

SPJ — New Jersey Chapter
Journalism Awards for 2002

Record, Hub, Law Journal Top Winners

The Record of Hackensack won 10 first-place awards in the daily newspaper category, while The Hub of Long Branch and the New Jersey Law Journal took three top awards in the weekly category in the annual journalism contest of the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The awards, for the calendar year 2002, were presented Saturday, June 7, at a reception at Bloomberg's offices in Plainsboro. Awards also will be presented in magazine and television categories.



Among The Record's recognized work was a series commemorating the first anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Hub was the winner of the Stuart and Beverley Awbrey Award for Distinguished Public Service by a Community Newspaper for its series examining the National Park Service's plan to lease buildings in the national recreation area at Sandy Hook to a private developer.

The Wilson Barto Award for outstanding performance by a first-year reporter went to Jerry Barca of The Star-Ledger in the daily category and to Amy Sara Clark of the New Jersey Jewish Standard in the weekly category.

The daily entries were judged by the Connecticut Chapter of SPJ, while the weekly entries were judged by the Louisville Chapter.

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DAILY

Wilson Barto Award for Outstanding Achievement by a First-Year Reporter

1. Jerry Barca, The Star-Ledger

2. Catherine Holahan, The Record
3. Stephen Chiger, Courier News

Deadline Reporting

1. Jean Mikle, Carol Gorga Williams, James W. Prado Roberts, Nina Rizzo, Chandra M. Hayslett, Gregory J. Volpe, Kristen Ostendorf, Joseph Sapia, Jason Method, Michael Amsel, A. Scott Ferguson, Erik Larsen, Karen Sudol, Naomi Mueller, Asbury Park Press, "5 Shot dead; cop suspected"
2. Tom Hester, Jr., Joel Bewley, Michael Ratcliffe, Joseph Dee, Albert Raboteau, Kevin Shea, Maria Cramer., The Times of Trenton, "Tragedy before the bike race"
3. Dwight Ott, Elisa Ung, Kaitlin Gurney, Kristen Graham, Sam Wood, Jake Wagman, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "July 4 Gloucester City fire"

Feature Writing

1. Mike Kelly, The Record, "Journey Through Shadow"
2. Ruth Padawer, The Record, "Stepping out, gingerly, in size 12-wide pumps"
3. Jan Hefler, Philadelphia Inquirer, "A crime of passion, a young life in limbo"

Profile Writing

1. William Gordon, The Star-Ledger, "Natural Wonder"
2. Kristen Graham, Philadelphia Inquirer, "9/11 widow's plight stirs South Jersey aid"
3. John Curran, The Associated Press, "Buffer Zone"

Business Reporting

1. Kevin G. DeMarrais, The Record, "Police charities: Who benefits?"
2. Lewis Krauskopf, The Record, "Merck sees promise in a novel approach - virus vs. virus"
3. Geoff Mulvihill, The Associated Press, "Just add water: Campbell remakes its condensed soups"

Sports Reporting

1. Mike Kerwick, Asbury Park Press, "One step at a time: Waiting for a liver transplant"
2. Joe Hofmann, The Daily Record, "Mount Olive's Seaman beats the odds"
3. Chris Baldwin, Asbury Park Press, "A slab of stone honors 2 hearts of gold"

Health, Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting

1. Bill Pitcher, The Record, "Vision Quest"
2. Carolyn Feibel, Herald News, "Bad Medicine"
3. Carolyn Feibel, Herald News, "Alternatives to Amputation"

Series Writing and Reporting

1. Staff, The Record, "September 11, 2002"
2. John Froonjian, The Press of Atlantic City, "A home for Sidney: A story of choices"
3. Kitta MacPherson, The Star-Ledger, "Seeds of discord: the battle over golden rice"

Investigative Reporting

1. Paul D'Ambrosio, James Prado Roberts, Asbury Park Press, "First, tell no one"
2. Karen Ayres, The Times of Trenton, "Bus driver approved despite criminal record"
3. (tie) Mark Fazlollah, Jennifer Lin, Philadelphia Inquirer, "The secret sickness: Hepatitis C"
Monsy Alvarado, Jean Rimbach, Benjamin Lesser, Clint Riley, The Record, "Driving by deception"

Enterprise Reporting

1. (tie) Donovan Slack, The Times of Trenton, "Detox dreams haunt addicts"
Elizabeth Llorente, The Record, "Journey of Hope Ends in Despair"
2. Mike Diamond, The Press of Atlantic City, "Flawed system of reporting school violence"
3. Carolyn Feibel, Herald News, "Mentally ill face fate worse than debt"

Editorial Writing

1. Alfred Doblin, Herald News, "Barnes: Guilty at last and all along"
2. Cynthia Henry, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Outside the box"
3. (tie) Richard Benfield, The Record, Torricelli editorials
George Amick, The Times of Trenton, "Lautenberg for Senate"

