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Responsible Journalism: Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Storms scare the lights out of people

When will power be restored?

Nursing home residents saved

Coming together in times of need

Cleaning up the mess

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
Are police taking it too far?

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
Village picking up pieces after Sandy
Bonding over a shared experience
In face of storm, businesses stay open
District remains unsure of date for reopening
Internet tools help get the word out

Darius Amos
Laura Herzog
Joyce Venezia Suss
Many agree rail line is needed in northern region

Traffic impact a concern

Rail's environmental impact remains in question

Mike Curley
News Editor

Stephanie Noda
Reporter

Maxim Almenas
Reporter
District won't lower its standards
Passing grade is 60, not 70
See strength: Set standards high – and higher

George Wirt
Mark Porter
School Mold Report Mum, Cleanup Done

Parents Report Mold in School

School Mold Still Sickens Some Pupils

Mold Monitors Will Scrutinize District Schools

More Mold Found in Elementary School

Deborah McGuire
Reporter
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Category W2

Responsible Journalism: Editorial Comment
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Say 'Cheese,' Millburn

That was one slick survey

Harry Trumbore
They've got to be kidding

Developer

Mike Condon
Playing games

Kim Bangash: Keeping a timeline

Help in the search for new principal at RHS

Letters

Village Voices

WHERE IN THE VILLAGE?

ON CORNER

Letters

Crandon on unregistered contractors

Edward Virgin

Editor

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Keep voting in April
Why was it installed in the first place?

A simple solution to parking problem

David Nahan
Each day counts

Renee Kiriluk-Hill
Renting to highest bidder is wrong

South Bergenite
Renting to highest bidder is wrong

Newparks, new traffic study

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
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Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
Businesses prosper as Hispanic population burgeons

Jodi Weinberger
Catherine Carrera
Where do parking tickets wind up?

Laura Herzog
Staff Writer
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Adding that special touch
Honoring teachers, strengthening literacy and giving from the heart
A tradition in Cedar Grove
Programs assist those abroad
40 years later, Vallone continues to give back to the community

Lillian M. Ortiz
Editor

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer

Carolyn Maso
Staff Writer
The Montclair Times
The Montclair Film Festival
Gwen Orel
David Clarke
Custody battle settled
Girl returns to mother in Turkey
by Staff

Clifton - A 4-year-old girl who was in court in Turkey last week that she had been kidnapped and returned to New Jersey last week by her mother. The child's father, who lives in Clifton, has now been reunited with his daughter.

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Clifton Journal

Clifton's best chicken wings

Staff
Does your police department reflect your community?

Post-Depression in South Bergen

Brian Anderson
Reporter

Michael Lamendola
Managing Editor

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Does your police department reflect your community?

W3: Responsible Journalism – Enterprise
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Category W4

Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
Discount prescription drug program open to all

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
W4: Responsible Journalism – First Amendment Award

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Sounding off on marijuana reform

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

It's not all howls for new dog park

Laura Herzog
Staff Writer
W4: Responsible Journalism – First Amendment Award

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Transition team taking shape in closed meetings

Attorney: Meeting was illegal

Newly selected transition task force ready to work

Victoria Hurley-Schubert
Legal bills mounting as Cranford endures Birchwood saga

By Cheryl Hehl

CRANFORD — Although the litigation has been fought by the Birchwood Development Corporation, in fact the residents of the Birchwood neighborhood are not the only ones being negatively impacted by the lawsuit. The neighborhood itself is not spared from the consequences.

The lawyer who is handling the case has been quoted as saying that the neighborhood is a “paradise” for the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs are not the only ones being affected. The neighborhood is also being negatively impacted by the lawsuit.

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Legal bills mounting as Cranford endures Birchwood saga

Cheryl Hehl
Governor Visits LBI, Addresses Concerns Climatic and Political

Michael Molinaro
Staff Writer
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: News Writing
Mount Olive Chronicle

Dummy hydrants fact of life

Firefighters learn to battle blazes with water tankers

Phil Garber
A long road to recovery

Waldwick Suburban News

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Rebecca Greene
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

Family, friends seek answers

Jeff Frankel
Dan Prochilo
LBI Reels From Impact; Costs Could Reach $1B

Victoria Lassonde
Staff Writer

Eric Englund
Staff Writer

Juliet Kaszaz-Hoch
Staff Writer

Maria Scandale
Staff Writer
Sandy slams the Somerset Hills
Local communities still recovering from unprecedented damages and massive blackouts

B’ville votes no to turf but yes to road work
No surprises in Bernards as incumbents win

‘Like a horror movie’

Republicans capture two Bedminster seats
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Pandemonium

Dan Prochilo
Linda Moss
Category W6

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Government

Art Weissman Memorial Award
Lack of youth on LFD is worrisome

Officials consider red light cameras

Mid-day parking to be restricted

Raeshelle Middleton

Reporter
Bank shares its findings, artifacts with society

By JEFF FRANKEL

The Bloomfield Historical Society has added more to its permanent collection. President Bank has retired to his home in Bloomfield in 2018. Among items donated were a 60-year-old Tiffany clock measuring over 17 feet tall and weighing hundreds of pounds. The clock bears the society's name and is currently on display in the museum.

