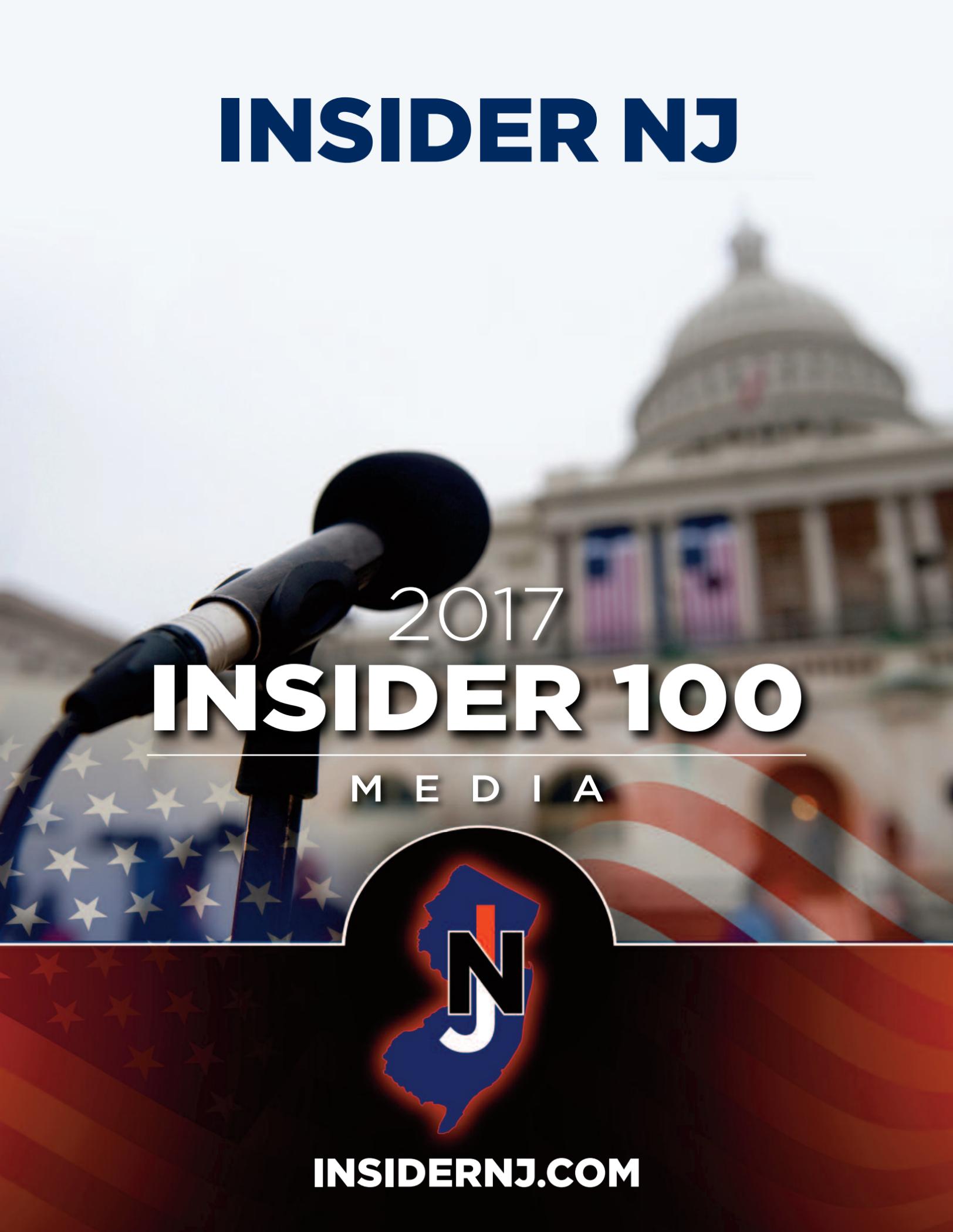


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

THIS IS SO MUCH DAMN FUN.