Column Writing

1. John Kolesar, The Times of Trenton, "Replace candidates? Why not?"
2. Mike Kelly, The Record, "Last Drives"
3. Bill Handleman, Asbury Park Press, "NJSIAA way off base in Marc Taylor case"

Review Writing

1. John Zeaman, The Record, "Urban grit in black and white"
2. Mark Voger, Asbury Park Press, "Aerosmith, Run-D.M.C., take 'Walk' on wild side"
3. Peter Genovese, The Star-Ledger, "Shaker Café"

Headline Writing

1. Janice Ward, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Demon for a day"
2. Brian Hershberg, Courier-Post, "No Jim at S.J. gym: Women only"
3. Joel Pisetzner, The Star-Ledger, "February goes out like a bear"

Editorial Cartooning (Daily and Weekly)

1. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Torricelli meets his opponent face to face"
2. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Sprawl exacerbates the drought"
3. Harry Trumbore, The Item of Millburn and Short Hills, "The fall classic"

Informational Graphic

1. Bob Rebach, The Record, "The danger beneath"
2. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star-Ledger, "The human body"
3. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star-Ledger, "Dynamic Earth"

Front Page Design

1. Robert Townsend, The Record, "9/11/02"
2. Scott Muller, Herald News, "Forever Changed: Sept. 11, 2002"

Feature Page Design

1. Elaine Isaacson, The Record, "Get Set! 9/12/02"
2. Nicola Corbin, Herald News, "Does hair still matter?"
3. Lisa Monsolillio Dalie, The Record, "Go! 7/19/02"

Spot News Photography

1. Daniel Hulshizer, The Associated Press, "Pointed Argument"
2. Brian Branch-Price, The Associated Press, "Remembering 36"
3. Kathy Johnson, Courier News, "Cops corner bear in Manville tree"

Feature Photography

1. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, Philadelphia Inquirer, "War Memorial and Boy"
2. Daniel Hulshizer, The Associated Press, "Touching Tragedy"

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WEEKLY

Wilson Barto Award for Outstanding Achievement by a First-Year Reporter

1. Amy Sara Clark, New Jersey Jewish Standard, "Christmas Past for Jews By Choice"
2. Amy Hatala, The Current of Egg Harbor Township, "Junior/senior prom sells out twice"
3. Rebecca Blackwell, Princeton Town Topics, "Open Adoption"

Stuart and Beverley Awbrey Award for Distinguished Public Service by a Community Newspaper

The Hub, Long Branch, for its series examining the National Park Service's plan to lease buildings in the national recreation area at Sandy Hook to a private developer.

Deadline Reporting

1. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Farewell Ford"

2. Henry Gottlieb, New Jersey Law Journal, "Arguing that lawyers are to blame"

Feature Writing

1. Gloria Stravelli, The Hub, "Running off the fat of the land"
2. Jim Edwards, New Jersey Law Journal, "Islamic law emerges from the shadows"

Profile Writing

1. Angela G. King, The Montclair Times, "A local man who lost his way"
2. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Triumph by design"
3. Joanne Palmer, The Jewish Standard, "A Jew in America"

Business Reporting

1. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Abe rides again"
2. Jim Edwards, New Jersey Law Journal, "Age discrimination claims rise"
3. Earl Ainsworth, New Jersey Lawyer, "New McCarter boss a complete package"

Sports Reporting

1. Grant Cairns, The Bernardsville News, "Mountie boys defend soccer crown"
2. Darren Cooper, The Montclair Times, "The divine sisters of the ya-ya soccerhood"
3. Michael Wojcik, The Beacon, "Getting a kick out of sportsmanship"

Health, Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting

1. Maria Vogel-Short, New Jersey Lawyer, "The AG's computer porn cops"
2. Miryam Z. Wahrman, Jewish Standard, "Sharsheret: Linking cancer survivors"
3. Marshall McKnight, NJBIZ, "Written on the wind"

Series Writing and Reporting

1. Tom Jennemann, Sharon Henry, The Hoboken Reporter, "How it came to be"

2. Ken Thorbourne, Jeff Harrell, George Koroneos, The Montclair Times, "Bracing for development"
3. Christopher C. Stout, Ridgewood News, "Recalling first line news"

Investigative Reporting

1. Jim Edwards, New Jersey Law Journal, "Sept. 11 special interest cases"
2. Al Sullivan, Secaucus Reporter, "No rest for Hudson's dead"
3. Angela G. King, Mary Anne Christiano, The Montclair Times, "Avenues of concern"

