Associated Press Wins New York Press Club’s Premier Journalism Award

Gold Keyboard Winner is Tops In Crowded Field

The Associated Press investigative series “Death at Rikers Island” is the top prize winner in this year’s New York Press Club Awards For Journalism. The series was one in a record-breaking overall turnout of entries spanning 26 categories of journalism. Nearly 500 entries were received this year from working journalists who gather and publish news on TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, newswires, and on the Internet.

The AP’s Jake Pearson uncovered the deaths of two mentally ill inmates being held at the huge city jail as well as lapses in the treatment they received from city agencies and the jail’s health-care provider.

“The Gold Keyboard is the New York Press Club’s highest award,” said NYPC president Larry Seary. “It is recognition for outstanding investigative reporting on a story that might not otherwise have been reported.”

The award will be among those presented on June 8th at the Press Club's annual Awards and Installation of Officers Dinner at Manhattan’s Water Club.

Among other top winners in this year’s competition is Jack Dickey of TIME who will receive the Nellie Bly Cub Reporter Award for a number of articles, including his 4,500 word cover story about Taylor Swift.


News 12 TV news operations in the Bronx, Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester County came away with 10 awards. The Wall Street Journal followed closely with nine awards. Bloomberg properties and Newsday each received eight awards. ESPN properties and The Associated Press received seven citations. The New York Times and WCBS Newsradio 880 were each awarded four wins this year.

An enduring tradition in New York media, the annual New York Press Club Awards For Journalism honor excellence by writers, reporters, editors, producers, photographers and multi-media journalists. Entries are considered in more than 26 categories of reporting from material submitted by New York metropolitan area news organizations and individual journalists. Judging is by prominent journalists, former journalists and academics selected for their expertise in each category.


A list of this year’s winners follows.

The New York Press Club Awards For Journalism 2015
Gold Keyboard

"Death on Rikers Island"
Jake Pearson
The Associated Press

Nellie Bly Cub Reporter

"Taylor Strikes a Chord"
Jack Dickey
TIME

Rev. Mychal Judge Heart of New York

TV
"How NYC Works"
Roger Clark, Davide Cinnicchio, Jessica Steiner, Dan Komarinetz, Yoojin Lin, Ryan Cooney, Michael Dudley
NY1 News

Newspaper
"WSJ Urban Gardener"
Ralph Gardner Jr.
The Wall Street Journal

Radio
"How Sweet It Is: Riding in the Candy Cab"
George Bodarky
WFUV

Internet
"Clown Care - When Laughter Heals"
Alix Cohen
WomanAroundTown.com

Business Reporting

Magazine
"How GM Silenced Its Whistle-Blowers"
Tim Higgins, Nick Summers
Bloomberg Businessweek

Newswire
"Tax Runaways"
Zachary R. Mider
Bloomberg News

Newspaper
"Business Battle - Ignition Inceptor"
Newsday Staff
Newsday

Internet
"Offshore Secrets: Luxembourg Leaks"
Leslie Wayne, Kelly Carr, Marina Walker Guevara, Mar Cabra and Michael Hudson
International Consortium of Investigative Journalists

Radio
"CEO Radio"
Ray Hoffman
WCBS-AM

TV
"Subprime Auto Loans"
Chris Glorioso, Evan Stulberger
WNBC-TV

Commentary

Internet
"Unwritten Canon"
Tim Kurkjian, Michael Knisley, Patrick Hanrahan, Chris Philpot
ESPN Digital Media

Magazine
"The Truth" Columns
Howard Bryant
ESPN The Magazine

TV
"WRNN-TV Richard French Editorial Compilation"
Richard French
WRNN-TV Richard French Live

Consumer Reporting

Magazine
"The Lure of Forex"
David Evans
Bloomberg Markets

Newswire
"Health Secrets for Sale"
Shannon Pettypiece, Jordan Robertson
Bloomberg News

TV
"Not the Driveway"
Andrew Hurley, Melissa Sheketoff
News 12 Connecticut
Consumer Reporting (cont'd)

Newspaper
"WSJ Deadly Medicine"
Jennifer Levitz, Jon Kamp, Thomas Burton
The Wall Street Journal

Internet
"Congress to Launch Probe Into Escort and Prostitution Services on Twitter"
Jonathan Marino and Joe Deaux
TheStreet

Continuing Coverage

TV
"Kane In Your Corner: Helmetta Animal Shelter"
Walt Kane, Karin Attonito, Anastasios Stefanidis, Anthony Cocco
News 12 New Jersey

Newspaper
"Dumping"
Sarah Armaghan, Sarah Crichton
Newsday

Newswire
"Central American Violence"
Alberto Arce
The Associated Press

Magazine
"Scott Sherman for The Nation: The Battle for 42nd Street"
Scott Sherman
The Nation

Internet
"Activist Investing"
Staff of The Deal
The Deal

Radio
"NYPD Under Fire"
WCBS News Team
WCBS-AM

Crime Reporting

Newswire
"The Business of Child Porn: Following the Money"
Kristen Schweizer, Clarissa Batino
Bloomberg News