DEVELOPMENT

What’s next move for Washington property?

By JEFF FRANKEL

There are no immediate plans to expand the property, as the Bloomfield Library has a full schedule of events. However, a new building could be in the works to accommodate the growing population.

COUNCIL

What goes into non-partisan election decision? Dollars, cents and politics

By JEFF FRANKEL

Consideration for a non-partisan election is a key component in deciding the type of election to be held. It involves a significant amount of money and resources. The council members are currently reviewing the proposed plans for a non-partisan election.
Officials to rebid project to renovate old Borough Hall

Contractor found for dredging project

High-rises coming to Edgewater

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Reporter
Longtime administrator terminated in Sayreville

Eicher discusses desire for 'a different direction'

Sayreville appoints new business admin.

Deanna McLafferty
Residents call for attorney's resignation

Residents keep pushing for televised meetings

Concerns about funds for city cultural center

Mark J. Bonamo
Managing Editor
Street plan promises safety for pedestrians

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Group sues for COAH concerns

Affordable, special needs housing is approved

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Reporter
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Category W7

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Elections/Politics
Let the race begin: Six file for three seats

Six candidates make the final push

Aligned candidates sweep

Darius Amos
Staff Writer

Joseph Cramer
Staff Writer
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Village voters meet with candidates

Candidates share some conversation with seniors

Hutton comments on contract talks

Darius Amos
Staff Writer
Full house for Gov. Christie

Whose money is it, anyway?

Full-day kindergarten defeated

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
Slates talk trash

Candidates discuss their views on shared services

A dozen days to go (vote)

It's all over but the voting

Linda Moss
Trenton Dem urges support for Rick Santorum

Lonny Kaplan asking fellow Jews to look beyond social issues.

Robert Wiener
Staff Reporter

Trenton Dem urges support for Rick Santorum

Letter, op-ed put ethnic fray at campaign's center

Deputy mayor's roots in Newark run deep

Robert Wiener
Staff Reporter
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

'Ve Are Stafford': Independents Band Together 'for the People'

Republican Council Candidates Share Their Plan for 'Moving Stafford Ahead'

Stafford Voters Strongly Support Spodofora Team

Victoria Lassonde
Staff Writer
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Category W8

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Crime/Police Courts
Cop charged in assault of woman, boy

Prosecutor: Cop diagnosed with brain disorder; bail cut

Trespasser dies in Upper Freehold farmhouse fire

Joanne Degnan
Testimony changes in recount of Verona murder

Scout leaders implicated in 'perversion' files

Woman charged with assaulting police officer at daughter's court appearance

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
Child abuse is ‘everywhere’

$40k later, school board fights decision

Domestic violence: It's more common than some may think

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
Officials unite on message: Hate has no home here

Suspect charged after police 'put pieces together'

Police: Second suspect is 'instigator' in attacks

Bryan Wassel
Staff Writer
Jury selection begins in Chief Zisa trial

Opening arguments, testimony set tone in trial

Jury finds Zisa guilty of multiple criminal counts

Mark J. Bonamo
W8: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Coverage of Crime/Police Courts

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Shot dead on Mission Street

'So senseless'

Recalling a friend's last moments

Dan Prochilo
Tanya Shoudy
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Category W9

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Interpretive Writing
Squan, NSJIAA question Mabrey, Flaherty transfer

Greg Domorski
Reporter
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

NJ pharmacies share patrons' info

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
Complete devastation

Gov. Christie visits borough after Sandy

Students resume school after Sandy

Community helps one another in storm's wake

Council considers solutions, expenses

Karthik Aggarwal
How armed is your town?

