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About the Cover Photo

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 5, 2ND PLACE

MARCIAL GUAJARDO, ROUND ROCK LEADER

MARIACHIS FOR MOM — The Williamson County Hispanic Heritage Committee and the City of Round Rock honored local mothers, in a Mother's Day celebration. The event included ballet folklorico and mariachi performances and recognition of local mothers. Pictured: Ansley Villanueva of Round Rock Ballet Folklorico performs with members of the Texas State mariachi. Published on May 16, 2013.

About the Texas Better Newspaper Contest

This year 159 newspapers submitted 1,566 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 103 weeklies entered so there were 21 newspapers each in Divisions 6-8 and 20 newspapers in Divisions 9 and 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 and Best Website) - 1st Place: 100 points; 2nd Place: 75 points; 3rd Place: 50 points; and 4th Place: 25 points. The awards were announced June 21, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina Tower.

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 2014 contest was judged by the New Mexico Press Association as part of the annual Better Newspaper Contest swap.

2014 Better Newspaper Contest Results by Newspaper

Alvin Sun
3rd. Feature Writing

Andrews County News
4th. News Writing

Anson, Western Observer
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Column Writing

Aransas Pass Progress
4th. News Photo

Athens Daily Review
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Headline Writing
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Page Design

Azle News
1st. Feature Photo
1st. News Photo
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. News Writing
3rd. Advertising
3rd. Blue Moon Special Section

Bandera Bulletin
1st. News Photo
4th. Headline Writing

Bastrop Advertiser
4th. Feature Photo

Baytown Sun
1st. General Excellence
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. Sports Photo
3rd. Advertising

Beeville Bee-Picayune
2nd. Community Service
2nd. Headline Writing
2nd. Page Design
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Feature Writing

Belton Journal
3rd. Page Design
3rd. Sports Coverage

Big Lake Wildcat
1st. News Photo
1st. News Writing
2nd. Routine Special Section
3rd. General Excellence

Boerne Star
1st. Column Writing
2nd. Feature Writing
3rd. Routine Special Section
4th. Feature Photo
4th. General Excellence
4th. Sports Coverage
4th. Sports Photo

Bowie News
1st. News Photo
1st. Sports Coverage
4th. Advertising

Breckenridge American
2nd. General Excellence
4th. Headline Writing

Brookshire, The Times Tribune
2nd. News Writing
4th. Page Design

Brownwood Bulletin
1st. Feature Writing
3rd. News Writing
3rd. Page Design
4th. General Excellence

Cameron Herald
3rd. Page Design

Canadian Record
1st. Editorial
1st. Column Writing
1st. Feature Writing
2nd. Best Website
2nd. Headline Writing
2nd. Routine Special Section
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Page Design

Castroville News Bulletin
3rd. Advertising

3rd. Best Website
4th. General Excellence
4th. Headline Writing

Cedar Park, Hill Country News
2nd. Sports Coverage
3rd. Routine Special Section
4th. Advertising
4th. Column Writing
4th. Feature Photo

Center, The Light & Champion
4th. Best Website
4th. Page Design

Cisco Press
3rd. Sports Photo

Cleburne Times-Review
4th. Blue Moon Special Section

Clarendon Enterprise
1st. General Excellence
2nd. Advertising
2nd. Column Writing
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Editorial
4th. News Photo

Clifton Record
2nd. Column Writing
2nd. Editorial
3rd. Routine Special Section

Clute, The Facts
1st. Headline Writing
3rd. Community Service
3rd. Feature Photo
3rd. Feature Writing

Columbus, Colorado County Citizen
2nd. Column Writing
2nd. Feature Writing
2nd. Sports Coverage

Cooper Review
2nd. News Photo
3rd. Headline Writing

Coppell, Citizens' Advocate
2nd. Column Writing
Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Caller-Times
1st. Best Website
1st. Community Service
1st. Feature Photo
1st. Feature Writing
2nd. General Excellence
3rd. Blue Moon Special Section
3rd. Headline Writing
3rd. News Photo
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Column Writing
4th. News Writing
4th. Sports Coverage

Cuero Record
1st. Sports Photo

Daingerfield, The Bee
2nd. Sports Coverage

Decatur, Wise County Messenger
1st. Feature Writing
1st. General Excellence
1st. News Writing
1st. Routine Special Section
1st. Sports Coverage
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. Advertising
2nd. Blue Moon Special Section
2nd. Page Design
3rd. Best Website
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. Feature Photo
4th. Headline Writing
4th. News Photo

Denton Record-Chronicle
1st. Blue Moon Special Section
1st. Routine Special Section

1st. Sports Photo
2nd. Sports Coverage

Deport Times-Blossom Times
1st. Column Writing

Dublin Citizen
1st. Blue Moon Special Section

Eastland, Ranger Times
4th. Community Service

Eastland Telegram
1st. Column Writing
2nd. Sports Coverage
3rd. Advertising

El Campo Leader-News

2nd. Advertising
2nd. Column Writing
3rd. Page Design
4th. Routine Special Section

Eldorado Success
4th. Sports Photo

Fairfield, Freestone County Times
3rd. Column Writing

Fairfield Recorder
1st. Column Writing
1st. General Excellence
3rd. Advertising
3rd. Community Service

Farmersville Times
1st. Headline Writing
1st. Page Design
1st. Sports Photo
4th. Feature Photo

Ferris, Ellis County Press
1st. Feature Photo
1st. Feature Writing
2nd. Page Design
3rd. Advertising

Floresville, Wilson County News
3rd. Feature Writing

Fort Worth Business Press
1st. Blue Moon Special Section
1st. Editorial
4th. Column Writing

Fredericksburg Standard Radio-Post
1st. Community Service
1st. Feature Writing
2nd. Feature Photo
2nd. Routine Special Section
2nd. Sports Coverage
3rd. News Writing
4th. Page Design

Fritch, The Eagle Press
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. News Writing

Galveston County Daily News
2nd. Blue Moon Special Section
2nd. News Writing
2nd. Page Design
2nd. Routine Special Section
3rd. Best Website
3rd. Sports Coverage
4th. News Photo

Gladewater Mirror
2nd. Feature Writing
2nd. Headline Writing
3rd. News Photo
3rd. Page Design

Glen Rose Reporter
1st. Best Website
1st. Routine Special Section
2nd. General Excellence
2nd. Page Design
4th. Sports Coverage
Goldthwaite Eagle
1st. Feature Photo

2nd. News Photo
4th. Sports Photo
4th. Column Writing

Goliad Advance-Guard
3rd. Feature Photo

Gonzales Cannon
4th. Community Service
4th. General Excellence
4th. Routine Special Section

Gonzales Inquirer
1st. Advertising
1st. News Photo
4th. Column Writing

Graford, Lake Country Sun
4th. News Photo

Granbury, Hood County News
1st. Best Website
1st. Blue Moon Special Section
1st. News Photo
1st. Page Design
2nd. Feature Photo
2nd. Headline Writing
3rd. Editorial
3rd. News Writing
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Column Writing
4th. Feature Writing

Hamilton Herald-News
4th. News Photo

Hearne, Robertson County News
1st. Advertising
2nd. Headline Writing
3rd. Sports Coverage

Hico News Review
2nd. Headline Writing
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. Sports Photo

Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice
2nd. Editorial
2nd. Feature Writing
3rd. Best Website
3rd. News Photo
4th. Headline Writing

Huntsville Item
1st. Feature Photo
2nd. Editorial
2nd. General Excellence
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. Sports Coverage
4th. Sports Photo

Ingleside Index
3rd. Headline Writing

Ingram, West Kerr Current
2nd. Feature Photo

Iowa Park Leader
2nd. Feature Photo

Irving, Rambler Newspapers
1st. Feature Writing
1st. Sports Coverage
3rd. Feature Photo

Katy Times
2nd. Headline Writing

Kenedy, The Karnes Countywide
3rd. Page Design
4th. News Writing

Kerrville Daily Times
1st. Advertising
2nd. Column Writing
2nd. News Writing

Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. Blue Moon Special Section
3rd. Feature Photo
3rd. General Excellence

Kilgore News Herald
1st. Feature Photo
1st. Feature Writing

1st. General Excellence
1st. Headline Writing
1st. Page Design
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. News Writing
3rd. Community Service
4th. Blue Moon Special Section
4th. News Photo

Kingsville Record & Bishop News
3rd. Headline Writing

Kyle, Hays Free Press
1st. Headline Writing
1st. News Writing
1st. Page Design
2nd. General Excellence
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Feature Writing
4th. Sports Coverage

La Grange, Fayette County Record
1st. Headline Writing
2nd. Best Website
2nd. Column Writing
2nd. News Photo
2nd. Routine Special Section
2nd. Sports Photo
3rd. Blue Moon Special Section
3rd. Sports Coverage
4th. Editorial
4th. Page Design

Lakeway, Lake Travis View
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. Headline Writing
3rd. News Writing

Lampasas Dispatch Record
1st. Editorial
2nd. Feature Writing
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. News Writing
4th. Sports Coverage
4th. Sports Photo

Liberty, The Vindicator
1st. Editorial

Liberty Hill Independent
2nd. Editorial
4th. Best Website

Longview News-Journal
2nd. Editorial
3rd. Page Design
4th. Community Service
4th. Feature Photo

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
4th. Headline Writing

Lufkin Daily News
1st. Editorial
2nd. Advertising
4th. Best Website
4th. General Excellence

Lytle, Medina Valley Times
3rd. General Excellence

Madisonville Meteor
3rd. Feature Writing
4th. Advertising
4th. News Writing

Marble Falls, The Highlander
1st. Advertising
1st. Community Service
1st. Editorial
1st. Feature Photo
2nd. General Excellence
2nd. Headline Writing
4th. News Writing

Marfa, Big Bend Sentinel
2nd. Feature Photo
3rd. Headline Writing

Marlin Democrat
1st. Page Design
3rd. News Writing
4th. Feature Photo

Marshall News Messenger
1st. Page Design

Meridian Tribune
1st. News Photo
3rd. Advertising
3rd. Blue Moon Special Section
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Feature Writing
4th. Page Design
4th. Sports Coverage

Mineola Monitor
1st. General Excellence
1st. News Writing
2nd. Sports Photo
3rd. Feature Photo

Mission, Progress Times
3rd. Sports Photo

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald
4th. Editorial

Muleshoe Journal
1st. Headline Writing
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Sports Coverage
4th. Sports Photo

Murphy Monitor
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. General Excellence
2nd. Sports Photo
4th. Routine Special Section

Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel
1st. Page Design
2nd. Feature Photo
3rd. General Excellence
4th. Editorial
4th. Sports Photo

Navasota Examiner
2nd. Advertising
2nd. Editorial
3rd. News Writing
4th. Page Design

New Braunfels, Herald-Zeitung
2nd. Headline Writing
2nd. News Photo
3rd. Editorial
3rd. Column Writing

Odessa American
2nd. Feature Writing
4th. Advertising
4th. Page Design

Olney Enterprise
2nd. Column Writing
4th. Blue Moon Special Section

Ozona Stockman
3rd. Page Design
4th. Editorial
4th. General Excellence

Palestine Herald Press
2nd. Headline Writing
4th. Feature Photo
4th. Feature Writing

Pampa News
2nd. Feature Writing

Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current
1st. Headline Writing
1st. News Writing
4th. Feature Photo
4th. Feature Writing
4th. General Excellence
4th. Sports Photo

Perryton Herald
3rd. Feature Photo
4th. Editorial

Pilot Point Post-Signal
1st. Feature Photo
1st. News Photo
2nd. Feature Writing
2nd. News Writing
3rd. General Excellence
3rd. Sports Coverage
4th. Sports Photo

Springtown Epigraph
1st. Advertising
1st. Headline Writing
2nd. Feature Writing
4th. News Writing

