## 2009 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

The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-1, Responsible Journalism – Public Service, Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Holding on by a Shoestring" Michael Sedon The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Videotape Shows Public Works Chief Hard at Work – At Home" Anthony G. Attrino Verona Cedar-Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Bare Shelves" Geoffrey Wertime The Register-News

## Weekly over 6,500

Packet Publications

1st Place:	"Where's Your Money Going" Terrence T. McDonald The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"To Protect and Serve" Darius Amos, Mark J. Bonamo Hackensack Chronicle Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"How Safe Is Your Playground" Jaimie Julia Winters, Daniel O'Keefe, Michael Lamendola South Bergenite

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-2, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"A Call for Limits on Pocket PCs" "Racing Toward Oblivion" Mike Daly Glen Rock Gazette Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Council No Place For Bruised Egos" "Not Again" John Zucal East Orange Record Worrall Community Newspapers
3rd Place:	"Donations Fail Political Smell Test" "Hold Saudis Accountable tor Terrorism" Phil Garber Observer-Tribune Recorder Community Newspapers

1st Place:	"Where's the Oversight?" "Political Signs Shouldn't Top Issues" Jaimie Julia Winters South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Focus on Monogamy" "New City Solicitor" David Nahan Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media
3rd Place:	"Add It Up" "Decade of Dedication" Mark S. Porter The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-3, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Where the Whistles Still Blow: Life Along the Railroad Tracks" Christina Hernandez Waldwick Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Where the Whistles Still Blow: Life Along the Railroad Tracks" "Station's Status Half Full" Christina Hernandez Ramsey Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Tale of Four Towns" Sean Ruppert Windsor-Hights Herald Packet Publications

1st Place:	"Where the Whistles Still Blow: Life Along the Railroad Tracks" Meghan O'Connell Franklin Lakes/Oakland Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"A Week in the Life" Brian Anderson, Corey Klein, D.R. Foster, Michael Lamendola, Daniel O'Keefe, Jaimie Julia Winters South Bergenite
	Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Wrestling with [Ken]: The Montclair Times Poetry Challenge" Elizabeth Oguss The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-4, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – News Writing

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"2 Charged with Murder" Anthony G. Attrino, Joe Olivieri Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"911 Tape Sheds Light" Kate Brex Chatham Courier Recorder Community Newspapers
3rd Place:	"A Terrible, Tragic Loss" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Federal Lawsuit Filed Against Police Chief" Mark J. Bonamo Hackensack Chronicle Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Feds Crack Down on Corruption" John Soltes, Alexis Tarrazi, Susan C. Moeller The Leader
3rd Place:	"Dirty Diner Deal" John Soltes, Alexis Tarrazi, Susan C. Moeller The Leader

## W-5, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Coverage of Government (The Art Weissman Memorial Award)

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Council Opposes Funding Plan" "Funding Causes a Problem" "Moving Forward for Green Borough" Katie Berk Leonia Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Historic Turnout at Meeting" "Lightening Up on Minor Projects" "Loan Leftovers Discussed" Michael Sedon The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Mayor Nominates Business Administrator" "State Calls Orange a Transit Village" "Another Phoenix to Rise" John Zucal Orange Transcript Worrall Community Newspapers

1st Place:	"No Longer Forgotten"
	"Residents Question Proposed Zoning Change"
	"Zoning Change Not Sitting Well"
	Eamon Harbord
	Town News
	Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

- 2nd Place: "Courthouse Hours Fight Flares Again" "Clerk, Sheriff Ask Judge to Rule" "Guards' Guns Complicate Security" Warren Cooper Hunterdon County Democrat NJN Publishing
- 3rd Place: "Zisa Speaks Out" "Ferraioli Fights Back" "Fireworks at Officer's Hearing" Mark J. Bonamo Hackensack Chronicle Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-6, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Interpretive Writing

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Fortifying the Castle" Marsha Stoltz Waldwick Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"They Make What?" Marsha Stoltz Ramsey Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Shared Services" Joe Olivieri Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Health Board Wants to Stamp Out E-cigs" Jason Braff Town News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Cleaver Attacker Depressed" Teresa Edmond Suburban Trends Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Views Run Gamut" Donna Rolando Suburban Trends Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-7, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Feature Writing

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Soldiers from Our Streets" Matt Chiappardi Windsor-Hights Herald Packet Publications
2nd Place:	"Oldest Resident Cites Laughter" Alexander Hotz Glen Rock Gazette Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Roosevelt Middle Is a 'School to Watch'" Debbie L. Hochberg West Orange Chronicle Worrall Community Newspapers

1st Place:	"At Least People Will Know What Happened"
	Elaine Durbach
	The New Jersey Jewish News

- 2nd Place: "The Boxer" Alexis Tarrazi The Leader
- 3rd Place: "Buzz Aldrin: Montclair's Moon Man" Elizabeth Uva, Elizabeth Oguss, M.E. Cohen, Mark S. Porter The Montclair Times Community Newspaper of North Jersey Media Group