South Bergenite

Kelly Nicholaides
Reporter

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
Southend beaches getting smaller

Cindy Nevitt
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

North Bergen Reporter

'The Gentle Giant'

Vanessa Cruz
Staff Writer
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Category W10

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Feature Writing
Dad was a spy: Millburn native recalls father's mysterious past

Tonya Johnson
Observer Tribune

Art of comedy

Phil Garber

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Glen Ridge Voice

It was written

With its growing collection, Glen Ridge library begins a new era in a new home

Reaching out

Library endures floods, renovations

Erin Roll
Staff Writer
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Ocean City Sentinel
The Good War Hits Home
Eric Avedissian
Traffic and tradition mark a celebration of Talmud

Women get bird's-eye view as throngs make stadium a study hall

Traffic and tradition mark a celebration of Talmud

Women get bird's-eye view as throngs make stadium a study hall

Although there were no security lines, the gathering was well-organized and allowed for a smooth flow of participants.

As the throngs waited in the stadium, there were moments of joy and excitement among the gathering. Many wore black hats, white shirts, and traditional clothing, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Governor leads cheers at federation launch

Johanna Ginsberg

Staff Reporter

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

New Jersey Jewish News

Traffic and tradition mark a celebration of Talmud

Local participants 'dance for joy'

Johanna Ginsberg

Staff Reporter

The state of the merger

Although the atmosphere was lively, the session focused on important discussions and planning for the future.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Jewish News website.
When swine ruled the Meadows
Prehistoric Meadowlands
Indians thrived in these meadows, while pirates took cover in them
Snake Hill – The stuff of legends

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South Bergenite

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Kelly Nicholaides  Brian Anderson
Reporter  Reporter

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
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Category W11

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Column Writing
Often getting 'the word' wrong

Thankful for what was, what is

Nancy Rubenstein
Columnist
The gift that keeps on giving

Why I need witless protection

Pat Robinson
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The West Essex Tribune

Chrissy's Column

Christine Sablynski
Who is the real winner in message board mess?

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The News Transcript

Who is the real winner in message board mess?

Sandy was a heartbreaker

Mark Rosman
My gator and I just didn't click

The teen who destroyed Trenton

Rick Epstein
Reporter

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Hunterdon County Democrat
Where do epiphanies come from?

The Joy of Life

Imagine waking up in the stillness of the night. You fall asleep at the end of a typical day, the bodies of your parents cradled in your arms, children clip-clopping away, pets snoring in their beds, and the quiet of a home. But if your family is safe...

In the case of Matthew Sanford, who was killed in a motorcycle accident, the sound of a sleigh bell from Santa's sleigh was so important.

Suburban Trends

Where do epiphanies come from?

Why is hearing a bell from Santa's sleigh so important?

Gene Myers
Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category W12

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Sports Writing Portfolio
DePalma's road to the Super Bowl

Verona native wins championship as member of Giants' practice squad

Joshua Jongsma
Sports Editor

The risk of the game

The road to redemption
O'Hara scores game-winning goal

Pt. Beach football helps out the town

Point Boro defense takes center stage

Greg Domorski
Reporter
The Ridgewood News

It was more than a winning season for Maroons

Maroons catch 5th seed in county tournament

Maroons march to pair of state titles

Brian Farrell
Sports Editor
New home brings big win

Clifton wins five in a row after opening day blanking

By Tom Zadzicki

After a 19-0 opening day loss to Immaculate Heart Academy, nothing would have gotten the Mustangs off to a quicker start than a 5-0 shutout of Passaic Valley on Saturday.

But Clifton followed the expected deficit, the Mustangs proved willing that they were among the most consistently successful softball programs in North Jersey.

The Mustangs are 5-0 in the season and starting their season with a 5-0 win over Passaic Valley.

New home

Clifton Journal

New home

Chris Woolis

Mustangs best Don Bosco 6-2 at Nash Park

By Chris Woolis

For years, the Clifton varsity softball team has been a team that dominates the Holland Athletic School District. But this year, the Mustangs are off to a new start at Nash Park Field.

The team, led by head coach Bob Mazzucchelli, has been off to a strong start this season. The Mustangs have posted a 6-2 record and are looking to improve on that.

The Mustangs are playing well on both offense and defense. They have scored 31 runs in their first six games, including a 6-2 win over Don Bosco on Tuesday.

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Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

Warriors go all out for victory

Grogan finishes high school career with legendary effort

Seniors create a bond that can't be broken

Len Bardsley
Reporter
Far from perfect, still impressive
Red Devils sputter at times but defense shuts down dangerous Tigers

Doing it with Style

Looking back at a great season
After Friday, nothing they do should shock anybody

Kelly Fenton
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Category W13

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Robert P. Kelly Award
Goodbye after graduation?
In face of storm, business stay open
The Secaucus Reporter

Life-saving gift
Styrofoam ban sticks

Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Staff Writer
Christie meets and greets a whole lot of supporters

600 attend town hall meeting

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

About 600 people crammed into the auditorium at Mahwah Middle School in Mahwah on Thursday, June 28, in anticipation of Governor Christie’s appearance and an opportunity to see him in person.

