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## Weekly Class 1

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Tri-City News, Jeff Wilder  
Suggest a consistent page layout with an editorial on a local issue, local columnists, cartoon and letters. Tell readers to keep them short.

### Category 2

#### Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike  
Concise, thorough coverage of what could have been a highly sensational story. No holes and fine adherence to AP style. Informational lead graph.

Second Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike  
Good lead, thorough reporting. Wish headline reflected lead better. Solid writing.

Third Place - Tri-City News, John Scott  
Good analysis using outside sources to confirm violation. Wish there was a quote from a council member.

Honorable Mention - Herald News, Judy Wright

Got the facts, although adherence to grammar occasionally wanes.

### Category 3

#### Best General News Story

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Mattox

Nice use of narrative elements in a general news story, good job of including background info on story in second paragraph.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Good reporting, nice quotes, flows well.

Third Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Good reporting and balance.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - McLean County News, Beth Wilberding

Great angle, well written. Nice way to make an otherwise boring story interesting and engaging.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Neat twist in lead. Interesting story, off-the-radar of typical news. Paragraphs a bit choppy, watch for flow.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Cool quirky little feature, well written.

Honorable Mention - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Mattox

Nice lead, but watch that you aren't slanting your writing in favor of your subject, you can be enthusiastic without being too slanted. Also, watch length of leads (and all graphs, for that matter).

Honorable Mention - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Neat lead, good extensive reporting, but don't bury the current story under the history, bring graph up in text.

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Guy M. Townsend

Columns regarding church v. state are obviously biased but well-reasoned and entertaining.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Well-written, easily digestible pieces about simple things that readily appeal to readers.

Third Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Well written column about pedestrian issue.

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

No Entries

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Brad Laux

It's not often that I'll read a lap-by-lap account of a track event, but Laux's reporting made me want to finish this one. Good work.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Good game story on volleyball playoffs.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Another good high school sports story, this one on football.

Honorable Mention - Herald News, Scott Morgan

Good job covering less than exciting middle school football game.

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

A good read with quotes and detail giving an insight into female football player.

Second Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Brad Laux

Well done story on former major leaguer that would have been helped by better art or pictures from big league days.

Third Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Carolyn Schwartz

Another good feature about local athlete in little known sport.

### Category 9 - Best

#### Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Excellent piece, well written and balanced!

Second Place - Tri-City News, John Scott

Good news analysis, but be careful not to editorialize.

Third Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby

Interesting and complicated subject, consider putting official sources closer to top of story, digging around to find the other side, what do their employers think? This perhaps should have been broken up into a series.

Honorable Mention - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Mattox

Interesting, good reporting.

### Category 10

#### Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Far-reaching series that back up accolades with numbers.

Second Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Well-written story on timely topic. Wish reporter had more sources.

### Category 11

#### Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby

Excellent chronicle of a big story as it unfolds. Best news reporting I've read all day. Keep up the good work.

Second Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Mattox

Interesting story, good follow-up.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Good reporting and follow-up.

### Category 12

#### Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Clear, concise account of a buyout that will obviously affect the area. Timeline a great touch.

Second Place - McLean County News, Joanna Spelbring Priester

Localized a national trend in a clean concise manner.

Third Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Carolyn Schwartz

Ode to a crop of the past. Nice agri-feature.

### Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Second Place - McLean County News, Keith E. Bratcher

Third Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Carolyn Schwartz

### Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Good shot, tells the story.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

### Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Second Place - Tri-City News, John Scott

### Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Very moving composition.

**Keep The Public Informed!**

At the beginning of his administration a couple of months ago, Cumberland Mayor Carl Hatfield stated, "I intend to continue providing information concerning city finances, good or bad, to inform the public of our situation to any and all news sources that will publish it."

That is not what happened at a meeting on May 30 at the Cumberland Water Plant.

The meeting was termed a "special emergency meeting." The city is by law required to give notice to the media and public of special meetings 24 hours in advance of the meeting time - a notice which the Tri-City News has given.

Kentucky Revised Statutes states "In the case of an emergency which prevents compliance with the notice requirements, this subsection shall govern a public agency's conduct of a special meeting. The special meeting shall be called by the presiding officers or a majority of the members of the public agency. The public agency shall make a reasonable effort, under emergency circumstances, to notify the members of the agency, media organizations which have filed a written request to be notified, and the public of the emergency meeting. At the beginning of the emergency meeting, the person chairing the meeting shall briefly describe for the record the emergency circumstances preventing compliance with the notice provisions. These comments shall appear in the minutes. Discussions and action at the emergency meeting shall be limited to the emergency for which the meeting is called."

The recorded minutes admitted the legality of the meeting as they stated "Due to a malfunction of equipment and possible pollution of river water endangering the health of citizens and since this problem has existed for more than three weeks Mayor Carl Hatfield determined that this was an emergency."

The fact that the problem had existed for three weeks gave the Mayor at least 21 times in which he could have called a special meeting and given the required 24 hours notice to the media.

This meeting was indeed a direct conflict with Mayor Hatfield's statement to keep the public informed.



**Give Us a Sign**

April showers bring flowering frustration

Oh Captain, My Captain

Some of the first-place winners for Weekly Class 1 include Jeff Wilder of the Tri-City News for best editorial (left), Darren Pike of The Trimble Banner in the best feature picture category (center) and Jessica West Bratcher of McLean County News for headline (above).

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Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Love your selective focus, while keeping the children's expressions in the shot.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

This composition creates emotion. Good shot!

Honorable Mention - Flemingsburg Gazette, Carolyn Schwartz

Honorable Mention - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

**Category 17**

**Best Picture Essay**

**(Spot, General or Feature)**

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Strong photos, good composition.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Like the different takes on the prom.

Third Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Well done, good story.

**Category 18 - Best Sports Picture**

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Love the unique shot. Very different.

Second Place - Lyon County Herald Ledger, Jody Norwood

Great action shot.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Caught the facial expressions.

**Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay**

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Spelbring Priestler, Gary Emord Netzley

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

**Category 20 - Special Sections**

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Organized and well-executed. In-house produced editorial will be something readers will keep. Cover is a little busy, read font is a bit dated looking. All in all, good job.

Second Place - Tri-City News, Staff

Editorial organized and useful, shows hard work of staff. Photos should be flush with columns, watch capitals and passive voice in headlines. Clean ad design, overall great resource for readers.

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Great design, cover immediately draws reader, looks like a daily. Nice use of white space.

**Category 21 - Best Graphic**

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Good way to visually conceptualize a potentially complex story. Good use of text within the graphic.

**Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section**

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

Diverse coverage, nice blend of features, news, good photography and design. Good leads.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Nice use of photography in design, great photos.

Third Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Brad Laux Good, diverse coverage of all sports by one writer. Very impressive!

**Category 23**

**Best Business/Agribusiness Page**

No Entries

**Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page**

Certificate of Merit - McLean County News, Jessica West Bratcher

**Category 25 - Best Editorial Page**

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Guy Townsend

A suggestion would be shorter columns to add another columnist or two. Suggest also an editorial on same local subject each week. Columns are fine, good work.

**Category 26 - Best Front Page**

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priestler

Good photography and design. Perhaps too much weight given to features on front. Prefer thinner mast.

Second Place - Lyon County Herald Ledger, Jody Norwood

Well-designed full quotes and photo box. Shows news balance. Don't like pink sidebar.

Third Place - Trimble Banner, Darren Pike

Mix up template for front and lose Gothic capitals at bottom. Nice photography and color variance for mast. Good news balance.

## Weekly Class 2

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

Excellent editorials on local issues. Keep up good work. A little long but good comments. Could use a better page layout.

Second Place - McCreary County Voice, Staff

Good subjects for an editorial. I'd put a headline on each. Like your placement on page too.

Third Place - Greenup County News Times, Cathie Shaffer

Good subjects for editorials. Suggestion, use 14 pt type for editorials so they stand out against columns. Keep up good work!

Honorable Mention - Citizen Voice & Times, Jeff Kerr

Suggest editor write an editorial each week on a local issue, separate from columns. Readers will like it.

### Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Falmouth Outlook, Jackie Vaughn

Great job of reporting. The dog story was especially good. Keep up good work.

Second Place - LaRue County Herald News, Tom Pitt

Good stories, good work. Keep after the meth situation.

Third Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

### Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Nice detail, writing, good topic.

Second Place - News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

Lots of good research. Story was interesting; perhaps too long.

Third Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

Good topic, nice writing.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - LaRue County Herald News, Ronnie Benningfield

Great story on a subject that many men fear. Thanks for the story. Excellent!!

Second Place - News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

Excellent story on what some consider a fading industry.

Third Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

These kind of stories always make great features. Good job!

Honorable Mention - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Honorable Mention - News Democrat, Lorrie Kinkade

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Columnist writes with humor and intelligence. Her columns about her family and home are true slices of the real America.

Second Place - News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

Her "Mother Nature" column is excellent and worthy of any newspaper in the land. Others good, but a little light.

Third Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland

Writer perfectly captures her slices of life. I feel as if I know her, her family and her community.

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Cadiz Record, Scott Brown

Good local content.

Second Place - Hardin County Independent, Martin Hepner

Nice light touch with a human interest entries.

Third Place - Henry County Local, Tommie Kendall

Nice sense of humor.

Honorable Mention - McCreary County Voice, Greg Bird

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith

Nice writing, good detail, interesting topic.

Second Place - Henry County Local, Tommie Kendall

Third Place - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith

Great lead, sets scene nicely. Interesting feature.

Second Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

Nice feature, well written.

Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Angelia R. Hawkins

Neat story, off-the-beaten path.

### Category 9

#### Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

The series, "Make Yourself at Home," clearly stands out as an informative and thorough analysis of the growth and problems.

Second Place - Cadiz Record, Eric Snyder

Article with wide appeal. Good photo and interesting interviews.

Third Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

It's hard to get someone to talk about a drinking problem as frankly as subject did. Well presented and informative.

### Category 10

#### Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland

Great job on a subject all too familiar but a lot of folks don't know it. Great information.

Second Place - Union County Advocate, Leigh Ann Tipton

Great information on a story that's happening a lot of places. Good job.

Third Place - Greenup County News Times, Cathie Shaffer

Good job of reporting, good information for the community

Honorable Mention - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

### Category 11

#### Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

No Entries

### Category 12

#### Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Cadiz Record, Eric Snyder

Are sunflowers the new tobacco? A surprising and enlightening article. Visual details are good, quotes carry a reader through till the end.

Second Place - Citizen Voice & Times, Rhonda Smyth

An interesting profile, how one man carves out a niche for himself in fading agricultural environment.

Third Place - Citizen Voice & Times, Jeff Kerr

There were many entries focused on the tobacco buyout issue. Kerr's article dealt with the issue comprehensively.

### Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland

Good headlines but be careful not to trivialize a serious news story.

Second Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback

Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Jenny Searcy

Honorable Mention - News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

### Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

Second Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Angelia R. Hawkins

Honorable Mention - McCreary County Voice, Greg Bird

First-place winners in the Weekly Class 2 division include Jackie Vaughn of the Falmouth Outlook for best spot news coverage (below), John Shindlbower of the Spencer Magnet for best enterprise or analytical story (center), and Adam Smith of the Union County Advocate for best sports feature (far right).

Is Spencer Co. an exurb?

By JOHN SHINDLEBOWER
The Spencer Magnet's Editor
When is an exurb?
I have yet to be a student of demography, but the word has been in my mind for a few months. I first saw it in an article in Publisher's Weekly, a trade mag...
...in a hurry to make Spencer County their home. The big draw is that they can get their feet and their dollars in one place...
...Welcome to Spencer County. Make Yourself At HOME

the ROCKY STORY
ROCKY AND PHOENIX BY
Adam Smith-Union County Advocate
A Kentucky rock and roll band...
...Rocky and Phoenix...
...The band's sound is a mix of classic rock and modern pop...

Fire destroys Kathleen Anderson's home on Blanket Creek Road

By Jackie Vaughn, Reporter
Falmouth Firemen were dispatched to the scene of a blaze that quickly engulfed and destroyed the home of Kathleen Anderson and her family, located at 2924 Blanket Creek Road at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3...
...Smoke soon began to fill up the kitchen though and then the fire re-emerged, erupting from inside the wall. This caused Shawn and a friend to quickly evacuate the house and call the fire department.



The home of Kathleen Anderson on Blanket Creek Road was destroyed by fire on May 3. Ms. Anderson is a bus driver for Pendleton County Schools and was not at home when the fire started. Photo by Jackie Vaughn.

- Category 15 - Best General News Picture
First Place - McCreary County Voice, Andrew Powell
Second Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass
Third Place - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith
Category 16 - Best Feature Picture
First Place - News Democrat, Lorrie Kinkade
Nice moment.
Second Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass
Cute picture.
Third Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Denver Brown
Fun photo.
Category 17
Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)
First Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass
Nice essay.
Second Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship
Cute pictures.
Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Deanna Lasley
Good composition.
Category 18 - Best Sports Picture
First Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Denver Brown
Second Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer,

- Denver Brown
Third Place - McCreary County Voice, Andrew Powell
Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay
First Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass
Second Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback
Third Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Denver Brown
Category 20 - Special Sections
First Place - Leitchfield Record, Jenny Searcy
Great concept, printed on nice stock, good use of historical photos, events listed of great use to readers as well as contact info.
Second Place - LaRue County Herald News, Staff
Ambitious project for small paper, creative concept for cover. Instead of jumps of multiple pages, try magazine layout-full page of ads next to full page of editorial. Good job.
Third Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass, Hope Tallis, John Shindlbower
Great photography, nice use of faded background photo. Perhaps choose dominant and not clutter page as much with photos.
Category 21 - Best Graphic
First Place - Spencer Magnet, Hope Tallis
Creative concept. Clip art at bottom looks

- dated, but cigarettes as bars in a graph is nice touch.
Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section
First Place - Leitchfield Record, Angela R. Hawkins
Nice use of white space, clean design. Maybe get more stories on front.
Second Place - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith
Creative design, but almost too busy. Way to try interesting layout concepts.
Third Place - Cadiz Record, Scott Brown
Good, clean layout. Watch column widths, don't run such wide columns. Duck-calling graphic a nice touch.
Honorable Mention - Union County Advocate, Adam Smith
Creative feature design, but perhaps a bit too busy. Consider readability.
Category 23
Best Business/Agribusiness Page
First Place - Leitchfield Record, Deanna J. Lasley
Clean design, nice use of spot color. Nice white space and use of dividing lines.
Second Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland, Staff
Good font choices, nice to see features on an ag page. Consider dividing stories with line or boxes to increase readability.

WEEKLY CLASS 2



Weekly Class 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

It's obvious you folks know what an editorial is about. Great job. Consistent placement and great subjects for editorial comment. Thanks for using larger type. It sets editorial off from columns and other copy. Suggestion: add initial of editorial writer at the end. Also, move page from two to three. Readers will appreciate.

Second Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Excellent editorials on good subjects. Thanks for a consistent location too. Suggestion, use 14 pt. type and move Viewpoint page to page three. Readers will like it.

Third Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly, Nathaniel Kissel

Good subjects for editorials; correct placement of editorial on page. Suggestion: use 14 pt type for editorials to set off from columns and other copy of page. Keep up the good work.

Honorable Mention - Cynthia Democrat, Donald Richie

Excellent subject for comment, correct placement on page. Thanks for 14 pt type. Suggestion, move editorial page from four to three. Readers will like it. Keep up good work.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Lisa King  
"Four Alarm Fire" well written, good presentation and great art make this a winning entry.

Second Place - Cynthia Democrat, Becky Barnes

Editor Barnes was at the right place at the right time for this story. Photo sold it!

Third Place - Grant County News, Rebecca Russo

Lots of detail in this fine story with another strong photo.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Oldham Era, John Foster  
Eye-opening account of how silly DOE bureaucracy can harm creative activity for special education students.

Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

Interesting focus on an individual in a small town saying "no" to putting up with racists among us.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal, Zoya Tereshkova

Nicely done piece on Katrina's impact on small Kentucky town.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Oldham Era, Danielle Komis  
Compelling story. Lots of good detail. Writer paints a picture of gathering while at the same time readers learn more about Meredith.

Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

Heartwarming story that keeps us reading. Nice job.

Third Place - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel

This story not only chronicles the challenges ad journal of Dennis Graham but sheds light on how services like MedTrans helps him and his family.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Randy Patrick

Excellent local focus. Willing to take well thought out stands on issues of local importance, something difficult to do at weekly, community newspapers. Well-written, clear and concise.

Second Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Mark White

Great research and use of facts to back up opinions. Stood out because of research and willingness to state strong opinions on local issues.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal, Dave Eldridge

Good writing, mix of local issues and personal experience topics.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Grant County News, Wayne Yeager

Yeager's focus on local sports issues and events was refreshing. He expresses opinions and backs them up, taking full advantage of the freedom this format affords.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Mickey Patterson

Patterson writes with authority.

Third Place - Campbell County Recorder, James Weber

Quirky and creative, a surprising read. You might not know where he's going but you're rewarded when he gets you there.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
Interesting, historical reflection on the coach who originally played a key role in the basketball program at UK and EKU. Pegged the first round NCAA matchups between the two schools. Loaded with historic references.

Second Place - Woodford Sun, Forrest Rutherford

Anticipating a good showing by the Woodford County High School wrestling team in the state championship, the reporter does a nice job of putting the reader at the meet with them.

Third Place - Grant County News, Wayne

Yeager

The reporter/photographer captured a touching moment in the life of an injured high school football player. I'm sure it made every mother and father who read it want to cry.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
Nice lead, interesting human interest story. Nice way to break up the news on the sports page.

Second Place - Jessamine Journal, Josh Thomas

Good human interest story highlighting a little-known health risk. Breakout box and CSH a nice touch, but should be flush with columns.

Third Place - Anderson News, John Herndon

Nicely written, well laid out feature. Breakout box a plus.

Honorable Mention - Casey County News, Donna Carman

Nice, quirky story.

Category 9

Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Campbell County Recorder, Liz Carey

Impressive analysis and history of African-American experience in Northern Kentucky with statistics and interviews.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel

A reminder to Kentuckians that one of the great movie pioneers, some consider him the greatest, was born and buried in Kentucky; plus a look at his conflicted life and legacy.

Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles

Revealing article on delinquent taxpayers with bold emphasis on those in the Corbin area.

Honorable Mention - Jessamine Journal, Zoya Tereshkova

Good analysis of school problems, a subject of interest to nearly all.

Category 10

Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Benton Tribune-Courier, Tabitha Armstrong

Meth series, solid investigative series that explored all aspects of meth problem, crime, societal rehab, effects on children. Well done. Easily the best in this category.

Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman, Brittany Johnson

Ag Development Council series presented a good look at one county's efforts to shift from tobacco to other farm products and at the attendant problems. Good job.

Third Place - Campbell County Recorder, Liz Carey

"Sex Club" I bet this one was the talk of the

town when it was published. Good reporting and excellent use of public records.

Honorable Mention - Oldham Era, Jacquelyn Stoess

Anyone who has wheeled a shopping cart through the store in August will appreciate this one.

Honorable Mention - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel

Interesting look at D.W. Griffith. Kissel turned what could have been average story into a history lesson.

#### Category 11

##### Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Great coverage of an issue from multiple angles. While the embezzlement charges started the ball rolling, the paper does an excellent job of showing the cause and effect of the fiscal problems at the 911 Center.

Second Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles

The story doesn't end with the dog attacks. The community perspective takes it to a new level. The paper does a good job of staying with it.

Third Place - Cynthia Democrat, Becky Barnes

The "Can-Man" is obviously not an important influential man in the community, but he's obviously a beloved character. Good job sticking with him and following up on what could have been a simple "Man hit by car" story.

#### Category 12

##### Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Harrodsburg Herald, Debbie Jenkins Cook

Business articles are tough to get and tough to write. These were a lot of good ones, and a number were about the tobacco buyout. This one was probably the one with the most reactions and explanation of impact.

Second Place - Mt. Sterling Advocate, Tom Marshall

Being enterprising and original helps make business articles stand out and one about the danger of coyotes to Kentucky agriculture fills the bill.

Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles

A good job of getting background and reminiscences about a rare landmark business closing down.

#### Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Mark White

Second Place - Oldham Era, Jacquelyn Stoess

Third Place - Cynthia Democrat, Becky

Barnes

Honorable Mention - McCreary County Record, Ken Schmidheiser

We really like 'Another bear to cross.'

#### Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Zoya Tereshkova

Great composition, makes an impact.

Second Place - Ohio County Times-News, Dustin L. Bratcher

Emotion, action. Good shot in tough situation.

Third Place - Cynthia Democrat, Becky Barnes

Tough shot to get with action going on.

#### Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Zoya Tereshkova

Strong photo, captures the emotion of the moment.

Second Place - Anderson News, Don White  
Strong composition, gets the readers' attention.

Third Place - Anderson News, Jay Cason  
Love the faces. Gets attention!

Honorable Mention - Anderson News, Jay Cason

#### Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Cynthia Democrat, Donald Richie

Strong composition, good story in one shot.  
Second Place - McCreary County Record, Janie Slaven

Captures your attention; moves the heart.  
Third Place - Lebanon Enterprise, Stevie L. Daugherty

Strong emotional impact. Good shot!  
Honorable Mention - Oldham Era, John Foster

Strong composition. Makes one think. You can feel the loneliness.

#### Category 17

##### Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Anderson News, Don White  
Unusual funeral coverage. Strong photos tell the story well.

Second Place - Anderson News, Jay Cason  
Love the story of an American institution in the photos.

Third Place - Grant County News, Staff  
Strong composition draws attention. Well-planned angle.

Honorable Mention - Anderson News, Jay Cason

Loved the story in the photos. Would like to have seen another strong photo.

#### Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
This is very strong photo. Love the girl's

expression.

Second Place - Ohio County Times-News, Dustin L. Bratcher

Great action photo. Love the strength of the photo.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal, Josh Thomas

Good action, great anticipation.

#### Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - Oldham Era, John Foster

This is a great photo essay with very strong images. Especially the horse coming right at you. Love the smaller photos. Tells a great story!

Second Place - Oldham Era, John Foster  
Love this photo essay. Shot with great emotion. Tells the story very well.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal, Josh Thomas

#### Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles, Linda Carpenter

Excellent special section on the Bond family. Well written, well done.

Second Place - Jessamine Journal, Matt Coy  
Good stories, good layout, good photos, good idea and good job!

Third Place - Anderson News, Mary Madden

Timely section, well done.

#### Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Ohio County Times-News, Dustin L. Bratcher

Great ingenuity. Conveys information visually in an interesting way.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly  
Professional-looking graphic, nice use of color and appropriate font choices. Complements story package well (which by the way, is excellent).

Third Place - Ohio County Times-News, Dustin L. Bratcher

Interesting way to present a good headline.

#### Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly, Mickey Patterson

The clean winner. Content broken down into useful, concise, easy to digest formats. Appealing, inviting design are a treat for the reader. Well-planned and executed packages.

Second Place - Jessamine Journal, Matt Coy, Josh Thomas

Effective use of labels, headlines, subheads, captions, etc., elevates these sports pages above most others in this category. Heavy emphasis on local serves their market well.

Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Jim McAlister

Good use of photos. All-area baseball team content was well packaged.



**News Journal**  
**Corbin fires shot in impending tax fight**  
 Commissioners set to approve parcel tax Thursday; Smith says more would 'destroy' Knox budget

**Whitley could face two cities who won't share**

**The Fad Pool Hall closes after 72 years**

**State Attorney General says Carter ripped off Medicaid**

**Inmate leaps from speeding car**

**Lawsuit: Corbin company owes workers \$74,000**

**Sports**  
**H 2 O O O P 4 S**  
**LOCAL TEAMS PREPARE FOR NEW SEASON**  
 LOCAL AND PHOTOS BY MICKEY PATTERSON, OLDFHAM ERA SPORTS EDITOR

**THE COLONELS**  
 A few years of what this one year stretch to two as one of the regional division champions, the Colonels High School basketball team...