Pittsburg Gazette
1st. Advertising

Pleasanton Express
1st. Advertising
1st. Page Design
2nd. Best Website
2nd. General Excellence
2nd. News Photo
3rd. Sports Photo
4th. Sports Coverage

Port Aransas South Jetty
2nd. Advertising
2nd. Page Design
3rd. Column Writing
3rd. Headline Writing
4th. Best Website
4th. Editorial
4th. News Writing

Post Dispatch
1st. Editorial
4th. General Excellence

Presidio, The International
2nd. Feature Photo
4th. Headline Writing

Princeton Herald
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. Advertising
2nd. General Excellence
2nd. Sports Coverage
4th. Feature Writing

Red Oak Record
1st. Advertising
1st. Page Design
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. News Photo
3rd. Feature Photo
4th. Feature Writing
4th. Sports Coverage

Rockdale Reporter
3rd. Editorial
4th. News Photo

Rosenberg, Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster
1st. Editorial
1st. News Writing
2nd. Sports Coverage

Round Rock Leader
2nd. Editorial
2nd. Feature Photo
3rd. General Excellence
4th. Sports Coverage

Sachse News
3rd. General Excellence
4th. Advertising
4th. Headline Writing

Sealy News
2nd. Community Service
2nd. News Writing
2nd. Page Design
2nd. Sports Photo
3rd. News Photo
4th. Feature Writing

Seguin Gazette-Enterprise
1st. Advertising
2nd. Column Writing
3rd. Feature Writing
4th. Editorial
4th. News Photo

Silsbee Bee
1st. General Excellence
1st. Routine Special Section
2nd. Sports Photo

Smithville Times
1st. Column Writing
1st. Feature Writing
1st. Routine Special Section
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. News Writing
3rd. News Photo

Yoakum Herald-Times
3rd. News Photo

Stephenville Empire Tribune
1st. Column Writing
3rd. General Excellence

Terrell Tribune
1st. News Writing
2nd. Sports Photo
4th. General Excellence

Uvalde Leader-News
2nd. Editorial
2nd. News Writing
2nd. Sports Coverage
3rd. Advertising
3rd. Feature Writing
3rd. General Excellence
3rd. News Photo
3rd. Page Design

Van Horn Advocate
2nd. Editorial

Vernon Daily Record
1st. News Photo
1st. Sports Photo
2nd. Feature Photo
4th. Column Writing
4th. Sports Coverage

Victoria Advocate
1st. Column Writing
1st. News Photo
1st. News Writing
2nd. Best Website
2nd. Community Service
3rd. Routine Special Section
4th. Feature Writing

Waxahachie Daily Light
1st. General Excellence
1st. Sports Coverage
2nd. News Photo
2nd. Page Design
2nd. Sports Photo
4th. Headline Writing
4th. News Writing

Weatherford Democrat
1st. Headline Writing
2nd. News Writing
3rd. Feature Photo
3rd. News Photo
4th. Routine Special Section

Westlake Picayune
1st. Editorial
1st. Feature Photo
1st. General Excellence
1st. News Writing
2nd. Page Design
2nd. Sports Photo
3rd. Sports Coverage

Wharton Journal-Spectator
3rd. News Photo
4th. Feature Writing

Whitehouse, Tri County Leader
2nd. Advertising
2nd. News Photo
4th. Editorial
4th. Feature Writing
4th. Routine Special Section

Whitewright Sun
4th. Feature Writing

Winnie, The Home-town Press
4th. Column Writing

Woodville, Tyler County Booster
1st. Best Website
4th. Blue Moon Special Section

Wylie News
1st. Column Writing
3rd. Routine Special Section
4th. Advertising

Advertising

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Advertising

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Kerrville Daily Times** - *Upper Guadalupe River Authority/Easter Chili and BBQ Cook Off/Country Chic*: Simple, clean ads, clear graphics, Country Chic ad was my favorite...Copy clear and to the point, all copy matched graphics well. Excellent.
- 2. Lufkin Daily News** - *Courage Sacrifice Dedication Honor/Outdoor Christmas Lighting/Lufkin Jewelry*: Elegant black and white jewelry store ad. Play on words very smart.
- 3. Baytown Sun** - *K&T Western Wear, Subscribe, Beach City Massage*
- 4. Odessa American** - *ORMC/The Grandmother Shop/Larry's Specialty Meats*

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - *The Bridal Rail/Ultimate Realty/Westerholm Koehler Insurance*: Great ads!
2. None selected.
3. None selected.
4. None selected.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Marble Falls, The Highlander** - *Accents Boutique/Rick Shaefer/Ritchie Dental Group*: No comment.
- 2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Shoe the Shoeless/Raminator/Mike Brown Ford*: No comment.
- 3. Uvalde Leader-News** - *Corina's Angels/First Financial Bank/Pet Health Center*: No comment.
4. None selected.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. Gonzales Inquirer** - *Summer Concert Series/Party at the Pond/He Hunts We Shop*: Great headline "he hunts" use of magenta makes it stand out, no mix.
- 2. El Campo Leader-News** - *Flowers, Etc./D-A-M/Werner's*: Heart ad creative, Werner's ad looked like a menu which was easy to read and let me know exactly what to expect.
- 3. Eastland Telegram** - *LaFinca/Fullen Motors/Stanley Ford*: Nice use of what I assume are local student athletes in ads, simple, easy to read.
- 4. The Bowie News** - *Darren Gill Heating and AC/Love It/Back 40*: The first ad needed a headline instead of the look of editorial, however the second and third entries made up for it.
* This was difficult to judge. My fourth place pick really was great however I struggled with moving it up because of the lack of headline on the first ad.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Pleasanton Express** - *Sometimes You Can't Make 8 Seconds/Cowboy Fellowship Fall Festival/A Star on the Move*
- 2. Port Aransas South Jetty** - *Animal Shelter Dance/Giggity/Silver King VG*
- 3. Azle News** - *Hilltop/Clear Fork/Azle Vision*
- 4. The Wylie News** - *Wylie Carpet & Tile/Classic Gardens/Ballard Street Cafe*

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Hearne, Robertson County News** - *Penny's Diner/Beas Bridal/Drastic Measures*
- 2. The Navasota Examiner** - *Road Show/Sheriff Brown/Brady's*
- 3. The Fairfield Recorder** - *Relax ... Leave the yard work to the Green Dude/Changes in Buda ... Mary Stone for aquifer district/A Room with a View*
4. None selected.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Pittsburg Gazette** - *The Pittsburg ISD Board of Trustees/A Change is a comin'/Guaranty Bond Bank*: Great use of color and placement of the school buses. Great use of transparency.
- 2. Whitehouse, Tri County Leader** - *Eccle-tiques/Wanted Bell Ringers/On The Go Missions*
- 3. Castroville News Bulletin** - *Cecil Ford/Castroville State Bank/Grace Day*: No comment.
- 4. Madisonville Meteor** - *Yellow Rose RV Park, Dean Home Center, Stover and Crouch*: Really great layout for the Dead Home Center.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Springtown Epigraph** - *Pinnacle Bank/Santa and First Bapt Xmas/Candy Round Up*: Readable and nice use of color and font in the Pinnacle Bank ad. Wish the Candy Round Up had less fonts.
- 2. Princeton Herald** - *Cowboy Church Collin County/All Heart Vet Clinic/Tedford Chevrolet*: The photo and graphic in the church ad direct the eye well and the vet clinic ad reads well with the bold use of the red.
- 3. Meridian Tribune** - *Grand March/Abuelita's/Tommy's*
- 4. Sachse News** - *Lakepointe/Spillyards/FX Fitness*

Division 10

Small Weeklies

- 1. Red Oak Record** - *Roach Waste/MyClinic/Roach Waste*: Clarendon Concert - The MyClinic ad is very readable and has great usage of color.
- 2. Clarendon Enterprise** - *For Peep's Sakes/Chance Mark Jones 5K/Return of the Mulkey*: Very bold and beautiful.
- 3. Ferris, The Ellis County Press** - *Dusti, Denny's & Wilmer Pioneer*: Dusti the Clown ad: kind of hard to find. Does not stick out well. Wilmer: ad is readable.
- 4. Cedar Park, Hill Country News** - *Simply Home & Decor/Leander Vet Clinic/Affordable Pet Care*: Miller's

Column*Writing*

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Victoria Advocate** - A pleasure to read and very clear.
2. **Kerrville Daily Times** - First piece was personal and a very telling account that was nicely written. Second piece was very upfront.
3. **New Braunfels, Herald-Zeitung** - An interesting read.
4. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - Very competitive category - Both pieces raised some serious concerns on pressing issues.

Division 3 - Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Stephenville Empire Tribune** - Vanden Berge has not only the writing skills but she knows how to counter an argument with integrity and grace.
2. **Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - Easy to read.
3. **Huntsville Item** - Very informative - had a lot great facts to back up statements. Enjoyable read.
4. **Vernon Daily Record** - "My 2 Cents" - playful and fun!

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Boerne Star** - Wonderful play on words - funny and personable.
2. **La Grange, The Fayette County Record** - Very humorous.
3. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - A poignant and thoughtful look at disasters.
4. **Granbury, Hood County News** - Columnists give detailed looks into their personal lives - giving their readers a sense of relativity.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Eastland Telegram** - Excellent pieces dealing with family and tradition.
2. **El Campo Leader-News** - Very nice style and pacing. Great attention to detail.
3. **Lampasas Dispatch Record** - Fun and engaging!
4. **Gonzales Inquirer** - Both columnist gave

lengthy and in-depth perceptions on tough issues. Very informative reading.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **The Wylie News** - Playful and fun! Great headlines to accompany the tone.
2. **Citizens' Advocate, Coppell** - Very nice work - concise and pleasant.
3. **Port Aransas South Jetty** - Very good writer! Gives the reader fresh and new perspectives. Humorous.
4. **Fort Worth Business Press** - Helpful to the community and relatable to the reader.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **The Fairfield Recorder** - Nice, humorous tone. Excellent writing. Very clean, and not wordy. Told a story while making his point. But you had to smile while reading.
2. **Columbus, Colorado County Citizen** - Definitely has a point she wants to make, and makes it quickly. I liked the personal anecdotes about Mack Brown.
3. **Fairfield, Freestone County Times** - Breezy style. I felt like I was at the game when it ended and the teams shook hands.
4. **Goldthwaite Eagle** - I loved the Easter Bunny story. Nice to share story that shows your own kids never cease to surprise you

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. **The Canadian Record** - The case for annexation was far and away the strongest commentary in the field. A newsy, informative and scalding assessment of the city council's failure to take bold action to secure the town's future. Bravo, too, on the Norad entry, a delightful, well-written take on a press release, with a bit of history thrown in. Well done.
2. **The Clifton Record** - A grim and informative reminder on the plight of racehorses when their racing days are over, and a touching tribute to "Uncle Joe." Worthy reads both.

3. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - "I struck out with Fallon" does what good commentary should do, hold elected officials accountable. Big Brother was a well told vignette with larger and worrisome implications.

3. (Tie) **Anson, Western Observer**

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Smithville Times** - At first, the columns seemed overly verbose, but the wry humor and precise style won the day.
2. **Olney Enterprise** - A column about baby's first words can easily take a detour into Sappy City, but Kimbro does it in a sly, spicy and readable way.
3. **Hico News Review** - McAdams writes the way your favorite uncle talks. Nice reads.
4. **Winnie, The Hometown Press**
* Almost every entry was a first-person, slice-of-life column. Would love to see these good columnists' treatments on local characters and events.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. **Deport Times-Blossom Times** - The clear winner in the category. Crisp, vivid, visual writing. Sentimental without being mushy. Stark without being void. Beautiful, gripping phrases both startling and poetic. Much more than a Nickel's worth.
2. **Clarendon Enterprise** - Tackling real-life concerns in a meaningful way. Well done.
3. **Fritch, The Eagle Press** - Thought-provoking and readable.
4. **Cedar Park, Hill Country News** - Nicely descriptive and evocative.