“People are just clamoring for him to be in this city,” said Bergen County Commissioner Jim Tedesco. “I have never seen so much excitement from one mayor.”

Governor Christie greeted supporters at town hall-style event in Mahwah on June 28.

Mayor’s political ad draws fire

Catherine Carrera
Bill to protect service dogs awaiting senate vote

By Lisa Spear

When a Seeing Eye dog is attacked, a blind person could go from being mobile to being bound to a wheelchair in a single moment. Losing their seeing eye dog can be a tragedy, and one that is often preventable.

“With illegal copycats flooding the market, there is a real need for stronger legislation to protect service dogs,” said Pascack Valley Community Life reporter Lisa Spear.

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Pascack Valley Community Life

Bill to protect service dogs awaiting senate vote

McCourt appointed acting superintendent

Lisa Spear
Reporter
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Area schools teach the new three R's

Keyport businesses band together

Keith Heumiller
On Veterans Day, Sayreville focuses on all veterans

Vietnam vets work hard to show appreciation they never received to other veterans

BY STELLA MORRISON

This day, Vietnam veterans greet each other with a simple but present gesture of respect. The borough of Sayreville has always stood out in its welcoming of veterans. From the high school to the main street, many municipal properties are named to honor those who gave everything for their country. With active Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion chapters, local veterans are never forgotten.

The borough of Sayreville is known for its strong bond with its aging veterans. "You can see it by driving through Sayreville, you have Sayreville War Memorial, you have Memorial Bridge," said Sayreville School District Superintendent Edward E. Dwyer, a member of the borough's VFW Post 2858. "It's a tradition here."

Sayreville has a long history of supporting veterans, from its World War II hero James L. Jaffee, who served in the Pacific, to its Vietnam War veteran, who served in Korea. "Sayreville is one of the few towns in New Jersey that honors the military," said Dwyer. "Sayreville has always been a community that supports its veterans."

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First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Suburban

Personal devastation follows Sandy's destruction in Sayreville

Stella Morrison
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Category W14

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Investigative Reporting
The lost jewel of Cedar Grove

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
The Register News

How clean is the Delaware River?

Jen Samuel
Sidewalk sign stirs debate

Laura Herzog
Staff Writer
Minutes show shift in council position on officer's lawsuit

BY JUSTIN ZAREMBA

Minutes show shift in council position on officer's lawsuit

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Community News

Minutes show shift in council position on officer's lawsuit

Justin Zaremba

Reporter
Does most of City Council have a conflict of interest in chamber deal?

By Cindy Nevitt

OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City Mayor and City Council introduced a resolution at Monday’s meeting for Ocean City to become a member of the Ocean City Business Alliance (OCBA). OCBA is a nonprofit organization that does not have lobbyists or contractors for the Ocean City government. The resolution was introduced by Mayor Joseph D. Jefferson and City Council member Daniel Levitan.

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The very high price of public safety

Police throughout Union County are some of the highest paid officers in the nation

By Cheryl Hehl

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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Arts & Entertainment Writing
The Two River Times

Arbitrage

Joan Ellis
Reporter
Second Place
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Glen Rock Gazette

Rock DJ Pete Fornatale to tell the story of Woodstock

Richard De Santa
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Waldwick Suburban News

Couple tests water in TV's 'Shark Tank'

Jodi Weinberger
Mike and Gian, creators of the hit YouTube 'Dom Mazzetti vs.' videos, talk comedy

Renee Kiriluk-Hill
Reporter
Comic artist, writer garners serious acclaim

Jessica Smith

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Jessica Smith
Bach, Brahms, and Barber, oh my!

Union City Chamber Players lead a resurgence of the arts in north Hudson

By Dean DeChiaro

Just before the Union City Chamber Players unveils its next concert performance, one of the season’s biggest-name acts, Peter Sorren and Martha Koroschnick-Kreyen, will perform a concert that will be a delight to all music lovers.

The program, which takes place at St. John’s Episcopal Church in north Hudson, will feature works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and the American composer Samuel Barber. The concert is designed to appeal to a wide range of tastes and will feature a selection of works by each composer. Koroschnick-Kreyen, who is Peter Sorren’s wife and frequent collaborator, will join him in the concert. Koroschnick-Kreyen has a long history of performing with the Union City Chamber Players, and her interpretations of the works of Beethoven and Mendelssohn have been widely praised.

