

## PRESS RELEASE

From: Louisiana Press Association

Subject: Better Newspaper, Free Circulation and Special Interest Editorial Competition,  
and Student Newspaper Competition Results

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The *West Side Journal* (Port Allen), the *Ascension Citizen* (Gonzales), *Bossier Press-Tribune* (Bossier City), *Slidell Sentry-News*, *The Courier* (Houma), *The Advertiser* (Lafayette), *The Advocate* (Baton Rouge), *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans) earned Newspaper of the Year honors in their respective divisions at the 122nd Annual Louisiana Press Association Convention in New Orleans.

The designation for the Newspaper of the Year is based on the number of points earned in the Better Newspaper Editorial Competition and the Better Newspaper Advertising Competition for 2001 with awards being given in individual contests for first, second, third places and honorable mention. The editorial contests range from news story writing to graphic design while the advertising entries were judged based on design, creativity and effectiveness. The Oklahoma Press Association judged the advertising contest last fall. The Arizona Newspapers Association judged the editorial contest this spring.

Eighty-six newspapers, publications, and college/university student newspapers submitted 2,529 entries.

Earning sweepstakes awards in the editorial competition were the *West Side Journal* (Port Allen), the *Ascension Citizen* (Gonzales), the *Bossier Press-Tribune* (Bossier City), the *Slidell Sentry-News*, *The Courier* (Houma), *The News-Star* (Monroe), *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans).

*The Courier* (Houma) won the Freedom of Information award, for the third consecutive year, when staff writer Dee Dee Thurston began exposing nepotism, favoritism and outright concealment of public action and public records by the Houma Civil Service Board. A parish councilman took notice. The district attorney investigated. The Civil Service Board became front page news. The district attorney threatened the board with criminal action and held a forum on open meetings and public records attended by more than 200 public officials. The newspaper believes her work will have a long-term impact on public-records and open-meetings access in south Louisiana for years to come.

*(Enclosed is a sheet listing the awards your newspaper won, as well, as a complete list of the winners. Note that on the complete listing both front and back of the pages were used)*

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## 2001 Better Newspaper Editorial Competition

### Best Front Page

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
4	3rd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches
4	Honorable Mention	The Crowley Post-Signal	Crowley
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	2nd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	2nd Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
6	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
6	Honorable Mention	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	2nd Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite
7	3rd Place	The Oakdale Journal	Oakdale

### Best Editorial Page

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times	Shreveport
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles
3	1st Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond
4	1st Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
4	3rd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
5	Honorable Mention	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte
6	1st Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
6	2nd Place	The Franklin Sun	Winnsboro
6	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
6	Honorable Mention	The Enterprise and Interstate Progress	Mansfield
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen
7	2nd Place	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville
7	3rd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie

**Best Single Editorial**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Larry Dickinson
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Byron McCauley
1	3rd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Jarvis Deberry
1	Honorable Mention	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Terri Troncale
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Jim Butler
2	2nd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Bob Hamm
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	David Barham
3	1st Place	Daily World	Opelousas	August Fontenot
3	2nd Place	Daily World	Opelousas	Harlan Kirgan
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Katherine Gilbert
3	Honorable Mention	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Scott Turick
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Michael Gorman
4	1st Place	The Crowley Post-Signal	Crowley	Gary Dickson
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Lou Major, Jr.
4	3rd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Stephanie Masson
4	Honorable Mention	Minden Press-Herald	Minden	Jerry Gaudling
5	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Mike Dowty
5	2nd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace	Leonard Gray
5	3rd Place	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte	Dan Moore
5	Honorable Mention	The News-Banner	Covington	Ray Broussard
6	1st Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Steve Colwell
6	2nd Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro	Tom Ayres
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Angela Boudreaux
6	Honorable Mention	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Steve Colwell
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	2nd Place	The Plaquemines Gazette	Belle Chasse	Dale Benoit
7	3rd Place	Caddo Citizen	Vivian	Mary Haddox