We've put together too many lists, we figured it was an appropriate occasion to assemble a documentation of those humble New Jersey purveyors of thought; those practitioners of a refined political vocabulary, whom we define here against that lower primate order of upper echelon national leadership otherwise known as the presidency.

In the middle of an ongoing campaign to discredit reporters, and minimize the written and spoken word, we bear witness daily to one of the truly boorish exercises in modern American politics. It's hard to invoke a literate, public interest segment of society without hearing anew the howls of "fake news" from that podium that we, the people, own. While a reality show-fed ego at the top dovetails with that illiterate wing of the country that still doesn't know it lost the Civil War, we absorb this combination of forces with a sense of the surreal. The country seems to have made a hard evolutionary detour to a *Plan 9 from Outer Space* science fiction film script featuring a bewigged Pugsly in the lead role.

I remember my high school English teacher Joe Fili, standing up at the front of the room with a copy of his beloved *King Lear* by Shakespeare and telling us, "Getting old is one of life's heartbreaks, yes, but don't you dare get old and foolish." So here we are, America: old before our time and unwise, unwilling to grasp even the rudimentary concepts of our own history, and apparently mostly too egocentric to care; and intent on confusing the media with those hired help

personages who should only report those surface qualities that are the preoccupation of spoiled children. With little to celebrate in such a dispiriting atmosphere, I take some measure of pride and heart in that enterprise otherwise known as the New Jersey Media, which represents at our statewide level such a vital force in these times.

Remember, this is the state that once prepared a young beat reporter from the *Elizabeth Daily Journal* named Carl Bernstein, who would go on to some place called *The Washington Post*.

This current crop of 100 that follows has taken a considerable beating over the last ten years. A lot of the best reporters in a badly depleted biz have either died or washed out, but several handfuls have survived cancer, heartache and that ever-intrusive hobgoblin called illiteracy, and stuck around, and more have joined the ranks. Forgive us for not including everyone. Inevitably with a list like this, we realize too late we missed someone. Understand that we didn't intend any offense. Please let us know who we left out, but also appreciate those who are here.

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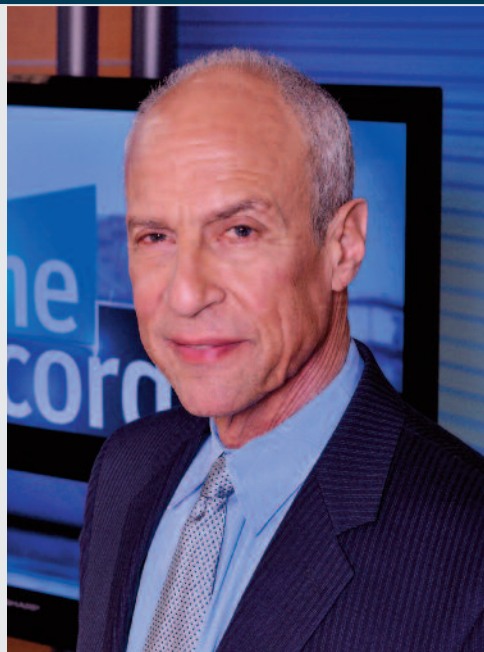
Better yet, they're New Jersey...

-Max Pizarro



1 MIKE ARON, NJTV

The undisputed dean of New Jersey political reporting and NJTV chief political correspondent, and maybe New Jersey's lone gem, mensch Aron has the biggest treasure trove of institutional knowledge in the state. He has been everywhere and done everything in this business, including writing and publishing books, getting yelled at by then-President Bill Clinton, reporting live from outside the home of an on-the-lam Nick Bissell, breaking political news live nightly and hosting his weekly television shows: *On the Record* and *Reporters Roundtable*. He so obviously loves it, the depth of his passion for the work nutshelled in one recurring Aron quote: "If you're a reporter, New Jersey never lets you down."