Koroschnick-Kreyen describes the program as a celebration of the music of these two great composers. She notes that Beethoven’s works are known for their power and passion, while Mendelssohn’s music is known for its elegance and grace. The concert will feature works by both composers, including Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 5 and Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4.

Dean DeChiaro
Staff Writer
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Category W16

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Special Subject Writing
Language barrier is broken

By Richard De Santa
Staff Writer

Glen Rock Police Officer Murray Yang’s knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is a big benefit to area police departments.

"Like most of us, I’ve got good friends with a lot of officers around the area, and if there’s a situation that I can’t speak English, I can speak Mandarin," Yang said.

But beyond the benefits when dealing with members of the community, Yang said, "It is a great skill when you have to do an interview or an investigation. I can understand their language..."

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Language barrier is broken

Richard De Santa
Staff Writer
Church from the couch

Laura Herzog
Staff Writer
Hearing held for Tasca
Suspended officer gets public support
Tara Sharp testifies at disciplinary hearing
Judge recommends dismissal of officer
Council fires Tasca
Karthik Aggarwal
Towns turning to social media to reach out to residents

Kristie Cattafi
Reporter

Katherine Milsop
Reporter
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Current Downbeach

'62 Storm Remembered

Staff
"Winter Lights" series:
Flickering flames of eight holy nights
Dark night of the Solstice
Christmas is a time of renewal
Celebrating the holiday of the homeland

Gwen Orel
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Category W17

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Styrofoam ban sticks

By Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Staff Writer

The Secaucus Reporter

Styrofoam ban sticks

Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Staff Writer
School district saves $260,000 in energy costs

By Jeff Frankel

Bloomfield school district’s energy costs have dropped $260,000 in the past year, mostly because of a new boiler, renovated air conditioning system, and better insulating windows, reported Business Administrator David Nolan. The district also saved $260,000 on water and sewer costs.

According to Nolan, the district has saved $600,000 in the past two years by implementing energy efficiency programs. The district’s energy manager, John D’Ambrosia, said the district’s energy consumption has declined by 11% over the past two years.

“Bloomfield is the biggest user of energy in all of Essex County,” said D’Ambrosia. “We’ve done a lot of work to reduce our energy consumption.”

The district has installed new windows and doors, renovated air conditioning systems, and installed new boilers. The savings have been significant, Nolan said.

“With the new boilers, we’ve saved $100,000 in energy costs,” Nolan said. “And the new air conditioning system has saved us $50,000.”

School district saves $260,000 in energy costs

Bloomfield Life

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Jeff Frankel
Local boy contends with rare disease

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
In search of sustainability:
State initiative propels communities to put prosperity, planet and people first

Trudy Walz
Marsha Stoltz
Phillip DeVencentis
Jodi Weinberger
Cancer picked the ‘wrong girl to mess with’

Erin Patricia Glynn
Assistant Editor
Southern Rams Charge to Remote Area Medical

Michael Molinaro
Staff Writer
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Category W18

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Business & Economic Writing
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

New Jersey gas rates soar above national average

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
Verizon hangs up on borough in tax dispute

Joanne Degnan
Daibes awarded $500,000 for housing project

Winterburn Gardens plan moving forward with money

By Svetlana Shkolnikova

The council unanimously approved the two affordable housing regulations on May 21, 2012, which allow the city to fund the project.

On July 17, municipal officials across the nation will be required to fund over $50 million dollars in their annual budget. The bill, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama, is expected to impact housing projects across the nation. The new law requires municipalities to provide a certain number of affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income families. The new law also allows towns to collect taxes from developers in order to increase the funds available for affordable housing projects.
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

NJTV and Montclair: Perfect together

Diane Herbst
Keyport businesses band together

Keith Heumiller
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Northern Valley Suburbanite

BID feeling pressure from some

BID leadership takes concerns head on

Lack of details leads to BID budget vote delay

BID leadership submits new budget to council

Council approves Tenafly BID budget

Stephanie Noda
Reporter
Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category W19

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Education Writing
Talking the talks: Confidentiality no longer guaranteed

Marsha Stoltz
School Choice: Is it right for your district?

