2006 NJPA Editorial Contest Results - Weekly

Journalist of the Year - Weekly

Phil Garber

"Battling the Bulge" Mount Olive Chronicle, Budd Lake Recorder Community Newspapers

General Excellence

Weekly, under 4,500

South Brunswick Post

Dayton Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

New Jersey Jewish News

Whippany

W-01, Responsible Journalism, Public Service – Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Delilah's Den"

Paula Scully, Angela Santoriello Tuckerton Beacon, Manahawkin Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: "From Revaluation Fallout to Tax Reform Dreams"

John Tredea, Ruth Luse, Aleen Crispino, Audrey Levine

Hopewell Valley News Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Public Service Stories in Bloomfield, 2006"

Seth Augenstein

The Independent Press of Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "From South of the Border to Suburban Sidewalks"

Staff

Suburban Trends, Kinnelon

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Ground Zero: Eminent Domain"

Christine Varno

Atlanticville, Long Branch Greater Media Newspapers

3rd Place: "Mountainside Hospital"

Stuart Youngs, Mark S. Porter

The Montclair Times

W-02, Responsible Journalism, Editorial Comment

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "After the Mudslinging"

"Still Waiting" Robert Zullo The Eagle, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "For The Sake Of Area's Needy"

"Time for Some Changes"

Paul Milo

Belleville Times, Nutley

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Don't Penalize School Children"

"District Should Drop Random Drug Testing"

Hank Kalet

Cranbury Press, Dayton Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Isreal as Political Football"

"Red-Letter Day" Andrew Silow-Carroll

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "Bad Apples"

"Happy New Year"

Jay Langley

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "South Brunswick Slaves"

"Lynch Contributions"

Karl Vilacoba

North South Brunswick Sentinel, Freehold

Greater Media Newspapers

W-03, Responsible Journalism, Enterprise

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Throng Eulogizes Teen Amid Questions"

Cara Latham

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "A Democratic Spending Spree

Leon Tovey, Hank Kalet Cranbury Press, Dayton Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Cops and Kids on MySpace.com"

Cara Latham

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Parish Learns Fate of Priest"

Toniann Antonelli Union Leader

Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Local Superintendent Well Compensated"

Rose Krebs, Susan Miller The Central Record, Medford InterCounty Newspaper Group

3rd Place: "A Week in the Life"

Michael Lamendola, Corey Klein, Derek Brown, Jaimie Winters

South Bergenite, Rutherford

W-04, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, News Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Sergeant Files Racial Discrimination Suit"

Leslie Murray

Cranford Chronicle, Clark

NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Grantors Say YWCA Has Not Requested '06 Funding"

Patrick Justin Fahey

Orange Transcript, Maplewood Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Hooked On Heroin"

Joseph Harvie

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Prosecutor Alleges Horrific Sex Crimes"

Tom Caiazza

Independent, Freehold Greater Media Newspapers

2nd Place: "Thanks to Arabs and Jews a Gaza Boy Is Treated

At Monmouth Hospital"

Jill Huber

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

3rd Place: "Former Holy Cross Pastor Sentenced to Prison"

John Burton

The Two River Times, Red Bank

W-05, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Breaking News

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Elvis Ring"

Jennifer Blenner

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Rockefeller Group Abandons Breza Road"

Purvi Desai

The Messenger-Press, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Police Detective Is Killed In Shooting"

Patrick Justin Fahey

Orange Transcript, Maplewood Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "They Weren't Alone"

Debra Rubin

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "Man Shoots Wife, Turns Gun on Himself"

Charlie Zavalich, P.C. Robinson

The Bernardsville News

Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Montclair Mayhem"

Erica Zarra, Chris Sagona, Stuart Youngs, Lillian Aleman, Mark S. Porter

The Montclair Times

W-06, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Coverage Of Government – Art Weissman Memorial Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Living Wage Series"

Lea Kahn

The Lawrence Ledger, Hopewell

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Missing \$45,000"

Tony Regina

Record Breeze, Blackwood InterCounty Newspaper Group

3rd Place: Lacey Korevec

Cranbury Press, Dayton Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: Christine Varno

Atlanticville, Long Branch Greater Media Newspapers

2nd Place: Debra Winters

Wayne Today, West Paterson

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Matthew McGrath

The Courier, Middletown

W-07, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Interpretive Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Juror Gives Inside Look"

Joseph Harvie

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Internet Presents New Dangers for Teens"

Dan Burns

Rahway Progress, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Parents of Local Autistic Youth to Speak"

Richard Dickon Nutley Sun

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Town and Country, Can Cory Booker Make Peace

Between Newark and the Suburbs?"