**THE DRAGONS**  
 A few years of what this one year stretch to two as one of the regional division champions, the Dragons High School basketball team...

**THE MUSTANGS**  
 A few years of what this one year stretch to two as one of the regional division champions, the Mustangs High School basketball team...

**Opinion**

**Editorial**  
**Extension Board needs to get its act together**

**Tank of gas more than day's wages**

**Remembering the first picture shows**

**Legislative Directory**

**Letters to the editor policy**

**The Casey County News**

Trent Knuckles of the Corbin/Whitley News Journal received the first-place award for front page in the Weekly Class 3 category (left). Julie Satterly and Mickey Patterson of the Oldham Era were honored with first place in the best sports page/section for Weekly Class 3 (center). This editorial page netted Donna Carman of the Casey County News a first-place award in Weekly Class 3 (right).

WEEKLY CLASS 3

Category 23

Best Business/Agribusiness Page

First Place - Anderson News, Mary Madden  
Excellent story on farmers adjusting to life after tobacco. Strong layout, good use of photos.

Second Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles

Well-balanced local business page, stories and pictures hold readers' interest. Color would help.

Third Place - Grant County News, Staff  
Business Matters tab, a good tie with the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Matt Coy  
Nice variety of topics for small town. I especially liked "Faces of Faith" with focus on richness of religion diversity with photos nicely underscoring this.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly  
"Day of Firsts" won me over. The photos and text take one back to that window's frightening first day of school. "I'm a survivor" was sensitive treatment of Relay for Life, an event that can be humdrum in a small town.

Third Place - Boone County Recorder, Bret Whitacre

Nicely laid out, practical travel piece. Also good piece on premise of library.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page

First Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

You have a well done editorial page. Excellent editorial and columns. Suggest a local editorial cartoon if you can. Good consistent layout which readers like. Great job overall!

Second Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Liked your consistent layout. Readers appreciate it too. Good editorials, keep writing them. It keeps readership. Suggest another column and jump letters if needed. A local cartoon might be good too. Overall, good job. Cute pix of Sarah on her column.

Third Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly

Suggest using a local cartoon for pictures if you can. Use consistent layout and shorter columns and keep them local. Liked your editorials. Keep writing them.

Honorable Mention - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Staff

Excellent columns. Suggest adding an editorial each week on some local subject and shortening columns. Keep layout consistent. Readership will like it.

Honorable Mention - Jessamine Journal, Randy Patrick, Matt Coy

Suggest a consistent page layout such as an editorial from paper on a local subject mostly local column(s), cartoon and letters, and jump them when needed. Consistency will pay off in readership. Don't make columns too long.

Category 26 - Best Front Page

First Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles

All entries had strong points, especially graphics. News-Journal gets an edge with clear and compelling pictorial on election results, votes percentage and photos and imaginative year-end review.

Second Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Page on results and effects of alcohol sales vote demonstrated research as well as graphic presentation. Photos a bit large and as with other entries, too many jumps from page one.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal, Matt Coy  
Too impressive to overlook, generally neat with outstanding photos.

Honorable Mention - McCreary County Record, Ken Schmidheiser

Busy, busy, busy... but pages reflect admirable effort and planning, plus good news coverage

## Multi-Weekly

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Richard RoBards

"County Needs Hiring Guidelines" good analysis of apparent case of nepotism and why local government should address it. Liked the summary of issue/opinion/response. Well presented editorial with a solution for action.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Mike Scogin

"City must take steps to resolve computer mess" clean presentation of breakdown in city finance office and lack of oversight by elected officials. Giving the mayor space on same page to respond was a nice touch.

Third Place - Appalachian News-Express, Rachel Stanley

Took strong stand on corporate entity that did not live up to obligations. Too often editorials focus only on government, local and state. Good job.

### Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - London Sentinel Echo, Allison Altizer

Well written story that grabs the reader and holds their attention.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Rachel Stanley

Rachel Stanley does a good job with her story, pictures and layout.

Third Place - News Democrat & Leader, Chris Cooper

Chris Cooper does a great job with the timely photo. A real attention getter.

Third Place - Paintsville Herald, Loretta Tackett

Excellent human interest story with timely photos.

### Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Kevin Hall

Hall not only captures the action of the overflow meeting, he looks ahead to the next steps and reveals what side council members are leaning toward. Unique, quotable quotes move the story along.

Second Place - Princeton Times Leader, Chip Hutcheson

Serves the reader by focusing on the impact of this new industry on the community. Specific details on jobs, economic impact and a glance box on the company are useful and enlightening.

Third Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, James Roberts

Roberts clearly and concisely explains the complicated system, warning readers of the fraud scheme and the potential punishment to those who get involved.

Honorable Mention - Appalachian News-Express, Mike Moore

A compelling account of a horrific hate crime.

Honorable Mention - Princeton Times Leader, Stacey McCaslin

Story on local soldier's remains being recovered and returned to his family 37 years after his death in Vietnam was exhaustively researched.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Neila Schuhmann

Story on triplets to be born in county, captures one's interest. Nice tie-in with parents of triplets born 23 years earlier, includes hints on how to cope!

Second Place - Paintsville Herald, Loretta Tackett

Story about inmates making violins out of popsicle sticks is totally cool! I just wish Bill Monroe were still alive to read it!

Third Place - Appalachian News-Express, Nancy Goss

This story of roads named for two guys who died in Vietnam is made of the stuff that really matters to folks in small-town America.

Honorable Mention - Appalachian News-Express, Rachel Stanley

Story of '26 Valentine's Day flood no doubt brought back many memories and more stories from people in the area.

Honorable Mention - News Democrat & Leader, Becky Coursey

The "Couple Renews" story is lovely and the photo of renewing vows is classic!

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Mike Scogin

Columns written with a sensitive touch and personal warmth that readers connect with. Especially strong was one of unsolved murder which combined tragedy and mystery with several local angles.

Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey Manning

Column on dangers of smoking was effectively achieved, considering it's a oft-done subject. Also, probably courageous in a tobacco area, which was described so well in the column about "Granny's Kitchen."

Third Place - Princeton Times Leader, Chip Hutcheson

Good variety on local subjects — tourism, high school sports and unforgettable character. Maybe a little longer than reader's attention.

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Bobby Brockman

Presented a lot of information, good local perspective, the kind of sports column any

community newspaper would be proud to have.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz

Interesting, especially column on TV coverage jinx which combined information on games with unusual angle. The best sports columns don't jump, they sparkle as Kopacz does at times.

Third Place - Shepherdsville Pioneer News, Mike Farnier

Farnier is obviously a knowledgeable observer of the area's sports with the ability to put current games in perspective with past triumphs and defeats.

Honorable Mention - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin

Very close to other entries. Little tighter editing would be welcome.

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown

Author did a fantastic job of capturing the emotions the local team felt after winning its first region championship in 16 years. Great lead and overall article!

Second Place - Paintsville Herald, Melinda Robinson

Writer lets you know the rivalry between the brothers may be more intense than rivalry between the schools. Great job!

Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood

You feel the disappointment the team experiences for losing in the title game. Good job.

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - London Sentinel Echo, Denis House

Well-written feature on an issue of great importance. Good lead hooked me, and then I couldn't wait to get to the jump to learn more about the subjects of the story.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood

Timely story as the war on terror continues to be waged. Author makes you wish the best for the football player who is getting to live a dream.

Third Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Bobby Brockman

Great lead jump starts a good feature about a local golf player's opportunity to represent our country.

### Category 9

#### Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Grayson County News Gazette, Staff

This is a wonderful example of taking a topic in the news and building a theme of stories about the end of life. It's fueled with a lot of local voices, emotion and practical advice.

