2008 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Weekly

General Excellence

Weekly under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-1, Responsible Journalism – Public Service, Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “From Red to Fed-Faced”
Terrance T. McDonald
Bloomfield Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: no winner

3rd Place: no winner

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Hitting Home: From Wall Street to Our Streets”
Tanya Drobness, Dan Prochilo, Mark S. Porter
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “EnCap ‘Divided & Conquered’”
Corey Klein
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Bedroc Safety”
Michael Lamendola
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
**W-02, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment**

**Weekly under 6,500**

1st Place:  
“Time to End Fowl Talk in Hightstown”  
Vic Monalo  
Windsor-Hights Herald  
Packet Publications

2nd Place:  
“Grieve for the Universal Soldier”  
“Help is Right Here”  
Phil Garber  
Mt. Olive Chronicle  
Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place:  
“Hussa Owns This One”  
Audrey Davie  
The Citizen of Morris County  
Recorder Community Newspapers

**Weekly over 6,500**

1st Place:  
“Phone Chain for the Privileged Fees”  
“How to Waste Taxpayers Money”  
Jaimie Winters  
South Bergenite  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place:  
“Council Protects Freedom”  
“Milone… Milone…”  
Kevin Glynn  
Pascack Valley Community Life  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  
“Transparency”  
“Administration’s Credibility”  
David Nahan  
Ocean City Sentinel  
Sample Media
W-03, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:  “Painting Still Slow for Little Boro Hall”
            “Real Men Step In to Paint Little Boro”
            Paula Scully
            Tuckerton Beacon
            Times Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place:  “Lawsuit Claims Village Broke Secret Promise”
            Kipp Clark
            The Ridgewood News
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  “Walk of the Town - Self Guided Tours That Hit Home”
            Philip DeVencentis, Christina Hernandez,
            Marsha Stoltz, Rebecca Kaufman
            Waldwick Suburban News
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place:  “Dirty Jobs of South Bergen”
            Corey Klein, Michael Lamendola, Ryan Levinsohn,
            Daniel O’Keefe, Jaimie Winters
            South Bergenite
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place:  “Some Loony Laws Remain on Books”
            Corey Klein, Daniel O’Keefe
            South Bergenite
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  “Residents Want Regulated Rent Increases”
            Katie O’Connell
            Town News
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-04, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – News Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Book Details Ex-Teacher’s Sex Encounters”
Jessica Encolino
The Messenger-Press
Packet Publications

2nd Place: “Samaritans Save Officer From Crash”
Matt Chiappardi
Windsor-Hights Herald
Packet Publications

3rd Place: “Tragedy At Graydon Pool”
Kipp Clark, Joyce Venezia Suss
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Bad Times Not Felt On The County Level”
Michael Lamendola
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “1 Reval, 2 Truths”
Mark J. Bonamo
Hackensack Chronicle
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Toddler Left in Hot Car is OK”
Albina Sportelli
Clifton Journal
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-05, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Coverage of Government, Art Weissman Memorial Award

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Dog Park”
“Better Climate”
“Face Lift For BPO”
Terrence T. McDonald
Bloomfield Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “More Vaccinations”
“Municipal Legal Bill”
“Powerful Concerns”
Phil Garber
Observer Tribune
Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: “Elections 2008”
Audrey Levine
Hillsborough Beacon
Packet Publications

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “A Second Look At Rec Safety”
“Greasing the Wheels of Progress”
“Exploring Energy Alternatives”
Megan Burrow
Pascack Valley Community Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Fired Up”
“City Politics 101”
“Take It Inside”
Mark J. Bonamo
Hackensack Chronicle
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Harrison Meeting Ends in Pandemonium”
“Villalta and Rodgers”
“Harrison Resident Launches Site”
Rose Duger
Kearny Journal
The Evening Journal Association
**W-06, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Interpretive Writing**

**Weekly under 6,500**

1st Place: “Laws Trickle Down to Schools”
Joe Olivieri
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Garden State Feels The Food Price Pinch”
Sally Capone
The Madison Eagle
Recorder Community Newspapers

3rd Place: “Village Moves to Condemn Properties”
Kipp Clark
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