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**CHARLIE STILE,
BERGEN RECORD**

There may be other political columnists with wider reach, but none has the depth of the Bergen Record's Stile. He's the fine wine of political column writing, arguably the most determined purveyor of a higher level of discourse: both political and literary. But then, wasn't it George Orwell who said all political problems are grammatical? So many others have flamed out of the contest while the charming Stile continues to tear around the track. The sentences are so well constructed, and the ideas so germane and pragmatically packaged, his scorn for unabashed partisanship borne out by a style of critique that could only be described as realpolitik. Stile actually accomplishes the Herculean task of elevating something that may otherwise – but for Aron – very well be un-elevatable: New Jersey politics itself.



3

**MATT FRIEDMAN,
POLITICO NJ**

The peerless Friedman really doesn't write about something unless it's politically important. In a way, the ten-year veteran's shaping into the most easily recognizable natural heir to MSNBC star Steve Kornacki. Superior political intellect, no-nonsense, just-the-facts prose style, television or radio-ready insightfulness, and a considerable resume, including tours of duty with the website previously known as PolitickerNJ, the Star-Ledger and now as the political anchor leg to Politico NJ. Author of the must-read Playbook. And he's still just a pup in his 30s.

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**JOHN MOONEY,
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The textbook case of an intractable intellect refusing to get chewed up in hackland, the former *Star-Ledger* scribe co-founded NJ Spotlight, hammering the nonprofit website into easily the most (maybe lone?) substantive destination. The key to Mooney's success? He doggedly writes about policy, and shuns the dumb subjects that form the backbone of most political media.



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**JOHN REITMEYER,
NJ SPOTLIGHT**

You can talk to people around the Statehouse and if there's a single respected resource on state budgetary matters, anyone in the know will immediately identify that person as Reitmeyer, the former Bergen Record brain turned online animal. The Clark Kentish Reimeyer also possesses something else you don't generally find in most pure-blooded nerds. Under a mild-mannered and gentlemanly demeanor, he disguises the very sharp elbows of an unapologetic hockey jock.



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**RYAN HUTCHINS,
POLITICO NJ**

The lead dog supervising reporter at Politico NJ cut his teeth at the *Star Ledger* before signing on with Politico NJ, where he and Friedman provide a strong one-two punch. An elegant written word reporter, Hutchins also excels as a fierce and uncompromising inquisitor in political gaggles. If you're a politician with a sweaty hand in the cookie jar, you don't want to see Hutchins trooping up the hall with a recording device.



7

**MIKE KELLY,
BERGEN RECORD**

Distinguished author and prose stylist Kelly really is as close as the state has left to the pure beat reporter, the kind of guy who sports a fedora and sits at the end of a long, poorly lit bar scratching notes on a notepad. This is the real deal. This is the guy with a conscience and an intellect, a sleuthing and crusading dedication and a generally fearless Irish, Conor McGregor-like disposition under the civilized-looking package. His dispatches are for North Jersey what his colleague Stile is to the Statehouse.

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**STEVE ADUBATO,
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Now with an Emmy nomination, the master communicator, and author of *Leadership* will undoubtedly have even more media heft. Watch one of Adubato's shows. To listen to him speak the language is almost akin to enjoying a Miles Davis record when what you seek is a smooth instrument that doesn't trip itself up on the squeaks, bumpy passages or false notes that routinely bedevil lesser horn players.



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**TOM MORAN,
STAR-LEDGER**

A veteran presence, the Essex County-based Moran writes political columns and editorials for the state's paper of record. He has a following among progressives who appreciate his willingness to jump onto the front-lines of political debates, and at least weekly writes a column that generally everyone in the state who cares about politics must read.



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**DAVID CRUZ,
NJTV**



**MICHAEL HILL,
NJTV**

The horror is having to tweedle-dum-and-dee them in one entry, but they are dogged equals. The NJTV political news correspondents have muscled their way into contention as two of the most sporting reporters in politics. In a word: aggressive. If you're a politician, don't let them catch you napping or sticking your foot in your mouth. They'll be on top of you like a pair of hungry hounds – with rolling cameras in tow.



