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About the Cover Photo

SPORTS PHOTO, DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE

JOE DUTY, WISE COUNTY MESSENGER

SETTING THE PACE — Decatur's Nicole Neighbors sets the pace at the beginning of the Reunion Run in Decatur Saturday. Neighbors finished fourth.

About the Texas Better Newspaper Contest

This year 148 newspapers submitted 1,505 entries in the Texas Better Newspaper Contest. The contest is broken down into 10 divisions in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size.

Weeklies compete under a unique division system in which the total number of weekly entrants is divided into five divisions based on descending circulation — this year 94 weeklies entered so there were 19 newspapers each in Divisions 6-9 and 18 newspapers in Divisions 10.

Dailies and Semiweeklies compete in fixed circulation breaks: Division 1 Dailies 100,000 or More (compete in General Excellence only); Division 2 Dailies 7,000 to 99,999; Division 3 Dailies Less Than 7,000; Division 4 Semiweeklies 4,001 or More; and Division 5 Semiweeklies 4,000 or Less.

First place winners receive plaques and second through fourth place winners earn certificates. Sweepstakes points are earned for each division, except Division 1, based on point accumulation in contest categories (excluding Community Service & Special Sections) - 1st Place: 100 points; 2nd Place: 75 points; 3rd Place: 50 points; and 4th Place: 25 points. The awards were announced June 22, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Houston.

The Winners' Circle is an annual publication saluting the Better Newspaper Contest winners. Judges' comments on first through fourth place winners are reprinted along with samples of winning entries. The 2013 contest was judged by the Arkansas Press Association as part of the annual Better Newspaper Contest swap.

CommunityService

Daily Division

- 1. Kerrville Daily Times** - Excellent reporting on an issue that could have had a big impact on many residents in the community. A fine example of why community journalism is so important and the profound impact it can have. Wanted to know the total number of participants in the reader poll. Also, be careful about using another paper as a source (i.e. the Statesman). Fantastic work overall!
- 2. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - Well researched and thoroughly covered. The presentation of the topic is outstanding - way to grab the reader's attention on an important issue in the community. Makes me want to become a subscriber.
- 3. Victoria Advocate** - Excellent long-range project. Way to partner with your local school district to bring education to the forefront. Keep up the good work.
- 4. Odessa American** - A terrific and much needed service to the community. Love the Quick Hits on local residents in need - gives readers a chance to get to know other residents in the community. Great presentation, as well.

Semiweekly Division

- 1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - Outstanding coverage on an important/controversial issue. Top notch writing/reporting. Great input from readers. Photos and layout couldn't be better. A real service to the community.
- 2. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - Great dedicated coverage on a pressing Texas issue. Nicely done.
- 3. Graham Leader** - Solid coverage and call to action. Good work.
- 4. Gonzales Inquirer** - Good opportunity to recognize members of the community. Nicely done.

Weekly Division

- 1. Cooper Review** - Excellent work and a great example of what newspapers can still do better than any other medium. Well-written, these stories were likely well-received by readers most of whom, like most of us, like these type of stories. Good job!
- 2. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - Good coverage of an important issue to residents. Like to see more photos/artwork to highlight the story and catch the reader's attention.
- 3. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - Great sports writing and call to action. Nice job.
- 4. Liberty, Vindicator** - Great job. This has to be the feel good story of the year.

SpecialSections

Routine Special Section

Daily

- 1. Athens Daily Review** - Fantastic football section. 106 pages? Wow. Terrific coverage - range of articles, profiles and stats. Excellent presentation. Great work!
- 2. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - Great action-oriented baseball preview. Well designed. Eye-catching. Good coverage. Great job!
- 3. Lufkin Daily News** - Excellent coverage of a critical issue. Way to spotlight local businesses.
- 4. Clute, Facts** - Terrific crisp, clean presentation. Love the layout. Good writing and profiles. Nicely done!

Semiweekly

- 1. Granbury, Hood County News** - Excellence all the way through. Wonderful words and photos which brought this area to life. Very tough competition. All staffs should be proud of their excellent work. From someone who doesn't live in any of these places, these pieces made me wish I did. Well done to all.
- 2. Boerne Star** - Great layout - from current events, calendars and flowing into historical pieces. Evident a lot of effort from talented staff here.
- 3. La Grange, Fayette County Record** - Really well done - "We love it here" was obvious from the guide. Made me want to go.
- 4. Gonzales Inquirer** - Beautiful and so professional. Staff deserves high praise for efforts.

Weekly A

- 1. Woodville, Tyler County Booster** - Talented staff gave professional look to this Special. Well-deserved first place in a competitive category.
- 2. Lytle Leader-News** - Wow! This is an excellent piece. The layout pops and clearly sets it apart, while the content was relevant information for any newcomer to Lytle and maybe event for those already there. Excellent ad enterprise and use of color. Good work!
- 3. Rockdale Reporter** - This was a very creative special. I loved the originality of "seven wonders."
- 4. Goldthwaite Eagle** - Impressive piece. Likely very popular with readers. Too-long feature stories hurt overall piece, but layout and use of color was functional and eye-appealing. The rattlesnake story and photo were a bit unsettling. Good work!

Weekly B

- 1. Aransas Pass Progress** - Outstanding effort here and likely well-used guide to Aransas Pass. Excellent layout, use of color and ad enterprise make this one a top pick. Good work!
- 2. Meridian Tribune** - This is one of the best football previews I've seen. Good composition of the group photos and use of color make this section pop. Nice layout certainly didn't over-burden the reader with content, but an excellent piece and likely very popular with readers.
- 3. Glen Rose Reporter** - Lots of useful information here, well packaged for the end consumer. Very colorful and with good ad enterprise, this section was likely a winner with readers. Good work!
- 4. Farmersville Times** - Outstanding!!

Weekly C

- 1. Chandler & Brownsboro Statesman** - Great design and content. Eye-catching cover. Well done!
- 2. Clarendon Enterprise** - Creative and interesting idea! Well executed, too. Terrific job.
- 3. Cooper Review** - Nice layout and design!
- 4. Eldorado Success** - Unique graduate section!

Blue Moon Special Section

Daily

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - The most striking impression of this special pub is the depth of the information it provides to those who want to be informed voters. The packaging of the information is also varied and helps make the information accessible. Great public service.
- 2. Athens Daily Review** - The introduction really set the tone for this special pub. The presentation also made the publication easy to read and interesting. Kudos for this unique approach to "sports" coverage.
- 3. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - This publication really pulls out the hidden gems of these communities focused on. The way in which the information was presented made it interesting and enjoyable to read. The photos also sold the stories.
- 4. Victoria Advocate** - Good in-depth reporting on a breaking-news tragedy. Nice job of finding significant smaller slices of the story to pull out and really focus on.

General Excellence

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Victoria Advocate** - Knockout pages and local analysis. Superb illustrations.
2. **Odessa American** - These folks know how to play news.
3. **Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - Great community coverage and layout. Wonderful special sections.
4. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - Excellent use of graphics and big pics to help tell the story. Super attractive work. Really good entries throughout.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Corsicana Daily Sun** - Good layout and treatment of hard and community news that is useful to the reader. The sex offender story and illustrations were wonderful.
2. **Greenville, Herald-Banner** - Lots of hard local news.
3. **Del Rio News-Herald** - Lots of variety and lively pages.
4. **Brownwood Bulletin** - Lots of solid community news and information important to readers. Lively layout, but a bit busy.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Granbury, Hood County News** - Great layout and a dynamite news day with a soldier's death and the murder suspect's tape, including jumps and supplemental information on both.
2. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - Superb election coverage and engaging layout. Lots of local faces and reaction.
3. **Beeville Bee-Picayune** - Skate park opens - dedicated front page to big event. Wonderful layout and community involvement, as evidenced by someone taking the time to write about Jesus on a tortilla and treating it with dignity.
4. **Marble Falls, Highlander** - Great coverage of tragic new and overall wonderful community service and involvement. All the entries show a great dedication to serving their communities. It was a close decision.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **El Campo Leader-News** - Good complete newspaper coverage, all aspects.
2. **Gonzales Inquirer** - Consistent coverage including all areas of reader interest.

3. **Copperas Cove Leader-Press** - Interesting, enjoyable, consistent coverage of all aspects of community news.

4. **Alice Echo-News Journal** - Consistent, nice layout.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Dallas, Park Cities People** - Wow. Excellent product(s). Striking layout/design. Good writing and wide range of coverage.
2. **Port Aransas South Jetty** - Outstanding coverage of community issues. Excellent writing. Fantastic photos - really sets it apart! Such a close second. Recommend a little more white space. Great work!
3. **Pleasanton Express** - Good layout and coverage. Nicely done!
4. **Rockdale Reporter** - Great range of coverage. Good reporting on community issues here. Looking for a little more white space, stronger visuals and packaging of content.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - Clean crisp layout, focusing on all aspects of community and news.
2. **Mineola Monitor** - Complete coverage of community.

General Excellence

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



3. **Columbus, Colorado County Citizen** - General Excellent entries. Good variety of community coverage.
4. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - Well-placed coverage and pictures, with general variety.

Division 8 Medium Weeklies

1. **Meridian Tribune** - Packaged well, colorful. Good use of fonts and photos. Ranks higher among contenders.
2. **Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - No comment.
3. **Aledo, Community News** - No comment.
4. **Sealy News** - Second submission better than first. A lot of news, which is nice to see. Packaging of first could have been better. Too long headlines and didn't care for so many italicized fonts.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Sachse News** - No comment.
2. **Albany News** - No comment.
3. **Whitehouse, Tri County Leader** - No comments.
4. **Austin, Westlake Picayune** - Love how the photos lead reader in and make him or her want to read the rest of the paper. Still not a fan of front-page ads.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. **Red Oak Record** - No comment.
2. **Big Lake Wildcat** - No comment.
3. **Ozona Stockman** - No comment.
4. **Timpson & Tenaha News** - A fourth place was hard to award, but this paper's second entry helped it stand out among others. Besides, Fourth of July fireworks are always fun. It made me want to take a second look and turn the page.

DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



NewsWriting

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Lufkin Daily News** - No comment.
2. **Odessa American** - No comment.
3. **Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - No comment.
4. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - No comment.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Pampa News** - No comment.
2. **Brownwood Bulletin** - No comment.
3. **Taylor Daily Press** - No comment.
4. **Henderson Daily News** - No comment.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Tragedy by the tracks/Suspect hangs self in jail cell*: The train death package was exceptional; a textbook example of what a good local paper can do better than any other news source. Superb reporting and writing. The top story in the category, hands-down.
2. **Marble Falls, Highlander** - *Area GOP Primaries contentious/Furor Over Regulation*: Primary story was full of excellent information and good quotes, though it was hard to get through the volume - could have been cut into chunks with subheads. Regulation story had great voices and gave a good feel for the atmosphere surrounding the issue.
3. **La Grange, Fayette County Record** - *Judge Gives Life in Assault Case/Endangered Species (Post Office story)*: Good coverage of events important to the communities the paper serves.
4. **Granbury, Hood County News** - *Sheriff: Underage drinking fatality case likely to bring multiple charges/Above the law? Woman with ties to justice system freed minutes after DWI booking*: Good, broad reportage on the case of the quick DUI release.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Gonzales Inquirer** - *Bus crash/Rude awakening*: Excellently done both stories.
2. **Wharton Journal-Spectator** - *Those darn crickets/Deputy kills burglary suspect*: Loved the cricket story. Shooting story concise, informative, to the point.
3. **Perryton Herald** - *Toys for Tots burglar guilty/Fire burns half block, destroys three trailers*: Great Toys for Tots story
4. **Center, Light & Champion** - *3.7, 4.3 earthquakes strike Shelby County/Center's prayer to continue at Roughrider Stadium*: Great information on earthquakes, style was also great.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Cleveland Advocate** - *Army family returns to Cleveland to survey damage of ransacked home/Search for missing boy ends in tragedy*: Squatters: Reporter got great quotes that really conveyed the impact on the family. Very evocative. Missing child: Again, the extent of the tragedy was conveyed with compassion, while also giving readers a thorough account of the search effort put forth.
2. **Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - *OBSERVE & LEARN: Beren basketball gets chance to play, goes out on a Chai/Hate helps fund hope: Anti-Semitic message leads to outpouring of support for museum preservation project*: Well-reported and well-written stories that directly address the community the JHV serves. The basketball story was a much more personal account than anything seen during the national coverage of that situation, and the piece on the Holocaust museum was a great piece of hyper-local journalism.
3. **Rusk, Cherokeean Herald** - No comment.
4. **Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - No comment.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - *In the black, Monarch means to stay in Kyle/RV park in danger*: Excellent reporting. Watch out for phrases like "tensions were high," "emotions were strong," and "with tears in their eyes." Otherwise, terrific work - good research on critical issues in the community.
2. **Marfa, Big Bend Sentinel** - *Checkpoint to the stars's snares another celebrity/School officials told Border Patrol does inspect buses*: Nice work! Got right to the point. Interesting subjects, too. Good reads.
3. **Cuero Record** - *Downtown/Pointing to the future*: Really good writing about local enterprise and community development. The stories were informative, easy to follow and interesting to read.
4. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - *Deluge/African Safari*: Good reporting on important/timely issues.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - *District targets Square; Council eyes aerial attack on West Nile*: Great, in-depth reporting. Solid writing throughout, particularly on the West Nile piece. In the District Targets Square piece, the intricacies of tax evaluation are made accessible - no easy task.
2. **Iowa Park Leader** - *Owen Suspended/Town feels loss*: Fine reporting, particularly in the Owen piece. Nice work presenting different sides of an interesting issue - personal politics vs. professional responsibility.
3. **Bandera Bulletin** - *Bandera Brand battles bad rep/County attorney accused of official misconduct*: Good reporting on both pieces, but particularly in County Attorney piece. Fascinating story.