Excellent work by the whole newspaper.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Staff

Good idea to go back and examine the impact of the city's four year liquor-by-the-drink law. The timeline on Page 1 helped readers new to the issue and focusing on predictions about what would happen when it was passed helped answer reader's questions.

Third Place - Appalachian News-Express, Staff

Excellent one day look at the effect of Hurricane Katrina on gas supplies/prices and other local impact.

Honorable Mention - London Sentinel Echo, Carl Keith Green

Very nice story on the integrating of local schools pegged to the Brown vs. Board of Education anniversary.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Paintsville Herald, Andrea Bennett

Solid environmental research and reporting on impact of radioactive elements from Kentucky oil fields on the community of Martin. Articles seem to have led to citizen concern and state action on clean-up.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Kevin Hall

While not a series, Hall did a solid job of comparing rate of closed meetings in county's government agencies. Good piece to alert public what to watch for.

Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey Manning

Series of articles on Parkinson's Disease combines good research and information with stories of local people and how they've coped with disease.

**Category 11**

**Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story**

First Place - Shepherdsville Pioneer News, Robert White

Local newspaper did a good job of covering what turned out to be a big national story. Well done!

Second Place - Kentucky Standard, David Mann

Very thorough coverage of an age old issue impacting areas experiencing significant growth. Good job.

Third Place - Paintsville Herald, Loretta Tackett, Andrea Bennett

Good job of keeping up with a story that changed quickly once it broke.

**Category 12**

**Best Business/Agribusiness Story**

First Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey Manning

Puts a face on what could have been a typical business closing story.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Mike Moore

"Business is Booming" is a good example of a small-town newspaper's "Bread and Butter" business reporting. Includes pertinent detail, local impact and it was published ahead of official announcement. Good work!!

Third Place - Sentinel News, Walt Reichert

A good use of statistics to highlight local agri-business trend. Would have liked to see more quotes from horse farmers.

**Category 13 - Best Headline**

First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Jodi Turner

Second Place - London Sentinel Echo, Carol Mills

Third Place - Princeton Times Leader, Anita Baker

**Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture**

First Place - Sentinel News, James Mulcahy  
Excellent photo, tells the story in one shot. All elements come together to give a complete picture.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Joey Leslie

You chose an excellent angle. All elements come together to give a complete story including the victim at the side of the road, the road sign and the debris.

Third Place - Shepherdsville Pioneer News, Robert White

The total destruction and heart-wrenching story is well shown.

Honorable Mention - Central Kentucky News Journal, James Roberts

Unusual angle adds to this accident shot to give a complete story.

Honorable Mention - Shepherdsville Pioneer News, Stephen Thomas

Good shot, tells the story well.

**Category 15 - Best General News Picture**

First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Calen McKinney

Good job capturing emotion.

Second Place - Sentinel News, Terri Miller

Nice photo.

**Category 16 - Best Feature Picture**

First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Emily Grove

Nice quiet moment. Would love to see as a print.

Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Bo Calvert

Beautiful photo with multiple layers.

Third Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown

Great angle.

Honorable Mention - London Sentinel Echo, Carol Mills

Good moment.

**Category 17**

**Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)**

First Place - Sentinel News, Terri Miller  
Good story. Great category!

Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Bo Calvert

Nice essay, but where's the crowning?  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Raluca Barzu

Not bad!

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Standard, Raluca Barzu

Nice composition, but where are the people watching?

**Category 18 - Best Sports Picture**

First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood

Great impact!  
Second Place - News Democrat & Leader, Drew Bewley

Good action, story composition.

Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Emily Grove

Well planned. Good and unusual angle.

Honorable Mention - Morehead News, Denver Brown

Tough shot to get. Great action!

Honorable Mention - News Democrat & Leader, Drew Bewley

Very artistic.

**Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay**

First Place - Kentucky Standard, Jason Nelson

Great use of strong composition.

Second Place - News Democrat & Leader, Steve Everett

Tells story from beginning to end.

Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Jason Nelson

Good storytelling.

**Category 20 - Special Sections**

First Place - London Sentinel Echo, Denis House, Peter Zubaty, Willie Sawyers

"State Champs" section stood out in a tough category. Lots of good photos, game stories and commentary. A great cover. I imagine this will be in a lot of scrapbooks for years to come.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood, Emily Grove, Matt Goins, Kevin Hall

Shows what good planning and preparation can do on deadline. This would be a good section win or lose. Another keeper.

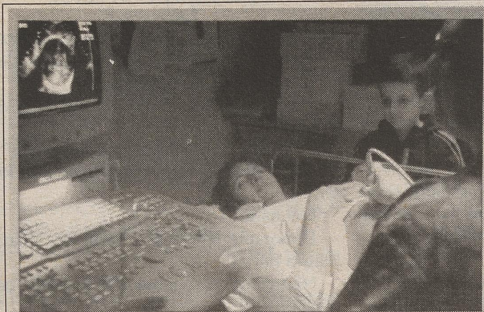
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff

One of the best local theme sections I've seen in a while. Enjoyed the look into local gardener's world.

Honorable Mention - Georgetown News Graphic, Staff

"Horizons" was a well-done section with good use of color.

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Kay Nelson and her son Christopher, above, wait to hear what the triplets' weight will be during this week's ultrasound. Taylor Regional Hospital ultrasound technician Chris Naylor watches the monitor. At right, the Donald Blankfield measures Kay Nelson's belly to help determine how much the triplets have grown in the past week.

# And baby makes ... Six?

Story and Photos by Features Writer Neila Schuhmann

First triplets to be born in Taylor County in two decades expected any day.

A sense of faith and anticipation surrounded Kay Nelson, 34, on Monday as she prepared for an ultrasound. The Taylor County resident is due to give birth to triplets in Taylor County — one that hasn't happened locally in more than two decades.

Nelson and her husband, Mark, also live in Columbia, but moved to become parents of triplets. Double-owned Chris Naylor, Taylor Regional Hospital, will measure the triplets in three baby disks.

The babies are scheduled to be born by tomorrow any day now at Taylor Regional Hospital.

"We had decided that we wanted our own child," Nelson said.

After just four to five months of trying to conceive, the couple found they were expecting their second child. When little did they know they were also expecting their third and their fourth.

During her eighth week of pregnancy, Nelson thought something might be wrong with the pregnancy. She had

passed a small amount of blood. Her husband rushed her to the emergency room at Taylor Regional Hospital.

"The lady who did the ultrasound, who's a friend of ours, came in and said 'Everything looks fine.'"

After she let them have a moment of relief, the ultrasound technician said to the doctor, "They're triplets." And then told the couple they were having triplets. Nelson said she and her husband were shocked. They didn't use fertility drugs, and the thought of having triplets was something they had not considered.

"The doctor offered me to check," Nelson said. "He said he'd just have to make this one day at a time."

A teacher at Asher County High School, Nelson worked until she was 37 weeks pregnant, when she began having contractions. Her doctor sent her to a Louisville hospital where she spent a week before the contractions finally stopped. Nelson was then released to come home.

### PARENTS OF TRIPLETS OFFER UP ADVICE

John and Cathy Channing of Campbellsville are themselves parents of triplets — two girls and one boy — born almost 23 years ago.

As far as anyone knows, the Channings were the last set of triplets born in Campbellsville until the Nelson triplets.

John Channing said raising triplets takes "lots of patience — lots of prayer. It's an experience."

One piece of advice Channing offered to the new parents is "to ask friends and family to help out."

"The Channings believed they were having twins. The third, hidden from the ultrasound, was a surprise."

## Son's birthday a special milestone

In a few days, my son James will become a teenage Thomas preys old. James is a good son, a fine young man and a great person to be around. He loves cars, music and video games. He has lots of friends. He is really interested in Lindsey Lohan and Justin Guarini. And he seldom picks up after himself.



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Publisher

came to me and said that James' chances of survival was at best 50-50. "His lungs are underdeveloped," the doctor said. "The next 48 hours will be critical."

James did survive. In fact, he has thrived. Today, he was a healthy, cocky kid with Katherine's hair last year.