**Best Feature Story**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Keith O'Brien
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Ron Thibodeaux
				Angela Rozas
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	George Morris
1	Honorable Mention	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Christopher Baughman
				Tom Guariscoe
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Liz Maples
				Erin Kelly
2	2nd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Todd Billiot
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Todd Billiot
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Dori Claytor
3	2nd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Craig Malisow
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Don Shoopman
3	Honorable Mention	The Courier	Houma	John DeSantis
4	1st Place	Southwest Daily News	Sulphur	Vanessa Everett
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Marcelle Hanemann
4	3rd Place	The Daily Review	Morgan City	Jean McCorkle
4	Honorable Mention	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Leah Jackson
5	1st Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Ray Broussard
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Christine Hall
5	3rd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Elaine Derouen
5	Honorable Mention	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
6	1st Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro	Jay Arrington
6	2nd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Danny Nowlin
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Angela Boudreaux
6	Honorable Mention	The Sabine Index	Many	Donna Smith Ammons
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	2nd Place	The Plaquemines Gazette	Belle Chasse	Gervais Joubert III
7	3rd Place	The Gueydan Journal	Gueydan	Meceal Smith

**Best News Story**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Coleman Warner
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Gordon Russell
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Melissa Moore
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Staff
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Robbie Evans Emeri O'Brien Mark Rainwater Seth Parsons
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Robbie Evans Greg Hilburn
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles	Eric Cormier Sunny Brown Liz Maples
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	John DeSantis
3	2nd Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Crystal Bonvillian
3	3rd Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Crystal Bonvillian
4	1st Place	The Crowley Post-Signal	Crowley	Ken Grissom
4	2nd Place	Southwest Daily News	Sulphur	Heather Regan
4	3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Marcelle Hanemann
4	Honorable Mention	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Jessica Richard
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Clint Land
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Leslie Ackel
5	3rd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Michelle Krennerich
5	Honorable Mention	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Angela Boudreaux Shannon Greene
6	2nd Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro	Jay Arrington
6	3rd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Danny Nowlin
6	Honorable Mention	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Sam Hanna
7	1st Place	The Guardian-Journal	Homer	Susan T. Herring
7	2nd Place	Coushatta Citizen	Coushatta	J.M. Jones
7	3rd Place	The Guardian-Journal	Homer	Susan T. Herring
7	Honorable Mention	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville	Will Clifton

**Best Sports Story**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Glenn Guilbeau
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Brian McCallum
1	3rd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Wright Thompson
1	Honorable Mention	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Josh Peter
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Scooter Hobbs
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Eric Branch
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Dan McDonald
2	Honorable Mention	The News-Star	Monroe	Hillary Smith
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	Jon Stewart
3	2nd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	T.J. Bulliard
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Rob DeArmond
4	1st Place	Minden Press-Herald	Minden	G.K. Trusty, Jr.
4	2nd Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	O.K. Davis
4	3rd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Cade Brumley
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Clint Land
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Kelly Tillman
5	3rd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace	Robert B. Roan
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace	Robert L. Lee
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Mike Kiral
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Mike Kiral
6	3rd Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Joey Martin
6	Honorable Mention	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Moggie Bickham
7	1st Place	Coushatta Citizen	Coushatta	J.M. Jones
7	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman
7	3rd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Meyer
7	Honorable Mention	The Donaldsonville Chief	Donaldsonville	Peter Waguespack

**Best Regular Column**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Ed Cullen
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Tim Greening
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Melissa Moore
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Don Kingery
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Sonny Marks
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Jim Beam
3	1st Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Will Chapman
3	2nd Place	Daily World	Opelousas	Harlan Kirgan
3	3rd Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Michael Gorman
4	1st Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Andi Cook
4	2nd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Naomi Guidry
4	3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Lou Major, Jr.
5	1st Place	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte	Blake Petit
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Jeff David
5	3rd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Elaine Derouen
5	Honorable Mention	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Mike Dowty
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace	David Marlowe
6	1st Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro	Tom Ayres
6	2nd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Steve Kuperstock
6	3rd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Callie Foreman
6	Honorable Mention	The Franklin Sun	Winnsboro	Rod Elrod
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Richard Garwood
7	2nd Place	The Oakdale Journal	Oakdale	Barbara Doyle
7	3rd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	Honorable Mention	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville	Will Clifton