Camilla Somers
Nicole Alliegro
ENVIROMENT
Borough looks to protect aged trees
RAQUELL MEDLOTON
Government
LEONA - Trees officially recognized as endangered are those that
have survived for 25 years or more. They are considered a
unique natural asset and can be valuable for their aesthetic
qualities, historical importance, and ecological value. The
bones of the tree, the trunk and branches, often form a
supporting structure for other plants, while the leaves
provide shade and support for wildlife. The stems of
understory plants may be threatened by the removal of
trees, which can also lead to the loss of habitats for
many species. Trees are an essential part of the
ecosystem, providing oxygen and carbon dioxide, and
shading the ground from the hot sun. They also
contribute to the overall health of the environment,
reducing soil erosion and improving air quality. In
addition, trees are a natural resource that can be
valued for their wood and other products. They can be
used for construction, furniture, and other purposes.
Borough looks to protect aged trees

Students to get hands-on experience at Academies

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Reporter
EPA tells parents that students are safe

Plant demolition completed near elementary school

Kristie Cattafi
Reporter
Hackensack Chronicle

School presents NJASK results

Jennifer Vazquez
School lunch headaches

Separate lunch headache: USDA

School district lunch program swimming in red ink

Ocean City school lunch program still losing money

Mary Rudloff
Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category W20

Reporting, Writing & Illustrations: Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
CGHS wants to know: Are you smarter than a fifth-grader?

Andrew Segedin
Staff Writer
How much have proms changed?

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor

Joshua Jongsmma
Sports Editor
Portable power generation

Gwen Orel

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The Montclair Times

Portable power generation

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W20: Reporting, Writing & Illustrations – Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting

Not another doggone story, missing pooch comes home
Steve Janoski

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Suburban Trends
Not another doggone story
Steve Janoski
W20: Reporting, Writing & Illustrations – Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Battle of the e-book

Brian Anderson
Jaimie Julia Winters
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Graphics & Illustration
The Retrospect

How To Make Those Pumpkin Mummies

Mark Zeigler
Artist
The Retrospect
Lumber Yard Flowchart
Mark Zeigler
Artist
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Good-bye, Barbara!

They screwed it up again?

Harry Trumbore
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

June 14, 2012

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite
December 27, 2012

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
Mahwah Suburban News

Ballpark figures:
Let the games begin

Trudy Walz
Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category W22

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Headlines
Short fuses
Long-running outages try town's patience after storm

BY ERIN ROLL
STAFF WRITER

One day turned into two. Then three.

The numbers on the PREJAG outage map kept going down, then

up again.

And by mid-Thursday, 65 percent of Glen Ridge had lost power.

A large section of the borough, as much as 75 percent, or 5,522

homes, was left in darkness, according to the borough.

Streets across the town were dark, and many people were turned

away from local convenience stores.

Still, those who were fortunate enough to have power were

in the minority.

Long lines formed outside the stores, as people tried to grab

essentials.

Many residents who lost power were forced to find

alternative ways to heat their homes.

On Friday, some were still without power, and the town

continued to struggle with the outage.

Stevie Hughes, a resident of Glen Ridge, was one of the

many affected by the outage.

Hughes lost power on Thursday night, and the following day, he

was forced to find alternative ways to heat his home.

He said he was planning to use a generator to keep the

temperature in his home up.

In the meantime, he was forced to find other ways to

keep warm.

Hughes said he was grateful for the community's support,

and he was confident that the situation would improve

in the coming days.

Short fuses
Not just a pipe dream?
Getting testy

Erin Roll
Staff Writer
The Ridgewood News

Students can now cross that bridge

It's not all howls for new dog park

Wheels turning on Ken Smith lot

Edward Virgin
Editor
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Bees bug out after exterminator's snafu

T-Mobile puts town on hold

Check it out: trees are bar coded

Harry Trumbore
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Twin-Boro News

Going for brokered?
Can Chris Christie still get the GOP nod?

Forehead takes a browbeating from Botox

Hey Charlie!
This 'Chaplin is no tramp'

Bill Slossar
Editor
The Montclair Times

Good to Grow
Yes, we Cannabis

Inn Flux: Georgian hotel is sold

Dan Prochilo
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Neighbor News

In a garden of eating
Students nail their assignment at Stickley Museum
Stanley returns in no time flat

Ellen Fox-Tamblyn
Packaging the News: General Typography & Layout of the Entire Paper
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ocean Star

September 14, 2012
November 9, 2012

Staff
W23: Packaging the News –
General Typography & Layout of the Entire Paper

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

September 6, 2012
September 27, 2012

Staff
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

July 12, 2012
September 20, 2012

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General Typography & Layout of the Entire Paper

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The Montclair Times

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Tanya Shoudy
Joan Finn
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Bloomfield Life

July 26, 2012

September 13, 2012

Owen Proctor
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

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July 26, 2012

Lillian M. Ortiz
Editor
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

May 25, 2012
September 7, 2012

Edward Virgin
Editor
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

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THURSDAY, OCT 11, 2012

12,024
incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying
in N.J. in 2011

Area schools teach the new three R’s

Respect, responsibility, relationships are the mainstay of Bullying Prevention Month

By Kathleen Rehmel

October is a good month for bullies. It’s National Bullying Prevention Month, and schools across the state are staging programs and initiatives to tackle a problem that affects more than half of their students during their academic careers. Students and teachers are collaborating to break down walls and open up lines of communication to empower students and to foster a climate of understanding and respect.

