# 2010 NJPA Editorial Contest Results – Weekly

# **General Excellence**

Weekly Over 6,500

# The Montclair Times

Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "State May Push" "Preliminary Report" "Mayor" "Bill Would Bring" "RVSA Members Face" "Salaries Account" "Catering" "RVSA Plans" "RVSA Plans" "RVSA Members Paying" "RVSA Appoints" Cheryl Hehl Union County Local Source
- 2nd Place: "Private vs. In-House?" "Rutherford Offers More Free Rides Than Other Local Towns" "Do Towns Need Their Own Health Departments?" "Feeding the Flame" "Rec Depts Add to Quality of Life" Michael Lamendola, Daniel O'Keefe, Brian Anderson South Bergenite
- 3rd Place: "Borough on the Hook for Two Attorneys" "Emergency Siren System Inoperable" "Tax Dollars Dripping Away at Memorial Pool" Justin Zaremba Community News

#### Weekly Under 6,500

- 1st Place: "Board Set to Deliberate" "Decision Time Nears" "Bigger Venue Needed for Vote" "Amendment Approved" "Concerned Residents" Michael Sedon The Ridgewood News
- 2nd Place: "EPA Sets Meetings" "EPA Unveils Plan" "Adviser to Speak" "Residents Quanta" "Daycare Staying Put" Maxim Almenas Edgewater View
- 3rd Place: "Downed Wires: Whose Line Is it Anyway?" Christopher South Cape May Star & Wave

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# W-2, Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "Everyone Should Sacrifice, Including Teachers" "Three Figure Increases Are Unacceptable" Christa Limone Wayne Today
- 2nd Place: "Un-Friend Me" "Protection First" Warren Cooper Hunterdon County Democrat
- 3rd Place: "Out of Tune with Reality" "Not Convincing" Toniann Antonelli Union County Local Source

- 1st Place: "Another Tower?" "Show Us the Money" Harry Trumbore The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
- 2nd Place: "Rethink Reassessment" "Hawkins' Call to Public Unethical" John Zucal Orange Transcript
- 3rd Place: "More of the Same" "Democracy Works" Debbie L. Hochberg West Orange Chronicle

# W-3, Responsible Journalism – Enterprise

## Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Veterans' Voices" Elizabeth Oguss, Terrence T. McDonald, Lillian M. Ortiz The Montclair Times
2nd Place:	"Looking for Leadership" Mark J. Bonamo Hackensack Chronicle
3rd Place:	"School Budgets, a Learning Curve" Warren Cooper, Curtis Leeds, Renee Kiriluk-Hill Hunterdon County Democrat

1st Place:	"Board Sees Value in Re-Hiring Retirees Part-Time"
	Meghan Grant
	Nutley Sun

- 2nd Place: "Iraq War Veterans Seeks Clues to Mystery Illness" Michael Sedon The Ridgewood News
- 3rd Place: "Digitization Project" Maria Karidis Belleville Times

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Chief Zisa Out" Mark J. Bonamo Hackensack Chronicle
2nd Place:	"Free-for-All?" Kelly Nicholaides South Bergenite
3rd Place:	"Duckett Guilty of Murder" Dan Prochilo, Tanya Drobness, Terrence T. McDonald The Montclair Times

1st Place:	"Leonard Is No Longer Chiefor Is He?" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life
2nd Place:	"A Life Cut Short, a Life Well Lived" Staff The Ridgewood News
3rd Place:	"Downed Trees, Power Lines Slow Recovery" Cindy Probert, Jane M. Dalton Glen Rock Gazette

## W-5, Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Coverage of Government, Art Weissman Memorial Award

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Protestors Hold Rally to Save Police Jobs" "20 Employees Including 7 Police Officers Face Layoffs" "Layoffs Averted for Seven Police Officers" Erin Patrica Griffiths Community News
2nd Place:	"Special Election Scheduled for March 9" "Voter Fraud to Be Investigated by County" "It's Official; Parnofiello Wins Second Election" Daniel O'Keefe South Bergenite
3rd Place:	"NA Only Town to Apply for State Aid" "What's All the Racket?" "Hard Lessons Learned from First Summer Jobs" Brian Anderson South Bergenite