**Weekly over 6,500**

1st Place: “Hitting The Roof”
Marsha Stoltz
Franklin Lakes Suburban News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Home to Heroin”
D.R. Foster
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “It’s Easy to Get, Legal and Potent”
Corey Klein
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-07, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Feature Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Not a Dry Eye in School”
Lisa Martone
Florham Park Eagle
Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: “A Mother’s Day Story: Back from the Abyss”
Debbie L. Hochberg
West Orange Chronicle
Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: “The Most Horrible Thing”
P.C. Robinson
The Randolph Reporter
Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Athlete’s Story Brings Students to Tears”
Maxim Almenas
Fort Lee Suburbanite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Davey Family is Running for Kaylee”
Erin Patricia Griffiths
Pascack Valley Community Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “What Are You Wearing, Miss Fish?”
Kristen Riley
Ocean City Sentinel
Sample Media
W-08, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Opinion Column

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:  “The Only Thing Missing”
            “For the Land of the Free”
            Sally Capone
            The Madison Eagle
            Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place:  “Just When You Thought It was Over”
            “Infighting, Government Go Hand in Hand”
            Jonathan Sachs
            Glen Ridge Voice
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  “Thou Shall Not Miss the Deadline”
            “Expectation for Station Still Realistic”
            Jonathan Sachs
            Bloomfield Life
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place:  “So Long Beach Island”
            “More Now Than Ever”
            Larry Savadove
            The SandPaper

2nd Place:  “Here’s the Village. Where’s Your Son?”
            “In Living Color: Barack to the Future?”
            TaRessa Stovall
            The Montclair Times
            Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  “Times are Tough, Fireworks are Frivolous”
            “Our Motto: If It Makes Sense, Don’t Allow It”
            Al Campbell
            Cape May County Herald Times
W-09, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Column Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “A Memorable Walk in the Woods”
“The Hay Fields, the Jug Milk and the Big Kids”
Mike Daly
Glen Rock Gazette
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “A Time to Celebrate How Far We’ve Come”
“My First Sense of What the Pilgrims Meant”
Mike Daly
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Waiting (and Waiting) to Hear Hillary”
Mike Condon
Roxbury Register
Recorder Community Newspapers

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Attack of the Vampire Children”
“Feng Shui and the Teenager”
Rick Epstein
Hunterdon County Democrat
NJN Publishing

2nd Place: “Lack of Cursive Ability”
Jim Vanore
Cape May County Herald Times

3rd Place: “Fads of 2008”
“Calculating the Value of Experience”
Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper
W-10, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Sports Writing Portfolio

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Summer Sports Fun”  
David P. Biggy  
The Beacon  
Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: Rudy Brandl  
Hillsborough Beacon  
Packet Publications

3rd Place: “Paying For Playing”  
Jose Ortiz  
Verona-Cedar Grove Times  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: Nick Gantaifis  
Wayne Today  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “OT was Destined to be a Champion”  
J.C. Baumuller  
Northern Valley Suburbanite  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “By George, They’ve Got It”  
Darius Amos  
Hackensack Chronicle  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
**W-11, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Robert P. Kelly Award**

**Weekly under 6,500**

1st Place:  “Horses Aid in Therapy”
“Local Chiropractor Offers Alternative Allergy Treatment”
Maria Prato-Gaines
Cranbury Press
Packet Publications

2nd Place:  “Gaum Family Shares Memories of Briana”
“Expert: Housing Woes May Last Until Late 2009”
Geoffrey Wertime
The Messenger-Press
Packet Publications

3rd Place:  “Welcome Site: Sea-faring Ducks Annual Attraction at Lighthouse”
“Chief Says ‘Basic Tools’ Necessary”
Jessica Infante
The Beacon
Times-Beacon Newspapers

**Weekly over 6,500**

1st Place:  “Appetite For Breakfast”
“Irish Harp Competition”
Laura Gooley
The SandPaper

2nd Place:  “Langan Can Laugh at ‘A World of Empty Promises’”
“Lucas has Courage to Pursue Disney Dream”
Elizabeth Martin
Parsippany Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place:  “Maynard Proves There are No Good Excuses”
“Renaissance Sough for Main Street”
Steve Janoski
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-12, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Arts & Entertainment Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Secaucus Restaurant and Lounge Laughs Out Loud”
Jennifer Kim
Secaucus Journal
The Evening Journal Association