According to data released by the state on Oct. 2, there were more than 5,000 confirmed incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying in New Jersey school districts in the 2011-12 school year — the first year the New Jersey anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABERA) mandate was in effect.

Overall, more than 35,000 incidents were reported. Under ABERA, every public school in the state is required to have designated anti-bullying personnel; conduct specific training programs and events; and follow new reporting guidelines.

“It’s about changing the culture,” said Kevin C. Reddy, High School Principal Ross Clay, “and that takes a lot of time and a lot of effort. Our goal is to get to a point that it’s OK to talk, that these are discussions that need to be had. That this is a comfortable place to discuss these things, and that we don’t stigmatize the kind of behavior.”

ABERA is an expansion of the state’s original anti-bullying law first enacted in 2002. Passed in 2010 and signed into law Jan. 5, 2011, the mandate came on the heels of the highly publicized suicide of Bergen University student Tyler Clementi, who jumped off the George Washington Bridge.

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Region’s cleaning up Sandy’s mess

Power slowly returning to township

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Suburban Trends

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September 2, 2012

Matt Fagan
Packaging the News:
Editorial Section
Layout & Content
W25: Packaging the News – Editorial Section Layout & Content

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Leonia Life

March 30, 2012

Erin Patricia Glynn
Managing Editor

September 14, 2012

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Managing Editor
Opinion

The student debt crisis

Often getting ‘the word’ wrong

Letters to the Editor

Petitions supports deer culling in reservations

Welcome to the Verona Cedar Grove Times

Editorial

Hello readers! Welcome to the Verona Cedar Grove Times

Community Calendar

September 13, 2012

November 8, 2012

Lillian Ortiz
Editor
Back-to-school errands

I suppose if you shop around you will end up with a checklist
packed with items in one of the stores that carries just about
any item that a back-to-school outfit needs. It’s usually
large, with big releases on popular styles and
community-wide sales. It’s probably not advisable to
spend too much, but it’s not always necessary to
spend less. Of course, the store’s
back-to-school section is
changed since those days before
your first day of school.

For one thing, my Sunday
shopping at Wal-Mart or
Target is usually spent
on basics like paper towels,
appliances, and school supplies.
My first year of high school
was spent in a dormitory
in another state, and that
meant furnishing a room

 idioms: “back to school”

close encounters of the doggie kind

Having been a dog owner for many years, I am still

idioms: “Close encounters”

Marsha Stoltz

September 6, 2012
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Suburban News

Mahwah
W25: Packaging the News – Editorial Section Layout & Content

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Pascack Valley Community Life

September 13, 2012
December 6, 2012

Kevin Glynn
Editor

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Watching the elderly shuffle

OPINION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
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Resident endorses Independent candidate

TO THE EDITOR:
Our family has known Jaris for several years. We often walk with the Boy Scout Troop 197 and Jaris. We enjoy his upbeat and good character. He has demonstrated a very dedicated and hard-working volunteer that proved to every one of us what a real American is.

He has always been around and still is. He is our friend. We look forward to his visits and his kind words. We all need to support our local candidates. 

Sincerely,
Fernanda Peres

District widens search for superintendent

TO THE EDITOR:
The school district started the new school year with a new superintendent, so it has widened its search to include candidates throughout the state. The district has received a number of applications and is expected to announce a finalist soon.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

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Afterthoughts

ED FLYNN

Most all of us as we watch the elderly shuffle by and realize it is none of us, I remember the times I could have done more for mom and dad in their old age.