Editorials

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Lufkin Daily News**- Bold writing with insightful calls for change.
2. **Longview News-Journal**
3. **New Braunfels, Herald-Zeitung**
4. **Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel**

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Rosenberg, Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster** - Nice local insight on national issues.
2. **Huntsville Item** - Well-researched.
3. **Athens Daily Review** - Bold stance on parenting.
4. **Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - Touching piece on local impact of war.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Marble Falls, The Highlander**- Bold, colorful writing backed by solid reporting.
2. **Uvalde Leader-News** - Insightful commentary on important local issues.
3. **Granbury, Hood County News** - Clear, concise.
4. **La Grange, The Fayette County Record** - Interesting personal perspectives.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Lampasas Dispatch Record** - Well-written, important insight for readers.
2. **Round Rock Leader** -Strong calls for accountability.
3. **Beeville Bee-Picayune**
4. **Perryton Herald**

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Fort Worth Business Press** - Hard-hitting, well-reasoned and well-written calls for accountability.
2. **Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice**
3. **Rockdale Reporter**
4. **Port Aransas South Jetty**

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Liberty, The Vindicator**
2. **The Navasota Examiner**
3. **Kyle, Hays Free Press**
4. **Mount Vernon Optic-Herald**

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. **The Canadian Record**
2. **The Clifton Record**
3. **Anson, Western Observer**
4. **Whitehouse, Tri County Leader**

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Westlake Picayune**
2. **The Liberty Hill Independent**
3. **Meridian Tribune**
4. **Ozona Stockman**

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. **Post Dispatch**
2. **The Van Horn Advocate**
3. **Muleshoe Journal**
4. **Clarendon Enterprise**

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE LUFKIN DAILY NEWS

CPS

Agency needs to take
a look at its practices in
wake of baby's death

The news nine days ago that an emaciated 8-week-old Lufkin baby had died shortly before or after his family called 911 to report that he wasn't breathing was heart-breaking.

The news that a Child Protective Services had gone to see the child nine days before that, as reported Thursday by our Jessica Cooley, should effect change in the way the agency conducts its home visits.

We have no intention of laying the blame for the baby's death on the CPS worker who visited the Williams Street home on Oct. 2, for a few key reasons: The worker was at the home on what a CPS official called "a courtesy interview," not an investigation into any alleged abuse — because there was no such allegation. The CPS employee — a services worker, not an investigator — documented seeing the mother holding and feeding the baby, who was wearing a one-piece sleeper, according to the CPS official. And the worker, apparently satisfied that the baby's needs were being met, went so far as to give the child's mother a play pen, diapers and material on safe sleeping practices, according to the agency official who talked to us.

If, however, CPS had a policy that required its workers, whether they are investigators or not, to fill out a basic checklist of a child's appearance whenever they visit a home, we have little doubt that the red flags in little Imauri Jackson's case would have been much more visible. After all, he weighed 5.6 pounds at the time of his death, at 8 weeks old, and had "thin, gaunt" skin that revealed his bones and musculature, according to a Lufkin Police report.

The child's parents, ages 19 and 18, have both been arrested, charged with child endangerment, which would carry a punishment of up to two years in state jail if they were to be found guilty. A family member said they are simply a young couple who made a mistake, and that "their heart is broken as anybody should be."

It remains to be seen what will happen to the parents and their criminal case, but we hope CPS officials will waste no time in trying to improve their best practices.

The agency already has the authority to remove a child from what it considers an unsafe living environment, and it's entirely possible that CPS could have saved baby

Imauri had it sought medical attention for the child. We will never know that, but we do believe CPS should have a better system in place for identifying — and reporting — red flags anytime any of its employees make a house call, whether it's as a result of an allegation, a scheduled checkup or an unannounced "courtesy" visit.

It's clear to us that the oversight in Imauri Jackson's case was not intentional, but it happened. CPS should take this opportunity to make sure it never happens again.

General Excellence

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



General Excellence

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Baytown Sun
2. Corpus Christi Caller-Times
3. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel
4. Lufkin Daily News

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Waxahachie Daily Light - Complete coverage of community.
2. Huntsville Item
3. Stephenville Empire Tribune
4. Brownwood Bulletin

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - Overall, a great product.
2. Marble Falls, The Highlander
3. Uvalde Leader-News
4. Boerne Star

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Kilgore News Herald - Good layout and coverage. Nicely done!
2. Breckenridge American
3. Round Rock Leader
4. Terrell Tribune

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Silsbee Bee - Well-placed pictures and coverage!
2. Pleasanton Express
3. Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal
4. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. The Fairfield Recorder - This newspaper has it all -- great design, great writing, great photos. The editor and publishers obviously go to great lengths to provide the kind of coverage every community deserves. What I especially liked

is that the whole package is put together by a competent group of professionals who know that you don't necessarily have to be flashy to catch someone's attention.

2. Kyle, Hays Free Press- Nice paper, good well-rounded community news. Pleasing photos inside and a wide variety of voices. Decent design and good news value. Sports coverage is good and inclusive.

3. Lytle, Medina Valley Times - This entry could have easily been first place. There are many challenges to producing a quality tab format newspaper; such as the sacrifice of photos in place of well-written copy. This paper, though, knows what it is and does a very good job.

4. The Gonzales Cannon - An excellent community newspaper!

* This was a tough competition to judge because there were so many good entries. The communities served by all of these newspapers should be proud and the professionalism displayed by these newspaper men and women.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. Mineola Monitor
2. Glen Rose Reporter
3. Pilot Point Post-Signal
4. Castroville News Bulletin

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Westlake Picayune
2. Princeton Herald
3. Sachse News
4. Ozona Stockman

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. Clarendon Enterprise - Engaging local content. Clean and readable.
2. Murphy Monitor - Nice use of photos.
3. Big Lake Wildcat - Great sports coverage.
4. Post Dispatch - Engages readers well.

Feature Writing

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - *Diagnosed at 23, dead by age 38/Family of mother brutally murdered in 1993 loses second loved one: the son who found her*: I found the diabetes feature compelling and informative. The work on this is what pushed this into first place.

2. Odessa American - *Endless Legacy/Four children and Homeless*: Endless Legacy had all the elements of a great feature story and was an interesting read.

3. Clute, The Facts - *All Access; Chicken Tenders*: All Access was a competent piece of writing and well done, but it was the Chicken Tenders story that put this entry in the top three. It was fun to read and what is missing from a lot of newspapers these days.

4. Victoria Advocate - *Justice from the ashes/Enlightenment in India*: Exhaustive research and work on this story. * The top entries in this division made the choice difficult.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Brownwood Bulletin - *Tickets to Paradise/Brown County couple to attend presidential inauguration*: Great localized story with lots of photos and great play.

2. The Pampa News - *A living legend; 'Armless Chihuahuas' find care, love*: Baseball and armless dogs? The stories practically write themselves. Good job!

3. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise - *Community honors fallen Green Beret/Falcon's Final Flight*: Nice work on how a community deals with the losses of war.

4. Palestine Herald Press - *Building on history/Back where she belongs*: Nice work.

* There was a lot of JFK 50th anniversary stories in this category and each pretty much covered the same ground as local newspapers looked around for someone who had some connection to the event. They are valid stories for a local paper, but to really stand out there has to be something new to it. There were a lot of good entries in this category, though, and a lot of good work being done. Finding clear winners was difficult.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - *Ashlie lives on/Preserving history*: Both of these stories hit the right notes at the right times. "Where is your Ashlie?" That just about killed me. Good choice to lead with that and a great story about the importance of organ donation. It made it personal, which is the best way to get people to act. The second story was excellent as well. A great character piece, great lead.

2. Boerne Star - *Boerne man made prints on history/Life as an 'Aspie' in a world of 'neurotypicals'*: It was tough giving this one second place. I really enjoyed the photographer story -- that must have been one heck of an interview.

3. Uvalde Leader-News - *Forbes: Missouri River trip was life changing/Miracle baby thrives today*: Competent

pieces. They would have done better without such tough competition.

4. Granbury, Hood County News - *Action Man; Absolutely incredible*: The stories were well enough written, but I felt there should have been more in Action Man about the benefits of exercise for older folks.

* The top entries in this division made the choice difficult. I'm heartened to see such fine work from smaller newspapers.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Kilgore News Herald - *Cold War envoy Van Cliburn, dies at 78/Tri, tri again*: Far and away the best entry in this category. The Cliburn story mixed national reaction to that of locals. And after reading your story, I think I want a "tri-uck." Great job!

2. Lampasas Dispatch Record - *Men on a mission/Veteran recalls PT boat adventures*: The Men on a Mission was the stronger of the two entries. I enjoyed very much learning about their trip to the Amazon.

3. Beeville Bee-Picayune - *Artie's/From Russia with love*: The art for Artie's wasn't that great, but the story was interesting. The Russian story, though, had me held.

4. Wharton Journal-Spectator - *A selfish act of friendship/Suprise! You won a car!:* Good job.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - *Photographer gets a charge out of nature/A more modern Cotillion*

2. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice - *Orthodox group gets down and dirty/At age 100, ERJCC fitness center member not skipping any workouts*

3. Floresville, Wilson County News - *Courthouses — the heart of Texas communities/Annual Independence Day gathering celebrates veterans*

4. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current - *You've Got to do the Unthinkable/Sick Mick and the Boys*

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Irving, Rambler Newspapers - *Private urban wetland marred by city's pollution/Breaking Away - A brewer and a team of young filmmakers use beer to lift the taboo from prostate cancer*

2. Columbus, Colorado County Citizen - *'A little love' & elbow grease/Icy weather behind rash of accidents*

3. Kyle, Hays Free Press - *The impact of Alzheimer's/Retirement can kill ya*

4. The Sealy News - *Ermis store had more than groceries/Refuge offers booming experience*

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. The Canadian Record - *The Blizzard of 2013/Healing hearts and homes*: Presentation for these stories was great. The flow was well executed and both captured the community.

2. Pilot Point Post-Signal - *Life from death/The best day ever*: "Life from death" was a very emotion story. I liked how they were placed together but were separate entities. Presentation wasn't excellent but overall a great piece. The second story, "The best day ever!" was great at capturing a little girl's day. I enjoyed both articles. Well done.

3. Madisonville Meteor - *Farmer in the Dell/Cowboys for Life*: These stories are both wonderful pieces. These stories capture these individuals personalities effortlessly. Great work.

4. Whitehouse, Tri County Leader - *First Tee/Beyond the Wildcat Spirit*: These stories are simple yet they capture something great going on in the community. These works are excellent snapshots of their community and people

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Smithville Times - *Chairs granny would love/The journey of a knife*

2. Springtown Epigraph - *Football manager/WWII Vet*

3. Meridian Tribune - *Wounded warrior/Blood brothers*

4. Princeton Herald - *Marriage taken to new level with 75th anniversary/New Orleans artist work locally featured*

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. Ferris, The Ellis County Press - *Patriot Guard riders/Special Olympics Athletic Day*

2. Gladewater Mirror - *Gladewater man/Navy Vet*

3. Alvin Sun - *Answering a Different Call/In the Line of Duty*

4. Red Oak Record - *Tough 'n sweet/Saige for Soldiers*

Feature Writing

FEATURE WRITING, DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



*Photographer
gets a
charge
out of
nature*

This grizzly bear charging through the water on the Kodiak Island in Alaska got photographer Jim Heupel's attention in a hurry.

Bears, birds among favorite subjects for Heupel

BY KEN ESTEN COOKE
Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post

It takes nerves of steel to hunt for bears. And when your only weapon is a "Canon" that doesn't fire bullets, the adrenalin for photographers runs quickly through the veins.

Jim Heupel, of Fredericksburg, has come up with stunning nature photos of bears, birds and more, having taken his hobby into a second-career profession just five years ago after a 27-year career in the U.S. Air Force.