**Best Sports Column**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Carl Dubois
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Josh Peter
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Scott Rabalais
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Brady Aymond
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Eric Branch
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Kevin Foote
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	Jon Stewart
3	2nd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	John Lenz
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Chris Landry
4	1st Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	O.K. Davis
4	2nd Place	The Daily Review	Morgan City	Tommy Santora
4	3rd Place	Abbeville Meridional	Abbeville	Chris Rosa
5	1st Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Ed Barnes
5	2nd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Clint Land
5	3rd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Sam Muffoletto
6	1st Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro	Jay Arrington
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Craig Jackson
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Lyle Johnson
6	Honorable Mention	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne	Jason Lopez
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Meyer
7	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman
7	3rd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Chatelain
7	Honorable Mention	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto

**Best Overall Sports Coverage**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
2	Honorable Mention	The Advertiser	Lafayette
3	1st Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux
3	2nd Place	Daily World	Opelousas
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
4	1st Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings
4	2nd Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston
4	3rd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
5	3rd Place	The Eunice News	Eunice
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	2nd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
6	3rd Place	Gonzales Weekly	Gonzales
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	2nd Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite
7	3rd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie
7	Honorable Mention	West Side Journal	Port Allen

**Best Family News Coverage**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
2	3rd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
3	1st Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux
3	2nd Place	Daily World	Opelousas
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma
3	Honorable Mention	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	2nd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches
4	3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
5	1st Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	2nd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
6	3rd Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
6	Honorable Mention	The Franklin Sun	Winnsboro
7	1st Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile
7	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie
7	3rd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	Honorable Mention	West Side Journal	Port Allen

**Best News Coverage**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma
3	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
4	3rd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
5	3rd Place	The Eunice News	Eunice
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace
6	1st Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	3rd Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	2nd Place	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville
7	3rd Place	Caddo Citizen	Vivian

**Best Continuing Coverage of a Single News Event**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Keith O'Brien
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Paul Rioux
				Stephanie Stanley
				Tara Young
				Keith O'Brien
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Mike Dunne, et al
1	Honorable Mention	The Times	Shreveport	Staff
2	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Sameh Fahmy
2	2nd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Staff
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Staff
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles	Eric Cormier
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	John DeSantis
				Matt Greshan
				Dee Dee Thurston
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Dee Dee Thurston, et. al.
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Carissa Mire
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Star	Hammond	Craig Malisow
4	1st Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Naomi Guidry
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Staff
4	3rd Place	Abbeville Meridional	Abbeville	Chris Rosa
4	Honorable Mention	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Jessica Richard
5	1st Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace	Brooke Goldman
				Leonard Gray
5	2nd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Clint Land
5	3rd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Michelle Krennerich
6	1st Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Danny Nowlin
				Staff
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Craig Jackson
6	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Deidre Cruse
6	Honorable Mention	The Pointe Coupee Banner	New Roads	Tommy Comeaux
7	1st Place	Coushatta Citizen	Coushatta	J.M. Jones
7	2nd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	3rd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman

**Best Continuing Coverage of a Governmental Issue**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times	Shreveport	Alisa Stingley
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Ed Anderson Josh Peter Jeff Duncan
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Chris Frink, et al
1	Honorable Mention	The Times	Shreveport	Dan Turner
2	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Staff
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	John Hill Nancy Bergeron Leesha Faulkner
2	3rd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Melissa Gregory
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles	Hector San Miguel
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Craig Malisow
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Elizabeth Stuart
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Ryan Chatelain Mary Webb
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Edward Guidry
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Joni Naquin Betsy Veach Aaron Zachmeir Iris Cooper
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Aaron Zachmaier Betsy Veach Iris Cooper
4	3rd Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	Tre Bischof
4	Honorable Mention	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Gabriel Morley
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Ray Broussard, et al
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Ray Broussard, et al
5	Honorable Mention	The Ville Platte Gazette	Ville Platte	Carissa A. Hebert
6	1st Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Sam Hanna Joey Martin
6	2nd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Deidre Cruse John Dupont
6	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Deidre Cruse
6	Honorable Mention	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Craig Jackson
7	1st Place	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville	Will Clifton
7	2nd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Chatelain
7	3rd Place	Kentwood News-Ledger	Kentwood	Cathy Chapman
7	Honorable Mention	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman

**Best Investigative Reporting**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Jeffrey Meitrodt Mark Schleifstein Pamela Coyle Ronette King
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Keith Darce Jeffrey Meitrodt
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport	John Hill
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Richard Burgett Claire Taylor
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Sunny Brown
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	John Hill
2	Honorable Mention	The Advertiser	Lafayette	Claire Taylor
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	John DeSantis
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Dee Dee Thurston
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Craig Malisow
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Star	Hammond	Dori Claytor
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Betsy Veach Iris Cooper Aaron Zachmeir Kevin Chiri
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Kevin Chiri
4	3rd Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	George Graham Mary Margaret van Diest
5	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Mike Dowty
5	2nd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Clint Land
5	3rd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
6	1st Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Danny Nowlin
6	2nd Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne	Ken Grissom
6	3rd Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Joey Martin
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Chatelain

**Best Special Section (Editorial Content)**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
2	Honorable Mention	The News-Star	Monroe
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond
4	1st Place	Minden Press-Herald	Minden
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	2nd Place	The Daily Review	Morgan City
4	3rd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches
4	Honorable Mention	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston
5	1st Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace
5	2nd Place	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte
5	3rd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace
6	1st Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
6	2nd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
6	3rd Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro
6	Honorable Mention	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen
7	2nd Place	The Observer	Baker
7	3rd Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile
7	Honorable Mention	The Observer	Baker

**Most Effective Use of Graphic Design on a Single Page**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Designer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Beth Aguiard Straka
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Beth Aguiard Straka
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Terrie Roberts
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Donna Price
2	2nd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	K.S. Bonner
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Donna Price
2	Honorable Mention	The Advertiser	Lafayette	K.S. Bonner
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	Christi Gaudet
3	2nd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Maria Weaver
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Mark Green
3	Honorable Mention	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Bill Smith
4	1st Place	Minden Press-Herald	Minden	Jerry Gaulding
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Jane Cranford
4	3rd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Naomi Guidry
5	1st Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Suzanne Le Breton
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Ashleigh David
5	3rd Place	The Ville Platte Gazette	Ville Platte	Carissa Hebert
6	1st Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	Rodney Gascon
6	2nd Place	Teche News	St. Martinville	Melissa B. Landry
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Angela Boudreaux
6	Honorable Mention	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Tracey Bruce
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Cole Williams
7	2nd Place	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville	Will Clifton
7	3rd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Cole Williams
7	Honorable Mention	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite	Jeff Mendel

**Best Headline**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Erin Ruth
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Roy Lang
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Roy Lang
2	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Mark Henderson
2	2nd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Heather Narbit
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	James Savage
2	Honorable Mention	American Press	Lake Charles	Crystal Callen
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	John Lenz
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Keith Magill
3	3rd Place	Daily Star	Hammond	John Lenz
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Star	Hammond	Shannon Simpson
4	1st Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	Duane M. Baillo
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Kevin Chiri
4	3rd Place	Minden Press-Herald	Minden	Jerry Gaulding
4	Honorable Mention	Minden Press-Herald	Minden	Jerry Gaulding
5	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	Mike Dowty
5	2nd Place	The Ville Platte Gazette	Ville Platte	Carissa Hebert
5	3rd Place	The Ville Platte Gazette	Ville Platte	Carissa Hebert
5	Honorable Mention	The News-Banner	Covington	Karen Glasscock
5	Honorable Mention	The News-Banner	Covington	Sandy Cunningham
6	1st Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Moggie Bickham
6	2nd Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne	Steve Bandy
6	3rd Place	Gonzales Weekly	Gonzales	Dean Bourque
6	Honorable Mention	Gonzales Weekly	Gonzales	David Young
6	Honorable Mention	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Moggie Bickham
7	1st Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman
7	2nd Place	Catahoula News-Booster	Jonesville	Will Clifton
7	3rd Place	The Caldwell Watchman	Columbia	Melissa Nagler
7	Honorable Mention	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto

**Best News Photo**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Richard Alan Hannon
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Arthur D. Lauck
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Mark Saltz
2	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe	R.H. Becker
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Margaret Croft
2	3rd Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette	John Rowland
2	Honorable Mention	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Tia Owens
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma	Doug Keese
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Jonathan Cohen
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Doug Keese
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Star	Hammond	Kari Wheeler
4	1st Place	Southwest Daily News	Sulphur	Denise Lamb
4	2nd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Carolyn Roy
4	3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Danny Hanemann
4	Honorable Mention	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Charles Longton
5	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
5	2nd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace	Robert B. Roan
5	3rd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
5	Honorable Mention	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
6	1st Place	Teche News	St. Martinville	Shannon Chataignier
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Craig Jackson
6	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	John Dupont
6	Honorable Mention	The Jena Times	Jena	Craig Franklin
7	1st Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman
7	3rd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	Honorable Mention	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman

**Best Feature Photo**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Patrick Dennis
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Charlie Gezell
1	3rd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	John H. Williams
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Douglas Collier
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Michael Dunlap
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Dan Currier
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Kari Wheeler
3	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Bil Smith
3	3rd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Bill Smith
4	1st Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings	Naomi Guidry
4	2nd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Charles Longton
4	3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Danny Hanemann
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Elaine Derouen
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Damon Duke
5	Honorable Mention	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
6	1st Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Tracey Bruce
6	2nd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine	John Dupont
6	3rd Place	Teche News	St. Martinville	Henri C. Bienvenu
6	Honorable Mention	The Pointe Coupee Banner	New Roads	Tommy Comeaux
6	Honorable Mention	The Sabine Index	Many	Donna Smith Ammons
7	1st Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Marcus LeJeune
7	2nd Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite	Carol Brooke
7	3rd Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Marcus LeJeune
7	Honorable Mention	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Rachel Somers

**Best Sports Feature Photo**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Richard Alan Hannon
1	2nd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Charlie Gesell
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Robert Ruiz
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Jamie Gates
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Douglas Collier
2	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Dan Currier
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Rob DeArmond
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Jonathan Cohen
3	3rd Place	Daily Comet	Thibodaux	Abby Tabor
4	1st Place	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston	O.K. Davis
4	2nd Place	Southwest Daily News	Sulphur	Denise Lamb
4	3rd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Charles Longton
4	Honorable Mention	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Cade Brumley
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Chris Cowman
5	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Damon Duke
5	3rd Place	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte	Eric LeBlanc
5	Honorable Mention	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Joe St. Andre
6	1st Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Danny Nowlin
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Mike Kiral
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Mike Kiral
6	Honorable Mention	The Franklin Sun	Winnsboro	Monica Huff
7	1st Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite	Carol Brooke
7	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Terry Laborde
7	3rd Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Darrel LeJeune
7	Honorable Mention	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Darrel LeJeune
7	Honorable Mention	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Garland Forman

**Best Action Sports Photo**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Travis Spradling
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Mark Saltz
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport	Jim Hudelson
2	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe	Dan Currier
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe	R.H. Becker
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Brad Puckett
2	Honorable Mention	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Douglas Collier
3	1st Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Bill Smith
3	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia	Lee Ball
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Jonathan Cohen
4	1st Place	The Daily Review	Morgan City	Sedonia Lousteau
4	2nd Place	The Daily Review	Morgan City	Dana Auguster
4	3rd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell	Charles Longton
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Chris Cowan
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
5	3rd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Chris Cowan
5	Honorable Mention	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs	David Normand
6	1st Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday	Rhett Powell
6	2nd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton	Damon Smith
6	3rd Place	The Franklin Sun	Winnsboro	Monica Huff
6	Honorable Mention	Teche News	St. Martinville	Henri C. Bienvenu
7	1st Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite	Carol Brooke
7	2nd Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Darrel LeJeune
7	3rd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur	Mike Rizzuto
7	Honorable Mention	The Donaldsonville Chief	Donaldsonville	Peter Waguespack