Robert Wiener

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "Taking Stock of How We've Changed"

Marsha Stoltz, Sonia Kanigel, Brett Freeman

Mahwah Suburban News, Ridgewood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "It's August - Do You Know Where Your Budget Is?"

Ricardo Kaulessar

The Jersey City Reporter, Hoboken

Hudson Reporter Associates

W-08, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Feature Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "A Life as Linden's Leader"

Dan Burns

Rahway Progress, Union

Worrall Communty Newspapers

2nd Place: "Landmark Pizza Changes Hands"

Ben Meritt

The Hammonton News

Atlantic County Newspaper Group

3rd Place: "Twice Blessed"

Dick Brinster

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Building Better Lives"

Pat (P.C.) Robinson The Bernardsville News

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Home Sweet Home"

Diana Schwaeble, Tom Jenneman The Hudson Current, Hoboken Hudson Reporter Associates

3rd Place: "Soldiers in Iraq Ask for Help"

Albina Sportelli Clifton Journal

W-09, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Column Writing (Serious)

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Clearing the Dust with a Daily Pill"

Mike Condon

Roxbury Register, Chester

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Good Protest, Bad Protest"

Christopher South Cape May Star & Wave Sample Media, Inc.

3rd Place: "Between the Lines - Teachers Can Make or Break a Student"

Jennifer Kopp

Cape May Star & Wave Sample Media, Inc.

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Do You Still Believe in Miracles?"

Len Bardsley

The Coast Star, Manasquan

Star News Group

2nd Place: "It Helps to Believe in the Fairy Tale"

Clare Marie Celano Independent, Freehold Greater Media Newspapers

3rd Place: "Catching Up on That Elusive Sweet Thing - Sleep"

Susan Miller

The Central Record, Medford InterCounty Newspaper Group

W-10, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Column Writing (Humorous)

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "The Zen of One-Liners"

"More Useless Information"

Christopher South

Cape May Star and Wave

Sample Media, Inc.

2nd Place: "Hey, I Got Some Slogans for You"

"Just Call Me a Cranky Cormudgeon"

Hank Kalet

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Learning New Tricks on the Ice"

"And Now a Word from Our Sponsors"

John Saccenti

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Doing Away With the Tooth Fairy"

"Same Sex Marriages"

Larry Savadove

The SandPaper, Surf City

2nd Place: "Annie the Talking Shoe"

"My Imaginary Fabulous Life"

Anna K. Jacobson The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

3rd Place: "The Jews of (Blank); Other Journalistic Chestnuts"

"We Don't Need Another Hero, or Do We?"

Andrew Silow-Carroll

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

W-11, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Sports Writing Portfolio

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Verona's Big Three"

"Superstitions"

"The Effect of Injuries"

Jose Ortiz

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Quoth the Ravens"

"Wrestler is 32-0"

"Sansouci Tosses Perfect Game"

Kyle Moylan

The Messenger-Press, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "WHS Football Comes Up Short Against Linden"

"SP-F Football Falls in Thanksgiving Finale"

"WHS Hockey Shuts Down Cranford"

Joe Serzan

Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Bluegrass Cat"

"The End Of An Era"

"Rutgers Win" Doug McKenzie

Atlanticville, Long Branch Greater Media Newspapers

2nd Place: "Rebounding"

"25-Year Passion Play"

"PU Football" Bill Alden

Town Topics, Princeton

3rd Place: "Zygi Wilf's Rookie Year"

"For Sid Dorfman, Three Score and Ten Equals a Lifetime Of Sports Journalism"

"Former Ballplayer Still In a League Of Her Own"

Ron Kaplan

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

W-12, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Robert P. Kelly Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Kids in Sports"

"Sports Superstitions"

Jose Ortiz

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "A Place for Friends"

"Menacing Page"

Cara Latham

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Mother Remembers"

"Resident Sentenced" Roman J. Uschak

The Nutley Journal, Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "It's a Sea Dog's Life"

"Darrick Doerner Shares Wisdom, Stories, Waves"

Jack Reynolds

The SandPaper, Surf City

2nd Place: "A Kid's Dream Comes True"

