

**NEW JERSEY CHAPTER SOCIETY OF
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**WILSON BARTO AWARD FOR FIRST-YEAR
REPORTERS**

Daily: Evelyn Shih, The Record

Weekly: Michael Mullins, Hudson Reporter

DAILY CATEGORIES

Deadline Reporting

1. Rick Malwitz, Ken Serrano, Kristen Boyd, Gina Vergel, Home News Tribune, "Monroe Residents in Chile Bus Crash"
2. Stacie Servetah and Chris Dolmetsch, Bloomberg News, "Corzine, Lawmakers Agree to end New Jersey Impasse"
3. William Lamb, Scott Fallon and Tom Troncone, The Record, "Yankees' Corey Lidle Plane Crash in Manhattan"

Feature Writing

1. (tie) Wayne Parry, Associated Press "300 Unanswered Prayers"
(tie) Jeff Trently, Times of Trenton "Airport Owners Caught in Tax Spiral"
2. Janine Torsiello, Daily Record "Rap Collaboration"
3. Kathleen Carroll, The Record "Bringing Jodi Back"

Profile Writing

1. M.A. Mehta, Star Ledger, "In Good Faith"
2. Wayne Parry, Associated Press, "5 years later, a 9/11 family cries"

3. Carolyn Salazar, The Record, "Killer: 'I am sorry'"

Business Reporting

1. Tom Belden and Craig R. McCoy, Philadelphia Inquirer "Baggage Bungling"
2. Oliver Staley, Bloomberg News "Atlantic City, with Tiffany's, Lures New Gamblers"
3. John Froomjian, The Press of Atlantic City "American Consumers on Borrowed Time"

Sports Reporting

1. Jeff Roberts, The Record, "Betrayal of Trust"
2. Keith Ide, Herald News, "Non-Title Fights"
3. Manish Mehta, The Star-Ledger, "By Heart"

Health, Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting

1. Shannon Mullen and Todd Bates, Asbury Park Press "Illness a Legacy of 9/11"
2. Mary Jo Layton and Monsy Alvarado, The Record "Dumped"
3. Betsy Querna, Herald News "A Father's Love"

Series Writing and Reporting

1. Carol Gorga Williams, Karen Sudol, Nancy Kearney and Randy Bergmann,, Asbury Park Press, "Private Property/Public Gain - The battle over eminent domain."
2. The Record Staff, "In Autism's Grip."
3. James W. Prado Roberts, Michelle Sahn, Abbott Koloff, Ledyard King, Robert Benincasa, Arielle Levin Becker and Paul D'Ambrosio, Asbury Park Press, "Tracking Sex Offenders - The impact of Megan's Law."

Investigative Reporting

1. "Lessons in Waste: How Public Money Fed

- Private Greed" Jean Rimbach, Kathleen Carroll,
The Record
- (tie) "A Culture of Cheating- Test Rigging
Betrays the Children of Camden" Frank
Kummer, Melanie Burney, Dwight Ott, the
Philadelphia Inquirer
(tie) "Deadly Gaps in 911 System" Ken Serrano,
Home News Tribune
 - (tie) "How Seep it is for Custodians" Jarrett
Renshaw, The Jersey Journal
(tie) "Relicensing Oyster Creek: Is it worth it?"
Todd Bates, Nicholas Clunn, Kirk Moore, and
Joseph Cacchioli- Asbury Park Press

Enterprise Reporting

- Sam Wood, Dwight Ott and Troy Graham,
Philadelphia Inquirer "Drug Corner Epidemic"
- Larry Higgs, Asbury Park Press "Chronic Lack
of Funds Leaves Train Service in NJ at Risk"
- Jean Rimbach, The Record (of Bergen County)
"The Price of Glory"

Editorial Writing

- Cynthia Henry, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Nuclear
Safety series"
- Fred Tuccillo, Courier News, "Invasion of
privacy a loss of freedoms"
- Augstin Torres, The Jersey Journal, "Call it
marriage"

Column Writing

- John Cichowski, The Record, "E-Z Pass
Netherworld"
- Monica Yant Kinney, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Firm
that bets on death now balks at an agreement"
- (tie) Fred Tuccillo, Courier News, Bridgewater,
"Trans fat ban?"
(tie) Scott Soshnick, Bloomberg News, "Rutgers
football might never escape 'The Drop'"

Review Writing

1. Craig Laban, The Philadelphia Inquirer, (10/15/06) "A Culinary Gamble" (restaurant reviews in Atlantic City)
2. Craig Seligman, Bloomberg News, New York City (9/22/06) "Jim McGreevey's 'Confession' Details Creepy Affair, Apology"
3. Chris Jordan, "Cole's performance less than impressive" (4/8/06) Home News Tribune, East Brunswick NJ