4. **Liberty, Vindicator** - *Rededication of War Memorial/Have you ever been poor*: Great look at an important issue from a unique angle ("Poor"). First-person perspective works well.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Winnie, Hometown Press** - *DA calls for sheriff's resignation/7-Eleven Co. to purchase Speedy Stops in Winnie*: Great stories and good writing.
2. **Jasper Newsboy** - *Safety/Over and Out*: Loved the story about the officer. This is the kind of news everyone is reading and they're staying with the article to the end!
3. **Hico News Review** - *Gunshot claims life of Hico teen/Hico hits another snag in forming police force*: Good writing. Clear and concise.
4. **Ferris, Ellis County Press** - *Magnablen move angers/Missing child*: The only criticism I have is that I was anxious to know if the missing kid was OK. Otherwise, great writing and excellent stories.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. **Big Lake Wildcat** - *Big Lake torn by loss/No plan 'B'*: Great story, concise lede, excellent narrative.
2. **Clarendon Enterprise** - *Edes faces charges/Clarendon Aldermen Terminate Little*: Great subject and the writer brought the reader in touch immediately.
3. **Ozona Stockman** - *Friends, family remember Wade and Kyle/A county without a city*: Wonderful use of journalism.
4. **Presidio International** - *Livermore fire enters top of Davis Mountains Resort/Dismay, economic concern greet USDA cattle inspection facility move*: The descriptions made this more than a typical news story. Good job bringing the reader right to the location.

NewsWriting

NEWS WRITING, DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

Ranchers say plastic bags killing cattle

BY SASHA HELLER
The Pampa News

Pampa rancher Billy Scribner is fed up with what he feels is blatant disregard by businesses adjacent to his property that allow their trashed, plastic bags to fly across the street and litter his ranch.

Scribner's 250-acre spread is a mere 1/4 mile from Walmart and about a half dozen other stores, hotels as well as the Pampa Regional Medical Center. But Scribner said he knows exactly who the culprit is.

In a past letter to the editor, Scribner wrote, "Ninety-nine percent of these bags have blue writing on them."

Only one store in the area near his ranch uses plastic bags with blue writing on them — Walmart.

"I can't say it is for sure but I know it is," Scribner said about the big-box retailer in an interview Friday.

The plastic bags hang on fences, weeds, trees and in ponds located on Scribner's ranch. The cattle chew and suck the plastic into their stomachs while drinking water. The cows are unable to digest the plastic causing fatal repercussions. Scribner values each heifer between \$7,000 and \$10,000 in today's market.

There are so many white plastic bags strewn across Scribner's property that it looks like he's growing cotton, which is ironic since he intended to plant cotton on that particular field but is now unable.

"I was going to plant cotton to rejuvenate the soil," he said. "Now I can't even do it."

Fellow Pampa rancher Durwood Dunlap also commented on the situation.

"A lot of it comes from the trash trucks," Dunlap said, referring to the City of Pampa's waste removal service.

Rancher Lewis Davis shared his thoughts on the subject as well.

"I've seen cattle that would be grazing along

and they'll pick these bags up and swallow it before you can get there," Davis said.

Step in, step up

Scribner claimed he has taken his complaint

before to the Pampa City Commission



FIELDS OF PLASTIC. Billy Scribner, inset, said he has lost a half-dozen cattle that are suffocating when trying to chew through plastic bags discarded from a nearby shopping center that fly across the street onto his 250-acre ranch. City officials are aware of the issue, but are unsure how to prevent it. **Photo by Sasha Heller/The Pampa News.**

but his issue fell on deaf ears.

"I went before our City Commission a few years back and nothing was ever done about it," Scribner wrote in his letter to the editor.

Public Works Director Donny Hooper said the city is aware of the situation.

"I understand the littering problem but the litter can be complicated," he said. "You have to figure out what the source is."

Hooper continued about the challenge of identifying specific people who are littering in the parking lot.

"Unless you really see the origin of where it came from, you can't go after them," Hooper said. "There's really not a lot that we can do."

Hooper cited how the area's consistently strong winds have contributed to the situation.

While Hooper is receptive to Scribner's issue, representatives with Walmart have

not been as forthcoming as officials with the big-box retailer refused to comment for this story.

So how does Scribner expect local government to remedy the situation?

"The City Commission needs to vote out or abandon the use of plastic bags and go back to paper bags because they are biodegradable and can be digested by animals," he wrote in his letter.

The city's code includes a section covering the accumulation of trash but it is fairly vague and general in its description.

The section reads: "The accumulation of waste, refuse, trash and other deleterious substance on the premises of private residents, commercial institutions and in streets and alleys constitutes a public menace and nuisance and greatly increases the danger of the spread of infectious, contagious and epidemic diseases. It is imperative and urgent for the preservation of health, safety, sanitation,

peace and public welfare that proper and adequate regulations be adopted to require property owners, tenants, occupants or lessees to secure containers and receptacles of sufficient size and material in which to deposit garbage and trash for collection and removal at regular intervals."

Any violation of a city code is subject to at least a \$500 fine. The city's code places the responsibility of enforcement with the Public Works Director.

Besides city or county governments getting involved, Dunlap said it comes down to residents being more careful about how their trash is being discarded.

"A lot of it is people just being more aware of dumping trash," he said.

Davis echoed Dunlap's sentiments.

"I just think that people should be more considerate," Davis said. "I just think people and businesses should be a lot more conscientious about what they're doing."

Advertising

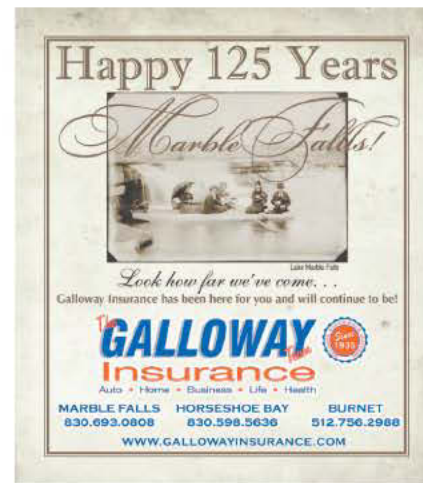
DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Kerrville Daily Times** - Johnny Manziel (horizontal)/Johnny Manziel (vertical)/BusinessLink: Fresh and inviting.
- 2. Baytown Sun** - K&T Ad/Baytown Family Clinic Pediatrics Ad/Christmas on Texas Avenue Ad: Retail rocks!
- 3. Victoria Advocate** - Mammogram Party/Yamaha/Discover: Securing your newspaper's rightful place as the leader is excellent!
- 4. DeSoto, Focus Daily News** - Ford/HILCO/Sol Jazz: Good ads.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Brownwood Bulletin** - Big Brother/Creative Image/Early Blooms: Advertising that REACHES out and GRABS the reader!
- 2. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - Chevy/Dirty's Bar/Gift and Gourmet: Creative headline, good graphic design.
- 3. Athens Daily Review** - Ole West/Sonic/Western Week: Interesting, fun and friendly.
- 4. Borger News-Herald** - Main Street Collectables/Sara's Health Food/City of Borger: Good color.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Marble Falls, Highlander** - Galloway Insurance/Ford/The Carver Group: Informative, attractive, great local angle.
- 2. Granbury, Hood County News** - Shoe the Shoeless/Raminator/Mike Brown Ford: Strong creative.
- 3. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - Corina's

Angels/First Financial Bank/Pet Health Center: Nice work in a very strong category.

- 4. La Grange, Fayette County Record** - Mimi Bella/Weikel's Bakery/Historic Fayetteville: Good community advertising.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. Bowie News** - Briarcreek Designs/Bowie Memorial Hospital/Jim Bowie Days: These are stand-out, detailed ads. Very inventive design for the Bowie Days wrap. Excellent work overall.
- 2. Copperas Cove Leader-Press** - Art After Dark/Hope/Slashed Tires: Vibrant, eye-catching work, particularly on the Triple R ad. The Testimonial piece is an effective ad, for both the business and the paper. Really STRONG category. Hard to pick as they are ALL winning entries!
- 3. Kilgore News Herald** - No comment.
- 4. Lampasas Dispatch Record** - No comment.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Dallas, Park Cities People** - Allie Beth Allman/Here's the pitch/White House: All three ads looked finished, professional and seem to represent the clients well. They also effectively use white space without leaving "holes" within the ad.
- 2. Cedar Park, Hill Country News** - Leander Eye Care/Tis the Season/Cedar Park Jewlery: The graphics and font types work together to punctuate the service being advertised without looking "cheesy."
- 3. Pleasanton Express** - Don't hide your smile/Virginia twins/Fracked Up?: They all effectively use photography to represent the client/service of the ad.
- 4. Azle News** - Brace Chiro/The Orchard/The GEM: Fun

use of color in the copy to match the rest of the ad.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Lytle, Leader News** - Lytle State Bank/Paisley's/ACT: State bank - good concept. More attention to detail with regards to the chalkboard background pieced together. Paisleys - Very nice! All the graphics and photography work well together, convey one direct theme/message and constructed well. ACT - Good design! Copy has good hierarchy and easy to read. Good quality construction and attention grabbing.
- 2. Castroville, Medina Valley Times** - Road Show/Sheriff Brown/Brady's: Road Show - Good imagery. Logo could be bigger. Only thing explaining what this is selling is the photos. Brady's - easy to read, consistent theme, good use of white (or black) space. Good use of novelty fonts without being distracting. Sheriff Brown - Font is kind of hard to read but the composition and layout is good. Conveys information and is consistent throughout. Seems to represent the client well.
- 3. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - Relax ... Leave the yard work to the Green Dude/Changes in Buda ... Mary Stone for aquifer district/A Room with a View: Relax - Nice design. Good graphics, easy to read. Buda - Nice use of graphics. Easy to read and conveys information quickly. Almost comes across as two separate pieces. Room with a view - Simple design. good use of space/white space. Hard to find contact info.
- 4. Hearne, Robertson County News** - VOTE/Fall Fest/Honey: Fall fest - Safe, basic ad. Easy to read. Vote - LOVE! Good idea, basic but effective. Attention grabbing. Great use of negative space.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Elgin Courier** - Jeanette Shelby Realty/Elgin Sacred Heart Catholic Church/Munday Chevrolet: Shelby Realty -

Advertising

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Nice finished look throughout. Copy is readable to convey the information quickly and easily. Not too crowded over all. Give a sense of what the client is about. nice job. Elgin Sacred Heart - Clear and easy to read copy. Good use of negative space. Could be more creative with graphics/images. Confused if there is a spanish/latin origin based on the copy verses the images. Munday - Nice design. Very finished looking. Clear and gets the point across. Nice execution of Texas flag/state image and image transition at top of page working down.

2. Glen Rose Reporter - Craig Dodson/Hollywood & Vine/Twisted Twig: Dawson - BOLD! Very clear and eye catching. Hollywood - Very busy but a good theme. Conveys a good representation of what the client is about. There is a lot to read, maybe consider bullets to break apart text. Creative and different. Twisted Twig - Very nice! Nice use of flourishes and photos. Not overcrowded with copy or images. Clear and easy to read.

3. Pittsburg Gazette - Herschels/James Burns/Pittsburg Veterinary: Herschel's - Love the graphics! Very clever and eye catching. Executed well! Information is clear and easy to read. James Burns - Eye catching but copy is hard to read. Pittsburg - VERY nice. Easy to read, nice layout and theme throughout. Nice use of negative space and copy is through and to the point. Gives good representation of client.