"I got my first camera at age eight — a Kodak Brownie," he said. Like many other youth, he was fascinated by the images he could produce, but his love of photography increased as his eyes were opened as he saw sites around the globe.

Heupel began taking pictures

with an Agfa Sure-shot camera in the 1950s, graduating to a Pentax single-lens reflex camera in high school. He joined the digital age in 2003 and now uses top-of-the-line Canon cameras after turning professional in 2007.

"I got hooked on wildlife photography while living in Florida," Heupel said. He has been on trips to the Arctic and Antarctica, Alaska and Kenya, as well as Texas and Southwest birding trips.

"Part of the challenge for me is to find wildlife in different poses from what is often seen, to try to catch them in tender moments, or to show their beauty, whether it be the colors, gracefulness, sheer power and ruggedness, or artistic poses," he said.

His favorite subject, though, continues to be the majestic bears — both polar bears and grizzlies.

"They are often shown as mean or human-attacking creatures," he

said. "I think they can be really neat animals."

He is fascinated by the large hump on the back of a grizzly's neck, which differentiates it from brown bears. Grizzlies are sizeable with a large nose and a sometimes menacing presence.

"They are such strong animals, and they are omnivorous," he said. "They will kill on occasion, like you heard about in the 'Grizzly Man' story, but most of the time it's because people get too close."

Heupel said that moose kill far more people in Alaska than bears.

The photographer likes to capture them while "periscoping" — looking for fish in the Alaskan rivers — or in playful moments when the young cubs do something comical.

Heupel stays in a group of about six photographers, which he finds is safer than taking pictures alone.

In addition to grizzlies, he also

has traveled to within 600 miles of the North Pole to photograph polar bears. Those are more aggressive and much bigger than American brown bears. He said grizzlies can smell a seal from up to a mile away.

Last fall, Heupel co-led a group of photographers on a week-long workshop at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, located just south of Socorro, New Mexico.

"The primary subjects for that trip were 45,000 snow geese and 6,000 sandhill cranes, which were resting and feeding on their migration route over the ancient Rio Grande river fly-way."

Heupel said photographers often gather before 6 a.m., with temperatures in the teens, waiting for the huge "blast off" of thousands of birds.

"When the birds are scared by a coyote or other predator, they furiously lift off from their water impoundments in the tens of thou-

sands," he said. "The sound is like a locomotive going right past you."

Heupel's mentor is Canon Explorer of Light Arthur Morris of Indian Hills Estates, Fla. Morris is acknowledged by many pros as the top bird photographer in the U.S. This is the fourth year he has asked Heupel to assist with the workshop, which draws attendees from as far away as India and Australia.

He also has studied under Alan Briot, well known for his photography of the Southwest, and studied digital printing under Charles Cramer and Michael Richmann.

Heupel's image "Merganser Hydra" was selected as a finalist in the prestigious 2013 North American Nature Association photography competition. He was a feature artist at the Agave Gallery during the September and October First Friday Art Walk.

HeadlineWriting

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE

**One Corpse
Meal**

Babies' Backs

St. Nick Knacks

DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

**Main Bane
in Wane**

**Weather with
a twist**

**Doss exhibit shows fiber
good for your art**

DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE

Czech Mark

Really Putting the 'Car' in

Drug Cartel

Purple Reign, Gold Rush

DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE

**Pizza franchises battle for Kilgore
customers' dough**

Between Baroque and a Hard Place

*Cross kin help KPD catch
cross-dressing crook*

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Clute, The Facts - *One Corpse Meal/Babies' Backs/St. Nick Knacks*: Love the humor; clever, eye-catching, hip headlines that leave the reader engaged and eager to continue on to the articles. It's the little things, y'know? Great job.

2. New Braunfels, Herald-Zeitung - *Raiz mor chikin/Harleys and Habits: Penguins to ride hogs/Not enough 411 for 911*: Clever, arresting headlines that effectively pique the reader's interest in the accompanying pieces. Nice job blending humor and pop culture with "Raiz mor chikin."

3. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - *Hopes for a Penny saved/I'm outta here #teenstoFB/...And a kiskadee in an oak tree*: Fun, humorous headlines that garner interest in the pieces. #nicejobonthehashtagnod

4. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal - *Device and conquer/Steaking a claim/Any way you slice it... Meat market's tough*: Nice use of wordplay to draw in the reader.

* It's great to see so many papers that recognize the value of a funny, cleverly worded, punchy headline that catches the "140-characters-or-less" eye of the modern reader. Thanks for the smiles!

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Weatherford Democrat - *Main Bane in Wane/*

Weather with a twist/Doss exhibit shows fiber good for your art: Three solid examples of how clever phrasing and wordplay in a headline can pique a reader's curiosity. Great job!

2. Palestine Herald Press - *It's hip to be square dancing/Goodbye to PMS/Lovin' from the oven*: Great use of humor to catch the readers' eye and draw them in... who wouldn't read "Goodbye to PMS" just out of sheer hope alone. Nice job.

3. Athens Daily Review - *Udder exhaustion/On a sour note... Brownsboro man busted for guitar theft/Yours, mine or ours?*: Clever headlines that effectively and concisely capture the essence of the articles. Good work.

4. Waxahachie Daily Light - *The 'Dog Whisperer'/Donkey Kong/Dog day afternoon*: Might have gone higher based on "Donkey Kong" alone, but the total entry fell slightly behind the top three in terms of originality. Still three fun headlines that effectively sum up the subjects at hand.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. La Grange, The Fayette County Record - *Czech Mark/Really Putting the 'Car' in Drug Cartel/Purple Reign, Gold Rush*: Catchy, cleverly worded headlines that effectively capture the essence of the articles while drawing in the reader. Nice job!

2. Granbury, Hood County News - *911 what is your emergency?/Roid Rage/Potty time*: Nice use of humor to engage the reader.

3. Marble Falls, The Highlander - *A Proverbial*

Grand Jete: Harmony alum dances her way to next level/City Cemetery in grave condition/Vandalism vexes Rep. Williams: Good use of phrasing to effectively and concisely capture the reader's attention.

4. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - *Crowd raises stink.../Big adventure on Pee Wee money*: Well-phrased, humorous headlines; may have placed higher with a third example in the entry but still two solid examples.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Kilgore News Herald - *Pizza franchises battle for Kilgore customers' dough/Between Baroque and a Hard Place/Cross kin help KPD catch cross-dressing crook*: All three headlines are excellent examples of how cleverly worded headlines can capture readers' attention and pique interest in the accompanying articles. Great job!

2. Beeville Bee-Picayune - *Cyber Harlot/Holly jolly XXXmas/Moses parts for new waters*: Impactful headlines that definitely accomplish the goal of catching the reader's eye. Good use of humor. (Thank you particularly for "Holly, Jolly XXXmas.") Nice work.

3. Kingsville Record & Bishop News - *Emergency crews face earth, wind and fire Monday/Pennies bring change to Boys and Girls Club/'C' is for 'Cookie' 'B' is for 'Bust'*: Nice use of pop-culture references and phrasing to capture the reader's attention.

4. Breckenridge American - *Touchdown/Zebras/Power For Life*: Fun headlines that effectively and concisely sum up

HeadlineWriting

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE

Egg Drop
Make that 6,708
GOOD FRIDAY RAID

DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE

How sweep it is
**EMBEZZLEMENT, LIES,
VIDEOTAPE**
Chain of
Communication

DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE

This 'icing' takes the cake
Hay! There's a fire
Bridge gets bumped, then
dumped

DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE

**Let's get ready to
ruuuuuuumble**
Ooooh, that smell...
What the frack?

DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE

**Twister Gone
Wrong**
**Wrestling Over
Olympic Decision**
*If The Shoe Doesn't
Fit... Watch The Teeth*

the essence of the articles.

Division 6 Large Weeklies

- Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - *Egg Drop/Make that 6,708/Good Friday Raid*: Good head-stopping heads.
- Katy Times** - *Katy Brewery has taste of success/Blasting away at breast cancer/Shifting gears*: Tells the story.
- Port Aransas South Jetty** - *Back on board/Seeing STARRS/Nailguns firing away*: Close to second place.
- Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - *Life of Pi/In Israel, extinct frog hasn't croaked/Hammer Time*: All of the top four were close.

Division 7 Medium-Large Weeklies

- Kyle, Hays Free Press** - *How sweep it is/Embezzlement, lies, videotape/Chain of Communication*: You made me want to read each story. That is why we write headlines.
- Hearne, Robertson County News** - *Can you hear me now? Not if you have AT&T/ZAP... AUGH... THUD!/Fight, Survive, Live*: Good heads makes you want to read the story.
- Marfa, The Big Bend Sentinel** - *A stiff drink is called for after shopping for wineglasses/Send the Texas Legislature back to school/Golf course gets no green from city, despite chip shots from officials*: I liked the column headlines.

4. Bandera Bulletin - *What a tangled mess thieves weave/Grip & Grin/Lakebed stroll*: Liked the headlines but not as enticing as some others.

Division 8 Medium Weeklies

- Farmersville Times** - *This 'icing' takes the cake/Hay! There's a fire/Bridge gets bumped, then dumped*: Overall, the best complete entry; three clever, catchy headlines that succeed in piquing the reader's interest in the accompanying pieces. Nice job!
- The Canadian Record** - *Hold the sauce---Canadian likes it dry/City takes a bite out of blight/Bootin' the Bull at Saturday's Twist A Wish*: Catchy headlines that make good use of wording to catch the reader's eye, "Hold the sauce..." being the star of the show. Nice work!
- Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - *Workman stumps for tree bill/Putting the 'tee' in history/Pressure to Bear*: Clever word usage results in headlines that effectively and concisely capture the essence of their accompanying pieces.
- Castroville News Bulletin** - *From buck naked to booked.../To RV or not to RV.../Wet and wild times...*: Catchy headlines with nice word usage that pique the reader's interest.

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

- Springtown Epigraph** - *Let's get ready to ru-*

uuuuuumble/Ooooh, that smell.../What the frack?: Made me want to read more.

- Hico News Review** - *It's elementary... School Board meeting/Hico takes glad out of Gladiators/Holy Cow! Hico girl shows top Longhorn female at State Fair*: Liked the style.
- Cooper Review** - *Unusual Weeds?/Flushing Sensation ~ a new place to go!/How is my driving?*: Really liked Flushing Sensation.
- Sachse News** - *Search for Fire Chief/Tea-party/Lookin good*: Liked the Fire Chief headline.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

- Muleshoe Journal** - *Twister Gone Wrong/Wrestling Over Olympic Decision/If The Shoe Doesn't Fit... Watch The Teeth*: Headlines made me want to read every story
- Gladewater Mirror** - *Hard to Chill/Man gets 18 months/Chamber votes*: Good lead into stories.
- Ingleside Index** - *A warm "well"-come/One if by Land, Two if by Sea, Nueces County coming from both directions/Beeville burned by Gross misjudgments*: Good play on words.
- Presidio, The International** - *Playboy to erect sculpture near Marfa/\$51,000 confiscated: Dirty money in detergent box going into Mexico seized at Presidio port/Don't tread on Brewster County: 2nd Amendment supporters fill Alpine courthouse lawn*: Helped sell the stories

FeaturePhotos

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *Ready to ride/Trying to cool off*
2. **Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - *Aviation/Civil War*
3. **Clute, The Facts** - *Holi happiness/School of fish*
4. **Longview News-Journal** - *Participants get vibrant at Longview color run/Down and dirty*

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Huntsville Item** - *Longboards dominate the streets*
2. **Vernon Daily Record** - *Flying high/Wheat pretty much 'wiped out'*
3. **Weatherford Democrat** - *Mud splash/Girl with Santa*
4. **Palestine Herald Press** - *Sippin' and stompin'/Makin' the rounds*