Crime Reporting (cont'd)

Internet
"Myls Dobson's Death Reveals Loophole in New York's Child Safety Policy"
Janon Fisher, James Fanelli and DNAinfo New York Staff
DNAinfo.com New York

Magazine
"Hunted"
Julie Weingarden Dubin
Marie Claire

TV
"The Devil's Drug - Hooked on Heroin"
Tara Rosenblum, Alan Flamenhaft, Jenna Russo, Janine Rose
News 12 Westchester

Newspaper
"WSJ Americas Rap Sheet"
Gary Fields, John Emshwiller, Rob Barry, Coulter Jones
The Wall Street Journal

Documentary

Internet
"Mizzou Did Not Pursue Alleged Assault"
Tom Farrey, Nicole Noren, Chris Buckle, Dwayne Bray,
Tim Hays, Jason Morris, Cody Shimek, Nick Waligorski,
Michael Mikulec
ESPN Digital Media

TV
"The Real Death Valley/Muriendo Por Cruzar (Dying to Cross)"
John Carlos Frey, Solly Granatstein, Marisa Venegas,
Shawn Efran, Neil Katz, Esther Kaplan, Greg Gilderman
The Weather Channel, Telemundo and The Investigative Fund with Efran Films

Magazine
"RISE"
Jonathan Woods
TIME

Radio
"60 Words"
Kelsey Padgett, Matt Kielt, Jad Abumrad, Dylan Keefe,
Robert Krulwich, Gregory Johnsen
WNYC and NPR
Entertainment News

Internet
"Miss American Dream"
Taffy Brodesser-Akner
Matter

TV
"ON THE SCENE With John Bathke: The Bill T. Jones Interview"
John Bathke; Ed Hannen; Adam Jenkins
News 12 New Jersey

Radio
"Behind the Scenes at the TODAY Show"
Jessica Ettinger, Matt Ianni, Mike Rappaport, Liz Aiello
SiriusXM Satellite Radio & NBC

Newswire
"Meditations on the Movies"
Jocelyn Noveck
The Associated Press

Newspaper
"Gender and Ethnic Identity Politics in Theater: Jewish Drag Queens and Drag Kings"
Simi Horwitz
The Jewish Daily Forward

Magazine
"Post-Finale Stress Disorder"
Taffy Brodesser-Akner
The New York Times Magazine

Feature Photo

Magazine
"Border Lines: Tracking Unauthorized Migrants From Above"
Kirsten Luce
Bloomberg Businessweek

Newspaper
"Ramos Liu Memorial 2"
James Keivom
New York Daily News

Internet
"Clouds over Manhattan"
Bill Lyons
Staten Island Advance/Silive.com

Feature Reporting

Radio
"Blasting Through Bedrock: Here Comes the Second Avenue Subway"
Carole Zimmer, Mark Mills, Al Mayers
Bloomberg WBBR Radio
Magazine
"Who Are You Calling a Bully?"
Abigail Pesta
Cosmopolitan

TV
"The Incredible Life of Gardner Watts"
Tara Rosenblum, Alan Flamenhaft
News 12 Westchester

Newswire
"Chaos in West Africa"
Krista Larson
The Associated Press

Internet
"The Lives of Non-Muslims in Islamic Pakistan"
Jaweed Kaleem
The Huffington Post

Newspaper
"WSJ Risking Everything"
Adam Entous
The Wall Street Journal

Feature-Science Medicine & Technology

Magazine
"New Blood"
Roger Parloff
Fortune

Newswire
"Farmaceuticals"
Brian Grow, P.J. Huffstutter, Michael Erman, Duff Wilson, Mimi Dwyer
Reuters

Newspaper
"WSJ Cancers Super Survivors"
Ron Winslow
The Wall Street Journal
Feature-Science Medicine & Technology

Internet
"Virus Hunters"
Neil Katz, Kevin Hayes, Shawn Efran, David Quammen, Greg Gilderman, Katie Wiggin, Annie Hauser
The Weather Channel

TV
"The Barbershop Project"
Andrew Siff, Michael DelGiudice
WNBC-TV

Radio
"Ana and Mia: How Eating Disorders Evolved Online"
Manoush Zomorodi, Alex Goldmark, Andrew Dunn
WNYC

Feature Reporting-Sports

Newswire
"Baseball Caught Looking as Fouls Injure 1750 Fans a Year"
David Glovin
Bloomberg News

Magazine
"While The World Watched"
Wright Thompson
ESPN The Magazine

TV
"Throwing Pains"
Kurt Semder, Jose Sanchez, Greg Thompson
News 12 Bronx

Newspaper
"Tears For Tom"
Bob Herzog
Newsday

Internet
"Where Sports and Politics Collide"
Dave Zirin
The Nation.com

Radio
"Not Just Special Athletes, But Remarkable Champions"
Drew Casey
WFUV

Feature Video

Internet
"Welcome To The College Football Playoff"
Neil Jamieson, John Korpics, John B. Morris, David Duffey, Cub Studio, Morgan Samuel
ESPN Digital Media