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**RICK GREEN,
BERGEN RECORD**

Editor of the Bergen Record. Sure, the place has changed, we all know that. It's no longer the little ma and pa delicatessen of words you knew when you were growing up in the Bergen suburbs. But as long as that muscular veteran staff is there, it continues to be important.



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**BILL SPADEA,
NJ 101.5 AND
CHASING NEW JERSEY**

A politician turned political journalist, workaholic Spadea has made himself an immovable radio force with his daily morning broadcast, reinforced by his evening TV alter ego as ring leader of MY9's Chasing. To his credit, Marine Corps vet (and, to this point, anyway, Trump-loving) Spadea chews voraciously into issues and champions causes, using his bully pulpit on the right much the way Moran uses his on the left.



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**TOM MARTELLO,
STAR-LEDGER**

The veteran Star-Ledger editor anchors the Statehouse Bureau. A veteran with veteran's chops, like Moran he spans the void back to a more literate newspaper time.



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**SAL RIZZO,
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He heads up political coverage for not just one but two states, helming Observer's New York and New Jersey bureaus. A former *Star-Ledger* and *Bergen Record* reporter, Rizzo is one of the best reporters in New Jersey, a truly substantive and intellectually honest broker.



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**JONATHAN DIEST,
NBC 4**

The stuffed and mounted head of Paterson Mayor Jose “Joey” Torres forms the basis of NBC reporter Diest’s political contribution to New Jersey’s political coverage, the result of his investigative news series about Silk City corruption.



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**DAVID GIAMBUSSO,
POLITICO NJ**

Having cut his teeth as a former Newark beat reporter for the Star-Ledger, the Politico NJ reporter is a smart and snarky veteran.



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**MATT ARCO,
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA**

A dedicated student of the game, *Star-Ledger* political reporter Arco got his start at *PolitickerNJ* before taking the Friedman career path to the *Ledger*. He specializes in covering Governor Chris Christie, and will presumably carry on as a Drumthwacket-centric beat reporter.

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**KEVIN RIORDAN,
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INQUIRER**

Riordan has been in the journalism game since the Byrne administration and has a wealth of institutional and historic knowledge, and is a must-read columnist for South Jersey – and beyond.



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**JIM MCQUEENY,
NJN**

The former Frank Lautenberg staffer hosts the upbeat and snappy New Jersey Now. McQueeney got his start as a reporter in Hudson County, so he can throw you that off-the-cuff anecdote about Jersey City Mayor Tommie Smith, for example, that makes you want to go back-rummaging through the archives.

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**CLAUDE BRODESSER-
AKNER, NJ ADVANCE
MEDIA**

It's hard enough being literate in New Jersey. To be both literate and literary accomplishes a rare feat that tests the limits of credulity where resembling a mobster means more than knowing how to read or speak. But the *Star-Ledger* reporter who covers Christie – a transplant from California – has managed to stay on his feet here – and do something almost unthinkable: educate.



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**ERIC SCOTT,
NJ 101.5**

The voice of 101.5 FM sounds like the radio equivalent of every leading man who ever made a movie in the 1940s and 1950s. He's the Robert Taylor of New Jersey media: strong, protective, solid, stolid and trustworthy.



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**BRIANNA VANNOZI,
NJTV**

The veteran NJTV reporter is a New Jersey star. Look, you could make the case for putting her in the top ten, the top five. She may yet absolutely inherit the mantle of Aron, which would be better than Barry Bonds taking the career home runs record from Henry Aaron. She's a great (and fair) reporter.



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**JONATHAN SALANT,
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA**

Salant is NJ.com's go-to for DC political coverage: like Herb Jackson at the Record, Salant can take a national story and bring it back to home and give it a Jersey-focus.



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**MIKE SHAPIRO,
TAP INTO**

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**AL DOBLIN,
BERGEN RECORD**

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**MATT KATZ,
WNYC**

The author of the definitive boom about Chris Christie, "American Governor", commands one of the most sought-after platforms for all things New Jersey politics. Don't ever underestimate him or be thrown by the boy next door routine. This is the guy who wraps a chummy arm around you at the bar. Next thing you know you hear that charming radio voice calming telling the world how you're finished.



