NEW JERSEY CHAPTER SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM FOR 2006 AWARDS

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 Froonjian, 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."

Investigative Reporting

Private Greed" Jean Rimbach, Kathleen Carroll, 
The Record
2. (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
3. (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

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

Editorial Writing

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

Column Writing

1. John Cichowski, The Record, "E-Z Pass
   Netherworld"
2. Monica Yant Kinney, Philadelphia Inquirer, "Firm
   that bets on death now balks at an agreement"
3. (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"

Headline Writing

1. Joel Pisetzner, The Star Ledger, "For a woman shot in Newark, the stork turned out to be bulletproof"
2. Joel Pisetzner, 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 Tornoe, 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 Fadraga, 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

2. Jessica Smith, Greater Media Newspapers, "Buildings Provide Snapshot of Town’s First 116 years."

Profile Writing

1. Jacob Berkman, New Jersey Jewish Standard, "Jorma’s Journey."
2. Kris Sciborski, 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."

**Sports Reporting**

2. Brian Smith, Montclair Times, "This ‘thank-you’ means so much to Jennings and his players."

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

2. John Covaleski, 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**


**Investigative Reporting**

1. Lani Buess, Exit Weekly, "Day Labor of Love."
2. Harvey Fisher, NJ Lawyer, "Dippidy-do or dippidy-don’t"
Enterprise Reporting

3. Lillian M. Aleman, Terrence T. McDonald, Montclair Times, "A Tale of Two School Boards."

Editorial Writing

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."
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."

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"

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 Longfield (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:
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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**

2. Rutgers Focus (Dec. 13 issue)