"After 60 Years and Despite Threats Of Fines, Some Are Not Inspired"

Molly Petrilla

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Voters Reject Latteri School"

"An Advocate for Peace"

Helen Walters Clifton Journal

W-13, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Arts & Entertainment Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Time for a 'Close Shave' at Tierney's Tavern"

David Jablonski Union Leader

Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Hold the Onions (But Bring the Dance Shoes)"

John Dunphy

The Lawrence Ledger, Hopewell

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Author Felt the Need to Explore Plot to Kill Diana"

Bea Smith

The Observer, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Mensch of La Mancha"

Curt Leviant

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "A Beach Haven Punk Band Ready to Take on New York"

Rick Mellerup

The SandPaper, Surf City

3rd Place: "Winter in the County"

Christopher Ruvo

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing

W-14, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Special Subject Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Teen's Find Space on the Web"

Marisa Maldonado

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Alleged Corpse Snatching Leads to Lawsuit"

Rick Murray

The Haddon Herald, Haddonfield InterCounty Newspaper Group

3rd Place: "Matters of Faith"

Joseph Harvie, Audrey Levine South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Hurricane 2006"

Staff

The Wildwood Leader

Catamaran Media Company

2nd Place: "Celery Farm"

Joe Olivieri, Jonathan Chin, Debi Pittman Wilkey

Town Journal, Ridgewood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Battle of The Bulge"

Al Campbell

Cape May County Herald Times, Rio Grande

W-15, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Environmental Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Environmental Development"

Seth Augenstein

The Independent Press of Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Local Farmer Battles DEP"

Stephanie Brown

Cranbury Press, Dayton Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Suspecting Their Well Water Is Tainted"

Purvi Desai

The Messenger-Press, Hopewell

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Debate Opens UP On Open Space"

Erica Zarra, Mark S. Porter

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Dredging O.C."

Eric Avedissian Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media, Inc.

3rd Place: "Here Comes the Sun"

Johanna Ginsberg

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

W-16, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Business & Economic Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "If You Build It, They Will Come"

Terence T. McDonald, Melissa Cifelli

Bloomfield Life, Nutley

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Workers Want Home Rule"

Daniel Hooks, Seth Augenstein The Glen Ridge Paper, Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Hopper Avenue Now Recreation Row"

Sonia Kanigel

Waldwick Suburban News, Ridgewood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Labors of Love Big Bikes, Little Shop"

"Wrapper's Delight";
"The Black Bag is Back"

Lauren Otis

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

2nd Place: "NJ Smoking Ban"

Scott Mogan

The Register News, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "A Staples Moves In, and a Pair of Staples Close Shop"

Ron Kaplan

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

3rd Place: "Automakers Put the Squeeze on Independent Repair Shops"

William Imhof

The Two River Times, Red Bank

W-17, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Education Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "SCI Report on Supt. Ersek"

Rick Murray

The Haddon Herald, Haddonfield InterCounty Newspaper Group

2nd Place: "Lessons from a Furry Friend"

Dan Burns

Rahway Progress, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Locals Back Steroid Testing"

Marisa Maldonado

South Brunswick Post, Dayton

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Foley Macherel!"

Terrence McDonald Bloomfield Life, Nutley

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "New Law Gives Dissection Choice"

Derek Brown

South Bergenite, Rutherford

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Board Upholds Librarian's Termination"

Doug Irvin

The Courier, Middletown

W-18, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Graphics & Illustration

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: no winner

2nd Place: no winner

3rd Place: no winner

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Winter in the Country"

Jon Marsh

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Corzine Joins the Team"

Harry Trumbore

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Retrospect Peanuts"

Mark Zeigler

The Retrospect, Collingswood

W-19, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Freshest Treatment of a Tired Topic

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "So How Come Santa Rides In A Fire Truck?"

Chris Sykes

Irvington Herald, Maplewood Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Flowers of Remembrance"

Stephanie Brown

Cranbury Press, Dayton Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Rebuilding The South"

Jordan Fenster, Tony Regina Record Breeze, Blackwood InterCounty Newspaper Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Cosmic Coincidence?"