Headline Writing

1. Joel Pisetznar, The Star Ledger, "For a woman shot in Newark, the stork turned out to be bulletproof"
2. Joel Pisetznar, The Star Ledger, "He was no Cher, and Democrats were not sunny"
3. Diana Fasanella, Asbury Park Press, "Embarrassing Position: Public Search Doesn't Fly"

Editorial Cartoon

1. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Can you please try to lose some of my baggage?"
2. Rob Torno, The Press of Atlantic City, "Yada, Yada, Yada"
3. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Out of the Closet"

Informational Graphics

1. R.L. Rebach, The Record, "Serve and protect goes high tech"
2. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star Ledger, "World of Wonder"
3. Jeff Colson, Asbury Park Press, "House of bats"

Front Page Layout, Daily

1. Robert Townsend, The Record

2. Hector Fadruga, Herald News
3. Steve Kelly, Philadelphia Inquirer

Feature Page Design

1. Lisa Dalie, The Record, "Well-rounded Watermelons"
2. Laurie Triefeldt, The Star Ledger, "Home and Garden: May Calendar"
3. Joseph Griffith, Herald News, "World Trade Center Movie and Brazilian Film Festival"

WEEKLY CATEGORIES

Deadline Reporting

1. Josh Lipowsky, Jewish Standard, "Friends and Family Mourn Lightning Storm's Victims."
2. Cindy Capitani, The Leader, "NA's Zadrogra laid to rest; first 9/11 cleanup victim."
3. W. Jacob Perry, Pat Robinson, Bernardsville News, "Murder of boy stuns Bernards."

Feature Writing

1. Stuart Youngs, The Montclair Times, "Life Through a Lens Brought Into Focus."
2. Jessica Smith, Greater Media Newspapers, "Buildings Provide Snapshot of Town's First 116 years."
3. Jim McConville, NJBIZ, "The Day the Twin Towers Fell."

Profile Writing

1. Jacob Berkman, New Jersey Jewish Standard, "Jorma's Journey."
2. Kris Scibiorski, NJ Lawyer, "When gay rights and politics marry."
3. Howard Prosnitz, Teaneck Suburbanite, "Renowned musician composes from scrap."

Business Reporting

1. Evelyn Lee, NJBiz, "Fuze makes a splash."
2. Martin Daks, NJ Law Journal, "Companies 'go dark' to avoid Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance."
3. Josh Lipowsky, Jewish Standard, "A losing ticket."

Sports Reporting

1. Jose Ortiz, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Sports Superstitions in Verona and Cedar Grove."
2. Brian Smith, Montclair Times, "This 'thank-you' means so much to Jennings and his players."

Health, Science, Technology and Environmental Reporting

1. Rita Annan-Brady, The Progress, "House Uses Earth's Warmth to Heat."
2. John Covalleski, NJ Lawyer, "Blogs: The next big wave in firm marketing."
3. John Burton, The Two River Times, "Heroin use takes hold in the suburbs."

Series Writing and Reporting

1. Chris Stout, Ridgewood News, "The Hero Next Door."
2. Michael D. Mullins, Mark J. Bonamo, Jim Hague, Al Sullivan, Tom Jennemann, Jessica Rosero, Ricardo Kaulesar, Hudson Reporter Newspapers, "What's That Building?"
3. Michael Lamendola, Corey Klein, Derek Brown, Jaimie Winters, South Bergenite, "A Week in the Life."

Investigative Reporting

1. Lani Buess, Exit Weekly, "Day Labor of Love."
2. Harvey Fisher, NJ Lawyer, "Dippidy-do or dippidy-don't"
3. Seth Mandel, The Jewish Journal, "Watchdog questions UNIFIL's neutrality."

Enterprise Reporting

1. Mark Bonamo, Hoboken Reporter, "Politics in Shades of Gray."
2. Lani Buess, Exit Weekly, "Sympathy for the Devil."
3. Lillian M. Aleman, Terrence T. McDonald, Montclair Times, "A Tale of Two School Boards."

Editorial Writing

1. Frederic K. Becker, New Jersey Lawyer, "The Hamdan Case and the Rule of Law."
2. Audrey Davie, Morris County Citizen, "When Tucker Got Curious."
3. Mark Porter, Montclair Times, "Vote."

Column Writing

1. Mike Condon, Roxbury Register, "Clearing the Dust with a Pill."
2. Harvey Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, "Politics of Budgeting."
3. Jamie Saxon, U.S.1 Newspaper, "Queen Mother."