- 1st Place: "Township Turning into a 'Part-Time Lover?'" "Council Members Accusing Mayor of 'Stealing' Benefits" "Councilwomen Flip-Flop on Health Benefits Stance" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life
- 2nd Place: "Beach Eyes Squan Man for Safety Director" "Beach One Step Closer to Hiring Police Director" "Council Bows to Public: No Beach Police Director" Chris Sheldon The Ocean Star
- 3rd Place: "Edgewater Development and Budget" Maxim Almenas Edgewater View

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

### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Community Mourns Death of Sgt. Hrbek" Megan Burrow Pascack Valley Community Life
2nd Place:	"When Police Become the Criminals" Michael Lamendola South Bergenite
3rd Place:	"Immigrants Spark Community Tension" Rick Epstein, Gabby Sanabria Hunterdon County Democrat

1st Place:	"Unions Walk Out of Talks"
	"Boro PBA Talk Closed to Public"
	"Point Chief Ordered to Fire Six Police Officers"
	"Cops Confront Council"
	"Are Open Negotiations Working?"
	Erica Florentine
	The Ocean Star

- 2nd Place: "Final Bell Might Toll for St. Francis School" "School's Closing Outrages Parents" "Displaced Students Seeking New School" Robin DeCicco Ridgefield Park Patriot
- 3rd Place: "'Watershed' Moment for Oakes Pond?"
  "Mayoral Candidates Debate Length of Proposed Tax Break"
  "Contamination at Site Could Date Back to 1830s"
  "Oakes Pond Abatement Rejected"
  Jeff Frankel
  Bloomfield Life

# W-7, Reporting, Writing & Illustration - Feature Writing

### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Job Not for the Thin-Skinned" Albina Sportelli Clifton Journal
2nd Place:	"Biker Bars Are Beating the Bad Rap" Steve Janoski Suburban Trends
3rd Place:	"Peak Performance" Sam Slaughter East Brunswick Sentinel

- 1st Place: "Custodian, Artist, Father: Local Resident Paints His Heart Out" "A Glen Ridge Artist Knows What's Important in Life" Michael D'Onofrio The Glen Ridge Paper
- 2nd Place: "She'll Cross That Bridge When She Comes to It" Jane M. Dalton Glen Rock Gazette
- 3rd Place: "History Books" Joanne Degnan The Messenger-Press

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Coda: Tenure Must Be on the Table in Reform Talks" "Coda: Here's Your Boy Scout Knife, and Here Are the Handcuffs" Greg Bean East Brunswick Sentinel
2nd Place:	"Editor's Desk: Transparency Will Take Work" "The Editor's Desk: Politically Correct, Uninformed No Way to Make Decisions" David Nahan Ocean City Sentinel
3rd Place:	"Americans Must Connect the Dots for a Comprehensive Energy Policy" "'Throw the Bums Out': Careful What You Wish For" John M. Imperiale The SandPaper

1st Place:	"Opinion" Nancy Dinar The West Essex Tribune
2nd Place:	"South Junior High's Condition Is Unacceptable" "We Hope Referendum Succeeds, Five Hours Notwithstanding" Jonathan Sachs Bloomfield Life
3rd Place:	"Only a Five-Hour Referendum? Please Explain" "Officers Who Engage in Fisticuffs Aren't Fit to Serve" Jonathan Sachs Bloomfield Life

# W-9, Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Column Writing

### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Paper Trails: Snow Days" "Paper Trails: From Here" Elizabeth Oguss The Montclair Times
2nd Place:	"Up to No Good and Loving Every Moment" "In the Company of Very Fine Block-Heads" V.C. Chickering News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange
3rd Place:	"It's a Jewish Jersey Thing" "The Year in Verse, 2010" Andrew Silow-Carroll

#### Weekly Under 6,500

- 1st Place: "Nancy's Notebook" Nancy Dinar The West Essex Tribune
- 2nd Place: "Surprise! You've Got Picture Mail." "Poor Pilgrims, No Cool Whip" Christopher South Cape May Star & Wave

New Jersey Jewish News

3rd Place: "Numbers Can Still Be Our Friends" "Nutley Calling" Victoria Chalk Nutley Sun

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Red Devils Thriving" "1,000-Point Player Excels Off Basketball Court" "Seniors Enjoy Memorable Years" Bill Summers The Bernardsville News
2nd Place:	"Bringing the Negro Leagues Home" "Brown Is Back in Blue" "Gameday 2010" Brian Smith The Montclair Times
3rd Place:	"Dowling to Zaffino Lateral Will Live on in Hills' History" "Giant Size Showdown" "Battle for Top Spot Reunites Boys Club Standouts" Christopher Lawlor Wayne Today