2nd Place: “Reminiscing With a ‘Legendary’ Entertainer”
Bea Smith
West Orange Chronicle
Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: “Hey Beer Man!”
Megan Sullivan
Windsor-Heights Herald
Packet Publications

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Dramarama to Play Dexters”
Gene Myers
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “61 Years of Film, Candy and Memories”
Jaime Cannici
Teaneck Suburbanite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “From Nothing to Enough”
TaRessa Stovall
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: "Westmont Theatre Redevelopment"
   Brett Ainsworth
   Retrospect

2nd Place: "Reading, Writing and Racism"
   Terrence T. McDonald
   Glen Ridge Voice
   Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: "Local Flavor"
   Eileen Oldfield
   Hillsborough Beacon
   Packet Publications

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: "The Sweet Smell of Sewage"
   Dan Zomack, Kelly Skellinger, Brian O'Keefe, Tom Dunphy, Daniel Nee
   The Coast Star
   Star News Group

2nd Place: "New Police Vehicles have Lapsed Temporary Plates"
   Melissa Gaffney
   The Courier, Middletown

3rd Place: "Neighbors Claim House"
   Howard Prosnitz
   Teaneck Suburbanite
   Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-14, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Environmental/Health & Science Writing

**Weekly under 6,500**

1st Place: “Helping During Disasters”  
Mario Prato-Gaines  
Cranbury Press  
Packet Publications

2nd Place: “Volunteers, Government Restoring Meadow”  
Joe Olivieri  
Verona-Cedar Grove Times  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Exit Strategy”  
Philip DeVencentis  
Midland Park Suburban News  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

**Weekly over 6,500**

1st Place: “Former Resident Pushes Cancer Cluster Study”  
Michael Lamendola  
South Bergenite  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Taking the Guesswork Out of Mammary Makeovers”  
Taressa Stovall  
The Montclair Times  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Town Turns Teal for Cancer”  
Erin Patricia Griffiths  
Pascack Valley Community Life  
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-15, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Business & Economic Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Corn Conundrum”
Audrey Levine
Hillsborough Beacon
Packet Publications

2nd Place: “Bus Companies Find Few Options”
Eileen Oldfield
Hillsborough Beacon
Packet Publications

3rd Place: “Business is Hopping for Cedar Grove Service”
Eric Kiefer
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Taking a 9-Month Vacation – Unwillingly”
Dan Prochilo
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Out of Gas”
Jackie Hanusey
The Current of Egg Harbor Township
Catamaran Media Company

3rd Place: “Fighting Foreclosure”
Michael Lamendola
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-16, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Education Writing

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Parents Debate Public Schools Paying for Private Busing”
Eric Kiefer
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Study Looks at Inequities in School District Leveling”
Katherine Paster
News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange
Worrall Community Newspapers

3rd Place: “Grieving Mom Wants Son’s Diploma”
Eileen Oldfield
The Manville News
Packet Publications

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Montclair Schools Target Cyberbullying”
George Wirt
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Hard Times Fall on Catholic Schools”
Michael Lamendola
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Education Building Blocks: School Foundations Go the Extra Mile”
Marsha Stoltz
Franklin Lakes/Oakland Suburban News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-17, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Graphics & Illustration

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Yes Virginia”
Mark Zeigler
The Retrospect

2nd Place: “State Aid Chopped”
Mark Swanson, Mark Zeigler
The Retrospect

3rd Place: “Paying for Playing”
Edward Ruggieri
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Ready, Aim, Splat”
Jon Marsh
Hunterdon County Democrat
NJN Publishing

2nd Place: “One Pitch at a Time”
Jon Marsh, Shirley J. Sasor
Hunterdon County Democrat
NJN Publishing

3rd Place: “2008 Summer Guide”
Kevin McCarty
Atlantic City Weekly
W-18, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “The Merge Easy Does It on the Avenue”
Eric Kiefer
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Graduates’ Advice”
Eileen Oldfield
Hillsborough Beacon
Packet Publications

3rd Place: “First Lady, Daughter Visit Borough”
Alexander Hotz
Glen Rock Gazette
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Why They Bare It All”
Michael Lamendola
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “The Jersey Shore’s International Connection”
Lauren Suit
Cape May County Herald Times

