2007 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Weekly

Journalist of the Year - Weekly

Susan Montgomery

The SandPaper, Surf City

General Excellence

Weekly, under 4,500

Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

The Montclair Times

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

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Saving St. Michael's"

Ruth Luse, Jack Koeppel Hopewell Valley News Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Pockets of Need"

Sean Ruppert, Hank Kalet, John Saccenti

South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

3rd Place: "More Towns, More Critics for Developer"

Matt Chiappardi

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Montclair Property Revaluation"

Erica Zarra, Dan Prochilo, Mark S. Porter

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Darfur"

TaRessa Stovall, Mark S. Porter

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Union Hospital Series"

Toniann Antonelli, Jackeline Leon

Union Leader

Worrall Community Newspapers

W-02, Responsible Journalism - Editorial Comment

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Rational Insanity"

"When Right Becomes a Wrong"

P.C. Robinson

The Randolph Reporter

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Residents Can Assist"

"End of a Good Thing"

Mike Condon Roxbury Register

Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Junk Mail"

"On Library Board"

Paul Milo

Belleville Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Irwin"

"Edgar"

Charlie Zavalick

The Bernardsville News

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Talking Turkeys"

"Put Wonder Bear on Unemployment"

David Nahan

Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media, Inc

3rd Place: "Dogs Bark, Folks Gripe, Dogs Bark"

"Twice Mauled: First by a Dog, Then the Web"

Fred Tuccillo

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

W-03, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Stabbings in Borough Linked to 2006 Murder"

"Woman Says Stabbing Victims Killed Her Sister"

Matt Chiappardi

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Youth Athletics: Borough May Fall Short for League"

"Fire Company Reaches Quota"

Paula Scully Tuckerton Beacon

Times-Beacon Newspapers

3rd Place: "Reinventing Government"

Stephanie Brown, Joseph Harvie, Bill Greenwood,

Lacey Korevec, Hank Kalet South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Paul's Journey"

"Life as an Adult on the Spectrum"

Maggie Fazeli Fard

Pascack Valley Community Life, Westwood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "SOMS Teachers Complain of Unhealthy Conditions"

"School Safety a Growning Concern"

"Discrepancies Evident Between Two Reports on Mold in Schools"

"Somea President Calls for Closing of Middle School"

"Mold Moves Class Outside"

Debbie L. Hochberg

News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Veterans Honored"

Jennifer Amato

North/South Brunswick Sentinel Greater Media Newspapers

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

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Murder in Broad Daylight"

Melissa Cifelli, Terrence T. McDonald

Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Worst Flood Since Floyd Forces 75 Residents to Evacuate"

Leslie Murray Cranford Chronicle NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Brady Resigns as South Superintendent"

Mae Rhine

The Beacon, Lambertville Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "St. Barnabas to Close Kearny's Assisted Living Unit"

Rose Duger Kearny Journal

Evening Journal Association

2nd Place: "Buyout Gets Rid of School Nurse"

Conor Greene

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Town to Buy Orchard Commons"

Matt Jackson

Town Journal, Ridgewood

W-05, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Coverage of Government, Art Weissman Memorial Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "E-Mails Shed Light"

"AD Jenkins' Status Uncertain"
"A Hamilton-McCarthy Duel?"

Terrence T. McDonald

Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Deer Killings"

Linda Seida

The Beacon, Lambertville

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Future of Turf Field"

Melissa Cifelli Glen Ridge Voice

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Raising a Stink"

"Here Comes the Sun"

"What Residents Need to Know"

Joe Olivieri

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Not-So Sweet"

"Judge Rules"

"Township Meeting" Maggie Fazeli Fard

Pascack Valley Community Life, Westwood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Moms Tell"

"State Reps"

"Authorities Claim" Claire Marie Celano

The News Transcript, Freehold Greater Media Newspapers

W-06, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Interpretive Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "A Friend Remembers"

Lea Kahn

The Lawrence Ledger Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Building Collapse"

Theresa Stultz Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Back from Iraq"

Sally Capone The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Announcement Shakes Up Community Breakfast"

Tanya Drobness The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Finding Strength in Dimes"