1st Place:	"Schools, Not Siblings, Renew Rivalry" "Lady Scarlets Continue to Keep Their Focus" "Loss Doesn't Diminish Successful Season" Darius Amos Ridgefield Park Patriot
2nd Place:	"Merchants Best Braves" "Panthers Pounce on Lions for First Win" "Beach Gives Henry Hudson a Nightmare Before Christmas" Greg Domorski The Ocean Star
3rd Place:	"Lynch Joins Elite with 1,000 Points" "Bucs on the Hunt for Glory" "Senior Trio Propels Bogota Back to the Top" Darius Amos Bogota Bulletin

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"In the Driver's Seat: Helping the Hungry at a Higher Speed"
	"Little Egg Harbor Murder-Suicide Traumatizes Locals"
	Michael Molinaro
	The SandPaper

- 2nd Place: "For Genealogists, It's All in the Family" "The Nerds Observe Silver Anniversary at Joe Pop's Friday" J.D. Watson The SandPaper
- 3rd Place: "Rose Boys Win Title" "Knights Take Double Overtime Match, Advance to Title Game" Sam Costantino The Coast Star

- 1st Place: "Road to Recovery" "Digitization Project" Maria Karidis Belleville Times
- 2nd Place: "Tragic End for a True Talent" "Popular Bar Night Draws Large Crowd" Kelly Ebbels The Ridgewood News
- 3rd Place: "'We Are Forever in his Debt'" "Kyleigh's Law: How to Handle a Sticky Subject" Jodi Weinberger Ramsey Suburban News

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "The 2010 Jazz Series" George Wirt The Montclair Times
  2nd Place: "Young Lioness Pounces on to the Broadway Scene" Jaime Cannici Teaneck Suburbanite
- 3rd Place: "Local and Loving It" Shirley J. Sasor Hunterdon County Democrat

- 1st Place: "Verona to Japan: Filmmaker's Tale of Destruction in WWII" Mollie Gray, Anthony G. Attrino Verona-Cedar Grove Times
- 2nd Place: "Lifting and Inspiring Through Artwork" Karthik Aggarwal Bogota Bulletin
- 3rd Place: "Village Youngster Joins Billy Elliot" Gloria Geannette The Ridgewood News

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Fighting Drugs on the Homefront" Eric Avedissian Ocean City Sentinel
2nd Place:	"Residents Plea for Dead Turkey" "State, County Join Local Turkey Shooting Charges" "Rutherford Residents Still Talking Turkey" "Turkey Trials Moved to County" Daniel O'Keefe, Michael Lamendola, Brian Anderson South Bergenite
3rd Place:	"Court Is Adjourned"

Dan Prochilo The Montclair Times

1st Place:	"How Nutley Police Foiled Drug Ring" Roman J. Uschak Nutley Journal
2nd Place:	"Name to Be Added to Roll Call of Deceased Vets" Marsha Stoltz Waldwick Suburban News
3rd Place:	"Taking Each DayTwelve Steps at a Time" Michael O'Leary Verona-Cedar Grove Times

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Controversial 'Wonder-Drug'" Tony Gicas Clifton Journal
2nd Place:	"Relatives Tell of the Tragedy of Alzheimer's Disease" "Cases of Alzheimer's Disease to Double by 2050" "Silver Alert to Find Missing Dementia Patients Is Now Law" Jennifer Amato North/South Brunswick Sentinel
3rd Place:	"Wall Man Seeks to Share Knowledge of Prosthetics with Another Amputee" Jamie Biesiada The Coast Star

1st Place:	"Lake Louise Dredging Halted, Again" "Lake Louise Dredging Could Restart in Fall" "At Long Last, Dredging Progress in Point Beach" "More than 50 turtles Removed from Lake of Lilies" Chris Sheldon The Ocean Star
2nd Place:	"Cancer Survivor Envisions a More Inclusive 'Club'" Marsha Stoltz

- Wyckoff Suburban News
- 3rd Place: "Golf Balls on the Hudson: A Water Hazard?" Maxim Almenas Edgewater View