3rd Place: “Local Bottle Pranksters Tied to Tunnel Shutdown”
Bryan La Placa, Rebecca Scanlon
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-19, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – First Amendment Award

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: no winners
2nd Place: no winners
3rd Place: no winners

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Teen Drinking in Montclair”
Maggie Astor, Genevieve Ilg, Erica Zarra
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “Coverage of Garbage Transfer Station”
Pat Johnson
The SandPaper

3rd Place: “School Board Pressed on Openness”
Curtis Leeds
Hunterdon County Democrat
NJN Publishing
W-20, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Headlines

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Cable Opt to Pull the Plug”
Jonathan Sachs
Glen Ridge Voice
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: “The Price Really was Right for Former Resident”
John Patten
Hillsborough Beacon
Packet Publications

3rd Place: “A Golden Retrieval”
Jonathan Sachs
Bloomfield Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Our Father, Whose Art is Heaven”
Joan Kostiuk
The Current of Absecon and Pleasantville
Catamaran Media Company

2nd Place: “Dr Horton Hears a ‘Boo’”
Matt Fagan
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Business Owners in Hot Dog Purgatory”
Karen F. Mrnarevic
Pascack Valley Community Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-21, Packaging the News Product –
General Typography & Layout of Entire Paper

**Weekly under 6,500**

1st Place: Staff
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Staff
Beach Haven Times
Times-Beacon Newspapers

3rd Place: Jonathan Sachs
Bloomfield Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

**Weekly over 6,500**

1st Place: Staff
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Albina Sportelli, Fran Sameth, Chris Woolis
Clifton Journal
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Lillian M. Aleman
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-22, Packaging the News Product – Front Page Layout

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: Staff
The Beacon
Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: Susan Leigh Sherrill
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Staff
The Ocean Star
Star News Group

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: Albina Sportelli
Clifton Journal
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Jaimie Winters
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Staff
Suburban Trends
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-23, Packaging the News Product –
Editorial Section Layout & Content

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: Marsha Stoltz
Midland Park Suburban News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Susan Leigh Sherrill
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: no winner

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: Jaimie Winters
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

2nd Place: Mark S. Porter, Lillian M. Aleman, Dave Astor
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: Kevin Glynn
Pascack Valley Community Life
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-24, Packaging the News Product – Feature Section Layout & Content

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “A Boy and His Dog”
Identified Frying Objects
Linda Reddington
The Beacon
Times-Beacon Newspapers

2nd Place: “3-14-08 & 7-11-08”
Andrea Agardy
The Ocean Star
Star News Group

3rd Place: “Young at Art”
Surrounds of Silence
Linda Reddington
The Beach Haven Times
Times-Beacon Newspapers

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Timeoff”
Ilene Dube
The Princeton Packet
Packet Publications

2nd Place: “Neighbors”
Jaimie Winters
South Bergenite
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Arts”
Joan Finn
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-25, Packaging the News Product – Sports Section Layout & Content

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: Garry Herzog
The Madison Eagle
Recorder Community Newspapers

2nd Place: Brian Farrell, Greg Tartaglia
The Ridgewood News
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: David P. Biggy
The Beacon
Times-Beacon Newspapers

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: Len Bardsley, Michael Tiedemann, Todd Bivona
The Coast Star
Star News Group

2nd Place: David Nahan, Charlie Wood
Ocean City Sentinel
Sample Media

3rd Place: Brian Smith
The Montclair Times
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
W-26, Packaging the News Product – Special Issue

Weekly under 6,500

1st Place: “Election Results”
Andrea Agardy
The Ocean Star
Star News Group

2nd Place: “Graduation Issue”
Jonathon Sachs
Glen Ridge Voice
Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

3rd Place: “Tribute 2008”
David P. Biggy
The Beacon
Times-Beacon Newspapers

Weekly over 6,500

1st Place: “Fine Living in Central New Jersey”
Megan Sullivan
The Princeton Packet
Packet Publications

2nd Place: “Jersey City Magazine”
Kate Rounds, Jennifer Martiak, George Fedor
The Jersey City Reporter
Hudson Reporter Associates

3rd Place: “Meet The Candidates”
John Soltes, Susan C. Moeller, Alexis Tarrazi, Chris Neidenberg,
Bernadette Marciniak, Winie Varillas
The Leader
Leader Newspapers