Over the next five years, I have come into contact with several people who

## Time cannot diminish image of hero

The knock was light, but for some reason, everything stopped.

At the close of my fifth grade classroom, I sat in a row in a uniform. I didn't know it was a ceremony when I recognized as Martha's mother.

As if in slow motion, Martha stood in my seat. With her eyes fixed on her mother, Martha reached toward the door. As they stepped out of sight, I remember the punchball wall echoing off the school's hollow walls as Martha cried.



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committed to serving our nation, and that's where they needed him. He talked about it as a hero, and sleeping by cross-beds.

It sounded like so much fun. Martha never asked questions. When Bill's father asked where her brother was serving, Martha answered politely but quickly.

Then that day came when Martha left school.

The next day Bill's father again spoke

## Abbott's family still hoping to learn truth

In many ways, Howard "Buck" Abbott was a contradiction.

A big man with a thick, grey mustache, Abbott checked his facial hair and wanted to do the right thing. But in addition to cocaine and a propensity for trouble, Abbott had a reputation with law enforcement and neighbors.

Five years ago, Abbott was shot to death in a convenience store on Leakey Street in Georgetown. The murder remains unsolved.



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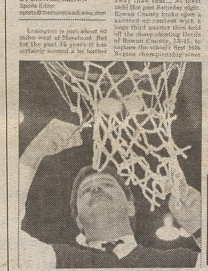
by all his life.

Apparently, word leaked that Abbott was an informant. Most of those close to the investigation and to Abbott suspect that his death is linked to some he made for the FBI and DEA. He had been warned by the FBI to keep a low profile, but he trusted upon seeing his family.

This is a difficult week for Buck Abbott's family. His sisters stay in contact with Georgetown Police

# Vikings net title, 53-45

Curman leads with 21, Daniel finishes with 14 as Rowan County pulls away from Russell to take boys' 16th Region crown



BY DENVER BROWN  
Sports Editor  
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Rowan County pulled away from Russell to take boys' 16th Region crown on Monday night.

Curman led with 21 points, while Daniel finished with 14. The Vikings pulled away from Russell in the second half, leading by 10 points at the end of the game.

The Vikings have beaten nine teams in the region and are currently ranked No. 1 in the state.

The Vikings are off to Pupp Arena with a 27-5 record this season.

The Central Kentucky News Journal's Neila Schuhmann captured first place honors for best feature story in the Multi-Weekly category (left). Judges said Mike Scogin of the Georgetown News-Graphic shows "a sensitive touch" and "personal warmth" with his entries in the Multi-Weekly best column category. Denver Brown's lead and overall article were honored for best sports story for Multi-Weekly papers (bottom right).

Honorable Mention - Shepherdsville Pioneer News, Robert White  
"Meth" solid reporting on a growing problem.

Category 21 - Best Graphic  
First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz

The function of a graphic should be to present complex info in a digestive package and "Trying to beat the heat" does that. A clean presentation coupled with a great attention getter added a lot of what was a good enterprise story.

Second Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Jeff Mardis

Color-coded aerial photo of downtown area a good way to show what businesses would be affected by planned jail/judicial complex. A good idea.

Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Kevin Hall, Emily Thompson  
Tearing the city council's swearing-in picture in half was a simple, but effective way to show rift in group. Better than typical mug shot lineup.

Honorable Mention - Paintsville Herald, Andrea Bennett  
Honorable Mention - Sentinel News, James Mulcahy

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section  
First Place - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin

Consistent use of cutouts and graphics take these pages to the next level. You can tell the page designer takes a lot of pride in his work. Great job!!!

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz

Solid design combined with quality photos and graphics makes these sports pages something to see. Well done!

Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood  
Design is well done, but a lack of color hurt this entry.

Category 23  
Best Business/Agribusiness Page

First Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff  
Bardstown-Nelson County business tab was the standout in this category. Good mix of business news plus an innovative way to handle all the chamber news. The Script headlines were a little too much as was the Sans Serif body type in one issue.

Second Place - Sentinel News, Staff  
Business and Real Estate section packed a lot into a one-and-a-half-page news hole.

# Charges deferred, ex-manager to testify

## Case involves man charged with making hoax calls through several states

By **ROBERT WHITE**  
Staff Writer

**SHEPHERDSVILLE** The case against a former McDonald's manager charged with unlawful imprisonment of a female employee could be dismissed if she truthfully testifies against her former boyfriend and a Florida man charged with making a hoax phone call to the Mount Washington McDonald's

restaurant last spring.

According to a deferral order issued by Bullitt District Court Judge Rebecca Ward on Wednesday, the court believed 52-year-old Donna Summers had no criminal intent when she acted on

the demands of a phone caller posing as a law enforcement officer.

Alleged by investigators and in a civil suit is that Summers and a subordinate manager at the Mount Washington McDonald's

restaurant ordered an 18-year-old female employee to disrobe and submit to a strip search last spring after being instructed to do so by a phone caller posing as a cop.

The phone caller told managers that the female

employee had been stealing money and other items from a customer at the fast-food restaurant, according to the civil suit filed last year.

Summers was fired from her management job with

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**Farmers, family say good-bye to local tobacco auction**

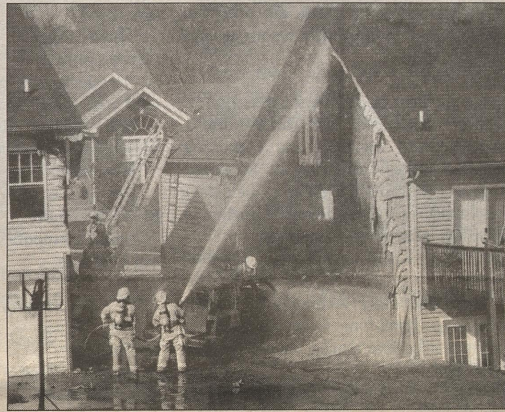
**STACEY S. MANNING** reports.

Bloodfield, Ky., closed with his hands in his pockets, casting out of an almost empty house, the last of the tobacco leaves from Thursday morning.

In 1945, he was there when Big Burley Auction was opened and Thursday he was there to see it last sale.

His eight grandchildren, Stacey, who has surrounded the tobacco auction, are generations of Bloodfield. Goodtimes being simple, the Bloodfield market. In the hallway, Stacey's members' names stacked at the eye.

Photo by **AGUSTINE, SA**



Top: Robert White of the Shepherdsville Pioneer News won first-place honors in the best on-going/extended coverage category for Multi-Weekly. Bottom left: The judges said putting "a face on what could have been a typical business closing story" earned Stacey Manning of the Kentucky Standard a first-place award in the best business/agribusiness story category. Bottom right: James Mulcahy captured the story with one shot, judges said, earning the Sentinel News photographer a first-place award for best spots news picture in the Multi-Weekly division.

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Good use of public records info, health inspections, real estate transfers and building permits. Nice eye-catching photo illustration on Bingo story.

Third Place - Princeton Times Leader, Anita Baker

Nicely done section that reflects community's agriculture base. 6-column display of pix at bottom of pages made them a little bottom heavy.

**Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page**

First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Staff

Eye-catching photos displayed well combined with snazzy headlines pushed this entry over the top. Great job!!

Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey Manning

Interesting stories and well thought out layout make this one of the top entries in this year's contest.

Third Place - Princeton Times Leader, Nancy Taylor, Jordan Boone

Great job with whole sections of interesting stories and design submitted consistently.

**Category 25 - Best Editorial Page**

First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Rachel Stanley

Editorial page has a good mix of local columns, letters to the editor and hard-hitting editorial. The staff has done a good job of giving readers something to talk about!

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Staff

Columns and editorials are engaging, particularly the one from the publisher about the paper's duty to question government. We'd like to see some letters to the editor in next year's entries.

Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff  
Editorial on chamber survey was excellent. Well designed with good feedback from read-

ers.