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "Twenty-Eight Year Run Coming to an End" Tara Driggs Northern Valley Suburbanite
- 2nd Place: "Brewing Tea for Education" Kenna Caprio Hunterdon County Democrat
- 3rd Place: "Steiners, Surflight Suddenly End Link in 'Reorganization'" "Surflight's New Producer a Success on Broadway" "Surflight Will Stay Open on Week-to-Week Basis" "Surflight Survives Its October Scare Thanks to Public" Rick Mellerup The SandPaper

- 1st Place: "And Now for the Good News" "Downtown Putting Up a Fight" Michael Sedon, Kipp Clark The Ridgewood News
- 2nd Place: "Shop Bakes 15,000 Cupcakes for Oprah" Meghan Grant Nutley Sun
- 3rd Place: "Young Job Seekers" Maria Karidis Belleville Times

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

## Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Memorial for Beloved Teacher" Tony Gicas Clifton Journal
2nd Place:	"Family, Friends Mourn Loss of Teen" Tony Gicas Clifton Journal
3rd Place:	"The ABCs of Going Back to School" Staff Northern Valley Suburbanite

1st Place:	"Their Class Is In Session—Outside" Jodi Weinberger Wyckoff Suburban News
2nd Place:	"Student's Return Sparks Dialogue on Race" Andrea Hughes The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
3rd Place:	"Against Long Odds, Bassillo 'Refused to Give In'" Erin Roll Glen Ridge Voice

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "The Year in Review" Michael Lamendola South Bergenite
- 2nd Place: "The Game of Life at OCHS" Robin DeWeese Joan Kostiuk Claire Mazzella The Ocean City Gazette
- 3rd Place: "Visual Viewpoint" Steve Crooks The Montclair Times

- 1st Place: "The End of the Cash Cow..." Jon A. Russo Glen Ridge Voice
- 2nd Place: "The Most Wonderful Day of the Year!" Mark Zeigler The Retrospect
- 3rd Place: "Commuter Parking" Harry Trumbore The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Bailey's Escapades Inspire Roadside Rally" Donna Rolando Suburban Trends
2nd Place:	"Halloween: The Tricks of Bringing Ghost Stories to Life" Marsha Stoltz Franklin Lakes/Oakland Suburban News
3rd Place:	"Saying His Goodbyes" Daniel O'Keefe South Bergenite

1st Place:	"Memories of Mother Fill with Love as the Years Go By" Daniel Jackovino The Independent Press of Bloomfield
2nd Place:	"Victim Died with No Will; Court Agrees to Freeze Assets" Audrey Davie The Citizen of Morris County
3rd Place:	"'The Spirit Behind it Is Remarkable'" Richard De Santa Glen Rock Gazette

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Where's Your Money Going?" Terrence T. McDonald The Montclair Times
2nd Place:	"Following the Financial Trail of Union's SID Tax" "SID Expenses Are Still Unclear" "Merchants Split on SID Tax" Cheryl Hehl Union County Local Source
3rd Place:	"Bruised Morale in Turmoil's Wake" Mark J. Bonamo

#### Weekly Under 6,500

1st Place: "Township Settles Lawsuit Over Death" Meghan Grant Nutley Sun

Hackensack Chronicle

- 2nd Place: "'Attorney-Client Privilege' Keeps Documents Sealed" Jeff Frankel Bloomfield Life
- 3rd Place: "Digori Ineligible" Richard Dickon Belleville Times

# W-20, Reporting, Writing & Illustrations – Headlines

### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Cheers and Some Tears" "Oh Deer, What a Tangled Mess" "Beekeeping Bug Keeps Gladstone Man Buzzing" Charles T. Zavalick The Bernardsville News
2nd Place:	"If 'Grandson' Calls from Jail, Be Wary" "Bed, Bath and Behind Bars for Suspect" "Dog Bark Rules Have Less Bite" Terry Wright Hunterdon County Democrat
3rd Place:	"Out, Damned Spot! (Fido Too!)" "Let's Be Frank" "When it Rains Cats and Dogs, it Pours" Caren Matzner The Jersey City Reporter

- 1st Place: "Suspect in Hot Water with Police" "Clients Out to Dry" "Was He Flashing More Than Bus Pass?" Owen Proctor Nutley Sun
- 2nd Place: "Fight Erupts Between Bridesmaids" "Verona High Students Working for Peanuts" "Firefighters Save Pooch from Blaze" Anthony G. Attrino Verona-Cedar Grove Times
- 3rd Place: "Property Plan Is on Ice, for Now, Manager Says" "Municipal Judge Puts a Bullet in Harassment Case" "Oh, the Price at the Pump Is Frightful" Owen Proctor Belleville Times