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**JULIE BRIGGS,
WMTR**

The class act hosts "Your New Jersey Connection" and "Ask the Expert" on WMTR.



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**NICHOLAS HUBA,
PRESS OF
ATLANTIC CITY**

The Press of Atlantic City reporter is a top-notch reporter covering South Jersey, and specifically Atlantic City and the casino scene.



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**PAUL MULSHINE,
STAR-LEDGER**

The conservative *Star-Ledger* columnist brings to mind that line from Hemingway's *Death in the Afternoon*: "All right, you get the hell out of here" when someone complains that bullfighting is boring. Like bullfighting, Mulshine's columns gore – but never bore.



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**DAVID MATTHAU,
NJ 101.5**

The 101.5 FM reporter has an inimitable style. Take a listen to that broadcast. There's something very distinctive about the way he signs off on every broadcast.



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**JONATHAN TAMARI,
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**JOHN HEINIS,
HUDSON COUNTY
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**MICHAEL SYMONS,
NJ 101.5**

The Statehouse veteran cut his teeth at Gannett prior to moving over to 101.5 FM as a can't miss play caller.



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**BRIAN THOMPSON,
NBC 4**

The NBC News 4 vet still snags the big stories, and will forever live in the annals of New Jersey politics as that extraordinary inquisitor during the 2004 U.S. Senate contest.



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**MATT ROONEY,
SAVE JERSEY**

The founding editor of *Save Jersey* has carved out a space for himself as the state's go-to GOP commentator and opinion-crafter.



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**ART GALLAGHER,
MORE MONMOUTH
MUSINGS**

Only editor Gallagher has persevered to shape his long-standing Republican blog, *More Monmouth Musings*, into must read material for anyone interested in the local dynamics of shoreline politics.



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**JOE MALINCONICO,
PATERSON PRESS**

The Paterson Press editor/reporter is a force to be reckoned with in Paterson politics, one of the best local beat guys in the business.



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ALAN STEINBERG

A veteran of the Bush Administration, the InsiderNJ columnist now offers center-right perspectives, and routinely appears on TV as a political prognosticator.



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**STEVE KORNACKI,
MSNBC**

The intellectually brilliant MSNBC star started out in the Garden State as the original PoliticsNJ reporter. He doesn't focus on New Jersey all the time, but when something big happens here, he has the ability to reach into his considerable source network and invariably come up with something pertinent.



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**ALYANA ALFARO,
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JERSEY**

The bilingual North Jersey-based politics reporter writes for Observer New Jersey politics. Diminutive but fearless, she routinely wades onto tough turf where more egocentric male counterparts can be found back pedaling in a cold sweat.



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**CHRISTIAN HETRICK,
OBSERVER
NEW JERSEY**

Having cut his teeth as a beat reporter for the Press of Atlantic City, the sharp Hetrick now works as the State-house reporter for Observer New Jersey Politics.



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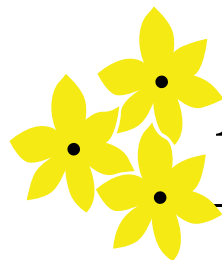


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**DAVID LEVINSKY,
BURLINGTON
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The Burlington County Times reporter is go-to media source for politicians in BurlCo. That's a big county, Burlington, and the guy's all over it. While others snooze through the late night meetings, Levinsky's belly down after executive session with a recording device in the bushes.



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**ERIK LARSEN,
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**DAVID DANZIS,
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The NJ Herald reporter is the master of covering all Sussex County political moves and happenings.



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**ROBERTO BUSTAMANTE,
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**OLIVIA NUZZI,
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The Washington correspondent for New York Magazine has deep New Jersey roots and like Kornacki and others, doesn't have to reach far to reactivate Garden State political sources.



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**JEFF EDELSTEIN,
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The long-serving Trentonian politics topical columnist also sometimes sits in for Spadea on 101.5 FM.



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