T.S. Evans

The Current of Absecon & Pleasantville

Catamaran Media Company

3rd Place: "Officials Ponder How to Consult By Email"

Katie Wagner

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

W-07, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Feature Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "This Old Haunted House"

Theresa Stultz Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Local Tailer Says Goodbye to 'Sopranos' Work"

Roman J. Uschak The Nutley Journal

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Tribute to a Local Pioneer"

Theresa Stultz Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Undercover Warriors"

Kristin Boyd

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Same Sex Couple Airs Commercial to Voice Their Concerns"

Debbie L. Hochberg

News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Sights Set on the Future"

Maggie Fazeli Fard

Pascack Valley Community Life, Westwood

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

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "State Budget a Familiar Tune"

"Smaller Not Better"

Hank Kalet Cranbury Press Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Herman Street, Not Bourbon Street"

"Spare Us the Placards, the T-Shirts"

Jonathan Sachs Glen Ridge Voice

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Iced Tea on a Dirty Glass"

"Putting More Oomph in Oom-Pah-Pah"

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

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Some Kind of Hero"

"Is It Hot in Here, or Is It Just Me?"

Andrew Silow-Carroll

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "Editor's Take – Medical Oversight on the Cheap"

"Generous Beyond Our Means"

Douglas E. Hall

Bergen News/Sun Bulletin, Palisades Park

Bergen Newspaper Group

3rd Place: "Cooperate Yes, But Deliberate in Public"

"Halted By a Language Barrier"

Rachael Brickman

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

W-09, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Column Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Vito's Pizza: A Rock for Our Youth to Hold On To"

"It's True: I Saw Elvis at Kerr's Kornstand, Too"

John Tredrea

Hopewell Valley News Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Live in Lawrenceville? Likely Not, But Who Cares?"

Memories Mulled Over Sausages and Suds"

John Dunphy

The Lawrence Ledger Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Some Bigger Implications for Puppy Love"

"A Meat-Market Pickup Leads to a Roasting"

Kyle Moylan

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Not Politically Correct to Say Witch Costume is Ugliest"

"Here's How to Avoid a Bum Wrap on Christmas"

Gene Newman Parsippany Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Don't Put Out That Bonfire"

"Kubu More Than Coach"

Len Bardsley

The Coast Star, Manasquan

Star News Group

3rd Place: "The Perils of Celebrating Holidays in the Fast Lane"

"Making a Case for Grownups to Have 'Snowdays'"

Jason Kaplan

Franklin Lakes/Oakland Suburban News

W-10, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Sports Writing Portfolio

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "MH Ends a Memorable Season"

"MH's Robinson: Eating CBA Special"

"The 'R' Word Strikes Again"

Bob Decker

The Citizen of Morris County Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Summer Fun"

"Lots of Water"

"Surf City Snags First Tourney Title Since 1980"

David Biggy

Beach Haven Times

Times-Beacon Newspapers

3rd Place: "SP-F Boys Soccer Defeated CHS in UCT Thriller"

"SP-F Girls Capture County Crown"

"SP-F Football Defeated Plainfield, Improves to 3-1"

Joe Serzan

Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Timber!"

"In the Beginning"
"A Real Marathon Man"

Brian Smith

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Weaver Moves"

"Wrestling Program"
"NJSIAA Rules"
Edward Kensik

South Bergenite, Rutherford

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "New Rules Affect the Art of Cutting the Pounds"

"Celebrating Verona's Lone Basketball Champs 50 Years Later"

"Conquering the Hill"

Jose Ortiz

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

W-11, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Robert P. Kelly Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Two Injured"

"Paying Tribute" Theresa Stultz Record-Press, Clark NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Jail Escapees"

Katherine Paster The Eagle, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Stabbings"

"Developer" Matt Chiappardi

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Volunteers Ensure No One Dies Alone"

"Pet Project: Feeding Animals in Need"

Veronica Slaght Hunterdon Observer NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Gay Couple Joined in Civil Union"

"Katherine Sandt Takes on Her Disease"

Sarah Schillaci

Pascack Valley Community Life, Westwood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Third Delivery's a Charm"

"Poof! Harry Potter Appears"