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

### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"The Montclair Times" Lillian M. Ortiz, Joan Finn, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Oguss The Montclair Times
2nd Place:	"New Jersey Jewish News: Dec. 7, Oct. 19" Staff New Jersey Jewish News
3rd Place:	"South Bergenite: Nov. 11, Oct. 21" Staff South Bergenite

- 1st Place: "The Ridgewood News: Oct. 8, Dec. 10" Staff The Ridgewood News
- 2nd Place: "Edgewater View General Layout" Amanda Baskind, Sam Passow Edgewater View
- 3rd Place: "Leonia Life General Layout" Amanda Baskind, Sam Passow Leonia Life

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

# Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Front Pages: Feb. 19, Oct. 22" Albina Sportelli Clifton Journal
2nd Place:	"Front Pages" Douglas M. Paviluk, Staff Writers and Photographers The Coast Star
3rd Place:	"Front Pages: Sept. 16, Oct. 14" Kipp Clark, Rose Antinori Town Journal

1st Place:	"Front Pages: Sept. 23, Oct. 14" Staff The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
2nd Place:	"Front Pages: Oct. 8, Dec. 10" Ed Virgin, Rosemarie Antinori, Patricia Bottone The Ridgewood News
3rd Place:	"Front Pages: March 11, Oct. 21 Owen Proctor Belleville Times

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

- 1st Place: "Opinion Pages: Feb. 18, Oct. 17" Staff Town Journal
- 2nd Place: "Opinion Pages: Oct. 7, Apr. 8" Jaimie Winters South Bergenite
- 3rd Place: "Opinion Pages: Dec. 9, Oct. 21" Christina Hernandez News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange

- 1st Place: "Opinion Pages: Oct. 22, Dec. 31" Edward Virgin The Ridgewood News
  2nd Place: "Opinion Pages: Feb. 4, Oct. 7" Jonathan Sachs Bloomfield Life
- 3rd Place: "Opinion Pages: Oct. 14, Dec. 16" Marsha Stoltz, Rosemarie Antinori Waldwick Suburban News

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

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Community Section"
	Elizabeth Oguss, Lillian M. Ortiz
	The Montclair Times

- 2nd Place: "Community Living Sections" Kevin Glynn Pascack Valley Community Life
- 3rd Place: "Neighbors" Staff South Bergenite

- 1st Place: "Graduation and Grad Ball" "Athletic Hall of Fame" Cindy Probert, Jane Friedman Glen Rock Gazette
- 2nd Place: "Our Voices" "Arts and Leisure" Gloria Geannette, Joyce Venezia Suss The Ridgewood News
- 3rd Place: "Seafood Fest Leaves Guests Happy as Clams" Molly Mulshine, Sueanne Goss The Ocean Star

# W25, Packaging the News Product – Sports Section Layout & Content

#### Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Sports: June 10, Oct. 7"
	Joyce Manser, Len Bardsley, Sam Costantino
	The Coast Star

- 2nd Place: "Sports: Oct. 7, Dec. 9" J.C. Baumuller Northern Valley Suburbanite
- 3rd Place: "Sports: Sept. 23, Oct 7" David Nahan, Kristen Kelleher Ocean City Sentinel

- 1st Place: "Sports: Oct. 1, Oct. 15" Greg Tartaglia, Brian Farrell The Ridgewood News
- 2nd Place: "Sports: Oct. 8, Nov. 9" Cindy Probert, Jane Friedman Glen Rock Gazette
- 3rd Place: "Sports: Oct. 7, Oct. 28" Kevin Meacham Verona-Cedar Grove Times

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

## Weekly Over 6,500

1st Place:	"Bernards Township 250th Anniversary" Charles T. Zavalick, W. Jacob Perry The Bernardsville News
2nd Place:	"NU: Fresh Ideas from Garden State Teens" Robin Friedman, Dayna Nadel, Mollie Leitzes New Jersey Jewish News
3rd Place:	"Allendale Fire Department 100th Anniversary" Staff Town Journal

1st Place:	"Blizzard 2010" Staff The Ocean Star
2nd Place:	"Special Election Results Issue" Staff The Ocean Star
3rd Place:	"Ridgewood's Centennial Fourth of July Celebration" Ed Virgin The Ridgewood News