

SPJ — New Jersey Chapter
Journalism Awards for 2004

SPJ Honors Best of 2004

New Jersey SPJ has named the winners in its annual journalism contest in four categories.

Congratulations to the winners.

Daily Newspapers

Deadline Reporting

1. Staff, The Record, "McGreevey Resigns"
2. Chad Weihrauch, Greg Marano & Crissa Shoemaker, The Courier News, "Bound Brook discrimination"
3. Roger Schneider, Todd B. Bates and Kirk Moore, The Asbury Park Press, "Oil Spill Fouls Beaches"

Feature Writing

1. Bob Ivry, The Record, "Sounds of Hate"
2. Joel Bewley, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Confessions of a Master Thief"
3. Andrea Gurwitt, The Herald News, "Messages from Iraq"

Profile Writing

1. Manish Mehta, The Star-Ledger, "The Good Doctor"
2. Rita Giordano, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Where just living is a mean struggle"
3. Scott Stump, The Asbury Park Press, "Catch Him If You Can"

Business Reporting

1. Kevin G. DeMarras, The Record, "Indicted, disbarred, undeterred"
2. John Froomjian, The Press of Atlantic City, "Cumberland County, N.J."
3. Michael L. Diamond, The Asbury Park Press, "Commerce banks on political ties"

Sports Reporting

1. Frank Fitzpatrick, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "A Keystone Star in Ky"

2. Jeff Roberts, The Record, "Public Outcry"
3. Joe Adelizzi, The Asbury Park Press, "Risky Business"

Health, Science, Technology & Environmental Reporting

1. Carolyn Feibel, The Herald News, "Disability City, U.S.A."
2. Lindy Washburn, The Record, "Toxic 'Magic'"
3. Lindy Washburn, The Record, "A cure that seems worse than the disease"

Series Writing & Reporting

1. Paul D'Ambrosio, James W. Prado Roberts, Jason Method, Alan Guenther, Kathleen Hopkins, Rick Malwitz, Erik Schwartz & Eileen Smith, Gannett New Jersey, "The Power Brokers"
2. Lindy Washburn, The Record, "The fight of his life"
3. Dwight Ott and John Shiffman, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Public Prosecutions, Private Trials"

Investigative Reporting

1. Staff, The Record, "Pay to Play"
2. Josh Margolin, Jeff Whelan & Mark Muller, The Star-Ledger, "The Governor's Secret Life"
3. Chad Weihrauch, The Courier News, "Safer Plainfield Eyes Faster Improvement"

Enterprise Reporting

1. Ken Serrano, Home News Tribune, "Hard Knocks Hotel"
2. Miguel Perez & Jean Rimbach, The Record, "Parade of Problems"
3. Wendy Ruderman, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "DWI crash leaves family shattered"

Editorial Writing

1. Alfred Doblin, The Herald News, "Time for changes in Paterson"
2. Jim Wright, The Record, "Corruption as usual"
3. Randy Bergman, The Asbury Park Press, "Words failed the Governor"

Column Writing

1. Monica Yant Kinney, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Too young, too soon, too often"
2. Mike Kelly, The Record, "Hard time in a hard place"

3. Kathleen O'Brien, The Star-Ledger, "Forget Viagra. Try Cleaning Up the Bathroom"

Review Writing

1. Joyce J. Persico, The Times of Trenton, "Son's film a poignant monument to 'Architect'"
2. Maureen Fitzgerald, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Living up to its name, very nicely"

Headline Writing

1. Bill Demarest, The Daily Record, "McGreevey's out"
2. Joel Pisetzner, The Star-Ledger, "Someone to watch under us"
3. Joel Pisetzner, The Star-Ledger, "Wishing on a tsar"

Editorial Cartooning

1. Jimmy Margulies, The Record, "Homeland Security Funds"
2. Tony Auth, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "McGreevey's True Significant Other"

Informational Graphic

1. R.L. Rebach, The Record, "Giving Ice the Slip"
2. Cynthia Greer, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "To the ends of the earth for a vanishing bird"
3. Jan Housewerth, The Herald News, "Angry?"

Front Page Layout

1. Robert Townsend, The Record, "McGreevey Resigns"

Feature Page Design

1. Lisa Mansolillo-Dalie, The Record, "All American Sushi"
2. Harris Siegel, The Asbury Park Press, "Press Celebrates 125th Anniversary"
3. Wes Pollard, The Herald News, "Olive Oil"

Spot News Photography

1. Chris Pedota, The Record, "McGreevey Resigns"
2. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Painful Moment"
3. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Welcome Home Glen"

Feature Photography

1. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Hands of Wisdom"
2. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Coastal Flight"
3. Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel, The Philadelphia Inquirer, "Beach Blanket"

Wilson Barto Award for Outstanding Achievement by a First Year Reporter

1. Soni Sangha, The Record
 2. Heather Kays, The Herald News
 3. Suleman Din, The Star-Ledger
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Weekly Newspapers

The Stuart & Beverley Awbrey Award

This award honors outstanding public service by community newspapers that draw attention to important community issues, aid community decision-making or inspire action.