Review Writing

Thom Molyneaux, North Jersey Media Group, 2/1/06
"New 'Diary' adaptation is diluted and melodramatic"

Headline Writing

1. Audrey Davie, The Citizen of Morris County, "A wow of a bow for Dover dogs -- Large crowd watches officials from England help rededicate bronzes"
2. Mark S. Porter, The Montclair Times, "Monster storm stomps Montclair -- Microburst bashes town with macro consequences"
3. Bill Slossar, Twin-Boro News, "Dads have a

steak in being masters of the grill"

Editorial Cartooning

1. M.E. Cohen, Montclair Times
2. Rob Tornoe, NJBIZ
3. Harry Trumbore, Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Informational Graphic

No award given

Front Page Layout

1. Jerry Szubin, The Jewish Standard
2. Jaimie Winters, South Bergenite
3. Jessica Gaitan, Montclair Times

Feature Page Design

1. Svetlana Levin, NJ Lawyer, "Municipalities"
2. Jerry Szubin, Jewish Standard, "Displaying flags in sacred spaces."
3. Svetlana Levin, NJ Lawyer, "Child Custody."

PHOTOGRAPHY

Daily Newspapers:

Spot News Photo

1. Martin Ceperley, Jersey Journal, "Jersey City Police Officer Robert Nguyen's Funeral"
2. Reena Rose Sibayan, Jersey Journal, "Trapped"
3. Kevin R. Wexler, Herald News, "Six kids injured on school bus"

Feature Photo

1. Thomas E. Franklin, The Record, "Picture This"
2. David M Warren, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Burying the forgotten"
3. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Close Encounters"

Sports Photo

1. Leslie Barbaro, Herald News, "Derby Queens"
2. David M Warren, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Quarterback Sack"
3. David M Warren, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Freshman Tennis Star"

Weekly Newspapers:

Spot News Photography

1. Scott D. Longfield, "Up In Smoke," The Two River Times
2. Scott D. Longfield, "Holy Handcuffs", The Two River Times

Feature Photography

1. Elizabeth Lara, (Toil and Tears) Herald News
2. Scott D. Longfield, (Trout for Dinner,) The Two River Times
3. Jane Primerano, (A Jersey Tale), New Jersey Farmer

Sports Photography

1. Warren Westura, (Consoling Teammate) Observer Tribune
2. Scott Longfield (My Ball), The Two River Times
3. Scott Longfeld (Run-Swim-Run), The Two River Times

Online Photo

Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Fifty Dollar Portrait"

Magazine:

Feature Photo

Joan LaBanca, The Two River Times, "Summer Love"

Radio:

Enterprise

Rob Lightfoot and Melissa Cassara, Rowan Radio - 89.7
WGLS/FM "Hidden Heroin"

Television:

Enterprise

1. Barbara Nevins Taylor, Elaine Higgins, Chris O'Donoghue, Ed Lopez and J.L. Mitchell, My 9 News/ WWOR TV "Flip this House"
2. Walt Kane (Reporter), Bill Schlosser (Producer) and Anthony Cocco (Photographer), News 12 NJ "Dirty Secrets"
3. Walt Kane (Reporter), Bill Schlosser (Producer) and Anthony Cocco (Photographer), News 12 NJ "Fast Food Bacteria"

News

1. Walt Kane (Reporter) and Anthony Cocco (Photographer), News 12 NJ "Amputee Firefighter"
2. Dan Grunebaum (Reporter) and James McCantu (Photographer), News 12 NJ "Overcrowding at Sparta High School"
3. Walt Kane (Reporter), Bill Schlosser (Producer) and Anthony Cocco (Photographer), News 12 NJ "Online ID Theft"

MAGAZINES

Feature Writing

1. Bill Glovin, Rutgers Magazine, "Castles in the Air"
2. Bill Glovin, Rutgers Magazine, "Teaching the Ironbound"
3. Sherry Conohan, MBBA News, "Creative Juices Drive Faux Painter"

Profile Writing

1. (tie) Christopher Hann, New Jersey Monthly, "It Ain't Over"
(tie) Eileen Moon, The Two River Times, "To Be a Jockey"
2. John T. Ward, Rutgers Magazine, "The View from Up There"

Opinion Writing

Allan Wolper, Editor and Publisher, "A Critical Error at The New York Times"

NEWSLETTERS

Writing and Reporting

Judiciary Times

Newsletter Review Writing

Phil Dorian, FORVM: The Central New Jersey Mensa Newsletter, April 2006 "Hey there, you in your PJ's ... Get dressed and go see The Pajama Game"

Online Newsletters, and Blogs

1. Michael Lewis, Big Apple Soccer.com, "MetroStars-Red Bull Coverage"
2. Rutgers Focus (Dec. 13 issue)