Enterprise Reporting

1. Tim O'Brien, New Jersey Law Journal, "Cracks in the plaintiff bar's solidarity"
2. Jim Edwards, New Jersey Law Journal, "Fear of fees, not terrorists, first put public records act under scrutiny" and Ken Thorbourne, The Montclair Times, "A tale of tattered dreams, freezing tenants and a toilet in the side yard"
3. Jerry Jastrab, New Jersey Lawyer, "The dirty truth of confessions"

Editorial Writing

1. The Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal, "Enemy combatants "
2. Rita Annan-Brady, The Progress, "A time for pride"
3. Paul Milo, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Call in the State"

Column Writing

1. Greg Trevor, NJN Publishing, "Man recalls his personal Sept. 11 nightmare"
2. Martin L. Haines, New Jersey Law Journal, "It's part of their job for judges to legislate"
3. Audrey Davie, The Citizen of Morris County, "Is it just me or are customers now the enemy to workers?"

Review Writing

1. Allen Crosset, Recorder Newspapers, "Good Heavens ... It's the grouch!"

2. Michael S. Goldberger, Recorder Newspapers, "'Road to Perdition' is voyage of the damned"

Headline Writing

1. Ken Thorbourne, The Montclair Times, "Dems tout Torch before flame goes out"
2. Rebecca Boroson, The Jewish Standard, "Clothes make the man"
3. Harvey C. Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, "Fibgate: You gotta be kidding! Lawyers lie?"

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Informational Graphic

1. Terri Mauro, The Beacon, "In memory of those with ties to the diocese who died Sept. 11"
2. Sandra C. Mailman, New Jersey Lawyer, "Minorities among DiFrancesco's 51 judicial appointments"
3. Svetlana Levin, New Jersey Lawyer, "Pool attorneys' hourly rates"

Front Page Layout

1. Jerry Szubin, The Jewish Standard, "American bleeds, Israel weeps"
2. Jaimie Winters, South Bergenite, October 2, 2002
3. Harvey C. Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, October 28, 2002

Feature Page Design

1. Jaimie Winters and Glenn Garvie, South Bergenite, November 6, 2002
2. Douglas Jones, New Jersey Law Journal, "Workplace injuries"
3. Douglas Jones, New Jersey Law Journal, "Complex litigation"

Spot News Photography

1. Farrah Maftei, The Hub, "9/11 remembrance ceremony"
2. Chris Kelly, Atlanticville, "Widow accepts flag"

Feature Photography

1. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "The scope of education"
2. FrankWojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "It's done like this"
3. Rebecca Blackwell, Town Topics, "A brief respite"

Sports Photography

1. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "Game Winning Run"
2. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "Sweet Season's Bitter End"
3. Mike Gesario, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Hanging On"

TELEVISION

News

1. Keith Taylor, CN8 News, "Neighborhood Shooting Rampage By Cop"
2. Keith Taylor, CN8 News, "Swimming After Hours"
3. Walt Kane, reporter; Bill Schlosser, producer/photographer; Diana Acosta, editor, News 12 New Jersey, "Firefighters Foundation Investigation"

Enterprise

1. Walt Kane, reporter, Bill Schlosser, producer, Tony Ciavolella, Scott Huffman and Ed Hannen, photographers, Michele Carnesi, editor, News 12 New Jersey, "Through the Roof"
2. James Dowd, Cory Jean, Lisa Simon, Joe Nasto, Marilyn Hamada, Angelina Deritchie and Michelle Ulrich, Rowan Television Network, Channel 5, "Breaking the Silence"
3. Walt Kane, reporter; Bill Schlosser, producer, Michele Carnesi, editor, Rich O'Brien, J.R. Merchante, Anthony Cocco, Scott Huffman and Ed Hannen, photographers, News 12 New Jersey, "Diploma Mills"

Features

1. Janine Strafacci and John Capriotti, News 12 New Jersey, "Self Breast Exams: What Every Woman Needs to Know"
2. Keith Taylor and Bill Rohrer, CN8 News, "Veterans History Project"
3. (tie) Simone Viere, Kathleen Berger, Erin Plyler, Susan Minnick, Chris Mueller, Chris Robinette, Rowan Television Network, Channel 5, "Ecstasy and Electronica" *and*

Keith Taylor and Bill Rohrer, CN8 News, "The Hindenburg"

RADIO

No awards

Mike Gesario,

MAGAZINE

Feature Writing

1. David Shefter, Golf Journal, "Teen Idle"
2. Jay Levin, New Jersey Monthly, "Into the Light"
3. Bill Haduch, Rutgers Magazine, "Small Wonders"

Profile Writing

1. Leslie Chess Feller, Rutgers Magazine, "Beach Boy"
2. John Lippert and Bill Koenig, Bloomberg Markets, "Bill Ford's Burden"
3. Judy Mathewson, James L. Tyson, David Evans, Bloomberg Markets, "Harvey Pitt: Odd Man Out on Enron"