## W-8, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Opinion Column

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"13 Years Not Enough for Popewiny" "Public Has the Right to Speak at Meetings" Anthony G. Attrino Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Health-care Reform: For Me It's Personal" "Stuck in Park, in Need of a Jump Start" Mike Daly The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"It's Down Right Comical at this Point" "Welcome to Nike-Prudential-Pepsi High School" Jonathan Sachs Bloomfield Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Montclairites with Debts May Soon Be Selling Their Statuettes" "Count Column Ignores Count Dracula and Count of Monte Cristo" Dave Astor The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Tried to Avoid a Trek-Themed Column, but Resistance is Futile" "Harry Potter and the Many Mentions of Matters in Montclair" Dave Astor The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"The Choice is Ours" "Casual Corruption" David Nahan Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media

## W-9, Reporting, Writing and Illustration - Column Writing

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"If Newspapers Disappeared, Would Local Teens Notice" "The Inscrutable Joys of Being a Teenager in Summer" Tess Langan Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"I Am Hunter, Watch Me Foam" "The 1945 Christmas Mystery" P.C. Robinson The Randolph Reporter Recorder Community Newspapers
3rd Place:	"Playground Patrol"

Julie Dengler The Retrospect

- 1st Place: "It Could Be Verse" Andrew Silow-Carroll New Jersey Jewish News
- 2nd Place: "Taking a Walk to the Future" "John Quincy Adams Tweets" Fred Tuccillo The Princeton Packet Packet Publications
- 3rd Place: "This Situation Stinks" "Withholding Information Is the Same Thing as Lying" Kristen Riley Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Kahunas Swim for Survivor" Stephen Schimmel Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Shelve the Shovels" Mike Lamberti Belleville Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Surprise Slugger" Kyle Moylan The Messenger-Press Packet Publications

1st Place:	"Dear NFL" Edward Kensik South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Seventh Man" Brian Smith The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Jewish Jordan" Jacob Kamaras The Jewish State

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"A Consummate Musician" "He Was Music" Erin Roll Glen Ridge Voice Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Panther Community" "Jack Pasola" Erica Florentine The Ocean Star Star News Group
3rd Place:	"Law and Disorder" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Seniors Excluded" Karl deVries Town Journal Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Hotels" "Quake Survivors" Lina Khouri The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"People Can Survive Impossible" Kimberly Redmond Pascack Valley Community Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	Megan Sullivan South Brunswick Post Packet Publications
2nd Place:	Joe Olivieri Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Erin Roll Glen Ridge Voice Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	Adam Greenberg Clifton Journal Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	George Wirt The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Waiter Rant" D.R. Foster South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Dear Mom and Dad" Mike Condon Roxbury Register Recorder Community Newspapers
2nd Place:	"Traditions Hold Fast in a Fast-Changing World" Christina Hernandez Midland Park Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"New Law Will Help Families Like Jake Whitenight's Family Still Facing Insurance Hurdles" Eileen Oldfield The Manville News Packet Publications

1st Place:	"13 DWI's, 78 Violations & Still Driving a Car" D.R. Foster South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Battle of the Delaware" Susan Montgomery The SandPaper
3rd Place:	"Police Pension Problems" W. Jacob Perry The Bernardsville News Recorder Community Newspapers

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Water from the Ground Up" Geoffrey Wertime The Register-News Packet Publications
2nd Place:	"As Fear Sets In, Masks & Tamiflu Fly Off the Shelves" Christine Hernandez Ramsey Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Skin Cancer Series" Mollie Gray Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"This Throwaway" Kristen Riley Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media
2nd Place:	"School Takes on 'Green'

- 2nd Place: "School Takes on 'Green' Challenge" Amanda Peterka The Somerset Reporter NJN Publishing
- 3rd Place: "Fishermen's Hope to Net Future" Pat Johnson The SandPaper

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Township Duo Trades Fame for First Job" Julie Dengler The Retrospect
2nd Place:	"Don't Fret the Small Stuff" Mollie Gray Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"A Growth Industry: One Hand Feeds Another in Northwestern Bergen County" Meghan O'Connell Midland Park Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Keeping It in the Family" Howard Prosnitz Teaneck Suburbanite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Lambertville's River Horse Brewery" Renee Kirliuk-Hill Hunterdon County Democrat NJN Publishing
3rd Place:	"Charities Struggling Here at Home" Karl deVries Town Journal Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Millburn Schools Respond to Sports Gear Scam" Andrea Hughes The Item of Millburn & Short Hills Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Students Spend Homeless Night" Lea Kahn The Lawrence Ledger Packet Publications
3rd Place:	"Not So Fast" Meghan Grant Nutley Sun Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"What Schools are Teaching Our Kids About Sex" D.R. Foster South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Budget Loophole Allow Foundations to Flourish" Karl deVries Town Journal Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Ponchick Puts 'Tea' in Teacher" Howard Prosnitz Teaneck Suburbanite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"OMG They Txt" George Wirt The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	Mark Ziegler, Susan Ainsworth The Retrospect
2nd Place:	Marsha Stoltz, Christina Scotti Wyckoff Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Jon Russo Glen Ridge Voice Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"The Year in Review" Jaimie Julia Winters, Barbara Manning South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	Joan Kostiuk, Shaun Smith The Upper Township Gazette Catamaran Media Company
3rd Place:	Phil Graffeo IV, Brian Smith The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Football Fans Go Where Everybody Knows the Score" Christina Hernandez Ramsey Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Find Out Why One Snowstorm Cost Us \$25,000" Joe Olivieri Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"With Bare Agendas, Planners Beginning to Rethink Zoning" Audrey Levine Hillsborough Beacon Packet Publications