4. Castroville News Bulletin - True Value, True Value, Carman: True Value - Nice design. Easy to good. Consistent throughout. It mimics their full size ad which keeps a good brand image running. Good use of negative space. Good idea! Makes you want to see the full ad for what else could be on sale. True Value - Nice Headline and use of effect on headline copy. The main image works well as a whole but the smaller images just seem stuck in there. Coupon is a good idea but seems crowded. Some awkward white space at bottom. but has same consistent branding feel as full size true value ads. Copy is very readable. Carman - Headline/image is eye catching. Lots of copy in a small space. I think using the effect on only the headline and contact info would have helped make the copy easier to read and place importance on some info but not all.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Yorktown News-View - July 4/Cuero Nursing/George Washington: 4th of July - Basic. Gets the information across. Readable. Could highlight the important information (date, time, location) more. Cuero - Nice over all theme. Clean, easy to read. Comfortable use of white space. Thank you for limiting the font types you used. George Washington - Readable and attention grabbing. Could use more hierarchy on copy.

2. Sachse News - Dickey's BBQ/Cox's Fine Floors/Informed Voters: Cox Fine Floors - Informative, good use of space. Clear and easy to read. Dickey's - Cute graphic! Consistent theme throughout. easy to read. attention getting. Voter - Jumps off the page. Very clear and straight to the point. Easy to read.

3. Springtown Epigraph - Silver Creek/Great Candy Roundup/Stewart Street Cafe: Silver Creek - Like it. Conveys all the information. Draws the reader to the event. Easy to read. Nice headline/logo and photo header. Candy - nice use of graphics. directed towards adults AND children, good idea. Could use less font types, but copy is readable. Stewart - To the point. Some graphics are a little confusing. Consider using drop shadows to give some images weight and appear not to be floating on the page.

4. Farmersville Times - Tedford Chevrolet/Informed Voters/Farmersville Times' e-edition: Tedford - Easy to read and attention grabbing. Consider adding shadows to cars in the future. Voter - Nice! Jumps off the page. Very clear and straight to the point. Easy to read and consistent. E-Edition - Love it. Less is more. Very clean, easy to follow. Nice use of negative space and limiting the copy and graphics.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. Clarendon Enterprise - Clarendon Concert Series/3H All Natural Beef End of Summer August Specials/3H All Natural Cattle Co: Clarendon Concert - LOVE! Very unique and original! Consistent theme and fonts. Information is very clear and readable. End of Summer - Nice graphics!! Executed well. Clear information readable and every eye catching. Good job! All Natural Cattle - Little Blocky. But easy to read and consistent theme/imagery. Very clear and readable.

2. Muleshoe Journal - Belle's Barber Shop/Muleshoe Journal/Park View (Trick or Treat): Belle's Barber shop - Cute theme. Very finished looking. Consistent throughout. Seems to represent the client's theme well. Muleshoe Journal - Finished looking. Attention grabbing. Not cluttered with unnecessary copy or graphics. Website is a little squished. Park View - Little cluttered. Too many fonts being used. Consider trimming font and using more hierarchy on important information. Nice idea.

3. Ozona Stockman - Hunting Guide/Graduation/Ozona Cable & Broadband: Hunting ad - Clever idea, attention grabbing. But lots of wasted space. Could be more finished looking. Ozona Cable - Grabs readers attention. Copy is clear and to the point. Good use of space and hierarchy within copy. Graduation - LOTS of wasted space. Could be more finished looking. However not a lot of unnecessary copy or graphics. Try using the graphics in a more effective or unique way. Or having your copy and images work together.

4. Timpson & Tenaha News - Millers Country Market/Timpson Frontier Days/What a Semester: Miller's - VERY busy. Lots of fonts. Copy hard to read. Very blocky. Timpson Frontier - Conflicting themes. Some copy is jammed and hard to read. Be more aware of copy nearing the edges of boxes. What a semester - ok idea. lots of wasted space. Could be executed better.

Feature Writing

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *Premont/He knows the drill*: I loved the story about Premont! Hands down, one of my favorite stories I've read. Great title, great use of quotes, outstanding story!
- 2. Denton Record-Chronicle** - *Making progress/Through space and time*: Through space and time - loved it! Great writing, great experience!
- 3. Paris News** - *Fords celebrate 83 years of marriage/Home for heroes*: Story makes you feel like you'd been there in the beginning. Enjoyed it.
- 4. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal** - No comment.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Del Rio News-Herald** - *Firefighters wear pink/Mastering a challenge*: Great stories with multiple sources and ledes that draw the reader in.
- 2. Taylor Daily Press** - *A Town's Treasure/Lights, camera, coffin*: Rich detail in both stories, although the first story on the fire truck would have benefited from a second source - such as a resident or historian.
- 3. Athens Daily Review** - *It's easy to see her as an angel/Preparing for the Extreme Mustang Makeover*: Both stories kept the reader interested from beginning to end.
- 4. Corsicana Daily Sun** - *Taking it off/I found a home here*: It was a close competition among the top winners.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. La Grange, Fayette County Record** - *Homer's Epic/Night on the River*: Loved the personal touch in Homer's Epic and the creative style of the Night.
- 2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Life minus one/Rose in bloom*: Great stories, could tell a lot of work went into them.
- 3. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - *Have you ever tasted a memory/The long day of an Eagle Ford trucker*: Both stories kept me very engaged, the memory story a bit more than the other. Both were great.
- 4. Granbury, Hood County News** - *Whittle me this; Derby queen*: I don't just love the stories, but the layout, especially of the Derby Queen story. Very creative and catching. Great stories. So many to choose from, it was tough to rank.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. Kilgore News Herald** - *Murder's Mark/Disappearing Legacy*: Kept reader interested throughout both stories. Multiple sources and great ledes.
- 2. El Campo Leader-News** - *Toy Box Surprise/Be-*

loved Butcher: Great read with multiple sources, interesting ledes and good pictures.

- 3. Wharton Journal-Spectator** - *100 & Sharp as a Tact/Making the most out of life*: Stories that kept the reader involved. The second story needed additional resources.

- 4. Graham Leader** - No comment.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Port Aransas South Jetty** - *Lancaster/Ring*: The ring story is a great mystery. It didn't start off as strong as it could have, but it did a good job of holding the reader's interest. The Lancaster article allows the people in the story to carry it. Well done.
- 2. Dallas, Park Cities People** - *Belles and Blue Sox*: The Blue Sox was the stronger of the two entries, particularly with its wide range of sources. The Belles was confusing in places as to whether the quotes were from interviews or the film.
- 3. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - *TSU kicker returns to field for senior year after mother's death, leg injury/Thirteen hours of adrenaline*: The kicker article was the best of all the entries in this category, but the runner held it back. The kicker kept the reader engaged by tying the article around the last-second kick. Very enjoyable. The runner was a one-source article. It needed another voice.
- 4. Pleasanton Express** - *Remembering Reba/Reunion for Anguiano*: The reunion article was powerful as the veterans told of their experiences in Vietnam. Although the reader gets a complete and well-presented picture of Reba, the article needed more about her cancer and how she and her family coped with it.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - *Meat on the Old Bones/Bringing the World to Dilley*: Interesting and well-written features with eye-catching design. Nice use of typography and pull quotes.
- 2. Cuero Record** - *A heart of valor/Cuero man faces cancer*: Well-structured human-interest stories. Both really engage the reader.
- 3. Columbus, Colorado County Citizen** - *Living to give in Sheridan/Family tragedy leads to Ministry of Hope*: Nice ledes and use of quotes in both features. Love the main photo for the Living to give story.
- 4. Navasota Examiner** - *Lovebirds Christmas/Light shines through darkness*: Good human-interest pieces. Great pairing of headline and main photo on Korpita story.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Aledo, Community News** - *Hope for Vivianna/Aiden's Journey*: Leds grab the reader. Good writing throughout, and multiple voices within the story set this entry above.
- 2. Sealy News** - *RAP starts scholarship in Frank Vecera's*

honor/Honoring the Fallen: Subjects spoke to reader in a human level. Good writing and use of quotes.

- 3. Dublin Citizen** - *Life Changing Event Could Lead to Olympic Gold/Cain carries compassion and legacy into courtroom*: Characters came to life through writer's eye.

- 4. Pittsburg Gazette** - No comment.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Princeton Herald** - *Living with Autism/Popping a top*: Compelling subject matters supported by solid writing and good ledes. Strong artwork and headlines.
- 2. Farmersville Times** - *Passion of science and learning/How sweet it is*: Interesting, well-written stories. Nice presentation with strong artwork and headlines.
- 3. Whitehouse, Tri County Leader** - *Shattered Dreams/Luke the Dog*: Nice package on Shattered Dreams. Solid writing, artwork and headlines.
- 4. Cooper Review** - *Main Street America/9/11 Tribute*: Eye-catching package on Main Street story and headline on 9/11 piece. Stories are well-written with good use of quotes to draw in the reader.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

- 1. Liberty Hill Independent** - *One Child's Love/Thanksgiving Table*: The flow of the first story was very good and it was a great topic. After reading it, I felt like I actually know that little girl. There are also plenty of quotes. That was a great idea for Thanksgiving. It was creative. What a good way for readers to connect with your writers and editors! Both features had minimal editing errors, too.
- 2. Big Lake Wildcat** - *How to start a horse/Laz matazz*: The use of quotes in the first horse trainer story is excellent. I like that the sports feature was short and easy to read. As someone who doesn't really know much about sports, I thought it did a very good job of keeping my interest.
- 3. Presidio International** - *Aviator makes local history/Area resident's eyewitness account*: Great topic for the aviator story and it was well written. On the UFO story, I would have put the eyewitness account higher up and focused less on the event's organizers. Both features had good leads that caught my attention and pulled me in.
- 4. Post Dispatch** - *Power of Prayer/The Road Less Traveled*: The descriptive quote from the coach was placed just right, but the event should have been mentioned sooner and there was some repetition in the story. The second story was good. Both features would have been better with closer attention to editing though.

Feature Writing

FEATURE WRITING, DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE

A life defined: living with autism

BY JIMMY ALFORD
The Princeton Herald

Walking from his room to the kitchen, circling around through the living room and back to his room, Justin Blackwell, 14, makes his rounds – his routine – while his mother watches and smiles.

“There’s a child in there,” Kristi Ramsay said. “No matter what happens and how hard things get, you have to remember there’s a child there.”

About 11 years ago, Justin was first diagnosed as a low functioning autistic. Prior to Justin’s diagnosis, Ramsay struggled with a baby exhibiting what she describes as extreme hyperactivity. It was clear something wasn’t right.

“He had some developmental delays, and we were referred to a neurologist down at Children’s Hospital,” Ramsay said. “We had struggled with behavioral problems and him not sleeping for three years. We didn’t know what it was. This child never slept. He would take a 15-minute nap here and there.”

There she was with this hyperactive 3-year-old, waiting for the doctor to come in. She waited and she waited for three hours. When she finally saw the doctor, the consultation wasn’t what she expected.

“The woman who came was not there for 30 seconds,” Ramsay said. “She said, ‘He has autism. He will never speak. He will be a danger to himself and to others in society. He will never be in public school, and you’ll need to put him in an institution. Do you have any questions?’ Then she turned around and walked out.”

In 30 seconds, Ramsay was handed the news Justin is autistic. She shakes her head when thinking about that day. She said she’d never forget that doctor’s name – the doctor, who in 30 seconds, handed Ramsay life-altering news and quickly walked away.

“It was devastating. I was left with so many questions and came home basically grieving the news,” Ramsay said. “It was like hearing about the death of my child.”

She grieved over the death of not Justin but all the dreams she had. Thirty seconds is all it took to shatter her dreams. She said Justin would never get married, never go to college, and never play baseball. He’ll never do any of the things a child is expected to do.

“There are phases you go through. There is grief and there is anger,” Ramsay said. “Then there is the whole warrior mom thing and ‘Let’s attack this and get answers.’ Unfortunately at the time there were a lot more questions than answers and there still are.”

Now that he’s 14, Justin likes to play his video games and he’d watch Youtube videos all day long, if he had the chance.

Justin does go to school.

His laugh is contagious – a real belly laugh that makes folks around him smile. He is tall and lanky. Even though Justin is behind developmentally and considered low functioning, many of the issues associated with adolescence have passed. But as he pulls away from childhood problems, more serious issues are cropping up.

Justin’s body is changing. Testosterone and hormones are messing with his fragile world, not unlike any other teenage boy.