**Best Photo Feature**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Ted Jackson
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	Arthur D. Lauck
1	3rd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans	Kathy Anderson
2	1st Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Douglas Collier
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria	Douglas Collier
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles	Donna Price
3	1st Place	Daily Star	Hammond	Kari Wheeler
3	2nd Place	The Courier	Houma	Doug Keese
3	3rd Place	The Courier	Houma	Doug Keese
4	1st Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Danny Hanemann
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa	Danny Hanemann
4	3rd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches	Leah Jackson
4	Honorable Mention	Southwest Daily News	Sulphur	Denise Lamb
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Mario Villafuerte
5	2nd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City	Gregg Trusty
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington	Damon Duke
6	1st Place	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne	Tracey Benoit-Cavel
6	2nd Place	The Enterprise and Interstate Progress	Mansfield	Bennie Hall
6	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Craig Jackson Mike Kiral
6	Honorable Mention	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales	Staff
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Chris Chatelain Cole Williams
7	2nd Place	The Basile Weekly	Basile	Darrel LeJeune
7	3rd Place	Amite Tangi-Digest	Amite	Carol Brooke
7	Honorable Mention	The Caldwell Watchman	Columbia	Melissa Nagler

**Best Editorial Cartoon**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City	Cartoonist
Daily	1st Place	Daily World	Opelousas	Mel Le Compte Jr.
Daily	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge	David Norwood
Daily	3rd Place	Daily World	Opelousas	Mel Le Compte Jr.
Weekly	1st Place	The Enterprise and Interstate Progress	Mansfield	W.C. Frazier
Weekly	2nd Place	The Bunkie Record	Bunkie	Allan Shaw
Weekly	3rd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen	Cole Williams
Weekly	Honorable Mention	The Enterprise and Interstate Progress	Mansfield	W.C. Frazier

**Best Website**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
A	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs
A	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
A	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
A	Honorable Mention	Daily World	Opelousas
B	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles
B	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
B	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
C	1st Place	The Courier	Houma
C	2nd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace
C	3rd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales

**Initial Coverage of Sept. 11th**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
Daily	1st Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
Daily	2nd Place	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches
Daily	3rd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
Daily	Honorable Mention	The Times	Shreveport
Weekly	1st Place	The Donaldsonville Chief	Donaldsonville
Weekly	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
Weekly	3rd Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
Weekly	Honorable Mention	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur

**Best Total Newspaper Design**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	2nd Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	The Advertiser	Lafayette
2	2nd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
2	3rd Place	American Press	Lake Charles
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma
3	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
3	3rd Place	Daily World	Opelousas
3	Honorable Mention	Daily Comet	Thibodaux
4	1st Place	Minden Press-Herald	Minden
4	2nd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings
4	3rd Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	Honorable Mention	The Ruston Daily Leader	Ruston
5	1st Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs
5	2nd Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	3rd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
5	Honorable Mention	L'Observateur	LaPlace
6	1st Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	2nd Place	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro
6	3rd Place	The Era-Leader	Franklinton
7	1st Place	The Gueydan Journal	Gueydan
7	2nd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	3rd Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen

**General Excellence in Editorial**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
1	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	2nd Place	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
1	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
2	1st Place	American Press	Lake Charles
2	2nd Place	The News-Star	Monroe
2	3rd Place	The Town Talk	Alexandria
3	1st Place	The Courier	Houma
3	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
3	3rd Place	Daily World	Opelousas
4	1st Place	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
4	2nd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
4	3rd Place	Jennings Daily News	Jennings
5	1st Place	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
5	2nd Place	Livingston Parish News	Denham Springs
5	3rd Place	L'Observateur	LaPlace
6	1st Place	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday
6	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
6	3rd Place	The Jena Times	Jena
6	Honorable Mention	Rayne Acadian-Tribune	Rayne
7	1st Place	West Side Journal	Port Allen
7	2nd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur
7	3rd Place	The Oakdale Journal	Oakdale
7	Honorable Mention	St. Francisville Democrat	St. Francisville

