Doris Kulman, Marion Hodge, Peg Sturfels, Sharon Rivera, Karen Irvine, Scott Longfield, Juan Ellis, Two River Times, "Two River Torment"
- 2nd Place Christine Nardone, Prescott Tolk, Tom Jennemann, Al Sullivan, Hudson Reporter Newspaper Group, "The Longest Day"
- 3rd Place Staff, Business News New Jersey, "What Now?"

Feature Writing

- 1st Place Henry Gottlieb, New Jersey Law Journal, "Robert Marshall Tells His Side"
- 2nd Place John Burton, Greater Media Publishing, "Sennachie and Meitheal meet in Red Bank"
- 3rd Place Elizabeth S. Ludas, The Montclair Times, "Persistence and Faith Solve a 32-Year-Old Puzzle"

Profile Writing

- 1st Place Harvey C. Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, "Remembering our man, Rocco Cammarere"
- 2nd Place Sherry Conohan, Atlanticville, "Last sailor of WWII ship USS Juneau"
- 3rd Place Michael Wojcik, The Beacon, "From the mean streets to the Good News"

Business Reporting

- 1st Place Lawrence B. Moniz, Business News New Jersey, "What color is your salmon?"
- 2nd Place Evelyn Apgar, New Jersey Lawyer, "Minorities"

citing plant placements"

3rd Place Gloria Stravelli, The Hub, "Ferries deliver aid during, after tragedy at WTC"

Sports Reporting

1st Place Mike Gesario, The Verona-Cedar Groves Times, "Kings of the hill"

2nd Place Richard A. Sokerka, The Beacon, "Faith in freshman"

3rd Place Michael Wojcik, The Beacon, "Notre Dame now, Major Leagues later"

Health, Science, Technology, and Environmental Reporting

1st Place Dan Goldblatt, Business News New Jersey, "The all-seeing eye"

2nd Place Maria Vogel-Short, New Jersey Lawyer, "Post-partum depression: Making of a new defense"

3rd Place Scott Goldstein, New Jersey Lawyer, "Let's go to the video"

Series Reporting

1st Place Miriam Rinn, The Jewish Standard, "Reporter's Notebook: Poland"

2nd Place Cort Parker Jr., Hunterdon Review, "Hunterdon Confronts New World"

3rd Place Katia Raina and Angela King, The Montclair Times, "Diversity of Montclair"

Investigative Reporting

- 1st Place Al Sullivan, Secaucus Reporter, "Dangerous Mixture"
- 2nd Place Scott Goldstein, New Jersey Lawyer, "Bench Diversity Takes Slow Road"
- 3rd Place Robert G. Seidenstein, New Jersey Lawyer, "Crossing The Line Into Legal Advice"

Enterprise Reporting

- 1st Place Jerry Jastrab, New Jersey Lawyer, "Beware: Erosion of Lawyer-Client Privilege"
- 2nd Place Jennifer Potash, The Princeton Packet, "Once-vibrant Princeton Republicans ponder cause of recent decline"
- 3rd Place Angela G. King, The Montclair Times, "Montclair's a favorite site for moviemaking"

Editorial Writing

- 1st Place Audrey Davie, The Citizen of Morris County, "Criminally Stupid?"
- 2nd Place Frederic K. Becker, New Jersey Lawyer, "An Eye for an Eye"
- 3rd Place Rita Annan-Brady, The Progress, "Does the end really justify the means?"

Column Writing

- 1st Place David P. Rebovich, New Jersey Lawyer, "Gubernatorial candidates deft at turning inside out"
- 2nd Place Minx McCloud, Hillsborough Beacon, "In her

dreams, Mom is still there to offer guidance."

3rd Place Bob Decker, The Citizen of Morris County, "Be parents - not critics"

Review Writing

1st Place Miriam Rinn, Jewish Standard, "Modern Woman in Search of a Soul"

2nd Place Curt Leviant, Jewish Standard, "Success came just before sunset"

3rd Place Jon Shure, New Jersey Lawyer, "Serious TV Newscasts? Don't Hold Your Breath"

Headline Writing

1st Place Richard A. Sokerka, The Beacon, "No cash , no collar"

2nd Place Mike Gesario, The Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Two-che!"