“We’re dealing with problems that have arisen because he’s 14 and thanks to puberty,” Ramsay said. “The things we are facing are completely different.”

Random bouts of anger and violence burst out of Justin.

Recently Justin had a protective order placed against him because of an incident at school where Justin became violent. It wasn’t his first fit of violence, and it won’t be his last.

“Last summer was just hell



Justin kisses his mom, Kristi Ramsay. Photo by Jimmy Alford/The Princeton Herald.

around here; it was just constant,” Ramsay said. “Just altercation after altercation. He was going through puberty. It was too hot to go outside, and he was on medication that would mess with him if he went outside.

He didn’t want to be in there and we were stuck at home. I couldn’t take him out in public for fear of him exploding. So it was tough.”

She said at one point Justin had to spend some time at Green Oak Psychiatric Hospital in Dallas. Ramsay said she was exhausted mentally and physically, but she had people to turn to for help, advice and kind words.

Ramsay, along with many parents in Collin County, has joined with the National Autism Association of North Texas.

The association allows parents of autistic children and healthcare professionals to get together online and in person to swap stories, share advice and the latest autism-related news.

“I don’t know the exact number,

but a year ago I asked the school districts how many students with autism they are serving, and the three biggest districts are serving about 900 students with autism,” said Nagla Moussa, the association’s president.

Moussa knows firsthand how hard a parent’s life is when they have an autistic child. She also knows what it’s like to have a teenage autistic child.

“I have a 24-year-old son who was diagnosed with autism at age 4,” Moussa said.

The combination of violence and autism isn’t new. It was a tragedy and the love for her child that spurred Moussa and other parents to form the Autism Association in North Texas.

“When my son was in elementary school in Plano, there was a tragic incident that involved a police officer shooting a 15-year-old non-verbal teen with autism at a respite home in Plano in 1995,” Moussa said. “This child’s teachers, his parents, a few other families

of children with autism including myself started forming an organization to spread autism awareness, to educate the community, police and emergency personnel about autism. We wanted to make sure that this horrible tragedy never happened again.”

She said the Autism Association eventually evolved and provides resources, support, networking, and education, along with autism awareness.

“I have watched children grow up and become employed; my right-hand helper at all of our speaker meetings is a 27-year-old young man with autism, who I have watched grow since he was in middle school,” Moussa said. “He now has graduated high school and is very independent; he takes the DART buses by himself, he has a part-time job at Tom Thumb, and he attends many recreation events with his peers on a weekly basis. He can prepare his own meals, shop for himself, and he is a great friend to me and a wonderful volunteer.”

HeadlineWriting

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE

**Hey SOLD
sisters**

**See a bat?
It's no time to play catch**

Many talked the talk,
few willing to guard the walk

DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

**Partisan my
expression**

Rec'd center?

Czech your heritage

DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE

Now Serving

*Burglary-shooting story
full of holes*

Garbage out, taxes in:
Council renews contracts

DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE

Police pursue pilfered plastic people

City on the outs with two inns

*Public works plans to lend
a hand with limb disposal*

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Clute, Facts - *Many talked the talk, few willing to guard the walk/Hey Sold sisters, See a bat?/No time to play catch*: Headlines were clever without trying too hard. They managed to tell the reader what the story was about without going overboard. Well done!

2. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal - *You say you want a resolution/Man fee-deep in politics/Extra helping*: Really good wordplay here. Fee-deep in politics was very original.

3. Kerrville Daily Times - *Unmarked/Giant lizard captured/Voters asked to confirm they're alive*: Good use of wordplay, especially with voter and tattoo stories.

4. Odessa American - *Dark side of the boom/Water rate anger bubbles up/Get smart*: Dark Side of the Boom really captured the story and gave the reader a great mental image of what it was going to be about.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Taylor Daily Press - *Czech your heritage/Partisan my expression/Rec'd center?*: Rec'd Center among the best headlines I saw. Clever, to the point, evocative.

2. Athens Daily Review - *Urine trouble/Hurricanes a subject that just blows me away/More than words*: Urine Trouble was worth a laugh.

3. Borger News-Herald - No comment.

4. No 4th place awarded.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - No comment.

2. Boerne Star - No comment.

3. Granbury, Hood County News - No comment.

4. Beeville Bee-Picayune - No comment.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Kilgore News Herald - *City on the outs with two inns/Public works plans to lend a hand with limb disposal/Police pursue pilfered plastic people*: Clear winner with inviting headlines that related well to the stories.

2. Wharton Journal-Spectator - *Putting a steak in Wharton/Getting kids booked on learning/Drumming up students*: Strong entry that illustrated a skill at turning a phrase.

3. Kingsville Record & Bishop News - *Streaker books it outside public library/Cities cashed in on 8-liners/Police investigating murder most 'fowl'*: Nice use of verb play to draw the readers in.

4. Mexia News - No comment.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Port Aransas South Jetty - *Foul weather/Here's the dirt/Dope floats*: Great job! Headlines were not only creative, but encouraged reader to jump into the story.

2. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice - No comment.

3. Floresville, Wilson County News - No comment.

4. Dallas, Park Cities People - No comment.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Karnes Countywide - No comment.

2. Three Rivers, Progress - No comment.

3. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press - No comment.

4. Lytle, Leader News - *Straight/Little Yellow Flag/Oh, SNAP*: Tough competition! Especially among top five or six entries. Very good job all around.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. Castrovilla News Bulletin - No comment.

2. Lakeway, Lake Travis View - No comment.

3. Aransas Pass Progress - No comment.

4. Pittsburg Gazette - No comment.

HeadlineWriting

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE

Dope floats

Foul weather fails
to foil fowl festival

Here'S t He Dirt

DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE

Forward to the past

Uncharted
water\$

Trash cams

DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE

It's a big Dam deal:
local landmark turns 100

Council gnashes teeth over
Lions Park irrigation

Bird is not the word as
Panthers race past Cardinals

DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE

Love makes cents

Scouts help grow sprouts

Druggies get bagged

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Princeton Herald** - *Druggies get bagged/Love makes cents/Scouts help grow sprouts*: Your headlines were very clear as to what the stories were about. They grabbed my attention and made me want to read the articles. The writers were clever, creative and original in the use of rhyme and a homonym. Druggies get bagged was a great play on words too.
- 2. Farmersville Times** - *Resident seeks to share secret shores/How sweet it is/A phairly fun time with physics*: Your headlines were attention grabbing, but the how sweet it is and phairly headlines were less clear. I had to do a double-take on those to see how they fit the articles/photos.
- 3. Albany News** - *Swatting back/Let there be light/Car show*: Your headlines were clear and clever but didn't do quite as much to grab my attention as some other entries did.
- 4. Hico News Review** - *A Rhino stone Cowboy/City retaking law into their own hands/Marshal Plan City creates town Marshal Position*: I really liked your cowboy and city retaking headlines but still don't understand the marshal headline. It was unclear. It didn't make sense to me even after reading the first few graphs of the story.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

- 1. Big Lake Wildcat** - *How to start a horse/Commissioners slam door on Jail/Laz matazz*: All of the headlines were clever, creative and original. The play on words in all of them was good. The how to start a horse could have been clearer as to what the article was about. I would have added a subhead.
- 2. Eldorado Success** - *Water Wars/Slow Dancing/Slip Sliding Away*: I liked the slip sliding away. It was creative and caught my eye. By itself, it wouldn't have made much sense. But it was great with the subhead. Good job with that. The other two were OK because they were clear and fit the stories. But they are not as creative as the slip sliding away.
- 3. Muleshoe Journal** - *Freedom Of Scent Raises A Stench/MISD School Board Complains About Poaching/Mulpedia Comes To Muleshoe*: The phonetic headlines didn't quite fit the articles as well as they could have, but they were creative. I didn't understand the editor's note on the poaching or why there are quotations. Was it a quote on the jump? Mulpedia puzzled me a little too. But I liked the freedom of scent headline.
- 4. Clarendon Enterprise** - *Git 'er done/Signs of the End Times/Comptroller giveth*: The Git 'er done is too random. It doesn't really fit the article and it's not the main headline. The main headline is OK, but it doesn't stand out. It's just an ordinary headline. The same goes for the comptroller headline. But I really like the phonetic nature of the signs headline. That was clever, clear and the main headline.

DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE

Commissioners
slam door on Jail

LAZ matazz

How to start
a horse

FeaturePhotos

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Odessa American - *Princess camp/Worldwide eclipse*: Worldwide eclipse is the single best photograph in the entire category. Princess camp is impressive as well but paled by comparison.

2. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal - *4-H fashions/An eye for rodeo*: The Rodeo photograph is outstanding in terms of composition, lighting and innovation. 4-H fashions is memorable for the reflection effect, but Rodeo put this entry in second place.

3. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - *Holi happiness/School of fish*: School of Fish especially impressed me in the way it seemed so extemporaneous, capturing a humorous moment. The photo from the Indian festival was interesting but not the best one from that set.

4. Kerrville Daily Times - *Unmarked/Kinky*: Both photos exhibit excellent composition especially The Man in Black.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Brownwood Bulletin - *It's plain that its rain/Jumping over a wall of fire*: Photos had creative perspectives. Cutline with the motorcycle jumper was a good read with eye attaching image.

2. Greenville, Herald-Banner - *Just Believe/The Houses that God built*: Nice lighting and composition on the Santa photo.

3. Vernon Daily Record - *Fill the boot/Watching the train*: Photographer got some nice moments. I liked the train especially because the panoramic allowed me to see the number of people.

4. Borger News-Herald - *The extra tall snowman/We will never forget*: Both First and second were close in composition and quality but first place I went with first because the cutlines on motorcycle photo drew me in and explained about the accident.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - *Shining at Sonflower/Little Doll*: Loved the portrait and the nice moment at the event. Usually I would not give a first place to a portrait in a features category but the photographer really gave the reader a great photos illustration.

2. Granbury, Hood County News - *New do for Diego/Rascally rat snake*: Nice moments boy getting hair cut was great. It had me stop and look.

3. Boerne Star - *Beauty restored/Summer starting to sizzle*: Nice moments of the girl looking at the car. I enjoyed the diving board photo too of the two people watching.

4. Marble Falls, Highlander - *Teachers lovin' it/Getting Technicolor*: Nice moment of the performers. Captured the energy of the play.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Breckenridge American - *Fireman's Farewell/Polo on The Prairie*: A Fireman's Farewell is a good capturing of emotion.

2. Bastrop Advertiser - *Ready, set, spit!/Being 'neigh'borly*: Excellent "catching the moment" and use of color.

3. Lamesa Press Reporter - *Easter Celebration/Eclipse Watchers*: Good use of natural light.

4. Round Rock Leader - *Catching a College Game/All of the Lights*: Great action and mood.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Cleveland Advocate - *Diving into summer/Cleveland celebrates the Fourth with a bang*: Photographer captures some moments that make great viewing by readers. The fireworks and swimming shots both are both taken at peak moments and the composition was clear and well thought out.

2. Azle News - *Band/Vet*: Photographer had two nice photos that captured readers attention. Though silhouettes are often done and I don't often give them a place in contests this photographer got a nice moment of the band director movement and the light. Combined with the hugging cheerleader I thought both were nice moments.

3. Dallas, Park Cities People - *Bagpipes/Carson Leslie Center*: The memorial photo caught my attention it was a nice moment and a good catch by the photographer.

4. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - *Sharing a story/Visitors*: Nice peak moments the photos looked to be a little set up as the girls are looking at the photographer.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Mineola Monitor - *Too much fun/In the hour waiting*: The best balance in the category. Both photos expertly capture their moments - appealing, humorous moments in both cases.

2. Mount Vernon Optic-Herald - *Setting Time/Piney Wood Wine Trail*: Neither photo was the best in the competition, but the combination was impressive. Both were nicely composed and portrayed interesting subjects.

3. Castroville, Medina Valley Times - *Football/Girl*: The submissions showed a nice diversity and both expertly caught events in action.

4. Goldthwaite Eagle - *War Dance/Fireworks*: Two colorful, very well composed photos.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. Pilot Point Post-Signal - *Pool/Football player*: Catching a kid in mid-flight before landing in a pool of wa-

ter brings a smile and reminder of the joys of summer. The football player with a cast on his arm looks like he could use some practice throwing.

2. Aledo, Community News - *Balancing Act/Getting Down*: Boys learning collaboration on a teetering platform in a well-crafted image. A toddler and an animal - even a fake furry - can't fail as an excellent feature photo.