Gina Perfetto

Mahwah Suburban News

W-12, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Arts & Entertainment Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Eat. Pray. Love. Move to New Jersey"

John Monteith

Delaware Valley News, Frenchtown

NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Will Smith and 'Legend' Crew Shoot Scenes in Mount Airy"

Linda Seida

The Beacon, Lambertville

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "'Bingo' More Than a Game for Reid"

Bea Smith

The Observer, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "The Wiliamzboy"

"Lorenda Knisel

The Current of Northfield, Linwood & Somers Point

Catamaran Media Company

2nd Place: "You've Seen His Artwork Now Meet the Artist – Bill Bell"

Shirley J. Sasor

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Cancer Survivor's Play offers Hope Through Humor"

Dana Rapisardi

The Leader, Lyndhurst, Leader Newspapers

W-13, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Special Subject Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Matters of Faith"

Audrey Levine, Paul Koepp South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Couple Joins, Breaks Ground in Process"

Richard Dickon Belleville Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "The World on a String"

Sarah Firshein

The Lawrence Ledger Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Historic Church to Close"

Tanya Drobness The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Farm Life Getting Harder"

Shirley J. Sasor

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "One Man's Hot Dog Quest"

Chris Woolis Clifton Journal

W-14, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Environmental/Health & Science Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Legacy of Environmental Legend Helen Fenske"

Garry Herzog The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Township's Battle with Friends of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter"

Terrence T. McDonald

Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Boating, Fishing Fees Eyed for Lake"

Mike Condon Roxbury Register

Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Oyster Creek"

Patricia A. Miller

Brick Township Bulletin Greater Media Newspapers

2nd Place: "Black Dust"

Michael Acker Suburban

Greater Media Newspapers

3rd Place: "Are Dunes Legal?"

Christine Varno, Liz Sheehan Atlanticville, Long Branch Greater Media Newspapers

W-15, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Business & Economic Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Local Bar Scene Series"

Terrence T. McDonald, Melissa Cifelli

Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Turf Field Series"

Melissa Cifelli Glen Ridge Voice

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Gin and Bear It? No Way!"

Terrence T. McDonald Glen Ridge Voice

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Repair Shops Battle with Diagnostics"

Michael Lamendola

South Bergenite, Rutherford

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Buying Your Own Minority Firm"

Henry Gottlieb

New Jersey Law Journal, Newark

3rd Place: "A Business Made From Slate, Copper and Family"

Lauren Otis

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

W-16, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Education Writing

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Cranbury Majoring in Music"

Davy James Cranbury Press Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Every Milford Pupil Takes the Stage"

John Monteith

Delaware Valley News, Frenchtown,

NJN Publising

3rd Place: "Class Gives Students a Head Start"

Madeleine Johnson South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Hooked on Learning at County Tech"

Maureen L. Cawley

Cape May County Herald Times

2nd Place: "Where Chefs are Born"

Matt DeBlass

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

3rd Place: "Bayshore Bullies"

Scott Shanley

The Courier, Middletown

W-17, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Graphics & Illustration

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Barney Bush"

Tom Stiglich Record-Breeze

InterCounty Newspaper Group

2nd Place: "Sen. Larry Craig"

Tom Stiglich Plain Dealer

InterCounty Newspaper Group

3rd Place: "Out Brunswick'd"

Paul Kaminski

South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "On Eagle's Wings"

Eileen Moon, Scott Longfield, Cyndy Mernick

The Two River Times, Red Bank

2nd Place: "Fire Co."

"Equipment Ready"

Marsha Stoltz, Rosemarie Antinore, Barbara Manning

Mahwah Suburban News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Barbara Manning, Jose Ortiz

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

W-18, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Traffic Light Design Awaits Review by DOT"

Linda Seida

The Beacon, Lambertville

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Family Affair at SBHS"

Madeleine Johnson South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Much Fun with Rhyme and Reason"

Kyle Moylan

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "West Orange Soup Kitchen Fills Stomachs, Brings Joy"

Debbie L. Hochberg West Orange Chronicle

Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Behind the Pomp and Circumstance"

Sarah Schillaci

Pascack Valley Community Life, Westwood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "First Grade Is Such a Big Deal"

Kristin Boyd

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Bayshore's Black Friday"

J.J. Sullivan III

The Courier, Middletown

W-19, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – First Amendment Award

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: No Entries.