**Category 26 - Best Front Page**

First Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey Manning

Very clean design. Good use of graphics that you can tell were done in-house specifically for the feature package. Great looking page that staff can be proud of producing.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Staff

Attractive front page with a good mix of stories. Heaviness of the headline font throughout the front page kept this from being the top entry. Overall, however, very solid front-page design.

Third Place - Sentinel News, James Mulcahy

Good use of graphics mixed with solid design made this top front page. Pictures are well done. Keep up the good work.

**Daily Class 1****Category 1 - Best Editorial**

First Place - Ledger Independent, Mary Ann Kearns

"Living Dangerously" explores and explains the local fire district tax issue and takes a stand.

Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Todd Garvin

Drug Court, a controversial issue, gets a thoughtful evaluation and a recommendation of support.

Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, LaMar Bryan

Bryan raises concerns about the potential harm of this plan on community resources and quality of life.

**Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage**

First Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

Combined good on-the-scene reporting with extensive background details. Reported several aspects of inmate's escape, including how it was made, court appearance earlier in day and details of arrest background.

Second Place - Commonwealth Journal, Chris Harris

Story was beautifully written with appropriate tongue-in-cheek tone. Good background details. Proves all crime stories do not have to be written alike.

Third Place - Richmond Register, Mandy Langston

Combined police and human interest angles well. Great on-the-scene interview with family members of those arrested. Handled delicate story very well.

Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, William T. Simms, Jr.

Good detail and good interview with victims' family member and witness to fire. Needed details on injuries a little higher in story.

Honorable Mention - Winchester Sun, Mike Wynn

Nice lead and graph summarizing situation and impact on community.

**Category 3 - Best General News Story**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lori Harris

Frank treatment of sensitive topic makes the "education" story as interesting as it is important. Writer conveys mood and message with skill and style.

Second Place - Commonwealth Journal, Tricia Neal

Effective analogy gives life to a potentially dull "he said, she said" story. Readers get the facts without fear their eyes will glaze over.

Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Ronnie Ellis

Writing story was no picnic, but reporter's keen eye and ear make reader feel the heat of a

fiery campaign. Great treatment and judicious use of quotes.

**Category 4 - Best Feature Story**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Mary Branham

A moving, creative lead carried the reader straight through this story about a powerful place. Well-written with excellent detail and strong quotes. Well done!!

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Mary Branham

Touching story with a subject who inspires from the first sentence. The story also conveys useful information to readers about an important issue.

Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Garth Gamblin

Wonderful tale of true romance, well organized with good detail.

Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman

Very interesting with strong detail.

Honorable Mention - Richmond Register, Bryan Marshall

Small moments show the impact of the closing business.

**Category 5 - Best Column**

First Place - Richmond Register, Don McNay

Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Garth Gamblin

Uses the device of the bar to great effect. Could get tiresome but doesn't.

Third Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Patrick Drury

Goofy, witty, inventive and fresh.

**Category 6 - Best Sports Column**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell

Great local focus. Part of good column writing is selecting a worthy topic. Entries were good stories that were well-written with a nice touch of human interest. Great use of sources demonstrates working relationship with the people she covers.

Second Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, John Henson

Good factual base and strong opinions. Great knowledge of the local sports landscape.

Third Place - Winchester Sun, Keith Taylor

Good mix of human interest and fact based opinion. Well written.

Honorable Mention - Commonwealth Journal, Chris Harris

Well-written columns, but could have been shorter without sacrificing too much.

Honorable Mention - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson

Nice sense of humor. Easy and enjoyable read.

**Category 7 - Best Sports Story**

First Place - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson

A beautiful blend of game details, follow-up quotes, season summary, and statistics. The lead which describes key moment of victory is uncommonly good. An amazing job on deadline!

Second Place - Middlesboro Daily News, Jerry Boggs

One of the few entries in this category that did not adhere to the format of cliché lead followed by play-by-play details. This story tells a real story of how a coach inspired her team to a championship by showing them how she did it herself 21 years ago.

Third Place - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson

Another example of superior reporting and writing. Hutchinson takes the reader beyond the score into the hearts and minds of the team, places readers normally don't get to go.

Honorable Mention - Commonwealth Journal, Steve Cornelius

An interesting topic worthy of attention.

Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell

An engaging story well told.

**Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lori Harrison

Lori Harrison tells the history of Title IX through the memories of the women who lived it. An engaging feature full of visual details and unique quotes.

Second Place - Murray Ledger & Times, Michael Dann

Dann "shows" instead of "tells" readers how much this new football coach loves the game with his feature about the coach's Football 101 class.

Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Ronnie Ellis

Ellis crafts two revealing portraits of Jim Whiteside through interviews and colorful quotes.

**Category 9****Best Enterprise or Analytical Story**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Nicole Sliger

Kudos to Ms. Sliger and the State Journal for digging into this story. Good research and reporting make for a solid series exposing the financial mismanagement of a top government official. Well done!!!

Second Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

Timely, well written and well researched. An excellent example of enterprise reporting and great value to readers.

Third Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

Fascinating story about a top issue. Good explanation of complicated concepts of great interest to the community.

Honorable Mention - Madisonville

Messenger, Lori Harrison

Well-written pair of articles about a disturbing possible trend.

**Category 10**

**Best Investigative Story or Series**

First Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon  
An outstanding investigation into a problem affecting the community. Excellent reporting yielded great detail and well-balanced opinion. A clear winner. Well done!

Second Place - Richmond Register, Ryan Garrett

Kudos to Mr. Garrett for finding this possible waste of taxpayers' money and telling both sides of the story. Well-written and reported. Good work.

Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman

Solid coverage of a big story with local connections. The series covered all the angles giving readers the whole story.

Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Erik Carlson

Good investigation on the important issue of rising state government healthcare costs.

Honorable Mention - Glasgow Daily Times, Stacy L. Neitzel, Ronnie Ellis

This is community journalism that readers want to see. Investigations of problems that affect them every day like a dangerous road.

**Category 11**

**Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Erik Carlson

Eric provided thorough and compelling reporting on the merit system crisis and the investigation and indictments in the Fletcher administration. Strong blow-by-blow mixed with enlightening enterprise reporting. Fair and balanced.

Second Place - Murray Ledger & Times, Kris Adams, John Wright, Kristin Taylor

Comprehensive coverage of an important education issue. Stories chronicled stages of debate and explained the issues for readers. There's no doubt such thorough reporting helped readers navigate a complicated issue.

Third Place - Middlesboro Daily News, Staff  
Stories on the proposed Methadone clinic flowed each step of debate and gave people on both sides of issue a voice. Good explanatory journalism too in helping readers understand drug addiction and use of Methadone as treatment.

Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman, Lori Harrison, William Simms, Jr.

Riveting saga of drug ring composed of high-profile community members. Readers must have been awaiting each edition to see who's next?

Honorable Mention - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

A yeoman's effort in covering a dramatic tale. The plot-or-fantasy nature of the story was compelling and Weldon did an admirable job in telling it.

**Category 12**

**Best Business/Agribusiness Story**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Garth Gamblin

Great in-depth feature that has good design, a sense of humor, light touch and lots in informative telling details. Makes good use of quotes.

Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman

Deft handling of a hot button issue with thoughts and comments from all the right parties. While not breaking news, it's a excellent reader story.

Third Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

Outstanding presentation and good in-depth look at an issue affecting many fathers.

Honorable Mention - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Adrienne Steinfeldt

For being so restrained on such a hilarious, ironic story. I laughed out loud.

**Category 13 - Best Headline**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell

Clever, but not to cutesy. Strong, clear and effective. Three strong heads.

Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Tim Kessler

Oh, the places you'd go with these Seuss' headlines!

Third Place - Ledger Independent, Rusty Zeigler

Inspired 'doughnut' headline. Tells the story with style.

Honorable Mention - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Jarrod Sherman

'Hoosier Daddy?' got my attention all right!

**Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lowell Mendyk

Nice color.

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Suzanne Feliciano

Great police access.

Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Jim Pearson

Heartbreaking moment.

Honorable Mention - Commonwealth Journal, Steve Cornelius

Cute.