**Individual Feature Writing**

Div.	Placement	Writer	Newspaper	City
A	1st Place	Elizabeth Mullener	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
A	2nd Place	Keith O'Brien	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
A	3rd Place	Herman Fuselier	The Advertiser	Lafayette
A	Honorable Mention	Alisa Stingley	The Times	Shreveport
B	1st Place	Jewel Bush	The Courier	Houma
B	2nd Place	John DeSantis	The Courier	Houma
B	3rd Place	Heather Key	Natchitoches Times	Natchitoches
B	Honorable Mention	Marcelle Hanemann	The Daily News	Bogalusa
C	1st Place	Ava Christiansen	The Era-Leader	Franklinton
C	2nd Place	Moggie Bickham	The Era-Leader	Franklinton
C	3rd Place	Leonard Gray	L'Observateur	LaPlace
D	1st Place	Deirdre McMahon	The Ponchatoula Times	Ponchatoula
D	2nd Place	Tracey Bruce	Concordia Sentinel	Ferriday
D	3rd Place	Jay Arrington	The Jackson Independent	Jonesboro
D	Honorable Mention	Mike Kiral	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales

**Community Service**

Div.	Placement	Newspaper	City
A	1st Place	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
A	1st Place	The News-Star	Monroe
A	2nd Place	The Daily Iberian	New Iberia
A	3rd Place	The Times	Shreveport
B	1st Place	The Ville Platte Gazette	Ville Platte
B	2nd Place	The News-Banner	Covington
B	3rd Place	The Eunice News	Eunice
C	1st Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
C	2nd Place	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
C	3rd Place	Lake Arthur Sun-Times	Lake Arthur

**Freedom of Information**

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	The Courier	Houma

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Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Plaquemine Post/South	Plaquemine
2nd Place	The Rayne Independent	Rayne
3rd Place	The Daily News	Bogalusa
Honorable Mention	St. Charles Herald-Guide	Boutte

**Sweepstakes**

Div.	Newspaper	City
1	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
2	The News-Star	Monroe
3	The Courier	Houma
4	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
5	Bossier Press-Tribune	Bossier City
6	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
7	West Side Journal	Port Allen

**Newspaper of the Year**

Div.	Newspaper	City
1	The Times-Picayune	New Orleans
1	The Advocate	Baton Rouge
2	The Advertiser	Lafayette
3	The Courier	Houma
4	Slidell Sentry-News	Slidell
5	Bossier-Press Tribune	Bossier City
6	Ascension Citizen	Gonzales
7	West Side Journal	Port Allen

## 2001 Free Circulation & Special Interest Publication Editorial Competition

### Best Front Page

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans
2nd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge
3rd Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans

### Best Feature Story

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Tom Guarisco Mukul Verma
2nd Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans	Ronnie Virgets
3rd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Joshua Clegg Caffery
Honorable Mention	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	R. Reese Fuller

### Best News Story

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	JR Ball Mukul Verma
2nd Place	Forum News	Shreveport	Karl Hasten
3rd Place	Bayou Business Review	Houma	Jesse Hall
Honorable Mention	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	JR Ball

### Best Regular Column

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Kelly King Alexander
2nd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Louis Rom
3rd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Jim Engster
Honorable Mention	LifeStyle Lafayette	Lafayette	Alice Ferguson

### Lifestyle

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans
2nd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette
3rd Place	LifeStyle Lafayette	Lafayette
Honorable Mention	Acadiana LifeStyle	New Iberia

### Best News Coverage

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans
2nd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge
3rd Place	Bayou Business Review	Houma

### Best Continuing Coverage of a Single News Event

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans	Allen Johnson, Jr.
2nd Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans	Katy Reckdahl
3rd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Staff
Honorable Mention	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	James Buckley Louis Rom

### Best Continuing Coverage of a Governmental Issue

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Patrick Courreges JR Ball
2nd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Penny Brown Roberts
3rd Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans	Keith Brannon
Honorable Mention	BusinessNews & Tri-Parish Times	Houma	David S. Jackson

### Best Investigative Reporting

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans	Eileen Loh Harrist
2nd Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans	Eileen Loh Harrist
3rd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	R. Reese Fuller