3rd Place Rebecca Boroson, The Jewish Standard, "Ghost writer."

Editorial Cartooning

1st Place Harry Trumbore, The Item of Millburn and Short Hills, "DiFrancesco"

2nd Place George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "I Will Not Smirk at the Judge"

3rd Place Harry Trumbore, The Item of Millburn and Short Hills, "Survivor"

Informational Graphic

- 1st Place Eileen Shine, New Jersey Lawyer, "Has the practice of law become too stressful?"
- 2nd Place George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "Miss that deadline? The computer did it."
- 3rd Place Alice Fogarty and Sandra C. Mailman, New Jersey Lawyer, "The judicial budget getting slim fast."

Front Page Design

- 1st Place Jerry Szubin, Jewish Standard, Sept. 14, "The mourning after."
- 2nd Place Glenn Garvie, Mike Gesario, Paul Milo, The Verona-Cedar Grove Times, Dec. 6, "Kings of the hill"
- 3rd Place Audrey Davie, Stephanie Blanchard, Bob Decker, The Citizen of Morris County, Oct. 3, "A greeting fit for a king"

Feature Page Design

- 1st Place Jaimie Winters, Glenn Garvie, South Bergenite, "Haunted Houses and Halloween Hayrides"
- 2nd Place Joao-Pierre S. Ruth, Business News New Jersey, "Publishing with a dash of pumpkin seed"
- 3rd Place Sandra C. Mailman, New Jersey Lawyer, "Guide to Internet Services"

Spot News Photography

- 1st Place Demitrius Balevski, New Jersey Community Newspapers, "Biker Injured in Crash"

2nd Place Demetrius Balevski, New Jersey Community Newspapers, "A Familiar View Forever Changed"

Feature Photography

1st Place Demetrius Balevski, New Jersey Community Newspapers, "A Day to Remember"

2nd Place Mike Lawson, Suburban Trends, "A Biting Chance"

MAGAZINES

Reporting

1st Place Diane Herbst, New Jersey Monthly, "Real estate revolution"

2nd Place Leslie Garisto Pfaff, New Jersey Monthly, "My two dads"

3rd Place Steve Giegerich, New Jersey Monthly, "Back to the classroom"

Feature writing

1st Place Nancy Erickson, New Jersey Monthly, "The real Tony Soprano"

2nd Place William Bunch, Rutgers Magazine, "Boing!"

Review and Opinion Reporting

1st Place Michael Aaron Rockland, New Jersey Monthly, "The real thing"

2nd Place Perdita Buchan, New Jersey Monthly, "Jug handle principle"

Profile writing

- 1st Place Lauren Otis, New Jersey Monthly, "Gannett's little general"
- 2nd Place Leslie Garisto Pfaff, New Jersey Monthly, "Angel of Boland Hall"
- 3rd Place Bill Glovin, Rutgers Magazine, "The price of progress"

Business Reporting

- 1st Place Jay Levin, New Jersey Monthly, "The Big Push"

Investigative Reporting

- 1st Place Vernon Silver, Bloomberg Markets, "Inside Qaddafi's financial web"
- 2nd Place Sheryl Weinstein, New Jersey Monthly, "Lockdown"
- 3rd Place Lauren Otis, New Jersey Monthly, "The Players"

RADIO and TELEVISION

Radio News Reporting

- 1st Place Andrew Meyer, Doug Doyle, Gary Walker, Terry Sheridan, David Cruz, Nancy Solomon, WBGO, "World Trade Center - WBGO Journal"
- 2nd Place Doug Doyle, Gary Walker, Terry Sheridan, Andrew Meyer, David Cruz, Eugene Sonn, WBGO, "World Trade Center Tragedy"

Radio Enterprise Reporting

- 1st Place Frank Hogan, Bill Menschner, Michelle Gubkin, P.J. Bielavitz, Maureen Taylor, Bruce Hummer, Jeanette Coppola, Dan Riegel, Jen Di Santo, WGLS-FM, Rowan University, "Facing the Facts: The Use and Abuse of

Alcohol"

Television News Reporting

1st Barbara Nevins Taylor, WWOR-TV,
Place September 11 Coverage

Television Enterprise Reporting

1st Barbara Nevins Taylor and Joanna Wysinski,
Place WWOR-TV, "Lemon Law"