Chris Sagona and Michael Bocchieri, Pascack Valley Community Life Sponsorship of "Run for Life," a community benefit for cancer research"

Deadline Reporting

1. P.C. Robinson & W. Jacob Perry, The Bernardsville News, "Mourners recall drowned graduate as loving, loyal"
2. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Fall from Power: Governor McGreevey puts a sudden end to his political career"
3. Sheilagh Casey & Marion Hodge, The Two River Times, "Holy Cross Pastor Charged With Theft of Church Funds," and sidebars

Feature Writing

1. Nicole Caldwell, Twin-Boro News, "Rain? Ask 'Storm Tracker Charles'"
2. Sandy Stuart, Bernardsville News, "Sculptor to create 'piece of history'"
3. Susan Herbert, South Bergenite, "Love's a gamble at any age."

Profile Writing

1. Peggi Sturmfels, The Two River Times, "A Soldier's Family"
2. Eric Levin, The Montclair Times, "Stalking the perfect coconut shred"
3. Elana Margulies, The Teaneck Suburbanite, "Briggs named Manager of the Year"

Business Reporting

1. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "Pinched at the Pump"
2. Paul A. Ziobro, The Montclair Times, "You could say he is 'the business type'"
3. Scott Goldstein, NJBIZ, "Voice of a New Industry"

Sports Reporting

1. Bill Alden, Town Topics, "Tiger Women's Soccer Stymied by UCLA"
2. Bill Alden, Town Topics, "Boyle Eclipses Career Assist Milestone"
3. Bill Alden, Town Topics, "Scott's Fire, Princeton Approach Rocketed Air Force in NCAAs"

Health, Science, Technology & Environmental Reporting

1. Jennifer Nelson, NJBIZ, "Nuclear Friction"
2. William T. Quinn, NJBIZ, "The Promise of Stem Cell Research"
3. MichaelAnn Knotts, New Jersey Lawyer, "Dumping Computers – Beware: It's no garbage problem"

Series Writing & Reporting

1. Deborah Klee, The Jewish State, "Explaining death to a child"
2. Gina Vergel, The Ridgewood News, "Taylor Price Homecoming"
3. F. Timothy Martin, Susan Hebert, Howard Prosnitz, South Berganite, "History & Heritage of the Meadowlands"

Investigative Reporting

1. Audrey Davie, The Citizen of Morris County, "Salkind sued for \$70 million by ex-manager"
2. Paul Brubaker, The Montclair Times, "What price memory?"

Enterprise Reporting

1. Jennifer Potash, The Princeton Packet, "Big homes, ill will"

2. Paul A. Ziobro & Mark S. Porter, The Montclair Times, "Danger: Hospital"
3. MichaelAnn Knotts, New Jersey Lawyer, "The Trenton Mindset: Paying pool attorneys on the cheap"

Editorial Writing

1. Michael F. Byrne, The Observer Tribune, "No room for racism in school"
2. Carolyn W. Molyneaux, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Two hands but half a mind"
3. James Lent, Morris News Bee, "A bad week"

Column Writing

1. Minx McCloud, Manville News, "Store locations aren't helpful when shopping for swimsuits"
2. Minx McCloud, Hillsborough Beacon, "Even without naming a winner, game still scores well with kids"
3. J.C. Baumuller, Northern Valley Suburbanite, "The day the season died"

Review Writing

1. Nicole Caldwell, Twin-Boro News, "Soulive delights fans in packed performance"
2. Miriam Rinn, The Jewish Standard, "Old shtick, new generation"
3. Susan Sherrill, The Ridgewood News, "Cuisine and scene 'Blend' in Ridgewood"

Headline Writing

1. Joseph Donat, Northern Valley Suburbanite, "Goal is to stop noise in its tracks"
2. Jacob Berkman, The Jewish Standard, "Walking in a Winter Holy Land"
3. Bill Slossar, Twin-Boro News, "Political conventions now red, white and blah"

Editorial Cartooning

1. George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "Halloween Happy Hour"
2. Harry Trumbore, The Item of Millburn & Short Hills, "Deer Relatives"
3. George Koukos, New Jersey Lawyer, "Still in Middle of Settlement Negotiations"

