

SPJ — New Jersey Chapter  
Journalism Awards for 2003

**DAILY**

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

1. Anna Bakalis, Courier News, "Officials Admit Oversight"
2. Darryl R. Isherwood, The Times of Trenton
3. Pamela Kropf, Gannett State House Bureau

**Headline Writing**

1. Tom Wilk, Courier-Post, "Rain: Summer's 4-Letter Word"
2. Joel Pisetzner, The Star-Ledger, "One Feud over the Plover's Nest"
3. Peter Mucha, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Pigments of Our Imaginations"

**Deadline Reporting**

1. Staff, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Atlantic City Parking Garage Collapse"
2. Staff, The Record, "Wallop: The 2/17/03 Blizzard"
3. Giovanna Fabiano, Pamela Sroka and Chris Donahue, Courier News, "Earthquake Shakes Hunterdon County"

**Feature Writing**

1. Monica Yant, Philadelphia Inquirer, "A Random Attack, and Then a Life Left Scarred"
2. George Anastasia, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Wiseguy: Situation Wanted"
3. Andrea Gurwitt, Herald News, "Shy of a Job"

**Profile Writing**

1. Ed Colimore, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Ronnie Mich"
2. Lesie Koren, The Record, "Her singular self"
3. Jim Beckerman, The Record, "At home with Les Paul"

**Business Reporting**

1. Hugh Morley, Kathy Lynn, The Record, "Vanishing Jobs"

2. Suzette Parmley, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Shopworn Malls Fight to Survive"
3. Wayne Parry, Associated Press, "Financing Alternatives for Muslim Home Buyers"

### **Sports Reporting**

1. Ron Varriall, Times of Trenton, "Life Center Has Big Wins, Lofty Goals"
2. Tim Falls, Times of Trenton, "Running on Empty"
3. Art Stapleton, Herald News, "Real Leader in Saves: \$8 Pitch Counter"

### **Health, Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting**

1. Candy Cooper, The Record, "Toxic Legacy"
2. Joe Gambardello, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Rebounding Population of Black Bears"
3. Cathy Bugman, Joe Tyrrell, The Star-Ledger, "A Plan to Tame the Floods"

### **Series Writing and Reporting**

1. Adam Fifield, Philadelphia Inquirer, "In the Shadow of Danger: The Chemical Plant Peril"
2. Gannett New Jersey Newspapers "Out of Gas: New Jersey's Transportation Funding Crisis"
3. Alex Nussbaum, Lindy Washburn, The Record, "Poison in the Wind"

### **Investigative Reporting**

1. The Record Staff, The Record, "Pay to Play"
2. Jonathan Schuppe, Kathy Barrett Carter, Josh Margolin, The Star-Ledger, "Inside the State Police"
3. Mary Lo Layton and Ben Lesser, The Record, "Prescription for Peril"

### **Enterprise Reporting**

1. Michael Diamond, John Froonjian, Press of Atlantic City, "Criminals Walk Away from Justice"
2. Josh Margolin, The Star-Ledger, "Trouble for Those Who Would Reform Troopers"
3. Jean Rimbach, Amy Klein, The Record, "A Trail of Neglect"

## **Editorial Writing**

1. Alfred Doblin, Herald News, "In Rivera's Passaic, a Drumstick Is a WMD"
2. Jim Wright, The Record, "Patriotism and Dissent"
3. Alfred Doblin, Herald News, "Schools Less Unsafe and That's Good News?"

## **Column Writing**

1. William Handleman, Asbury Park Press, "A Lesson Learned"
2. Mike Kelly, The Record, "Amy's Heart"
3. Harvey Yavener, Times of Trenton, "Somber Day for a United Community"

## **Review Writing**

1. Mark Voger, Asbury Park Press, "Traveling Freak Show"
2. Eleanor O'Sullivan, Asbury Park Press, "Oh, What a Night"

## **Informational Graphic**

1. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star-Ledger, "Sharks"
2. Mike Sudal, Asbury Park Press, "The Fisherman's Sketchbook"
3. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star-Ledger, "Rockets"