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We will always remember

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Editorial Section

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The Two River Times

September 28, 2012

Cyndy Mernick
Artist

Editorial Staff
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The Ridgewood News

Village Life, August 3, 2012
Village Life, Sept. 14, 2012

Deirdre Flanagan Ward
Social Editor
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Education, June 7, 2012
Education, September 27, 2012

Maria Karidis
Managing Editor
Vincent Giacalone and Joseph Calabrese Day

During the Emerson Borough Council meeting on April 24, Mayor Carole Currie read and presented a proclamation declaring Wednesday, May 2, as Vincent Giacalone and Joseph Calabrese Day in Emerson. Both Giacalone and Calabrese earned Boy Scout Troop 35 in Emerson, during a ceremony in Emerson. Giacalone’s Eagle Scout project involved expanding the building’s Eagle Scout program, and enhancing the aesthetics of outdoor classrooms, with shrubs, irrigation, trees, a seating area and outdoor, science and learning garden. Calabrese’s Eagle Scout project involved creating and installing purchasable equipment. These items were refurbished and donated to an organization under the name of “In for Emerson.” This equipment was then distributed to organizations that assist the disabled and to programs affected by natural disasters, such as those in Japan. N.J. Boy Scout Troop 35 in Emerson, led by its Boy Scouts, continues to excel.

HILLSDALE

Cub Scout Pack celebrates 50 years

Cub Scout Pack 351 celebrated 50 years of service to the community in the borough of Hilsdale. The Pack was awarded the Silver Owl by the Boy Scouts of America, recognizing its many achievements.

The ceremony, which was held at the historic Hilsdale School, included the presentation of the Silver Owl, a significant award recognizing the Pack’s commitment to scouting and its contributions to the community.

In addition, the Pack received the Silver Opportunity Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the community and the Boy Scouts of America. The Pack was also presented with the Silver Brush Award, which honors outstanding contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and the community.

The ceremony concluded with a special presentation of the Silver Owl to Pack 351’s founder, who was recognized for her dedication and commitment to scouting.

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Pascack Valley Community Life

Community Living, June 14, 2012

Kevin Glynn
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Kimberly Redmond
Managing Editor
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The Montclair Times Arts: The Montclair Film Festival

Joan Finn
David Clarke
Karen Diaz
Northern Valley Suburbanite

Life & Arts, September 13, 2012
Life & Arts, May 3, 2012

Chris Lang
Editor

Erin Patricia Glynn
Managing Editor
Packaging the News: Sports Section Layout & Content
RHS enjoys record run at Penn Relays

Maroons girls set Bergen mark in distance medley

Boys team posts solid showings in 4x100, 4x400

The Ridgewood News

May 4, 2012

September 14, 2012

Greg Targatlia
Assistant Sports Editor

Brian Farrell
Sports Editor
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Verona-Cedar Grove Times

September 6, 2012
Sports November 1, 2012

Joshua Jongsma
Sports Editor
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ocean Star

September 14, 2012
October 19, 2012

Greg Domorski
Reporter

Joyce Manser
Production
New home brings big win

Clifton wins five in a row after opening day blanking

By Tom Sinder

On a 10-0 opening day loss to the University of Kentucky Academy, the Mustangs needed a win to keep themselves in the running for the tournament. By the end of the day, Clifton is poised to win five in a row.

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DePaul tops Paramus in 2012 kickoff
BY CHRISTOPHER CAIRLO

PARAMUS — Marky Clark, drinking up the victory, was more truly a different kind of win for DePaul's senior running back.
Clark, who transferred from Fair Lawn High, had not contributed significantly to DePaul's 5-1 record in Sarsfield's final running back, taking the ball to his second week of action on Friday night.
Clark, who was 24 of 48 in the first half with just one of his longest runs, was limited to 37 yards.

DePaul's Nick Gantaifis, the NJPA's sports editor, and Wayne Today's editor, talks about the newspaper's second-place finish in the NJPA's sports section contest.

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Wayne Today
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October 18 2012
Nick Gantaifis
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GETTING TO KNOW RIDGEWOOD

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Getting to Know Ridgewood

Edward Virgin
Editor

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The Two River Times

Cyndy Mernick
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THE BEAT GOES ON
Montclair High School reloads behind veteran quarterback, Emerson
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New coach looking to keep PQA on the right track
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LION'S TALE
Resilient Immaculate will rely on experienced playmakers
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Welcome to a new season

Montclair has changed since the opening of the doors. The school is much bigger than before and the sports teams have grown in numbers. The Montclair High School football team is one of the most successful in the area and is always looking for new players.

Kevin Meacham

The Montclair Times

Gameday 2012

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Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

Special Edition:
Hurricane Sandy
November 3, 2012

Staff
The Coast Star

Devastation
Sandy shocks Shore

The cleanup has begun

Christie visits Belmar
President Obama and governor also fly over shore yesterday to review damage

Power may be out for 15 days

Lake Como deals with pump failure

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November 29, 2012
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