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Marble Falls, The Highlander** - *Freedom Flies High/Winter Wonderland*
2. **Granbury, Hood County News** - *Wonderful water Wednesdays/Flowers for Iris*
3. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *An eye for entomology/Soak it in*
4. **Boerne Star** - *Fair Oaks Ranch marks 25 years/Daddy's Home!*

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Kilgore News Herald** - *New Heights/ Opening Night*
2. **Round Rock Leader** - *Outdoor play on a summer's day/Mariachis for mom*
3. **Perryton Herald** - *Face on the Sidewalk/A Visit with Santa Claus*
4. **Bastrop Advertiser** - *Inside the Science Park/Thunder rolls through Riverbend*

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Azle News** - *Egg hunt and Coach O.*
2. **Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - *Fog of Color/Leapin' like...*
3. **Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal** - *Reverence/Race is on*
4. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - *Faces of Summer/American Pride*

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Goldthwaite Eagle** - *Rain; Paper Airplanes*: Fun shots with interesting perspectives. The reflections in Rain make the shot, as do the paper airplanes in flight. Nice pairing of photos.
2. **Marfa, The Big Bend Sentinel** - *Alexis Quesada readies sisters Zyan and Zevri Llanez for their ballet folklorico performance/Marfa International School students and faculty members dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller"*: These are beautiful black and white shots, and one of the few entries that worked together as a pair. Thriller is gorgeous with plenty of faces and dynamic action.
3. **Irving, Rambler Newspapers** - *First responders honor their own/Large-scale exercise trains first responders for urban catastrophe*: First Responders is the better shot but this was one of the few entries where the pair of photos are related.
4. None selected.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - *On target/Icy fingers*: Love the blackbird shot! Good action, clean background, and I can see the spider. I also like the icicles - the background is identifiable but doesn't overwhelm the icicles.
2. **Iowa Park Leader** - *Sunrise on Peterson Road/Starting a New School Year*: Strong photos and interesting treatment with the flag.
3. **Mineola Monitor** - *Joy of the moment/Veterans Day parade*: Joy of the moment combines good dog action and the little girl's expression. The flyover shot has an interesting composition but could be a bit stronger. But there is only that fleeting moment to shoot the photo.
4. **Farmersville Times** - *Homecoming/Trophy*: Good solid people shots.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Westlake Picayune** - *Doggone tired; For love of dance*: Doggone tired is just doggone cute. I feel the tiredness of the dog and his weight on the girl's lap. Love it. The dance shot is also very strong but I wish the photographer had been positioned lower, and caught the leaping girl above the heads of the other dancers.
2. **Ingram, West Kerr Current** - *Theater/Stock Show*: Strong compositions and the cutlines were informative. A good package.
3. **Goliad Advance-Guard** - *Shadows of the Season*: Shadows of the season was by far the stronger shot. I would have paired the two shadow photos rather than adding the second entry.
4. **The Marlin Democrat** - *Mother's Day/WWII*: Tea time is a fun shot. I like the shoes in the foreground with flowers in them. WWII not as strong but still a good photo.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. **Ferris, The Ellis County Press** - *Enjoying the Ennis Bluebonnet Festival/Celebrating Independence*
2. **Presidio, The International** - *A young Presidio swimmer is all smiles shooting down the slide at Presidio's new aquatic center/The Presidio High School folkloric dancers*
3. **Red Oak Record** - *Santa received & Residents participated*
4. **Cedar Park, Hill Country News** - *Bulls, Broncos, and Cowboys- Keys on Fire*

* There were lots of entries in this category, but the winners really stood out from the crowd.



FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 2, 2ND PLACE

ANDREW BROSIG, NACOGDOCHES DAILY SENTINEL

"Dave Wallace talks Wednesday about the airplane he and his son, Lamar, built in a hanger at A.L. Mangham Regional Airport in Nacogdoches. The plane came as a kit, designed by Van's Aircraft Co. of Aurora, Ore., and carries an experimental designation, signifying the craft was at least 51 percent built by the owner. September 28, 2013.

FeaturePhotos



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE
RACHEL DENNY CLOW, CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

Patrick Smith is one of more than 430 riders in the South Texas Trail Riders 54th annual trail ride from Mathis to San Antonio. Hundreds of members converged in Mathis on Thursday night to get a few hours sleep before a 5 a.m. cattle call. February 2, 2013.

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE
MATT WEINTRITT, HUNTSVILLE ITEM

LONGBOARDERS DOMINATE THE STREETS - P.J. Clinton of the Sam Houston State University longboarding club carves around a corner on Rainbow Drive in Riverside. May 19, 2013.

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 6, 2ND PLACE
LISA TREIBER-WALTER, FREDERICKSBURG STANDARD-RADIO POST
 FOG OF COLOR - "I BELIEVE... I BELIEVE. I believe that we will win!" is chanted by the "Fred Heads" (a group of spirited Fredericksburg High School sports fans) as they throw pink powder up in honor of breast cancer awareness at the varsity football game at FHS Stadium. October 23, 2013.

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE
NIMAI MALLE, WESTLAKE PICAYUNE
 FOR LOVE OF DANCE - Westlake High School junior Elizabeth Gabriel dances to a "Romeo and Juliet" jazz routine during the Westlake Hyline dance team's annual presentation of Zenith. The event drew near-capacity crowds on all three nights. April 25, 2013.

NewsPhotos



CLOCKWISE

NEWS PHOTO, DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE
MIKE CHACANACA, VERNON DAILY RECORD
 A bystander carries a chicken to safety as flames from a burning storage building begin to spread towards a chicken coop and pen near the southeast corner of Bowie and Lamar.

NEWS PHOTO, DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE
JESSICA HAWLEY-JEROME, BANDERA BULLETIN
 HAPPY NEW YEAR — Caprice Jerome, Courtney Jerome, Corey Hawley and Sarah Hawley ring in the New Year. The family has commemorated the changing of years with sparklers for the newspaper since 2004.

NEWS PHOTO, DIVISION 4, 2ND PLACE
JEFF WICK, THE FAYETTE COUNTY RECORD
 HIGH WIRE ACT - Members of the La Grange volunteer fire department assist David Harrison out of his truck as it dangles on Highway 77 in downtown La Grange. The truck is suspended by a single guy-wire attached to an electrical pole. Harrison over-corrected after making a turn and hit the wire and the truck's momentum just kept it going up.



NewsPhotos



NEWS PHOTO, DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE
RICHARD GREENE, PILOT POINT POST-SIGNAL
GLOWING IN THE DARK — Firefighters from five area departments fought a stubborn hay fire on Fritcher Road east of Pilot Point.

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

- 1. Victoria Advocate** - *Daytime shooting leaves two hurt/Texas is grappling with a life-or-death situation*: Best "spot news" entry shows police with guns drawn and holding a suspect. The photographer was on the scene and made a good photograph.
- 2. New Braunfels, Herald-Zeitung** - *I-35 wreck/CHS student remembered*: Nice news photographs of an accident. The photograph of the embrace was nice.
- 3. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *Archaeology students dig up casket/Officer Jose Olivares searches for bullet casings*: A well executed photograph with good composition and a good angle.
- 4. Galveston County Daily News** - *Bon voyage!/Home Invasion*: The photographer did a good job of showing the event and had a great angle on the turtle.
* Lots of interesting photography that covered a wide area of news.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

- 1. Vernon Daily Record** - *Fire consumes chicken coop, storage building/Winter's back — with a vengeance*: The man saving a chicken made this a first place news photograph. The photographer was in the right place, got the flames and the unique moment of the man running with the chicken.
- 2. Waxahachie Daily Light** - *Disasters Strike*: I wonder if the photographer was wearing a Hazmat suite while covering this event. Good photos showing the devastation of the explosion.
- 3. Weatherford Democrat** - *Shattered Dreams/Flames Destroy Brock-area home*: Nice photograph that shows that these kids got the serious message about driving and drinking.
- 4. Seguin Gazette-Enterprise** - *Ablaze/Sharp drop*: A dramatic fire photo.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

- 1. Granbury, Hood County News** - *Miracles and Mayhem: The light of day.../Suspect killed*: Three photos that gave the reader a comprehensive view of the event. Well done.
- 2. La Grange, The Fayette County Record** - *High Wire Act/Brush Fire Spreads to Home*: This is a great news photograph showing the driver getting out of the truck while it was suspended.
- 3. Uvalde Leader-News** - *Dangerous equation/Bus roll-over crash*: Good news photograph of a car standing on end near a building. The photograph was taken when it was dark and the exposure is good.
- 4. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Fiery finish/Long walk*: The photograph of the aftermath of a car accident well done.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

- 1. The Bowie News** - *Deputy shot/Veteran marker dedicated*: A very well photographed story from the news event with the deputy being put in the ambulance to the coverage of how the community responded to the shooting.
- 2. Gonzales Inquirer** - *Hamilton St Fire/Fireball engulfs truck*: Good news photograph showing the vehicles in the garage, all are in flames.
- 3. Wharton Journal-Spectator** - *Three people killed in accident/Tower comes down*: Spectacular photograph of a car fully engulfed in flame.
- 4. Kilgore News Herald** - *To Your Safe Return/Tactical breach ends standoff with police*: A photograph that brings a smile to your face and a tug at your heart.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

- 1. Azle News** - *House explosion/Police stand off*: A moody photograph of the aftermath of a fire.
- 2. Pleasanton Express** - *Flipped Over/Three Alarm Fire*: Nice news photograph of a car accident with injuries. The photographer was on the spot and got the photo.
- 3. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice** - *Their memories, our story/Hindu and Jewish communities build unity*: A good story with a wonderful moment between the two girls and the older lady.
- 4. Rockdale Reporter** - *Beer Bust/Fully Engulfed*: Photographer got a good angle and got the picture of a lot of spilled beer.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

- 1. Bandera Bulletin** - *Happy New Year!/Texas traffic*: Very nice color. The emu was a nice addition.
- 2. Goldthwaite Eagle** - *Fire/Wind Turbine*
- 3. The Sealy News** - *Firefighters save two homes/The Sealy class of 2013*
- 4. Hamilton Herald-News** - *Daddy's Home/David's grocery*

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

- 1. Pilot Point Post-Signal** - *Glowing in the dark/Lady Cats bring home big prize*: The composition of this photo put it above the rest in this competition.
- 2. Whitehouse, Tri County Leader** - *State Bound/Lake*
- 3. Yoakum Herald** - *Wreck Photo/Santa Waving*
- 4. Aransas Pass Progress** - *Fire forces evacuations in Aransas Pass/Fire photo*

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

- 1. Meridian Tribune** - *Forget Me Not/Helicopter*
- 2. Cooper Review** - *HWY 24 crash/Ice Storm Powerline*
- 3. Smithville Times** - *Gone in minutes; Woman rescued from river*
- 4. Graford, Lake Country Sun** - *Fire school offers training, Fire severely damages*

Division 10

Small Weeklies

- 1. Big Lake Wildcat** - *Texas Size Memorial/A Servant's Heart*
- 2. Red Oak Record** - *Winter Ice Storm/Back from Football Playoffs*
- 3. Gladewater Mirror** - *Solicitation/Fire*
- 4. Clarendon Enterprise** - *Truck fire/Fire safety lesson*

NewsWriting

Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Victoria Advocate - *Goliad's \$1 million mess/Body found at hotel; suspect arrested*: The Advocate exemplifies what newspapers are meant to do in holding local officials accountable and educating the public about the misuse of funds with its investigation into a defunct loan program. The Advocate also turns a crime story into much more with a detailed and personal account of friendship and loss.

2. Galveston County Daily News - *Boston bombing/End of an Era*: The Daily News responds to a national breaking news event with tenacity as it localizes a tragedy and reaches out to those affected. The Daily News also provides substance and care to the account of a high-profile death to turn it into much more than the standard obituary.