TV
"How NYC Works"
Davide Cannaviccio
NY1 News

Newspaper
"Morocco’s Mule Ladies"
Almudena Toral, Suzanne Daley, Rachel Chaundler, Tomas Peire, Carles Delgado
The New York Times

Magazine
"Behind The Video of Eric Garner’s Deadly Confrontation With NYPD"
Paul Moakley
TIME

Food Writing

Newspaper
"Beer Project"
Peter Gianotti
Newsday

Internet
"Long Islands AllStar Chefs 12 to Know"
Polly Higgins, Alejandra Villa, Matthew Cassella, Joan Reminick, Erica Marcus, Marjorie Robins
Newsday.com

Newswire
"Food Features"
J.M. Hirsch
The Associated Press

Magazine
"Chicken by the Sea"
Jeff Chu
Travel & Leisure Southeast Asia
Humor

TV
"On the Spot"
Lily Stolzberg, Josh Schnitzer, John Prentice, Brian Stahl,
Glenn Garthwaite
News 12 Long Island

Newswire
"Go For the Food A New Yorker finds perfect steaks and
lamb fries at Cattlemens in Oklahoma"
Beth Harpaz
The Associated Press

Newspaper
"WSJ Jason Gay"
Jason Gay
The Wall Street Journal

Internet
"Stressed Out Mom, Neglected Dad - Nuggets from a
Mom with No Filter"
Becky Langton
WomanAroundTown.com

News Special

TV
"Fallen Heroes Memorial Day 2014 Special"
Virginia Huie, David Garden, Andrew J. Singh, James
Luning, Brian Endres, Charles Bucci
News 12 Long Island

Political Coverage

Internet
"Mayor’s Top Aide Hid Relationship With Convicted
Felon"
James Fanelli, Murray Weiss and DNAinfo NY Staff
DNAinfo.com New York

Magazine
"Citizenship for Sale"
Peter Elkind, with Marty Jones
Fortune

TV
"School Speed Zone Tickets"
Rich Barrabi, John Prentice, David Garden, David Rahner
News 12 Long Island

Newswire
"The Echo Chamber"
Joan Biskupic, Janet Roberts and John Shiffman
Reuters

Newspaper
"WSJ Midterm Elections"
Patrick O’Connor
The Wall Street Journal

Radio
"Election Night 2014"
Neil A. Carousso
WRHU-FM and 103.9 LI News Radio

Special Event Reporting

Magazine
"The Final Walk-Off"
J.R. Moehringer
ESPN The Magazine

Internet
"The Test of the Champion at Belmont Stakes"
Newsday multimedia department
Newsday.com

Newswire
"70 years after DDay daughter listens anew to voice of
late father who jumped with the 101st"
Beth Harpaz
The Associated Press

Newspaper
"WSJ Peering Inside Alibaba"
Juro Osawa, Paul Mozur, Rolfe Winkler, Kathy Chu, Laurie
Burkitt, Telis Demos, Matt Jarzemsky
The Wall Street Journal

Radio
"Eye On Ebola"
WCBS News Team
WCBS-AM

TV
"WRNN -TV Richard French Live An Unbreakable Bond"
Richard French, Christine Persichette, Michael Madden,
Ashley Giddix, Michael Fitzsimmons
WRNN-TV Richard French Live
Sports News

TV
"Tragic State"
William Weinbaum, John Barr, Scott O’Leary, Rob Berman, Carolyn Hong, Dwayne Bray, Chris Buckle, Joshua Vorensky, Bryan Brousseau, Joe LoMonaco, Marc Lustig
ESPN

Internet
"Manny Pacquiao vs Chris Algieri"
Jeffrey Basinger, Anthony Carrozzo, Mark La Monica, Greg Logan
Newsday.com

Newspaper
"Domestic Abuse in the NFL"
Steve Eder
The New York Times

Radio
"Verne Lundquist: Coming Full Circle"
Mack Rosenberg
WFUV

Spot News

Internet
"NYPD Officers Fatally Shot"
Newsday.com and Newsday Staffs
Newsday.com

TV
"No Indictment in the Death of Eric Garner"
Staff
NY1 News

Newspaper
"WSJ Comcast Time Warner Deal"
Shalini Ramachandran, Dana Cimilluca, Brent Kendall, Gautham Nagesh, Rani Molla, Martin Peers, Dana Mattioli
The Wall Street Journal

Radio
"Explosion In Harlem"
WCB News Team
WCB-AM

Spot News Photo

Newspaper
"Harlem Building Explosion"
James Keivom
New York Daily News

Newswire
"The PBR Buck Off"
Staton Rabin
ZUMA Press Wire Service

Spot News Video

Internet
"I Cant Breathe"
Ramsey Orta
New York Daily News

TV
"Snow Cars"
Christopher Wood, Allison Bybee
News 12 Connecticut

Travel Writing

Newspaper
"Day for Night in Norway"
Reif Larsen
The New York Times

Magazine
"Ghosts and Gods of Penang"
Jeff Chu
Travel & Leisure Southeast Asia

Internet
"A French Ramble Through Rambouillet"
Julie Chateauvert
WomanAroundTown.com