## **Front Page Design**

1. Jim Delcioppo, Asbury Park Press, "Blackout"
2. Lance Theroux, The Record, "Walloped"
3. Harris Siegel, Skip Hidlay, Gary Schoening, Asbury Park Press, "U.S.Strikes"

## **Feature Photography**

1. Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Extra Safe Traveling"
2. Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Young Worshipper"
3. Gerald S. William, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Riding the waves in the Atlantic"

## **Feature Page Design**

1. Elise Levine, The Star-Ledger, "Let's dish"

2. Wes Pollard, Herald News, "Bagel Bonanza"
3. Lisa Mansolillo-Dalie, The Record, "Sky High - designer cocktails"

### **Sports Photography**

1. Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Taunting celebration"
2. Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Foul Mood"
3. Daniel Hulshizer, Associated Press, "Shoe dejection"

### **Spot News Photography**

1. Mike Derer, Associated Press, "Blackout Statue of Liberty"
2. Gerald S. Williams, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Baghdad Casualty"
3. Mike Derer, Associated Press, "Soldier's Funeral"

### **Editorial Cartooning**

1. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Another Case Closed by DYFS"
2. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Which of the Following Did ..."
3. M.E. Cohen, Daily Record, "I'm Stepping Down"

## **WEEKLY**

### **Wilson Barto First-Year Reporter Award**

Judith E. Klein, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Two Precious Gems Unearthed in the Heart of Hillsdale"

### **Photography**

1. Scott D. Longfield, Two River Times, "You're Outta Here"
2. Joe Gigli, The Beacon, "Powerhouses Play for Title"
3. Jim Connelly, The Item, "Agony and Ecstasy"

### **Deadline Reporting**

1. William Young, New Jersey Lawyer, "Metamorphosis of Megan's Law"
2. Jean Norton-Torjussen, The Progress, "School Board Fires Lupo"
3. Robert G. Seidenstein, New Jersey Lawyer, "What a Ride! From Reproach to Respect"

### **Feature Writing**

1. Christine Sablynski, West Essex Tribune, "Joe Falcone: A 'special' guy"
2. Elizabeth S. Ludas, Montclair Times, "A Friendship Founded in Loss"
3. Jim Edwards, New Jersey Law Journal, "A man without a country"

## **Profile Writing**

1. Helen Weiss Pincus, The Jewish Standard, "The world according to Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz"
2. Maria Vogel-Short, New Jersey Lawyer, "Joseph Hayden: A Big-Case Guy"
3. Michael Wojcik, The Beacon, "My community care team"

## **Business Reporting**

1. Robert G. Seidenstein, New Jersey Lawyer, "Outsourcing Across Oceans"
2. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Battling Big Pharma"
3. Shankar P., NJBIZ, "Turning Around Tyco"

## **Sports Reporting**

1. Mike Gesario, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Catch them if you can"
2. Mike Gesario, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Girls just wanna have fun"
3. Darius Amos, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Indians claim court crown"

## **Health Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting**

1. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Stop Dividing and conquer"
2. Henry Gottlieb, New Jersey Law Journal, "A compromise in the pinelands"
3. William Young, New Jersey Lawyer, "S-Porn-A-M"

## **Series Writing and Reporting**

1. William Young, New Jersey Lawyer, "How some municipal judges make a bundle"
2. Jaimie Julia Winters, Howard Prosnitz, Kelly Nicholaides, David Hoffman, South Bergenite, "A Week in the Life of ..."
3. Angela G. King, Alicia Zadrozny, Montclair Times, "Making ends meet"

## **Investigative Reporting**

Jaimie Julia Winters, Howard Prosnitz, Kelly Nicholaides, South Bergenite, "Series on local charter/private airports"

## **Enterprise Reporting**

1. Al Sullivan, Secaucus Reporter, "A Question of Motive"

2. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "No Silver Lining"
3. Henry Gottlieb, New Jersey Law Journal, "A Private Judge's Brush with Conflict"

## **Editorial Writing**

1. Rita Annan-Brady, The Progress, "Palestinian voices should be heard"
2. Carolyn Malyneaux, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Identifying the 'We' in 'We, the People'"
3. Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal, "Better than a thousand words"