3. Kerrville Daily Times - *'We are losing' - Shift in law enforcement focus makes drug war harder/Serial baby killer*

4. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - *Many families never know just how the journey ended/Taking action is key*

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Rosenberg, Fort Bend Herald & Texas

Coaster - Ex-sheriff drove in motorcade, carried JFKs body/Minority property owners suing over tax values

2. Weatherford Democrat - *Deadly dope/What to make of the shake*

3. Brownwood Bulletin - *Searching for Amber Lowery/Lowery capable of murder, according to brother*

4. Waxahachie Daily Light - *Maypearl speaks out on arming teachers/Law and justice*

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - *Nalley given max sentence/Chase ends here*: Nalley: story perfectly combines information from victim families and the other driver. Biographic information about the convict is a nice addition. Chase: Excellently and clearly explains a potentially confusing series of events.

2. Uvalde Leader-News - *Child's play leads to death/Boy's mom jailed on capital murder charge*: Pit bull story answers all of the reader's questions--why was the kid near the dog? Was the dog chained/fenced? What'd the owner do about it? Child abuse story is solid and clear.

3. Granbury, Hood County News - *I saw the tornado coming for us/Officials likely saved lives in shootout*: Great impact quotes on both stories. Really excellent in-depth coverage of the tornado. Information about the active shooter is a nice addition.

4. Marble Falls, The Highlander - *Hog Invasion!/Bridge Blast Claims*: Hog story: Great local coverage of a local menace.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Terrell Tribune - *Local residents react with shock, sadness/Williams, wife charged with capital murder*

2. Kilgore News Herald - *Dueling fire departments scrab over Sabine Plans for paid personnel vie with existing volunteers/Tactical breach ends standoff with police Suspect threatened to ignite propane gas as he and father*

3. Lampasas Dispatch Record - *County road worker killed in wreck/County says no to hyena plans*

4. Andrews County News - *Technology should bring drinking water.../Highway pursuit, carjack ends in suspect being shot*

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current - *It Seems Absurd/A Life Was Taken in that House*: Tying local issue into bigger issue of shrinking funds was well done.

2. Azle News - *Police standoff/Manhunt*: Great combination of police and first-hand account of this incident.

3. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - *Anywhere but Main/Teen dies after taking new chemical drug*: Leading with impact on students and the community is what made this story good.

4. Port Aransas South Jetty - *Algeria hostage/Schlitterbahn*: Good story to tell, and well reported, but I would have sought more corroboration, just to fill it out.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Kyle, Hays Free Press - *Embezzlement, lies and videotape/Kyle official owes taxes*: Both stories exhibited good digging and were told well.

2. The Sealy News - *SISD to have fullday pre-k program/Pumped up look at well field proposal*: Pre-k story was quite well done, but the \$300 a month seems steep. Isn't the value to parents as much day care as education? The oil field story was reported and presented well.

3. The Navasota Examiner - *Car dealer/Engineer takes responsibility*: Both stories were well reported and presented.

4. Kenedy, Karnes Countywide - *Public Calamity/Pioneer opens Pawnee facility*: Public calamity was quite well done. Thorough reporting and well organized. Unfortunately, Pioneer story could have been written by Pioneer's PR dept.

Division 8

Medium Weeklies

1. Mineola Monitor - *Truck hung on tracks a desperate situation/Mother trying to make good from nightmare*: Good stories that grab readers that are well told.

2. Pilot Point Post-Signal - *Not a question of if/It was*

a great shock: Good, solid work, but stories chosen were not quite as compelling as the winner's, in my opinion.

3. Lakeway, Lake Travis View - *LTYA officials: Ball in city's court/Officials tackle gridlock*: This newspaper shows a bent toward reader service. Both of these stories showed that and were well done.

4. Madisonville Meteor - *Madison Co. deputies, police get less pay despite big duties/Five men save life of Madison Co. woman*: Quotes were overused in the "deputies" piece. The "Five men" rescue story was handled quite well.

Division 9

Small-Medium Weeklies

1. Westlake Picayune - *Hiring process could change/'Felony Lane' cases still open*: These stories rose above the pack with strong leads and rich details. Stories gave readers everything they needed to know.

2. Smithville Times - *Woman rescued from river/Gone in minutes*: Two good breaking news stories with smart leads and compellingly written details.

3. The Marlin Democrat - *Murder trial involves many twists, turns/Feds arrest FOTB county park manager*: Good, hard-news writing. Strong leads and well-told stories covering complicated ground.

4. Springtown Epigraph - *Bus death/Bad smell*: Writing about the death of a child is among the most difficult duties there is in this business. The author handled it in an even-handed, controlled tone. Terrific lead in the bad smell story.

Division 10

Small Weeklies

1. Big Lake Wildcat - *Miracle on 1357/Heartbreak: Pair of house fires devastate two Big Lake families*: The best in this group made me want to read the stories

2. Brookshire, The Times Tribune - *Fort Bend County priming the pump ready to drain a drought strained Waller County/Brookshire Police Department brings man-hunt to successful end*: Long but good

3. Fritch, The Eagle Press - *Darker Christmas for City of Fritch/EDC Discusses Misappropriated Funds*: Made me want to look and read.

4. Whitewright Sun - *How safe is Highway 69?/Griffis was down but not out after accident*: Liked the way it was displayed

NewsWriting

NEWS WRITING, DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

Participant in history: The assassination of John F. Kennedy

Ex-sheriff drove in motorcade, carried JFK's body

BY DAVID EMSWILER
Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster

Young State Trooper Milton Wright, Badge No. 790, helped lift a mortally wounded President John F. Kennedy from the back seat of the limousine at Parkland Hospital in Dallas 50 years ago.

Wright and several Secret Service and FBI agents placed Kennedy on a gurney to be rushed into the emergency room.

Wright — who retired as Fort Bend County sheriff last December — had been one of the drivers in the presidential motorcade that day. He would end up being a participant in one of the most fateful days in American history.

He was just 25 years old, one of two state troopers assigned to assist the Kennedy motorcade through Dallas.

Now 75, he is still convinced that three shots came from the Texas School Book Depository building from one man's gun and that there was no conspiracy attached to the shooting.

Nov. 22, 1963

Wright was driving the fifth car in the motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963. It was a white 1964 Ford Mercury Comet convertible — a new Caliente model with a red interior.

His passengers were Dallas Mayor Earle Cabell, wife Elizabeth “Dearie” Cabell and U.S. Rep. Raymond Roberts.

It was a clear, sunny day as the procession reached Dealey Plaza.

At 12:21 p.m., the shots rang out.

Wright didn't see the shooting of Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally, or the dramatic crawl on the trunk by first lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

But he heard the shots. Clearly.

“Three shots,” he said. All from the same direction.

What followed was a harrowing 110-mph race to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Kennedy's driver didn't know the way, Wright said.

“The radios were weak and there were no cell phones back then,” he said.

A Dallas motorcycle oficer raced alongside to signal directions to the driver.

Shocking sight

As the motorcade pulled into the Parkland entrance, Kennedy's limousine was parked inside the emergency room sally port. The area was no bigger than a large living room,

Wright said, pointing from one side to the other of his Richmond home to describe the size.

Kennedy's head was lying to the side, against the back seat.

A Secret Service agent moved the president's head to a near-upright position. That exposed the extent of the injury.

A section of the president's skull was missing.

The agent showed momentary shock.

“He didn't take a breath. He wasn't expecting that,” Wright said. “I wasn't expecting it, either.”

The agent placed his coat over Kennedy's head and upper body.

Wright joined others in lifting the president onto a wheeled gurney.

“I don't know what role I played, whether it was an arm or foot or leg,” he said.

Wright also noticed that the trunk of Kennedy's limousine and another vehicle contained “stacks of machine guns” with banana-shape bullet clips.

“Two agents came out with what looked like AK-47s,” Wright said. “They set up a perimeter around the car. They are thinking security at this point. There was a fear of insurrection, that they would kill ... more than the president.”

Nuclear concern

Attention was also focused on the man now carrying “the ball,” Wright said. He was referring to what was nicknamed “the football.”

Wherever the president went, so did a suitcase of sorts — the “football” — that was chained to the wrist of an agent. The briefcase carried the secret daily codes needed to launch a nuclear attack, along with a list of targets and attack scenarios.

Wright briefly touched history even here.

When parts of the motorcade left Parkland to return to Air Force One at Love Field, Wright was assigned to drive White House staff members.

As he was about to pull out from the hospital, Liz Carpenter, the executive assistant to new President Lyndon Johnson, exclaimed from the back seat, “The ball, the ball, the ball!” — and called to the agent who carried the all-important suitcase.

That agent was Ira Gearhart of the U.S. Army, whose White House code names were variously “The Bagman,” “Shadow” and “Satchel.”

“We almost forgot him,” Wright said.

Wright was in the driver's seat of the two-

door convertible limousine. He pulled his seat forward to make room for the agent to get in back.

The agent carrying the suitcase, however, ran directly toward him, lunged between Wright and the steering wheel and came to rest on the center console.

“Can you imagine that?” Wright said. “I don't know why he didn't get in the back.”

First shift

Wright stood guard at Connally's bedside during the first shift the next morning.

The governor was recovering from surgery from his bullet wound to the chest.

Connally was sitting up at the side of the bed and speaking. The Texas governor would soon give a television interview from his hospital room describing the ordeal.

Life in flashback

The impact of Nov. 22, 1963, is still felt by the nation 50 years later.

Wright said he gave it the attention it deserved, but no more.

“I didn't think about it at all for 30 years, or 40,” he said.

News media inquiries, in part, prompted him to think back and share his memories of the events.

Lately, there are numerous TV specials on the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination. They offer flashbacks for Wright and his wife of 56 years, Marian.

“I've seen myself a time or two,” he said.

Marian Wright said she was on the phone with a friend as they watched one of the specials on Fox News Channel.

A man on screen at Parkland Hospital walked toward the camera.

It was Milton, she exclaimed.

“His hair was black and he looked so young,” she said.

“I saw a guy walking towards the camera and I realized, that's me,” he said. “I backed it up — and sure enough, there I was.”

About Milton Wright

Wright served 19 years as a Texas state trooper and 15 years as a Texas Ranger.

Before his law enforcement career, he served with the U.S. Navy, including nine months on board the USS Bonhomme Richard, a CVA attack-class aircraft carrier.

In Fort Bend County, most know him as the sheriff. He retired in December 2012 after four terms and 16 years.

The 52-year peace was born in Rogers,

where he served up sodas and malts at Dabney's Drug Store.

“They paid 50 cents an hour and all the sodas you wanted,” Wright said. “After three days I didn't want to see another soda or malt.”

When he was 13 or 14 years old, two state troopers took seats at the counter for lunch.

“They were probably the first state highway patrolman I had ever seen,” he said.

He was struck by their uniforms, their professionalism.

“It looked like you could shave with the tight creases, the spit and polish,” he said. “I knew at that very moment what I wanted to do in life.”

No conspiracy

Wright didn't see the assassination. But he heard it — and clearly, he said.

Asked if he believes there was a conspiracy involved, Wright responded quickly: “No.”

“There were three shots. I heard all three shots very distinctly. All of the shots were alike,” he said.

“With the second and third shots, you could tell the volume and the direction from which the shots were coming. If there would have been another shot on the other side, you would have known.”

Wright said all the shots rang out with the same “concussion” from the Texas School Book Depository.

He said he actually felt the vibration of at least one of the shots.

Wright said he recommends the Bill O'Reilly book “Killing Kennedy.” He called it a factual account of what happened, minus one point.

The book states Wright's car was the sixth or seventh car in the motorcade.

“I don't remember being in the sixth or seventh car,” Wright said. “I remember being in the fifth car.”

“Either he was wrong or I was wrong. But I think he was wrong.”

Wright's car was indeed fifth counting from the presidential limousine. If one were to include the advance, pilot and lead cars that preceded the Kennedy limousine, Wright's car was eighth.