3. Bandera Bulletin - *Burn ban on again, off again after rains fall/Battle for the Ball*: The stronger image here is of the dogs tussling for the ball. But the disembodied leg of a human is distracting. The kid on the swing with an approaching thunderstorm catches the eye, but the tilted horizon is annoying. And did the photo really go with a story about the removal of burn bans?

4. Elgin Courier - *Pucker Up/King Meets Queen*: The pig-kissing picture was adequate, but the women could have hammed it up a bit more. And you can't go wrong with an Elvis picture.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Springtown Epigraph - *Blue Moon and Clouds*: Clouds is simply a beautiful photograph, but Blue Moon is also impressive in that it is a good sports action shot, but in the composition, it captures so much more.

2. Ingram, West Kerr Current - *Cinco de Mayo/Starting the season right*: This is a solid combination: "Cinco de Mayo" catches all of the color and motion. "Starting the season right" is effectively framed making the photo quite atmospheric.

3. Winnie, Hometown Press - *Shattered Dreams/On the lamb*: Both photos are standouts, but "Shattered dreams" is very effective, disturbing at the onset before the reader discovers that it is all staged.

4. Jasper Newsboy - *Snow/We're selling along*: Two noteworthy shots, especially "Snow" in that it captures both the motion and joy of the moment.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

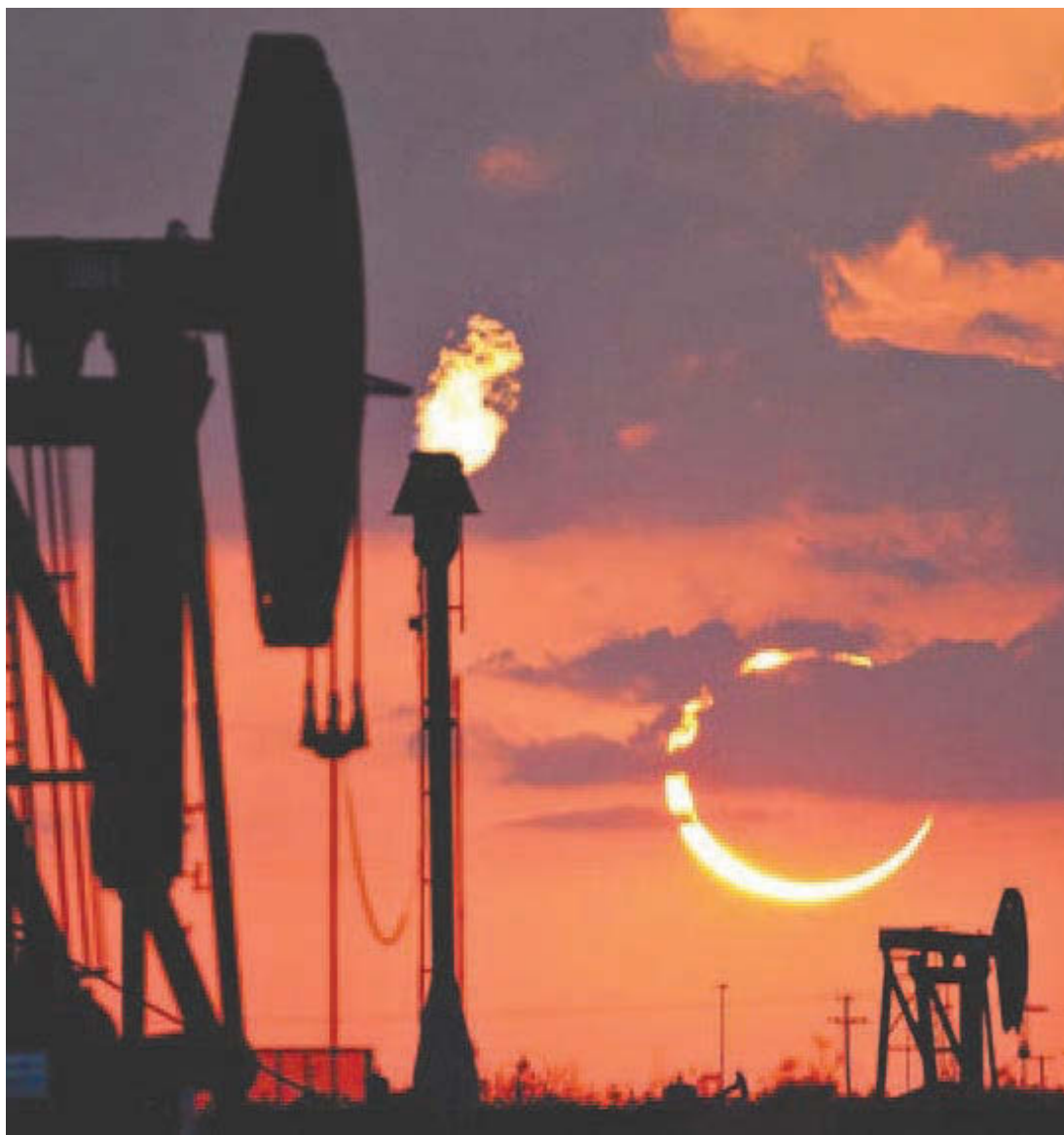
1. Eldorado Success - *Mirror, Mirror/First Day of School*: "First day of school" is a classic that never gets old, and it's done well here. The only suggestion I'd offer would be to crop some from the top and left to highlight the emotion a better. The second pic was less dramatic but solid.

2. Big Lake Wildcat - *State Bound/Tooty Ta!!!*: "Tooty Ta!" is hilarious. Love the repetitive knocked knees. Good capture of the moment. "State bound" is a good, colorful portrait.

3. Rosebud News - *Kids fire safety day/Lott homecoming*: "Fire Safety" captures the children's excitement at holding the fire hose. And the second photo in this entry shows us a rather unguarded moment.

4. Murphy Monitor - *Collin County Livestock/Family Lives*: You can't go wrong with animals and kids. Love the look on the boy's face. Great community journalism.

FeaturePhotos



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FEATUR E pho To, DIVISIo N 2, 1ST pLACE ALBER T CESAr E, o DESSA AMEr ICAN

A photo taken by the Odessa American's Albert Cesare has gone global. In addition to being picked up by National Geographic, websites and news outlets in Washington, Boston, England, Los Angeles, Dallas, Seattle, Oakland, Denver and Phoenix also featured the colorful eclipse shot from Sunday's night's annular eclipse. Cesare snapped the popular pic with a EOS5D Mark II camera near FM 1936 and Highway 158.

Sunday's annular eclipse was the first of its kind since May 10, 1994.

Folks all over the world took photos of the eclipse. This shot certainly puts the West Texas landscape in a good light.

As of press time Monday, this photo and several others by Cesare and photo editor Mark Sterkel had been shared 761 times total, liked 1,033 times on Facebook and had more than 127 comments.

FEATUR E pho To, DIVISIo N 4, 1ST pLACE Jo E DUTY, wISE Co UNTY MESSENGEr

SHINING AT SONFLOWER - More than 150 campers attended the 14th annual Sonflower Camp for Kids with Disabilities this week in Decatur. Above, campers watch in wonder as a bubble blown by the Bubble Lady, Linda Berman, floats in the breeze.

FEATUR E pho To, DIVISIo N 3, 1ST pLACE AMANDA LEIJA, Brow Nwoo D BULLETIN

Tim Jackson, technician at House of Wheels, takes a moment before jumping through the wall of fire.

NewsPhotos



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FEATUr E pho To, DIVISIo N 3, 1ST pLACE
FELICIA Fr AzAr, SEGUIN GAZETTE

Firefighters try to douse the fireball that engulfed a commercial pressure washing van in the parking lot of GVEC's Western Operations Center on Saturday morning. Officials said a mechanical backfire caused the van to erupt into flames.

FEATUr E pho To, DIVISIo N 9, 1ST pLACE
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Chris Coverson tears up as he hugs his mother following Saturday's Sachse High School graduation.

FEATUr E pho To, DIVISIo N 4, 1ST pLACE
MAR Y VINSo N, hoo D Co UNTY NEwS

A NEW DO FOR DIEGO - Diego Gamez will be entering the second grade at Nettie Baccus Elementary with a real cool haircut. Stylist and Acton Elementary employee Tara Neasbitt volunteered her talents at the Operation School Supplies Resource Fair on Thursday, distribution day.



NewsPhotos

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *A student cries Tuesday/Robert Vasques stands on top of a car*: There may have been better individual photos, but the two submitted here comprise the best combination. Both are conceptually impressive.
- 2. Galveston County Daily News** - *Liftoff/She was an angel*: What distinguished these two photos is subject matter immediately pulling the eyes toward the cutline to find out more.
- 3. Baytown Sun** - *Burned memories/Community mourns*: The "Community mourns" photo is one of the best in this category. The composition in both photos is outstanding though "Burned memories" seemed posed.
- 4. Odessa American** - *Standoff ends tragically/Heart-breaking scene*: Both photos expertly capture instantaneous reactions, emotions and predicaments.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - *Reflecting on the wreckage/Flames devour pressure washing van*: Dramatic photo of school bus and car fire. Nice spot news moments that grab readers. Good composition.
- 2. Vernon Daily Record** - *Car thief/Fire at Sonic*: Images grab readers and tells them you are on top of the news. The photographer had to be really ready to shoot when the action happened.
- 3. Brownwood Bulletin** - *Lawman from across state honor deputy/Tears, tribute to son*: The women's retraction to her sons panting is a very strong moment nice shot by the photographer.
- 4. Athens Daily Review** - No comment.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Granbury, Hood County News** - *Swift water peril/Fierce fight for firefighters*: Wow. Both images in this entry convey high drama, desperation and determination. The fast-water rescue pic leaves the viewer anxious about the ways it could go wrong. And the firefighters dwarfed by the inferno just what the crew is up against.
- 2. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - *The Monster inside/Tragedy beyond borders*: Vivid images cropped just right that evoke powerful human emotion, drawing on the intimations of mortality in one photo and the stark reminder of the pain of losing a child in a grisly crash.
- 3. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Catastrophe/Fatal Collision*: Good work that catches the aftermath of a fire and a truck-train collision.
- 4. Boerne Star** - *Awaken/Tornado*: The downed tree photo and the wind-damage photo are serviceable but not exciting images.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. El Campo Leader-News** - *Ball of Flame/Nine-Car Pileup*: Great news photos. Good cutlines.
- 2. Bastrop Advertiser** - *Run-off in several slots/Is the end of drought in sight?*: Good "moment catching."
- 3. Gonzales Inquirer** - *Standoff/A violent ride*: Good work.
- 4. Mexia News** - *Tuesday night blaze destroys Mexia home/Enthusiasts show skills at 82nd Annual Mexia Rodeo*: Good work.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - *Fire/Crenwelge*: This entry stood out as the best among all the others. The photographer had nice well composed images with and clean backgrounds and peak action. I could tell the photographer really was watching what was going on and positioned themselves to get great photos.
- 2. Silsbee Bee** - *Raid/Fire*: Photographer got the moments that make readers want to read the story.
- 3. Azle News** - *Fire/Injury*: Nice photos but I felt they could have been better composed.
- 4. Belton Journal** - *ASCO grants wish to local child/Helping Hands*: Nice moments.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Mineola Monitor** - *House fire/Car wreck*: Two very impressive photos with noteworthy framing and technique. Especially memorable is the "House fire" shot - so up close, in the action and expertly composed.
- 2. Rambler Newspapers** - *Savor Dallas through a pipe/Woman running through fire*: Both submissions show a lot of expertise, but it is the very inventive "Savor Dallas" photo that puts this entry in second place.
- 3. Mount Vernon Optic-Herald** - *Saving the kitty/Mighty blaze*: The photos, especially "Saving the kitty," deftly captured the subject and action.
- 4. Cuero Record** - *Ruby takes victory/Pointing to the future*: I liked both photos, but the "Turkeyfest" shot is among the more interesting in this competition.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - *First-responders stage Tragic Decisions/Problems today, plans for tomorrow*: Excellent composition lends realistic drama to the fake-DUI crash photo. Composition also creates an evocative scene for the water quality image. This entry stood out from its closest competitors.
- 2. Castroville News Bulletin** - *Election night, EAA*: Tight crops and effective use of light lift these images from routine events to little dramas. Cutlines provided good detail.

3. Bandera Bulletin - *Main Street tragedy/Main Street cattle drive*: While there aren't giant flames leaping out of the burning building, the fire photo captures the colors and simultaneous surreal and high-definition atmosphere of a nighttime fire. The longhorn parade photo is just plain captivating.