## **Column Writing**

1. Joanne Palmer, The Jewish Standard, "Organ donation"
2. Scott Morgan, The Messenger-Press, "Requiem for Opening Day"
3. Minx McCloud, The Manville News, "Even When Prepared, Only Time Can Heal the Loss of a Parent"

## **Review Writing**

1. Rebecca Boroson, Jewish Standard, "High Praise for Novella Collection"
2. Liz Keill, Independent Press, "Much Ado"
3. Thom Molyneux, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Sound of Music"

## **Headline Writing**

1. Owen Proctor, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Tire in the Hole"
2. Teresa Akersten, Montclair Times, "Donating Old Macs is PC"
3. Bill Slossar, Twin-Boro News, "Dubya Pa"

## **Editorial Cartooning**

1. George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "Roy Was Fooled by Lou, the World's Smallest Process Server"
2. Harry Trumbore, The Item, "Cell Tower Madness"
3. George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "Lawyer Sushi Bars"

## **Informational Graphics**

1. Paul Milo, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Still Such an Honor"
2. George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "The DWI Den of Iniquity"
3. Svetlana Levin, New Jersey Lawyer, "Lawyers Disciplined"

## **Front Page Layout**

1. Jaimie Julia Winters, South Bergenite, Dec. 24

2. Harvey C. Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, May 5
3. Douglas Jones, New Jersey Law Journal, June 2

## **Feature Page Design**

1. Mike Gesario, Eric Manziano, Alan Leon, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "All the Cards on the Table"
2. Sandra C. Mailman, Svetlana Levin, New Jersey Lawyer, "Business Law Environment"
3. Teresa Akerstein, Montclair Times, April 10

## **News Photography**

1. Hartriono B. Saswardoyo, Community News, "Another Day in Bordurvia"
2. Scott Longfield, Two River Times, "Gas Barge Explosion"
3. Scott Longfield, Two River Times, "Remembering"

## **Feature Photography**

1. James L. Janoff, Jewish Standard, "Remembering 9/11"
2. Scott Longfield, Two River Times, "Move of the Century"
3. Scott Longfield, Two River Times, "That's What Friends Are For"

# **MAGAZINE**

## **Reporting**

1. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "The Trials of Dr. Jim"
2. Andrew Pratt, Bloomberg Markets, "Commerce Bancorp: "More Money, More Questions"
3. Sheryl Gay Stolberg, Rutgers Magazine, "Saved by the Cell"

## **Profile Writing**

1. Kevin Coyne, New Jersey Monthly, "Through His Eyes Only"
2. Edward Robinson, Nicholas Benequista, Bloomberg Markets, "Carlos Slim Wants More"
3. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "The Maestro"

## **Feature Writing**

1. Renee Olson, Rutgers Magazine, "Stand by Me"
2. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "Widows' Walk"
3. Kevin Coyne, New Jersey Monthly, "His Hometown"

## **Investigative Reporting**

1. David Evans, Abhay Singh, Adrian Cox, Bloomberg Markets, "Don Gordon, Merrill Lynch and the Missing \$43 Million"
2. Joe Strupp, New Jersey Monthly, "Who Killed Christine Burns?"

## **Opinion and Review Writing**

Steve Twomey, New Jersey Monthly, "Let's Make a Deal"

## **TELEVISION**

### **Enterprise**

1. Walt Kane, William Schlosser, Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "The Truth about Clothing Donations"
2. Janine Strafacci, Jaime Shwilik, Trevor Harmon, News 12 New Jersey, "What You Need to Know about Blood Clots"
3. Barbara Nevins Taylor, UPN9 WWOR-TV, "Pop Up Porn"

### **Spot News**

1. Dave Grunbaum, John Capriotti, News 12 New Jersey, "Fire Investigation."
2. Walt Kane, William Schlosser, Richard O'Brien, Mike Zaccherio, Joe Caruso and M. Bryan Grimes, News 12 New Jersey, "Unlicensed Nutritionists."
3. Walt Kane, William Schlosser and Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "Charities Investigation."