Wright said his partner, Herschel Jackson, was driving the car in front of him. That car carried Vice President Lyndon Johnson, who in a few tragic hours would be sworn in as president.

PageDesign

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DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE

DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE

DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel - Nice clean layout.
2. Galveston County Daily News - Good use of graphics.
3. Longview News-Journal - Good consistent use of headers and style.
4. Odessa American - Nice use of image on front page.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. Marshall News Messenger - Clean design. Easy to follow.
2. Waxahachie Daily Light - Good use of graphic elements throughout.
3. Brownwood Bulletin - Nice use of graphics.
4. Athens Daily Review - Easy to follow design.

Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. Granbury, Hood County News - Clean layout and eye-catching graphics.
2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - Good use of graphics.
3. Uvalde Leader-News - Layout is easy to follow and understand.
4. La Grange, Fayette County Record - Easy to follow layout.

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. Kilgore News Herald - Clean design and nice use of graphics.
2. Beeville Bee-Picayune - Nice use of graphics.
3. El Campo Leader-News - Easy to follow design.
4. Center, The Light & Champion - Clean design.

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. Pleasanton Express - Use of graphic complements design.
2. Port Aransas South Jetty - Eye-catching design.
3. The Belton Journal - Nice use of graphics
4. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - Easy to follow design.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. Kyle, Hays Free Press - Nice use of headlines.
2. The Sealy News - Clean design.
3. Kenedy, Karnes Countywide - Clean and easy to follow.
4. The Navasota Examiner - Easy to follow design.

PageDesign

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



Division 8 Medium Weeklies

1. Farmersville Times
2. Glen Rose Reporter
3. The Cameron Herald
4. The Canadian Record

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. The Marlin Democrat
2. Westlake Picayune
3. Ozona Stockman
4. Meridian Tribune

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. Red Oak Record - Seems like they were trying to take a few risks.
 2. Ferris, The Ellis County Press - A very solid entry.
 3. Gladewater Mirror - A very good job overall.
 4. Brookshire, The Times Tribune - Good job.
- * This was a close competition. It was difficult to pick a winner among the top contenders. All of them did a good job.

DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Special Sections

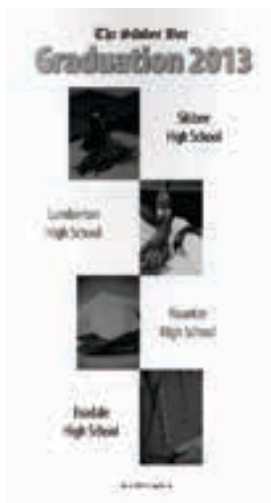
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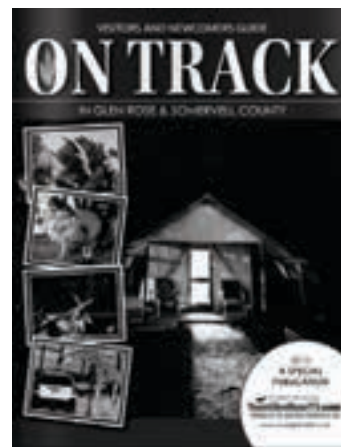
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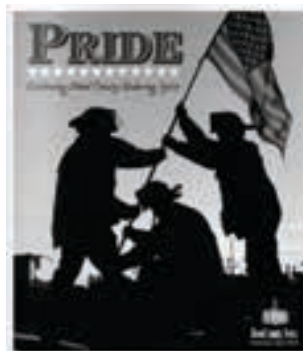
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BLUE MOON, WEEKLY B,
1ST PLACE



Routine Special Section

Daily

1. Denton Record-Chronicle
2. Galveston County Daily News
3. Victoria Advocate
4. Weatherford Democrat

Semiweekly

1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger
2. La Grange, Fayette County Record
3. Boerne Star
4. El Campo Leader News - Backgrounds behind sections tie them together, but can be a little distracting. Great to include a business directory.

Weekly A

1. Silsbee Bee - Community-driven special issue. Focused content, ads and editorial. Pleasing layout, good photographs.
2. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - If size matters, this is a winner. Great thematic special section packed with information and ads. Layout little clunky.
3. The Wylie News - Easy to achieve, visually appealing. Schedules and rosters comprise most of content, which in fact gives keepsake appeal and reference material.
4. The Gonzales Cannon - Clean layout. Thematically interesting although no transition between historical and modern.

Weekly B

1. Glen Rose Reporter - Comprehensive guide to area, including maps and business directories. Visually bright & appealing. Seems to have sold well.

2. The Canadian Record - Visually very appealing. Consistent theme and color scheme throughout bind issue together.

3. The Clifton Record - Ambitious special issue aggregating several high schools. Execution balanced. Visually appealing.

4. Whitehouse, Tri County Leader - Great cover. Nice cover of county sports. Would have liked to see more advertising.

Weekly C

1. Smithville Times - Good design, easy to navigate. Comprehensive content.
2. Big Lake Wildcat - Nicely designed. Clean and easy to read. Has the kids front and center with a nice amount of ad space. Really well done package.
3. Cedar Park, Hill Country News - Informative and fun to read. A lot of great info eel organized and designed.

Special Sections

4. Murphy Monitor - Great cover! Nice inside too.

Blue Moon Special Section

Daily

1. Denton Record-Chronicle - Packed with information and lots of great photos, very accessible to reader. Well-designed (I would have preferred rag type, justified looked dated).

2. Galveston County Daily News - Lots of information and photos; looks great. An obvious investment of time and resources

3. Corpus Christi Caller-Times

4. Cleburne Times-Review - Beautiful section with lots of information and great photos. Handsome design.

Semiweekly

1. Granbury, Hood County News - Moving vignettes of community spirit; nicely displayed.

2. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - One of the best-done JFK commemorative sections I've seen: all the local stories. Well-designed.

3. La Grange, The Fayette County Record

4. Kilgore News-Herald - A very good special section on a community event. It contained plenty of consumer info, history, photos and little bit of fun -- beans vs. no beans. Layout was clean and easy to follow.

Weekly A

1. Fort Worth Business Press - This was an excellent job of finding the local angle to a world-changing event. The fact that President Kennedy gave his last speech in Fort Worth was a great hook. From there the writing was excellent. The section contained lots of interesting anecdotes and memories from people who were there, as well as community members in general. Nice use of historical photos, and some of the portraits of those interviewed were excellent. A very well done piece.

2. Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal - I'll be upfront. I thought I would have a hard time giving an award to a section honoring an individual who happens to be a phenom on the field, but who has made some questionable decisions off the field. And I notice none of that was in the section. However, the purpose of the section was to be a tribute to the hometown kid who has certainly made it big on the national stage. And it delivers. The design was very well done -- especially given that 90 percent of the photos were similar. But the designer came up with ways to make them jump off the page. Nice use of white space and typography made this a very attractive section. Good interviews with former coaches, etc., made for interesting reading. Good use of graphics, and very well organized.

3. Azle News - Very good section on two teams -- I liked the way each team backed into the middle. you could select which was your cover. Lots of photos, stories, team info, etc. This is a section I'm sure a lot of readers kept.

4. Woodville, Tyler County Booster - A fun section about hometown girl makes good.

Weekly B

1. The Dublin Citizen - Easily the best entry. Nice profiles. A little too much trust in Spellcheck.

2. Pilot Point Post-Signal - Really nice photos, good commentary

3. Meridian Tribune - This special section certainly accomplished what it set out to do -- highlight area public service agencies. The profiles were well written, but the icing on the cake was Brett Voss' story about his uncle. It revealed not only a fine Texan, but the heritage of his public service. Photos and layout were terrific, too.

4. Olney Enterprise - Most topics covered in special sections are predictable: This one wasn't. Highlighting those truly unsung heroes of the Hospital Auxiliary is a great community service, and the section was well done. Liked the older photos, too.

Community Service

Daily Division

1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - This is the clear winner in this category. Coverage was both comprehensive and lived up to its ambition. Its impact is measured in the sheer magnitude of compassionate, interactive and relentless coverage. The local significance is huge, yet other newspapers might have only given routine coverage to such a persistent problem. Everything about this was executed well, from the reporting to the editing, the design to the digital media platforms that were used to increase engagement. This was as courageous as it is compassionate.

2. Victoria Advocate - Comprehensive, dogged. Good work.

3. Clute, The Facts - Fascinating reads.

4. Longview News-Journal - Good work.

Semiweekly Division

1. Marble Falls, The Highlander - Courageous, diligent work.

2. Beeville Bee-Picayune - Newspapers and the First Amendment go hand in hand. This is a contentious subject, handled well. Clearly the community was engaged.

3. Kilgore News Herald - Too much with the Kilgo titles! But the community responded and having twice the budget to work with next year must be exciting.

4. Eastland, Ranger Times - This is a life or death issue and the newspaper should be commended for its efforts to make the road safer. Presentation could be better.

Weekly Division

1. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post - I would have preferred to see this limited to the "designer drug" mentioned in the first story. Lumping all anti-drug stuff together weakens the entry.

2. The Sealy News - Very nice example of the newspaper providing the information the community needs to make informed choices. I love a robust letters to the editor page!

3. The Fairfield Recorder - A lovely event but not led by the newspaper.

4. The Gonzales Cannon - An interesting historical event but not led by the newspaper.

SportsCoverage

DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE



Division 2

Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Baytown Sun** - Striking layout.
2. **Denton Record-Chronicle** - Wonderful story with a parent in the military who is able to still share in their family life here at home.
3. **Galveston County Daily News**
4. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - Catching lay-out.

Division 3

Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Waxahachie Daily Light** - Well done story about a young persons' Olympic goals.
2. **Rosenberg, Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster** - Nice back story on this veteran announcer.
3. **Huntsville Item** - Great use of action photos.
4. **Vernon Daily Record** - Great use of action photos

DIVISION 3, 1ST PLACE



Division 4

Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - Nice use of colorful photos
2. **Uvalde Leader-News** - Good story about the men in the striped shirts.
3. **La Grange, The Fayette County Record** - Excellent tribute.
4. **Boerne Star** - Lots of local with excellent pictures

Division 5

Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **The Bowie News**
2. **Eastland Telegram**
3. **Round Rock Leader**
4. **Lampasas Dispatch Record**

Division 6

Large Weeklies

1. **Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal** - Outstanding design and photography. Top notch reporting and writing.
2. **Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - Eye catching design and interesting well written stories.

DIVISION 4, 1ST PLACE



3. **The Belton Journal** - A unique take on sports coverage. A breath of fresh air.

4. **Pleasanton Express** - Tight design and clean, crisp writing.
* A talented and exciting group. It was difficult to make a decision.

Division 7

Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Irving, Rambler Newspapers** - Really diverse content. Stood out from the rest of the field. I liked that the entries were more than just game stories.
2. **Columbus, Colorado County Citizen** - Some of the best sports writing in the field. The copy reads as if it is from a major metropolitan daily. The writer is very talented. Design is outstanding as well.
3. **Hearne, Robertson County News** - By far the most personality out of all the papers. Easy to tell the writer is dedicated to covering the region's teams. Game stories were a joy to read
4. **Kyle, Hays Free Press** - Best design. I liked that the paper ran a story about crew in football crazy Texas. I applaud the paper for highlighting a niche sport.
* It was difficult to whittle the field down to four. There about six that were well deserving of an award. This was a strong division with good representation.

DIVISION 5, 1ST PLACE



SportsCoverage

DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 7, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 8, 1ST PLACE



DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE



Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Smithville Times** - Job well done. Clean copy, elegant design.
 2. **Princeton Herald** - Logical, thoughtful beautiful design. Easy and enjoyable to read.
 3. **Westlake Picayune** - Simple, stylish design. Top notch writing.
 4. **Meridian Tribune** - Great writing anchored by strong design skills.
- * A strong field. This was a difficult decision.

