# 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** 

# 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

### 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

### 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

# 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

### 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

# 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

### 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

# 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

# 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

# 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

### 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

# 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

# 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 IIg, 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 Opts 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

# 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

### 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

# 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

### 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

# 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

### 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

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