### Best Special Section

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge
2nd Place	Bayou Business Review	Houma
3rd Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans
Honorable Mention	CityBusiness	New Orleans

### Most Effective Use of Graphic Design on a Single Page

Placement	Newspaper	City	Designer
1st Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans	Lisa Finnan
2nd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	Hoa Vu
3rd Place	BusinessNews & Tri-Parish Times	Houma	Patrick Banks

### Best News Photo

Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1st Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Terri Fensel
2nd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Terri Fensel
3rd Place	Forum News	Shreveport	Joe Nickle

### Best Feature Photo

Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1st Place	Times of Southwest Louisiana	Lake Charles	Ann McMurry
2nd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Terri Fensel
3rd Place	LifeStyle Lafayette	Lafayette	Robin May

### Best Photo Feature

Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1st Place	Forum News	Shreveport	Jennifer Vargin
2nd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge	David Wood
3rd Place	The Jeanerette Enterprise	Jeanerette	Karma Champagne
Honorable Mention	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette	Terri Fensel

### Best Website

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans
2nd Place	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge
3rd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette

### Initial Coverage of Sept. 11th

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans
2nd Place	BusinessNews & Tri-Parish Times	Houma
3rd Place	The Jeanerette Enterprise	Jeanerette

### Individual Feature Writing

Placement	Writer	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Nick Pittman	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette
2nd Place	Scott Jordan	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans
3rd Place	Ronnie Virgets, Eileen Loh Harrist	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans
Honorable Mention	Allen Johnson, Jr.	Gambit Weekly	New Orleans

### Best Total Publication Design

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	CityBusiness	New Orleans
2nd Place	Forum News	Shreveport
3rd Place	The Times of Acadiana	Lafayette
Honorable Mention	LifeStyle Lafayette	Lafayette

### General Excellence

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Acadiana LifeStyle	New Iberia
2nd Place	Forum News	Shreveport
3rd Place	LifeStyle Lafayette	Lafayette
Honorable Mention	Baton Rouge Business Report	Baton Rouge

## 2001 Better Student Newspaper Competition

### Staff Generated-Black & White ¼ Page or Under

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Gramblinite	Grambling
2nd Place	Gramblinite	Grambling
3rd Place	Gramblinite	Grambling

### Staff Generated-Black & White Over ¼ Page

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Gramblinite	Grambling

### Best News Story or News Feature

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Kevin Brown
2nd Place	Pow-Wow	Monroe	Michael Cossey
3rd Place	Gramblinite	Grambling	LaJena Smith
Honorable Mention	Tech Talk	Ruston	Emily Scalfano

### Best Sports Story or Sports Feature

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Pow-Wow	Monroe	Nicklaus Lovelady
2nd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Chuck Corder
3rd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Graham Thomas
Honorable Mention	The Southern Digest	Baton Rouge	Fred Batiste A.J. Griffith

### Best Column

Placement	Newspaper	City	Writer
1st Place	Gramblinite	Grambling	Faith Karimi
2nd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Nancy Malone
3rd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Richard Buchholz
Honorable Mention	Gramblinite	Grambling	Daniele Randolph

### Best General News Photo or Feature Photo

Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1st Place	Pow-Wow	Monroe	Michael Cossey
2nd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Kevin Brown
3rd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Sumerset Bivens
Honorable Mention	Gramblinite	Grambling	Kimberly Whitfield
Honorable Mention	Pow-Wow	Monroe	Michael Cossey

### Best Sports Photo

Placement	Newspaper	City	Photographer
1st Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Sean Gardner
2nd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Paul Kauk
3rd Place	The Southern Digest	Baton Rouge	Brandi Jade Thomas

### Most Effective Use of Graphic Design on a Single Page

Placement	Newspaper	City	Designer
1st Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge	Kevin Brown
2nd Place	Gramblinite	Grambling	Kwency Norman
3rd Place	Gramblinite	Grambling	Brian Henderson

### General Excellence

Placement	Newspaper	City
1st Place	Gramblinite	Grambling
2nd Place	Pow-Wow	Monroe
3rd Place	The Reveille	Baton Rouge