4. Iowa Park Leader - *First Day/31*: The first day of school image is fraught with emotion and captures a variety of expressions of children framed by early morning light. The focus on the brass section in the marching band competition makes the image notable. Demerits for placing type over the images.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Sachse News** - *Grads urges/Under dog*: A winning combination of photos, showing variety and expert technique.
- 2. Winnie, Hometown Press** - *Shattered Dreams/Youth Project Show*: I had previously praised "Shattered dreams" in another category. Put together with the "Youth Project Show," both complimented the other but also showed a uniform ability to capture an event.
- 3. Madisonville Meteor** - *Everything 'comes up roses' for NZ seniors/A journey of hope*: Two very good photos, though "Journey of Hope" was superior in its composition and lighting.
- 4. Albany News** - *Little Shop of Horrors/Burned out business*: "Little Shop" was excellent and made up for the good but static and somewhat staid "Burned out."

Division 10

Small Weeklies

- 1. Muleshoe Journal** - *Dairy Delivery/To Cool For School!*: Photographer did a great job of showing the nasty stuff without getting too graphic. The real story is the looks on the children's faces, and they are wonderful. Second pic is not nearly as strong, but is very pleasant and good community journalism.
- 2. Eldorado Success** - *Accident Victim/First Responders in the Rain*: This is a really strong entry. I can feel the woman's angst and sense the urgency. The second photo lacked enough drama to push the entry to first, but it was a good catch of a crash.
- 3. Murphy Monitor** - *Tikes search/PISD superintendent*: This superintended photo is just so odd and foreshadows the man's retirement. He looks so isolated and his feet don't even reach the floor. Super job.
- 4. Big Lake Wildcat** - *Remember/Naming Ceremony*: Both of these are lovely photos. More action or a little more emotion might have bumped them up a bit.

PageDesign

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE

DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE

DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



Division 2 Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Victoria Advocate - Great job. Very creative and bold.
2. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - Great sports page. Excellent photography.
3. Clute, Facts - No comment.
4. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel - No comment.

Division 3 Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Athens Daily Review - Excellent front page design. Clean and easy to read. Like the community calendar.
2. Del Rio News-Herald - Good design on front and sports page. There wasn't a lifestyle page but didn't need it in this group. Good readability.
3. Greenville, Herald-Banner - Clean and sharp design.
4. Taylor Daily Press - The front page saved this entry.

Division 4 Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Granbury, Hood County News - Clear winner in this group. All the right elements in a great design. Very easy to read.
2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - Great front page put this one in the winners bracket. Great sports cover page too.
3. La Grange, Fayette County Record - Nice design element on front page and good sports page.
4. Marble Falls, Highlander - Good design and some creativity too.

Division 5 Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Round Rock Leader - Good clean design and with some creative elements.
2. Lampasas Dispatch Record - Nice layout on the sports page. Lifestyle page had a few too many stories.
3. Kilgore News Herald - Good lifestyle page and good sports layout with photos. Front page had too much going on.
4. Copperas Cove Leader-Press - Fresh looking edit page and good sports page.

Division 6 Large Weeklies

1. Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal - Well done.
2. Port Aransas South Jetty - Good use of color, typography.
3. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - Good job.
4. Pleasanton Express - Great front page.

Division 7 Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press - Good designs. Good front page.
2. Kenedy, Karnes Countywide - Good pages.
3. Cuero Record - Well done.
4. Navasota Examiner - Good design. Front could have used more news, but good layout.

PageDesign

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Division 8 Medium Weeklies

1. Aledo, Community News - Well done.
2. Cameron Herald - Great front page, good use of color.
3. Iowa Park Leader - Good color. Eye-catching front page.
4. Aransas Pass Progress - Well done.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Albany News - It was very clean a.k.a. readable and eye-catching. The city limit side adds creativity to the modular design. The church page headlines needed more variety, but the clarity is still there.
2. Cooper Review - I love the package on the front. It's very creative. My eye was drawn to it immediately. The only recommendation I would make would be to lighten the background just a hair more and do something else with the bottom cutline. The flow on it looks strange and therefore harder to read. Watch for bumping headlines that are the same. The last page is a little too busy. I would have used fewer photos and faded the background more.
3. Princeton Herald - I like the graphics on front and the

packaging. It really works together. I wouldn't have used that much space for the roses though. The spacing on the bottom headline for the editorial page should be more even. The fire photos are too similar. Good use of lines on sports page though. It looks clean.

4. Ferris, Ellis County Press - The tomato graphic on food fight got my attention and the page isn't too busy. My eye knows where to go, although I would have boxed the two photos and made one bigger than the other. Or I would have boxed the story beside them because the story and the photos, although unrelated, kind of run together. Good basic design on sports and good package on the left side of one of the pages. The opinion page needs lines or something to separate them more because the text runs together.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. Ozona Stockman - Beautiful opinion page.
2. Red Oak Record - Good layouts, good use of photos.
3. Eldorado Success - Good use of graphics and color.
4. Big Lake Wildcat - Good use of photos.

SportsPhotos

Division 2 Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *Sailor Trevor Moore darts across the boat/South Africa's Oscar Pistorius runs down the final stretch* - I see why they wanted you at the Olympics. The sailing shot was well-framed and beautiful.
- 2. Clute, Facts** - *Superbowl/Swim invitational*: The Superbowl shot belies the age for the emotion. That is one of the best swimming photos I have ever seen. I smelled the chlorine.
- 3. Victoria Advocate** - *Stinging Loss/Two photos, 2,000 words*: You showed sting and you showed passionate rivalry.
- 4. Denton Record-Chronicle** - *Windwalkers/Sweet 16*: The basketball photo was great action in triplicate and shows how difficult it is to officiate the game.

Division 3 Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Athens Daily Review** - *Smash and grab/Out of reach*: Loved the jersey grab. Good job of capturing action and implied action.
- 2. Greenville, Herald-Banner** - *Local athletes find going tough at state meet/BLOCKED*: Nice shot of goalkeeper making the save. The girl on the ground elevates the track photo from just an average finish-line shot.
- 3. Pampa News** - *Dalhart dominates/Lady Harvesters spike Perryton*: I counted 13 players in the football scrum shot. Not easy to do. No ball but nice shot nevertheless.
- 4. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - *In good hands/Seguin baseball*: Facial expressions on basic action shots were nice.

Division 4 Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Close Call/Setting the Pace*: Solid photos. Both entries captured the essence of the events and the emotion. Very nice work.
- 2. La Grange, Fayette County Record** - *Volleyball/Rodeo*: Jube art was fantastic and really captured the moment. Loved the rodeo art, but would liked to have seen the bareback photo used larger. Great job!
- 3. Granbury, Hood County News** - *Battle in the air/Rough night for the Pirates*: We've seen this football photo hundreds of times. Pretty basic. Same with the jube shot. I liked the soccer art much better. That was your money shot in this entry.
- 4. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - *Trojan wrestlers/Soccer*: This was a pretty plain, and simple wrestling photo used enormous. If you're going to use art this large, it better be a great photo. Soccer art was much stronger.

Division 5 Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. Copperas Cove Leader-Press** - *Copperas Cove D-Backs/University of Mary Hardin-Baylor quarterback*: T-Ball photos are a nice touch. I'm guessing parents loved that. Lede photo on 7A was solid. Overall nice job. Kuddos to the photographer.
- 2. Alice Echo-News Journal** - *Redemption/Hoops*: The lede photo of the coach getting a water bath was superb, but the photo on the basketball preview was average at best.
- 3. Round Rock Leader** - *3-Way tie for first/RRCA Champions*: This is a very nice paper, but the art did not match the standard of the overall content. Volleyball jube shot was the best you had.
- 4. Mexia News** - *Lady Cats beat Waco/Blackcats fall in playoff match*: Although the photos were all b/w, they were strong entries. They showed lots of emotion. Really liked the basketball photo from 12/13 issue. Nice job!

Division 6 Large Weeklies

- 1. Wylie News** - *Starting out even/Pest Control*: Nice peak action and compositions.
- 2. Azle News** - *Just out of reach/Hold your horses*: Nice peak action and composition. The only draw back was not having the ball in the fame with the soccer.
- 3. Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal** - *Play-off Bound/Rainy night in Schertz*: Nice action and composition but the rain shot was more of jut the fact of the photos being in the rain and I would have liked to have seen stronger action photos.
- 4. Belton Journal** - *Playoff Push/On to the next one*: Needs to work on peak action but over all were nice photos.

Division 7 Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Fairfield, Freestone County Times** - *Speedy Recovery/Chamber vs. Rotary*: Interesting compositional entries that go beyond a typical sports photo. Great play of the baseball slide photo.
- 2. Mineola Monitor** - *Believe/Contact sports*: Nice play of the "We Believe" shot. Great shots of the competitors' facial expressions.
- 3. Navasota Examiner** - *Air mail/Hats off*: Nice expressions and actions in "Air Mail." Good play of some nice photos.
- 4. Clifton Record** - *Pole Vault/Baseball Batter*: Good play of nice photos.

Division 8 Medium Weeklies

- 1. Bandera Bulletin** - *Out of the Park!/Ride 'em Cowboy*: Interesting off-the-field softball shot. Nice rodeo pic. Great shot of facial expression.
- 2. Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - *McIntyre makes moment count/Cavs-Chaps*: Nice action shots. Good play of interesting shots.
- 3. Elgin Courier** - *Touchdown/Te'rel Simmons in for another touchdown*: Excellent sharpness and clarity. Great play on the page.
- 4. Iowa Park Leader** - *Volleyball/Football*: Good play of interesting shots.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Farmersville Times** - *Football/Baseball*: Well-framed, captured nice expressions. Nicely played.
- 2. Sachse News** - *Longhorns lassoed, Recovery mode*: Love the catcher shot. Crisp action. Football shot nicely framed.
- 3. Princeton Herald** - *Panthers return 12 for 2012 campaign/All wrapped up*: Soccer shot nicely framed. Well-played.
- 4. Albany News** - *State hurdler/Football defense*: Interesting shots, nicely played.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

- 1. Murphy Monitor** - *Seizing the moment/Staying afloat*: Excellent play of nice action shots. Both are well framed and make me feel as though I were there.
- 2. Liberty Hill Independent** - *Lady Panthers sweep Columbia/Powered by defense*: Nice action; excellent sharpness. Caught great facial expression on the basketball shot.
- 3. Red Oak Record** - *On a Pick Off Throw/Hawks & Tigers Round 2*: Great action shots. Unusual baseball shot.
- 4. Ozona Stockman** - *Lions break Braves/BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS*: Good play. Well framed. Could be sharper.

SportsPhotos



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FEATUr E pho To , DIVISIo N 2, 1ST pLACE
MICHael zAMor A, Corp US Chr ISTI CALLer- TIMES
Sailor Trevor Moore darts across the boat to bring down their U.S. flag spinnaker as the British team closes in Monday as they compete in their second run of the day at the 2012 Olympic sailing event in Weymouth, England. Moore and his teammate, Erik Storck, are in seventh place overall with more races to come.

FEATUr E pho To , DIVISIo N 6, 1ST pLACE
oLADI po Awow ALE, wYLIE NEwS
Wylie East's Emily Hartegan (41) scrambles for a loose ball during Friday's 56-48 loss at Wylie. Standing over her is Lady Pirate Colby Davis. East and Wylie are each 1-1 in District 13-4A after the first week of play.

FEATUr E pho To , DIVISIo N 8, 1ST pLACE
JESSICA hAwLEY-JEro ME, The BANDer A BULLETIN
Taylor Broussard, of Estherwood, tries to beat the high score of 87 for the best time during the PRCA CCRA Memorial Day Rodeo, held May 25-27 at Mansfield Park in Bandera.



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IT'S FINALLY GO TIME

MCNEIL, 7:30 p.m., TODAY, DRAGONE STADIUM

STONY POINT, 7:30 p.m., TODAY, KELLEY REEVES ATHLETIC COMPLEX

ROUND ROCK, 7:30 p.m., FRIDAY, DRAGON STADIUM

WESTWOOD, 7:30 p.m., FRIDAY, KELLEY REEVES ATHLETIC COMPLEX

CEDAR RIDGE, 7:30 p.m., FRIDAY, BOB SHELTON STADIUM

2. Wylie News - Then there were three, So close - again
Good range of coverage. The goalie story was particularly

SportsCoverage

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



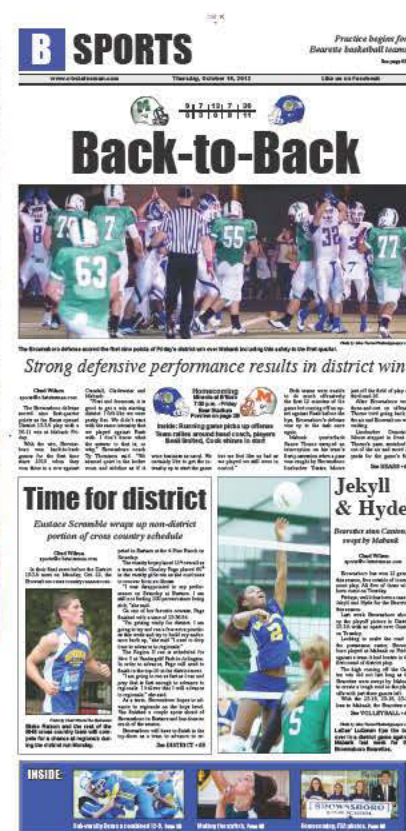
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interesting.

3. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice - Nicely done overall. Well-written basketball story. Captivating front-page photo of the team.

4. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - Good, clean layout. Nice range of coverage. Many eye-catching photos.

Division 7 Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Cuero Record** - More than any other entry, this paper captured the agony (as well as ecstasy) of student athletics. Creative layouts, emotional photos, engaged reporting. The multi-photo chronicle of a standout catch was a high point.
- 2. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - Nice work on a variety of sports. Pages are clean and laid out nicely. Especially enjoyed the "Blue Eyes" article (and headline).
- 3. Mineola Monitor** - Sharp, clean layouts. These photos pack a lot of emotion. Fine writing on a range of sports.
- 4. Llano News** - Good range of coverage. Nice layouts. Fantastic photo of the victorious football squad.

Division 8 Medium Weeklies

- 1. Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - Good, in-depth reporting on a variety of sports. Vibrant, eye-catching layouts.

Good headlines and art. "Bright fishermen", "gray days", good stuff.

- 2. Meridian Tribune** - Both writing and art capture the drama of student athletics. Even the Little Dribblers' games look suitably epic.
- 3. Pilot Point Post-Signal** - Good writing, good action shots, good, good headlines.
- 4. Aledo, Community News** - Nice layouts. Solid reporting. Good, dramatic photos.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Albany News** - Best looking front page. Good color, headlines plus subhead tells the story. Like the rarely used box score for volleyball and the "game at a glance" is a nice touch. Also like the colored scores inside the story.
- 2. Austin, Westlake Picayune** - Nice layout. good use of colors. Good variety of sports covered. Good amount of information, no over-sized photos for space filler. Like the multicolored ears. Maybe with an in-short or subhead for stories and a couple of teasers or something to fill out the masthead, could be a winner.
- 3. Madisonville Meteor** - The briefs on the left are full of useful information. Colors are nice. I like the ear above the headlines and like the font graphic in the middle headline. Good variety of sports covered. Too symmetrical though. All four headlines are five-columns. Could be more creative with layout.

- 4. Princeton Herald** - Very informative. Lots of ways to get info quickly. Nice use of ears and subheads to tell story. Good photography and asymmetrical layout.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

- 1. Chandler & Brownsboro Statesman** - Easily the winner. Nicest looking at first glance. The only one to make extensive use of special graphics. Used info boxes as supplements and not to tell the whole story, or as spaced-out filler. Good content variety, nice featurette. By far the best submission.
- 2. Murphy Monitor** - Mainly chosen for comprehensive coverage. Some good graphics and information bars. Writers sometimes assume too much and leave uninformed readers wondering who's being written about for a while.
- 3. Eldorado Success** - Decent design work. Used some subheads and info boxes. Nice variety of sports covered. Seemed like sports pics could pop up anywhere though. That was a little confusing.
- 4. Red Oak Record** - Great photography. Could use some subheads or something to spice up design and tell story quickly. A little bland, but solid with no major faux pas like entries that were left out of top four.

Column Writing

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Clute, Facts** - Clear, coherent opinion writing, with a proper dose of human interest. I would read this columnist every time out.
- 2. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - Opinion writing should have ... opinions! No shortage here. Directly said, too.
- 3. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - A pleasure to read.
- 4. Galveston County Daily News** - A model of clarity. Small-town Texas readers well served by the many competitive entries in this category.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Athens Daily Review** - Column about anniversary of murder of two deputies was the best in this category. Sad, poignant and compelling.
- 2. Vernon Daily Record** - Stuck in quicksand! A column with an Everyman appeal.
- 3. Greenville, Herald-Banner** - Easy to read, understand, and enjoy.
- 4. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - A cut above the usual family related columns.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Granbury, Hood County New** - Both columnists - both columns - thoughtful, readable. Both elevate the public discourse on issues of common concern.
- 2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - A balance of the serious and the humorous. Well done for Wise County.
- 3. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - Diplomacy and complacency: The Navajo column was especially well-written and well-thought.
- 4. Uvalde Leader-News** - Columnists give readers a sense of place. A most competitive category. All columns, and columnists, working hard to capture the interests of their readers.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. El Campo Leader-News** - Superior work in a

category very top-heavy with talent. Got to the reader in different ways on very different topics. Excellent.

- 2. Round Rock Leader** - Touching, and all touching work not always so well written. Nice style, very readable.
- 3. Copperas Cove Leader-Press** - Easy to read, at the same time enjoyable and entertaining. Says things I have said before I wish I had said as well.
- 4. Breckenridge American** - Excellent work in a tough category. Nice style. Makes reader want more without waiting for the next column.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - Excellent writer. Savvy style, nice humorous touch. Heartfelt.
- 2. Coppell, Citizens' Advocate** - Very, very nice work. Concise, touching, very personal. Very hard choice between 1st and 2nd.
- 3. Azle News** - Funny, sharp wit, very readable. Enjoyed every word. Very good writer.
- 4. Jackson County Herald-Tribune** - Humorous. Felt as if I had been there. Excellent wordsmith. Would like to see more.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - Excellent entry. Has a great way of sharing with warmth and humor. Easily the best in group.
- 2. Goldthwaite Eagle** - Funny, sweet, sharp wit. Very readable. Solid work.
- 3. Marfa, The Big Bend Sentinel** - Very well done. Solid writing style. Some might say a little lengthy, but there were no wasted words.
- 4. Fairfield, Freestone County Times** - Don't have many writers like this around anymore. You had to be there to tell the story, and I enjoyed "hearing" what she had to say.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Iowa Park Leader** - Good flow, good humor, brings the reader in; real life.
- 2. Meridian Tribune** - Good flow, good research, makes valid points.
- 3. Pilot Point Post-Signal** - Strong write, hits home

(no pun intended).

- 4. Glen Rose Reporter** - Flows well, good use of everyday language.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Albany News** - Down home storytelling; readers can relate - the blue boob story is a classic.
- 2. Hico News Review** - The Mascot story moved this up over most of the rest of the competition; good flow, localized.
- 3. Smithville Times** - Good way to drive home a point, without raising a stink. Good flow, makes a connection with the reader.
- 4. Austin, Westlake Picayune** - Two different styles by two writers on topical topics. Good writing. Again a strong batch of contenders. A varied of styles, topics, and approaches.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

- 1. Bullard Banner News** - Topic hits home, thought provoking, solid writing, good flow.
- 2. Post Dispatch** - Great sense of humor, strong headlines, good flow.
- 3. Eldorado Success** - Everyday story lines, anyone can relate, flows well.
- 4. Clarendon Enterprise** - Serious topic that the paper covered well and made their stance clear. Strong writing throughout, varied topics, great entries

Editorials

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Lubbock Avalanche-Journal** - No comment.
2. **Paris News** - No comment.
3. **Odessa American** - No comment
4. **Galveston County Daily News** - No comment.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Vernon Daily Record** - Excellent, thoughtful presentation.
2. **Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - No comment.
3. **Greenville, Herald-Banner** - No comment.
4. **Del Rio News-Herald** - No comment.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Granbury, Hood County News** - The editorial arguing for nonpartisan local elections was excellent. It clearly stated reasons there is no advantage, and real disadvantage, for voters who have to make that choice. Well said.
2. **Beeville Bee-Picayune** - City manager editorial was clear-eyed and plain-spoken. Made strong, sensible arguments without being overbearing. Regretfully, the same file was submitted twice, so there wasn't a second editorial to judge. Another of that caliber and the Bee-Picayune would've blown the competition away.
3. **Uvalde Leader-News** - The editorialist has a good voice. The issues are made clear and the reader is empowered to make an informed decision.
4. **Marble Falls, Highlander** - Visa editorial: The writer lays it on a little thick, but in a way I found to be invigorating rather than overbearing. City plan editorial: A reasoned assessment of the reality of the situation.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Burleson Star** - A good example of editorializing that is both explanatory and persuasive. The writer did a good job of laying out the issue and its problems and giving solid reasons why the situation should change. And the fact the county judge ordered an end to the whispering speaks well of the newspaper's editorial insights.
2. **Gonzales Inquirer** - The open-meetings editorial was exceptional. The one about the city's decision to take

ad business away from the paper was a bold move - and perhaps better suited for an editor's or publisher's letter - but still made good arguments.

3. **Kilgore News Herald** - The Merritt piece artfully wove together an endorsement with an editorial. It's the kind of thing that really gives readers a big picture view of a candidate.

4. **Round Rock Leader** - No comment.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Port Aransas South Jetty** - Well written windstorm insurance editorial. It presents a compelling idea. How true on open meetings. Seems everyone has same problem with violations.
2. **Rockdale Reporter** - Good editorial on testing. Great editorial on the internet. Both were well written, concise and the point.
3. **Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - Both editorials are well thought out and made strong cases.
4. **Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - Concise and well written.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - Well said on the racism editorial. Strongly written and very much to the point. Hard hitting open meetings edit. Electronics have certainly made communications interesting.
2. **Mount Vernon Optic-Herald** - Both editorials did a good job of presenting the paper's position. They were well written and impactful.
3. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - Trying to get people to understand priorities can be tough. Enjoyed the story on Friday night lights. Interesting thoughts in the String column. Agreed with a lot of it. Both were well written.
4. **Mineola Monitor** - Can't be a fence sitter in an editorial. Tax revenue against convenience. Had a lot of things to think about. The editorial on the email was good and just goes to show how things stay forever on the Internet.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. **Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - Concise and well written editorial on taping meetings. Good thoughts about

water use. Something we all need to think about.

2. **Anson, Western Observer** - Pretty powerful words. Nice job. Wish the conclusion had been stronger, i.e. what are some options to improve the situation. Well said on caring for our veterans. Good job.

3. **Daingerfield, Bee** - Interesting and well written concept on "occupy." Nice editorial on the messy roads, states the problem and offers a solution.

4. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - Transparency edit was a nice spin on the opening meetings. Low key approach, but effective. The times change edit was effectively written as well.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Austin, Westlake Picayune** - No comment.
2. **Albany News** - No comment.
3. **Cooper Review** - No comment.
4. **Springtown Epigraph** - No comment.

* Note from judge: This was a tough competition to judge, because many I felt were more columns than editorials. Some column pieces I really enjoyed more than the editorial pieces, but feel they fell short as far as criteria that makes it an editorial piece.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

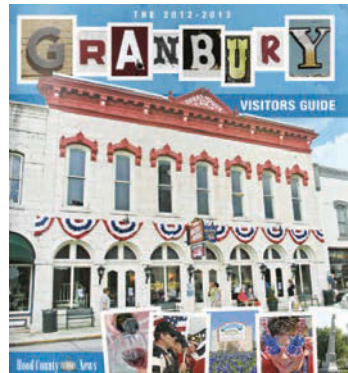
1. **Post Dispatch** - It is good to see editorials that go beyond presenting problems and actually offer solutions. Well done. Too many editorials simply restate a news story or - even worse - turn into a rant. Both of these are what an editorial should be.
2. **Clarendon Enterprise** - It is important for newspapers to take stands that they know will be unpopular. In addition to doing that, these editorials are reasoned, not preachy.
3. **Muleshoe Journal** - Good commentary in both editorials. It is just too easy to take a stand against the Taliban shooting a 14-year-old girl. Something else local would have been nice.
4. **Ozona Stockman** - Good presentation of argument in STAAR editorial. Grammatical errors hurt both of these pieces.