1st Place:	"They Hail from Here" D.R. Foster South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Hail to the Chiefs" Elizabeth Oguss, Terrence T. McDonald, Lindsey Kelleher, Lillian M. Aleman, Tanya Drobness The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Fundraiser Hit by Downturn" Dorothy O'Connor Suburban Trends Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

#### Weekly under 6,500

- 1st Place: "Daly Blues" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
- 2nd Place: no winner
- 3rd Place: no winner

1st Place:	"Some Due Big Payouts for Accumulated Unused Time" Michael Lamendola, Daniel O'Keefe South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Officer Accused of Beating 12-year Old" Justin Zaremba Community News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Behind Closed Doors, the Manager Search Begins" Terrence T. McDonald The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-20, Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Headlines

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	Mike Daly The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	Jonathan Sachs Glen Ridge Voice Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Jonathan Sachs Bloomfield Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	Ellen Fox Tamblyn Neighbor News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	Jaime Cannici Teaneck Suburbanite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Brett Freeman Town Journal 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:	Garry Herzog The Madison Eagle Recorder Community Newspapers
2nd Place:	Jonathan Sachs Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Chris Lang, Sam Passow Leonia Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	Andrew Silow-Carroll New Jersey Jewish News
2nd Place:	Christopher Lang Northern Valley Suburbanite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Kevin Glynn Pascack Valley Community Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Sept. 25 and Nov. 27" Edward Virgin, Rosemarie Antinori The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Jan. 29 and Oct. 1" Anthony G. Attrino Verona-Cedar Grove Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Sept. 3 and Sept. 24" Owen Proctor Belleville Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"March 19 and Sept. 17" Lillian M. Aleman
	The Montclair Times
	Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

- 2nd Place: "May 23 and Sept. 23" Matt Fagan Suburban Trends Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
- 3rd Place: "April 1 and Oct. 1" Jaimie Julia Winters South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"July 24 and Sept. 18" Chris Lang, Sam Passow Leonia Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Jan. 22 and Sept. 17" Jonathan Sachs Glen Ridge Voice Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"Sept. 10 and Sept. 17" Marsha Stoltz, Christina Scotti, Rosemarie Antinori Ramsey Suburban News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"Sept. 17 and Nov.12" Sam Passow Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Sept. 24 and Oct. 29" Jaimie Julia Winters South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"June 19 and Oct.1" David Nahan Ocean City Sentinel Sample Media

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

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Arts & Leisure" "Our Voices"
	Gloria Geannette, Joyce Suss
	The Ridgewood News
	Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Village Life" Deirdre Ward The Ridgewood News

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3rd Place: no winner

- 1st Place: "Lifestyle Section" Christopher Lang, Sam Passow, Michelle Sartor Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
- 2nd Place: "Time Off" Ilene Dube The Princeton Packet Packet Publications
- 3rd Place: "Community" Elizabeth Oguss The Montclair Times Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

#### Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	Adam Hochron, Joyce Manser, Kelly Rizzetta The Ocean Star Star News Group
2nd Place:	Greg Tartaglia, Brian Farrell The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	Cindy Probert Glen Rock Gazette Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	Len Bardsley, Mike Duffy, Len Bardsley
	The Coast Star
	Star News Group

- 2nd Place: "Central's Ibach in the Tower" "Thompson Wins 3200" John Siipola Hunterdon County Democrat NJN Publishing
- 3rd Place: Michael Lamendola South Bergenite Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

## W-26, Packaging the News Product – Special Issue

## Weekly under 6,500

1st Place:	"Spring Sports Preview" Staff The Retrospect
2nd Place:	"Treasures of Morris County" Staff The Madison Eagle Recorder Community Newspapers
3rd Place:	"Ridgewood's July 4 Celebration" Staff The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

1st Place:	"150 Years of Change" Staff Northern Valley Suburbanite, Cresskill Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
2nd Place:	"Six Decades Serving the Pascack Valley" Staff Pascack Valley Community Life Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group
3rd Place:	"EHT High School 2009 Senior Scrapbook" Wayne Derrick Comer II, James FitzPatrick, Jackie Hanusey, Rebekah Zumwalt The Current of Egg Harbor Township Catamaran Media Company