Jennifer Amato

North/South Brunswick Sentinel, Freehold

Greater Media Newspapers

2nd Place: "Police Want To Find Out"

Chris Gaetano

North/South Brunswick Sentinel, Freehold

Greater Media Newspapers

3rd Place: "Registered Sex Offenders Speak Out"

Catherine Wilde

Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill

W-20, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, First Amendment Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Resident Told to Stop Videotaping Meeting"

Seth Augenstein

The Independent Press of Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Records Show \$410K Spent on Legal Fees"

Seth Augenstein

The Independent Press of Bloomfield Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: no winner

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Elwell Donors Got Town Contracts"

Simone Cumming

Secaucus Journal, Jersey City The Evening Journal Association

2nd Place: "Cops Back Plea For Safer Bus Stop"

Rachael Brickman

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Twp. Leaders At Odds Over Hosting Public Meeting"

Brett Ainsworth

The Retrospect, Collingswood

W-21, Reporting, Writing and Illustration, Headlines

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Call Them Bubble Gum-Shoes"

"The Bucks Don't Stop Here"

John Patten

Hillsborough Beacon Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Here's To You, Mr. Robinson"

"Hightstown Man's Future"

Kyle Moylan

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "As Greens Go Brown"

"Prowling With the Wolfpack"

Vincent Gragnani The Eagle, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Attiring Task"

"Dads Have A Steak"
"Japanese Sob Story"

Bill Slossar

Twin-Boro News, Cresskill

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Missing Linc"

"Pastor Knows"
"Sopranos"

Simone Cumming

Kearny Journal, Jersey City The Evening Journal Association

3rd Place: "Apples Are Irresistible"

"They Backed the Wrong George" "He's A Fan of the Patriots"

Rick Epstein

Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington

NJN Publishing Company

W-22, Packaging the News Product, General Typography & Layout of Entire Paper

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Glen Ridge Voice, Nutley

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Delaware Valley News, Frenchtown

NJN Publishing

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: The Ridgewood News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: South Bergenite, Rutherford

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Suburban Trends, Kinnelon

W-23, Packaging the News Product, Front Page Layout

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "December 14, 2006 & September 14, 2006"

Gary Herzog The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "November 23, 2006 & September 21, 2006"

George Danco

Florham Park Eagle, Madison Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "April 27, 2006 & September 14, 2006"

Ruth Luse

Hopewell Valley News Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Hometown Hero"

Phil Garber

Observer Tribune, Chester

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "School Bells Are Ringing"

Debi Pittman Wilkey Town Journal, Ridgewood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Look Alikes"

John Baumuller

Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill

W-24, Packaging the News Product, Editorial Section Layout & Content

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "July 20 and September 7, 2006"

Gary Herzog The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "May 25 and September 21, 2006"

Nick DiGiovanni

Delaware Valley News, Frenchtown

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "April 6 and September 14, 2006"

John Patten

The Manville News, Hillsborough

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "March 9 and September 14, 2006"

Mark S. Porter, Jessica Gaitan

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: September 20 and October 25, 2006"

Gail Travers

The SandPaper, Surf City

3rd Place: "February 10 and September 22, 2006"

Susan Leigh Sherrill The Ridgewood News

W-25, Packaging the News Product, Feature Section Layout & Content

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Lifestyle"

Linda Reddington

Beach Haven Times, Manahawkin Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: "Weekender"

Pat Anderson

Hunterdon Review, Lebanon Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Community Life"

Creg Marx

Cranford Chronicle, Clark

NJN Publishing

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Time Off"

Ilene Dube, Editor

The Register News, Allentown

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "We Remember Them"

Jules Rambo, Layout, Eileen Moon, Editor

The Two River Times, Red Bank

3rd Place: "Elegant Lifestyles"

Pat Anderson

The Bernardsville News

Recorder Community Newspapers

W-26, Packaging the News Product, Sports Section Layout & Content

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: Bob Decker

The Citizen of Morris County, Denville Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Garry Herzog

The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: David P. Biggy

Beach Haven Times, Manahawkin Times-Beacon Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: Bob Decker

Observer Tribune, Chester

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Brian Farrell

The Ridgewood News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Staff

Suburban Trends, Kinnelon

W-27, Packaging the News Product, Special Issue

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Chatham Township Bicentennial"

Staff

Chatham Courier, Madison

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Football 2006"

Staff

The Citizen of Morris County, Denville Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Union on Stage - Winter Edition"

Staff

Union Leader

Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Blush"

Staff

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "The Book"

Staff

The Two River Times, Red Bank

3rd Place: "Inside Central New Jersey"

Sarah Reiss, Editor The Princeton Packet Packet Publications