DIVISION 10, 1ST PLACE



Division 8 Medium Weeklies

1. **Lakeway, Lake Travis View** - Far and away the best of the bunch. Took approaches not seen among the other competitors. Went beyond traditional game stories for compelling features. Loved the column about use of 'Lady' in girls sports. Great profiles as well. Job well done.
 2. **Daingerfield, The Bee** - Nice design. Liked the paper stepped out of their comfort zone and wrote a story about a German exchange student.
 3. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - Excellent design with the weight lifter story. A great story overall about the weight lifter. Solid, well rounded coverage.
 4. **Glen Rose Reporter** - Liked that the paper tried to be ambitious with its design concepts. The design was complemented by its rock solid reporting.
- * A well rounded competition with competitive entries.

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. **Murphy Monitor** - Well rounded coverage with good photos.
2. **Cedar Park, Hill Country News** - Very nice success story
3. **Muleshoe Journal** - Great coverage that includes the 7th and 8th grades.
4. **Red Oak Record** - Nice layout with good photos.

Website

Daily

1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times - Great design - look and feel. Easy to read. More than just straight category listings. Nice to see the Special report highlighted on the home page. Really well done.

2. Victoria Advocate - Nice, fresh design. Organized well. Ads well placed.

3. Galveston County Daily News - Clean and open. Nice order to categories on home page.

4. Lufkin Daily News - Great use of images on home page.

* Great to see so many well thought out sites, tough to choose!

Semiweekly

1. Granbury, Hood County News - Clean, nice, easy to read and understand. All categories easily found.

2. La Grange, The Fayette County Record - Looks good, Nice graphic on home page.

3. Decatur, Wise County Messenger - Nice and wide open. Organized well. Only things I would mention - letter stated there was an email to sign up for. I didn't see how to do this. I looked around but didn't see it. Also might want to re-think calling out a website as the online edition. We're already online so we understand this site is too. Also got an error trying to access Daily Update (WP-Filebase Error: Could not include class file 'File'! WP-Filebase Error: Could not include class file 'Category'!) Love the chupacabra section.

4. Center, The Light & Champion - Great balance of images and text. Great look. Well done!

Weekly A

1. Woodville, Tyler County Booster - Open and clean. Nice commitment to video. Great to see a meetings category.

2. Pleasanton Express - A lot of content. I would look to make ads more web friendly. Many look like resized print ads. Too wordy and no call to action to click.

3. Houston, Jewish Herald-Voice

4. Port Aransas South Jetty

Weekly B

1. Glen Rose Reporter - You're doing it right! Daily updates. fresh content, great galleries, video. You don't lean back on being a weekly. You're a daily on the web. What users look for. Great work!

2. The Canadian Record - Nice look and feel. Could use more content.

3. Castroville News Bulletin - Not finding stories. Giant watermark on images very distracting. Images are low res and reproduce poorly.

4. The Liberty Hill Independent - Clean and easy to read. Nice photo space at the top. Comfortable to use.

Sweepstakes Winners

Division 2

- 1. Corpus Christi Caller-Times** – 500 points
- 2. Baytown Sun** – 325 points
- 3. Victoria Advocate** – 325 points
- 4. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** – 275 points

Division 3:

- 1. Waxahachie Daily Light** – 475 points
- 2. Huntsville Item** – 375 points
- 3. Vernon Daily Record** – 325 points
- 4. Rosenberg, Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster** – 275 points

Division 4:

- 1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger** – 800 points
- 2. Granbury, Hood County News** – 550 points
- 3. Uvalde Leader News** – 475 points
- 4. Marble Falls, The Highlander** – 450 points

Division 5

- 1. Kilgore News Herald** – 700 points
- 2. Lampasas Dispatch Record** – 325 points
- 3. Round Rock Leader** – 250 points
- 4. Beeville Bee-Picayune** – 250 points

Division 6

- 1. Pleasanton Express** - 425 points
- 2. Azle News** - 425 points
- 3. Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post** - 425 points
- 4. Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - 300 points

Division 7

- 1. Kyle, Hays Free Press** – 500 points
- 2. The Sealy News** – 300 points
- 3. The Fairfield Recorder** – 250 points
- 4. Irving, Rambler Newspapers** – 250 points

Division 8

- 1. Pilot Point Post-Signal** – 475 points
- 2. The Canadian Record** – 450 points
- 3. Mineola Monitor** – 325 points
- 4. Farmersville Times** – 325 points

Division 9

- 1. Westlake Picayune** – 600 points
- 2. Smithville Times** – 425 points
- 3. Princeton Herald** – 350 points
- 4. Meridian Tribune** – 300 points

Division 10

- 1. Red Oak Record** – 475 points
- 2. Clarendon Enterprise** – 350 points
- 3. Ferris, The Ellis County Press** – 325 points
- 4. Murphy Monitor** – 250 points

SportsPhotos

Division 2 Dailies 7,000 to 99,999

1. **Denton Record-Chronicle** - *Down and out/UNT makes its own big plays*
2. **Baytown Sun** - *Bullrider/Softball dugout*
3. **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** - *Rodeo/Ladies basketball*
4. **Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel** - *Basketball/Football*

Division 3 Dailies Less Than 7,000

1. **Vernon Daily Record** - *Complete domination in Iowa Park/Arena excitement continues on 2nd night of Santa Rosa Rodeo: Nice action shot on part 1 and 2.*
2. **Waxahachie Daily Light** - *Forced fumble/Jr. High Warriors: Nice shot of all 3 in part 2.*
3. **Athens Daily Review** - *Wrapping up the regular season/Flipped out: Nice frozen shot.*
4. **Huntsville Item** - *Blown out/Sam still standing after wild shootout in Houston: Nice close up of one teammate to another.*

Division 4 Semiweeklies 4,001 or More

1. **Decatur, Wise County Messenger** - *Chin down, legs up/Roll with the punches: Nice action shot on part 1 and what a knockout on part 2.*
2. **La Grange, Fayette County Record** - *Purple Reign, Gold Rush/It's 'Soft'ball in Name Only: Looks like one can really fly.*
3. **Granbury, Hood County News** - *Clearing hurdles/Going for a little more: Great stop motion action shot.*
4. **Boerne Star** - *Chargers advance/Brown qualifies: Looks like both are head bunting the ball, nice shot.*

Division 5 Semiweeklies Less Than 4,000

1. **Kilgore News Herald** - *FLYING HIGH/Christmas Cheer*
2. **Terrell Tribune** - *North Forney's Hunter Herndon leaping over a defender/Water skiing photo*
3. **Cisco Press** - *Mason Reed getting the leadership the Lobos need/Jackie Witt qualifies for the Area Pole Vault*
4. **Lampasas Dispatch Record** - *Wild ride/Basketball photo*

Division 6 Large Weeklies

1. **Azle News** - *Soccer/Pole vault*
2. **Silsbee Bee** - *Just out of reach/Hold your horses*
3. **Pleasanton Express** - *Indians drop three -game series to George West/District Track (Selena Richardson)*
4. **Pearsall, Frio-Nueces Current** - *Pearsall Football/Pearsall Girls Basketball*

Division 7 Medium-Large Weeklies

1. **Cuero Record** - *Sheppard state/Apaches*
2. **The Sealy News** - *Tiger two-a-days/Sealy puts in Tiger-rific efforts in 2013 season*
3. **Mission, Progress Times** - *Sharyland makes key plays to overcome Harlingen/Rattlers muzzle Bulldogs, advance to regionals*
4. **Goldthwaite Eagle** - *Football Fever/Ride 'Em Cowboy!*

Division 8 Medium Weeklies

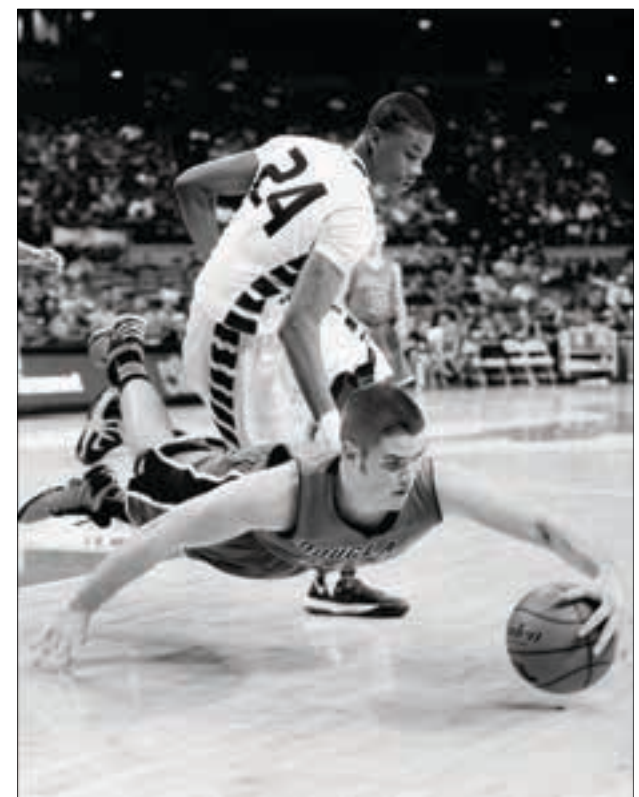
1. **Farmersville Times** - *All wound up/Out in style*
2. **Mineola Monitor** - *How you loosen up/Cetara Carter gets one of her 11 kills as teammate Kaylee Bizzell looks to assist on the play*
3. **The Canadian Record** - *Long jump/Bull rider*
4. **Pilot Point Post-Signal** - *Pilot Point's Ian Dietz sprinted toward the finish line/Pilot Point's Creed Bright flew over*

Division 9 Small-Medium Weeklies

1. **Princeton Herald** - *Maintaining balance; Down to business*
2. **Westlake Picayune** - *Girls pace pair of Westlake tennis wins/Chaps look to dodge Steele's punch*
3. **Hico News Review** - *Blake Wood 1st Hico State Track Champion/Hico trounces Santo 35-12, hurdles toward playoffs*
4. **Eldorado Success** - *Miranda Arispe appears to strike a ballet pose as she lofts a shot toward the goal during the Lady Eagles 51-28 victory over the Ozona Lady Lions/Jonah Penkszyk was the first batter of the Eldorado T-Ball season*

Division 10 Small Weeklies

1. **Red Oak Record** - *Local skier/The Lions' Runner*
2. **Murphy Monitor** - *Heading to Lake Highlands/Tracking it down*
3. **Clarendon Enterprise** - *End of the Road/Lone Ranger*
4. **Muleshoe Journal** - *Sometimes You Just Know/Coming Through!*



SPORTS PHOTO, DIVISION 2, 4TH PLACE
ANDREW BROSIG, NACOGDOCHES DAILY SENTINEL
 GREAT JOURNEY, SAD ENDING: Douglass drops state championship game to Roxton - Douglass senior Jake Raines, front, hooks a loose ball in front of Roxton junior James Black (24) during the first half of the UIL Class A Division 11 finals.

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SportsPhotos



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SPORTS PHOTO, DIVISION 6, 1ST PLACE

MARK K. CAMPBELL, AZLE NEWS

Lady Horney Sarah Hall shatters her own pole vault record, soaring 12 feet, 6 inches at the district meet in Little Elm April 9.

SPORTS PHOTO, DIVISION 3, 4TH PLACE

D.J. SHAFER, HUNTSVILLE ITEM

Bearkats quarterback Brian Bell, consoles teammate Timothy Flanders on Saturday afternoon as the Bearkats fell to North Dakota State 39-13 in the NCAA Division 1 Football Championship Game in Frisco. Bell combined 281 total yards of offense, but he got banged around by the Bison defense and threw three interceptions in the Kats' second consecutive championship game loss to North Dakota State.

SPORTS PHOTO, DIVISION 9, 1ST PLACE

VICTOR TAPIA, PRINCETON HERALD

Camden Duzenack is caught at third by Riley Lowrance during a District 12-3A first-place tiebreaker game at McKinney's Al Alford Field.