2nd Place: No Entries.

3rd Place: No Entries.

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Literature Still in Question"

Howard Prosnitz Teaneck Suburbanite

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: "Tainted Soil Leads to Messy Situation"

"Borough Stands Its Ground on Soil Issue"

Jackeline Leon Union Leader

Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: "Top Guns Set to Retire At top Pensions"

"Council Makes Last Minute Promotions"
"Boro Creative with \$500K Police Payout"

Daniel O'Keefe South Bergenite

W-20, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Headlines

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "If He Only Had a Brain"

"Romancing the Stone"

"It's a Wrap" Jim Lent

Morris News Bee, Madison

Packet Publications

2nd Place: "Young Crooner"

"Kneeling Room Only"
"Memories Still Race"

Vic Monaco

Windsor-Hights Herald, Allentown

Packet Publications

3rd Place: "Forest City Cut Down"

"Refined Taste"
"Taste an Affront"
Jonathan Sachs
Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Too Cool for School"

"Written in Stone"
"Ties That Blind"
Sallie Graziano

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

2nd Place: "Deja Moo"

"Six Coaches Sacked"
"Good to Be the King"

Matt Fagan

Suburban Trends, Kinnelon

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Putting on the Ritz"

"In the Moody's"

"Reading Between the Lines"

Karl Vilacoba

North/South Brunswick Sentinel Greater Media Newspapers

W-21, Packaging the News Product – General Typography & Layout of Entire Paper

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Glen Ridge Voice

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: The Randolph Reporter, Chester

Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: South Bergenite, Rutherford

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: The Ridgewood News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: The Beacon

Times-Beacon Newspapers

W-22, Packaging the News Product – Front Page Layout

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: P.C. Robinson

The Randolph Reporter

Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Garry Herzog

The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: Hank Kalet, John Saccenti

South Brunswick Post Packet Publications

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: Town Journal, Ridgewood

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Alana Quartuccio

Edgewater View, Cresskill

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Matt Fagan, editor, Tom Rollo, paginator

Suburban Trends, Kinnelon

W-23, Packaging the News Product – Editorial Section Layout & Content

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: Cranbury Press

Packet Publications

2nd Place: Bloomfield Life

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: The Ridgewood News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Lillian M. Aleman, Mark S. Porter, Jessica Gaitan

The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: South Bergenite, Rutherford

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

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: Linda Reddington

Tuckerton Beacon

Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: Cranbury Press

Packet Publications

2nd Place: South Brunswick Post

Packet Publications

3rd Place: No Award.

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Time Off"

Ilene Dube

The Princeton Packet Packet Publications

2nd Place: The Ridgewood News

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Cape May County Herald Times

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

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: Bob Decker

The Citizen of Morris County Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Garry Herzog

The Madison Eagle

Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: David P. Biggy

Beach Haven Times

Times-Beacon Newspapers

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "5-17-07"

"6-14-07" Len Bardsley

The Coast Star, Manasquan

Star News Group

2nd Place: David Nahan, Charlie Wood, Kristen Riley, Travis Witmeyer

Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media, Inc.

3rd Place: "May 10, 2007"

"December 6, 2007"

John Siipola

Hunterdon County Democrat

NJN Publishing

W-26, Packaging the News Product - Special Issue

Weekly, under 4,500

1st Place: "Union County Timeline"

Vincent Gragnani, Toniann Antonelli, Dan Burns, Laureen DeFilippo,

Kevin J. Kessler, Tracy A. Politowicz, Kitty Wilder

The Eagle, Union

Worrall Community Newspapers

2nd Place: "Tribute"

David P. Biggy Lacey Beacon

Times-Beacon Newspapers

3rd Place: No Award.

Weekly, over 4,500

1st Place: "Zero to Sixty"

Staff

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

2nd Place: "Nu"

Staff

New Jersey Jewish News, Whippany

3rd Place: "Health Care Law: Harmless Gift or Forbidden Fruit?"

Staff

New Jersey Law Journal, Newark