Informational Graphic

1. Svetlana Levin, New Jersey Lawyer, "Pool Attorneys' Hourly Rates"

2. Jamie Winters & Glenn Garrie, South Bergenite, McGreevey's Smart Growth"
3. Svetlana Levin, New Jersey Lawyer, "Merck's Vioxx"

Front Page Layout

1. Jerry Szubin, The Jewish Standard, "Aug. 27, 2004"
2. Harvey C. Fisher, New Jersey Lawyer, "April 5, 2004"
3. Teresa Akersten, The Montclair Times, "Sept. 2, 2004"

Feature Page Design

1. Laura Adams, Time-Beacon Newspapers, "Sheepskin Style"
2. Jerry Szubin, The Jewish Standard, "Old shtick, new generation"
3. Douglas Jones, New Jersey Law Journal, "Environmental Law"

Spot News Photography

1. Michael Karas, Northern Valley Suburbanite, "Little ones 'graduate' too"
2. Scott D. Longfield, The Two River Times, "Red Bank Fire Department enters Wayne's Market during Monday night's fire"
3. Owen Proctor, Verona-Cedar Grove Times, "Honoring the Fallen"

Feature Photography

1. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "Window Walker"
2. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "I Did It!"
3. Michael Bocchieri, Pascack Valley Community Life, "Love 'rein' hither and yon"

Sports Photography

1. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "No Hold Barred"
2. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "Victory"
3. Frank Wojciechowski, The Princeton Packet, "Serious Backhand"

Wilson Barto Award for Outstanding Achievement by a First Year Reporter

1. Erica Zarra, Bloomfield Life & Glen Ridge Voice
2. Robert Schmelter, Fort Lee Suburbanite

3. Elana Margulies, Teaneck Suburbanite
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Radio

News

1. Aries Keck, WHYY Philadelphia, "Kidnapping of Paul Johnson"

Enterprise

1. Meridee Duddleston, WRTI/WRTQ Temple University Public Radio, "Gambling"
 2. Staff, Millennium Radio New Jersey, "The Problem of Older Drivers"
 3. Meridee Duddleston, WRTI/WRTQ Temple University Public Radio, "Birding"
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Television

News

1. Walt Kane, William Schlosser & Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "Critical Condition"
2. Janine Strafaci & Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "Medevac: North Star's Flight to Save Lives"
3. Walt Kane, William Schlosser & Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "Unfit For Sale: New Jersey's Puppy Mill Scandal"

Enterprise

1. Walt Kane, William Schlosser & Anthony Cocco, News 12 New Jersey, "Tin Can Charities"
 2. Tom Layson & Henry Ramos, News 12 New Jersey, "Bridging the Gap"
 3. Janine Strafaci, John Capriotti & Kathleen Murphy, News 12 New Jersey, "Expecting a Miracle"
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Magazines

Reporting

1. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "Mother Jones"
2. Jeff Pillets, New Jersey Monthly, "Power Outage"

3. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "Why Is This Man Smiling?"

Feature Writing

1. Bill Glovin, Rutgers Magazine, "The King and I"
2. Paul Drexel, New Jersey Monthly, "Waterfront Property"
3. Eleanor O'Sullivan, The Good Life at the Jersey Shore/Asbury Park Press, "Buyers and Sellers"

Profile Writing

1. Joe Bargmann, New Jersey Monthly, "You Always Go Back"
2. John T. Ward, New Jersey Monthly, "Man of Steel"
3. Bill Glovin, Rutgers Magazine, "From Rags to Riches"

Investigative Reporting

1. David Evans, Bloomberg Markets, "Dirty Money, Clean Banks"
2. Lauren Otis, New Jersey Monthly, "Pulling Strings"
3. David Dietz & Adam Levy, Bloomberg Markets, "Wall Street's Dumping Ground"

Opinion & Review Writing

1. Jeff Edelstein, New Jersey Monthly, "The Anti-Golfer"
2. Valerie Sinclair, New Jersey Monthly, "Savoy Grill"
3. Anthony Giglio, New Jersey Monthly, "Augustino's"

Business, Health, Science, Technology & Environmental Reporting

1. Bill Haduch, Rutgers Magazine, "Current Event"
2. Stephenie Overman, Employment Management Today, "'Someplace Different' for 5,000 Workers"
3. Jeff Pillets, New Jersey Monthly, "The Year of Living Dangerously"

Newsletters & Online Publications

1. Stevens Institute of Technology, StevensViews Quarterly
2. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rutgers Focus

3. New Jersey Judiciary, Judiciary Times

Special Award

Walt Kane, William Schlosser, Jeff Simons & Anthony Cocco News 12 New Jersey Prime-time Town Meeting on "The Future of Oyster Creek"