Special Sections

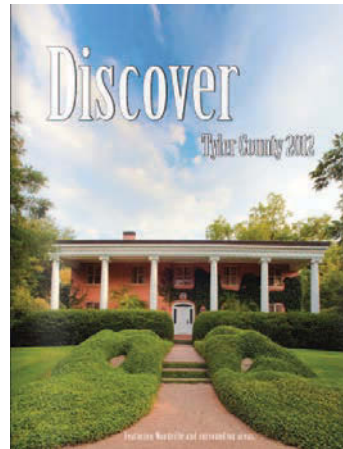
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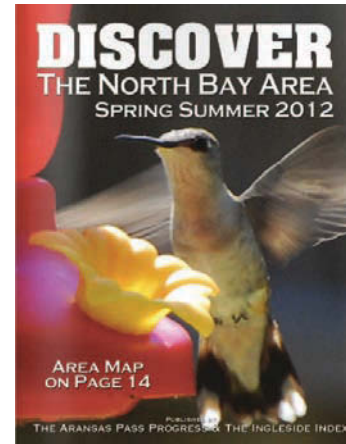
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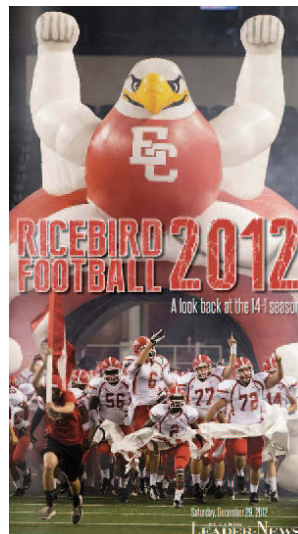
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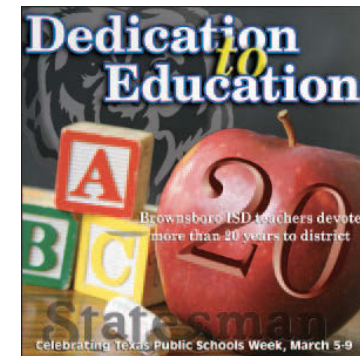
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Semiweekly

1. **El Campo Leader-News** - Outstanding layout and coverage! Tough competition, but well done!
2. **La Grange, Fayette County Record** - Enjoyable combination of visuals and text to recap the Lion Kings' dream season. Great job of covering the highs and lows of this championship run.
3. **Marble Falls, Highlander** - The enormity of this collection of the history of Marble Falls alone is award worthy. Surely many readers will keep this as a reference and to enjoy for years to come. Great service.
4. **Kilgore News-Herald** - Great commemorative issue!

Weekly A

1. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - Excellent section. Very thorough stories, nice font variation, pull-out quotes, great use of photos. Excellent cover with attention-grabbing photo and specific indexes.
2. **Pleasanton Express** - I'd like to see the photos accompany the individual summaries of the Cowboys of the Year. And perhaps a little too much gray area throughout, but a very large, powerful section. It's a keepsake for sure.
3. **Hearne, Robertson County News** - Layout is a tad boring but I do like the question-and-answer format. County attorney story is continued with the same mug shots and not a clear jump tag.
4. **Rusk, Cherokeean Herald** - Nice layout and photos but pretty thin. Maybe add a few pages with stories about the new principals and staff at the two new schools, and photos of the interior/exterior of the school itself with construction factoids.

Weekly B

1. **Chandler & Brownsboro Statesman** - Extremely creative graphics on the cover. Very nice use of shadow, outline in fonts, and pull-out quotes and subheads. Good use of color (though I do wish some of those teachers wouldn't look so angry - not the paper's fault, though.)
2. **Ingram, West Kerr Current** - A lot of very good, relevant information. Would be a valuable resource for anyone just visiting Hunt, while still proving to be informative and entertaining for long-time residents.
3. **Liberty Hill Independent** - Extremely nice cover shot and I love the concept of the grads' photos as kids. However, I'd like to see these photos alphabetized, too.
4. **Olney Enterprise** - Very good cover with the color/black & white contrasting photos and collage. As a history buff, I like the format of a decade-by-decade history of the fire department. However, many of the photos that had been pulled from so long ago seemed to reproduce kind of rough. Plus, there wasn't a lot of color except on the back and front covers.

Website

Daily

1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - Tough competition but Caller.com is easily the best newspaper website I've ever seen. Difficult to decide the 2nd thru 4th place winners, all very nicely done. Common drawback among most of the sites is text that's too small for the average adult and especially for older adults.

2. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal - I like that it's easy to see the top stories as well as the most recent stories. I love the category labels on each top story. Love the layout. clean. Don't like the immovable sections down below... can't personalize the layout based on preferences :(

3. Odessa American - Nice layout! Great use of color. Easy to navigate, can easily tell which are top stories. however: text is WAY WAY too small, especially the headline text under "News" section, etc.

4. Galveston County Daily News - Great mix of content, but text too small on the site and it's too hard to tell what the top "NEWS" really is. Kinda overly flashy.

Semiweekly

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - Great content! Lots of entry points! Great layout and use of color. Love the way the headlines and story intros are in small boxes instead of lines of text. Really helps break up the page and draw the viewer in.

2. Granbury, Hood County News - Tons of great content but layout is too busy, feels cluttered. hard to know where to look first, second, etc.

3. Beeville Bee-Picayune - Nice layout for what is there but not a whole lot of variety of content on the home page.

4. Pasadena Citizen - Text is far too small on the regular headlines sections.

Weekly A

1. Woodville, Tyler County Booster - I love this site. The layout is clean and aesthetically pleasing. I like the splash and top stories on the home page. There's great use of space throughout the site, and it's easy to navigate. My only critiques are if there's a photo gallery section, I couldn't find it. Also, the story font is a tad small. Otherwise, great site!

2. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice - Love the homepage layout. It's got a lot of content but doesn't feel cluttered. The story hierarchy is apparent throughout the site. I also love the style of the HS sports stars on the bottom. Overall, this is a pleasant site to browse, easy to navigate. I would like to see more photos (especially in the Life Cycle section) and videos. The site does a great job at embodying Jewish culture, but I would love to *see* more!

3. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press - I like the use of space throughout the site, although some of the inside pages could use some extra development (ex, Weather). Otherwise, it's very easy to navigate, fonts are a good size and style, social media presence is there and there appears to be plenty of photos and videos.

4. Navasota Examiner - I love this site! Something weird is happening at the bottom of the homepage under the videos section, though. The sections are very simple, and there are some large areas of white space throughout. I really like the overall aesthetic and navigation (secondary nav. bar).

Weekly B

1. Glen Rose Reporter - When I first opened the site, I loved the photo sidebars. It's not a common theme, it's centric to the newspaper's audience... but as I scrolled down and tried to read the tiny headlines, they became visually overwhelming. That along with the awkward white space at the bottom of the home page are my chief complaints. I think slightly larger headlines could fix the sidebar issue though. Also, the photos page looks like it needs a fourth column. Aside from those things, I enjoy the clean layout. Everything is easy to find, the stories are easy to read, and there's a wealth of information and multimedia. I also like the drop-down sections from the nav. bar!

2. Liberty Hill Independent - Clean layout - easy to read and navigate. Someone should fix the index at the bottom of the homepage. Nice use of multimedia, and I like the strong social media presence. Overall, good site.

3. Albany News - I like the clean design. It's easy to navigate, but it's a bit bland. I like the visible social media presence. I think the PDF editions look great, but in drop-down menu at the bottom they should be ordered with the latest at the top of the list. Also, there should be a standard photo size for the stories. Eventual videos could help round out the site a bit more.

4. Clarendon Enterprise - Home page looks nice. Clean, simple design. Inside pages could use more visual elements. Would like to see multimedia and social media presence.

Sweepstakes Winners

Division 2

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - 625 points
- 2. Odessa American** - 350 points
- 3. Victoria Advocate** - 350 points
- 4. Clute, Facts** - 325 points

Division 3

- 1. Athens Daily Review** - 600 points
- 2. Herald-Banner, Greenville** - 450 points
- 3. Brownwood Bulletin** - 375 points
- 4. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - 300 points

Division 4

- 1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - 900 points
- 2. Granbury, Hood County News** - 800 points
- 3. Beeville Bee-Picayune** - 425 points
- 4. La Grange, Fayette County Record** - 300 points

Division 5

- 1. El Campo Leader-News** - 450 points
- 2. Round Rock Leader** - 375 points
- 3. Copperas Cove Leader-Press** - 350 points
- 4. Kilgore News Herald** - 350 points

Division 6

- 1. Port Aransas South Jetty** - 450 points
- 2. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - 350 points
- 3. Dallas, Park Cities People** - 350 points
- 4. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - 300 points

Division 7

- 1. Kyle/Buda, Hays Free Press** - 575 points
- 2. Mineola Monitor** - 425 points
- 3. Cuero Record** - 300 points
- 4. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - 300 points

Division 8

- 1. Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - 525 points
- 2. Aledo, Community News** - 350 points
- 3. Pilot Point Post-Signal** - 325 points
- 4. Iowa Park Leader** - 275 points

Division 9

- 1. Albany News** - 550 points
- 2. Sachse News** - 350 points
- 3. Princeton Herald** - 325 points
- 4. Farmersville Times** - 275 points

Division 10

- 1. Big Lake Wildcat** - 475 points
- 2. Eldorado Success** - 400 points
- 3. Clarendon Enterprise** - 300 points
- 4. Ozona Stockman** - 300 points

2013 Contestants and Corresponding Divisions

In alphabetical order

Albany News - 9	DeSoto, Focus Daily News - 2	Marlin Democrat - 8
Aledo, Community News - 8	Dublin, Dublin Citizen - 8	Meridian Tribune - 8
Alice Echo-News Journal - 5	Dumas, Moore County News-Press - 5	Mexia News - 5
Anahuac, Progress - 9	Eagle Lake Headlight - 8	Mineola Monitor - 7
Andrews County News - 5	Edna, Jackson County Herald-Tribune - 6	Mount Vernon Optic-Herald - 7
Anson, Western Observer - 8	El Campo Leader-News - 5	Muenster Enterprise - 9
Aransas Pass Progress - 8	Eldorado Success - 10	Muleshoe Journal - 10
Athens Daily Review - 3	Elgin Courier - 8	Murphy Monitor - 10
Austin, Westlake Picayune - 9	Fairfield, Freestone County Times - 7	Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel - 2
Azle News - 6	Farmersville Times - 9	Navasota, Navasota Examiner - 7
Bandera Bulletin - 8	Ferris, Ellis County Press - 9	Odessa American - 2
Bastrop Advertiser - 5	Floresville, Wilson County News - 6	Olney Enterprise - 9
Bay City, Bay City Tribune - 5	Fort Stockton Pioneer - 7	Ozona Stockman - 10
Baytown Sun - 2	Fredericksburg, Standard-Radio Post - 6	Pampa News - 3
Beeville Bee-Picayune - 4	Galveston County Daily News - 2	Paris, Paris News - 2
Belton Journal - 6	Glen Rose Reporter - 8	Pasadena, Pasadena Citizen - 5
Big Lake Wildcat - 10	Goldthwaite Eagle - 7	Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current - 7
Boerne Star - 4	Gonzales Inquirer - 5	Perryton Herald - 5
Borger News-Herald - 3	Graham Leader - 5	Pilot Point Post-Signal - 8
Bowie News - 5	Granbury, Hood County News - 4	Pittsburg Gazette - 8
Breckenridge American - 5	Greenville, Herald-Banner - 3	Pleasanton Express - 6
Brookshire, Times Tribune - 10	Hearne, Robertson County News - 7	Port Aransas South Jetty - 6
Brownwood Bulletin - 3	Henderson Daily News - 3	Post Dispatch - 10
Bullard Banner News - 10	Hico News Review - 9	Presidio, Presidio International - 10
Burleson Star - 5	Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice - 6	Princeton Herald - 9
Caldwell, Burleson County Tribune - 6	Ingram, West Kerr Current - 9	Red Oak Record - 10
Cameron, Cameron Herald - 8	Iowa Park Leader - 8	Rockdale Reporter - 6
Castroville News Bulletin - 8	Irving, Rambler Newspapers - 7	Rosebud News - 10
Cedar Park, Hill Country News - 6	Jasper, Jasper Newsboy - 9	Round Rock Leader - 5
Center, Light & Champion - 5	Karnes City, Karnes Countywide - 7	Rusk, Cherokeean Herald - 6
Chandler & Brownsboro Statesman - 10	Kerrville Daily Times - 2	Sachse News - 9
Clarendon Enterprise - 10	Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal - 6	Sealy, Sealy News - 8
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Del Rio News-Herald - 3	Lytle, Leader News - 7	Whitney, Lake Whitney Views - 10
Denton Record-Chronicle - 2	Lytle, Medina Valley Times - 7	Winnie, Hometown Press - 9
Deport Times-Blossom Times - 10	Madisonville Meteor - 9	Woodville, Tyler County Booster - 6
	Marble Falls, Highlander - 4	Wylie, Wylie News - 6
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