**Category 15 - Best General News Picture**

First Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Jamie Ray

Tough moment.

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Amy Wallot

Nice.

Third Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart

Different because it is a little looser, more respectful of couple.

Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, Nikki Fox

Nice portrait.

**Category 16 - Best Feature Picture**

First Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart

Nice shot of rides.

Second Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart

Great angle and composition.

Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Nikki Fox

Well lit.

Honorable Mention - Commonwealth Journal, Dennis Balton

Bonus points for technical goodness!!

**Category 17**

**Best Picture Essay**

**(Spot, General or Feature)**

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Suzanne Feliciano

Great job! Nice access.

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Amy Wallot

Nice art.

Third Place - Winchester Sun, James Mann

Needed to spend more time with subject.

Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Suzanne Feliciano

**Category 18 - Best Sports Picture**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Jim Pearson

Great shot!!

Second Place - Commonwealth Journal, Steve Cornelius

Great job in capturing the moment.

Third Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart

Invokes Michael Jordan.

Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell

Most photographers would have put camera down.

**Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Jim Pearson

Good effort.

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Suzanne Feliciano

Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Jamie Ray

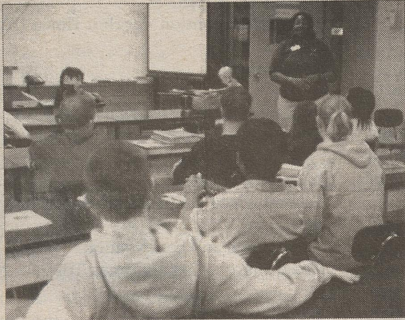
Cute kids sell papers.

**Category 20 - Special Sections**

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Staff

Well balanced, well written, good layout and photo design.

SCHOOL ABSTINENCE PROGRAM



Door of hope abstinence instructor Mary Foster teaches a class to students at South Hopkins Middle School last Wednesday. The presentation dealt with differences between boys and girls, safe and alcohol sexually transmitted diseases, HIV and teen pregnancy. (Messenger Photo/Jam Pearson)

Classroom talks help teenagers consider choices, consequences

BY LORI HARRISON
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Abstinence educator Mary Foster doesn't have an...
That's not here to tell you sex is a bad thing, because...
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Abstinence education materials are used during abstinence instruction. The program expanded last year with the help of \$415,000 in federal grants. The total includes a \$68,000 Special Congressional Initiative grant from U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning's office and a \$317,000 Special Projects of Regional and National Significance grant.

friends before high school graduation to what happens when people have sex for the wrong reasons: to have or to avoid the pressure to have sex or do drugs.
'Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center, a pro-life Christian organization, has operated an abstinence program since it opened about 10 years ago. At first, classes were given only to church youth groups or private schools. The agency later branched into the public schools with Banning Springs Middle School being the first to receive an invitation.
Since Kentucky's agency's Abstinence Team -- called the A-Team for short -- has presented classes in 10 schools and to four youth groups.

BUSINESS

Smooth transition



Hometown greetings bridges gap between businesses and new residents

By Dawn Lupton
Hometown greetings, such as personalized letters and cards, are a simple way to bridge the gap between businesses and new residents.
The idea is to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for newcomers by providing them with information about local businesses and services.
This approach not only helps businesses attract new customers but also fosters a sense of community and belonging among residents.

Left: Judges said Lori Harris of the Madison Messenger handled a sensitive topic with skill and style and awarded her first place in the best general news story category in the Daily Class 1 division. Center: With a good mix of local business news, features and columns combined with national news and stock listings, judges thought the Richmond Register's Jennifer E. Kustes deserved first place in the best business/agribusiness page category in the Daily Class 1 division.

Second Place - Commonwealth Journal, Staff
Good progress edition, well written.
Third Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Staff
Good content. Good layout. Needed more color.
Third Place - Ledger Independent, Staff
Good local stories, good idea.

Category 21 - Best Graphic
First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lowell Mendyk
Excellent concept graphic that draws the reader to the page and story. What a feature graphic should do.
Second Place - Richmond Register, Lance Easter
Fun graphic that does an excellent job illustrating and telling a story.
Third Place - Richmond Register, Lorie Love
Simple, easy to read and understand graphics that work.
Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, Les Dixon

Nice attention-grabbing graphics. Nice use of white space and color.
Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, LaMar Bryan
Good graphics that help tell the story.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section
First Place - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson
Compelling and expertly done sports fronts give the Register a slight edge. Inside pages not as strong.
Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell
Also strong fronts and photos.
Third Place - Murray Ledger & Times, Michael Dann
Very good for newspaper in smaller market. Imaginative presentation, good photos.
Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, Les Dixon

Category 23
Best Business/Agribusiness Page
First Place - Richmond Register, Jennifer E.

Kustes
A good mix of local business news, features and columns combined with national news and stock listings. "Seizing the Opportunity" was the best of the three centerpieces with a clean design and strong photography and writing.
Second Place - Richmond Register, Jennifer E. Kustes
This entry is honored for the same reasons.
Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Fred Petke
Good content mix. Nice design on "Ready for Winter" centerpiece.
Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, LaMar Bryan
Nice centerpiece, local stories with good writing and design.

Category 24
Best Lifestyle Page
First Place - Ledger Independent, Drew Purcell
Fantastic use of type. The fishing lure headline is outstanding as is the use of the horse



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**The SQUASH**  
**SUMMER SQUASH**

**VEGETARIAN COOKING: Recipe for pineapple-cucumber gazpacho**

**By Jen Hertz**

It's hot in the South, and the weather is perfect for eating cold, refreshing dishes. One of the best ways to enjoy the season is with a bowl of gazpacho, a cold soup made with bread, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, and peppers. This recipe is a twist on the traditional, adding pineapple for a tropical twist.

**Ingredients:**  
1/2 cup stale bread, soaked in water and squeezed dry  
1/2 cup tomatoes, diced  
1/2 cup cucumbers, diced  
1/2 cup onions, diced  
1/2 cup bell peppers, diced  
1/2 cup pineapple, diced  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/2 cup vinegar  
Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions:**  
1. Soak the bread in water for 10 minutes, then squeeze out the excess liquid.  
2. In a large bowl, combine the bread, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, and peppers.  
3. Add the pineapple, olive oil, and vinegar.  
4. Season with salt and pepper to taste.  
5. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before serving.

**Escalante falls in quarters**  
**Franklin County senior helps team to tie for seventh place**

**Susan Riddell**  
Sports Writer

LEXINGTON — Whatever path Franklin County tennis star Andrés Escalante heads down in the future, it's one that is going to be filled with great things.

The senior exchange student from Venezuela proved that this past year by going on an American journey, posted in Frankfort and Franklin County High School. Along the way, he made countless friends and memories to last a lifetime.

One of those will surely be the state tennis tournament, which concluded Saturday at the University of Kentucky.

Escalante's state run came to an end Friday afternoon in a singles quarterfinals against third-seeded Shane Collins of St. Xavier. Earlier Friday, Escalante defeated Daniel House of Male 6-4, 7-5.

Collins knocked off Escalante 6-4, 6-1, and while Escalante will tell you he didn't play very well, it's Collins who deserves credit for that.

The St. X senior is one of the top players in the state. Through three matches, Collins had lost only nine games and he never had a hint of missing a third set.

But Escalante, seeded sixth in the field, changed that. Down a break at 8-4, Escalante led 15-40 with Collins trying to serve for the set. Collins, blessed with a serve equal to Escalante's powerful game, fought back to deuce and held to close out the set.

"I had him there," Escalante says. "This has been a nice experience," Escalante said. "There were a lot of good players around here and I was glad to be part of this. This is something I'll always remember."

And the folks at Franklin County will always remember Andrés Escalante is congratulated by Jonathan and Joshua Scott after defeating Male's Daniel House in the third round earlier Friday morning.

Flyer program back into the limelight. A state power some 15 years ago, the Flyers have always been strong but with the Lexington schools catching up in the tennis ranks, the Flyers struggled to get back to the state tournament.

This year proved different for two reasons: a favorable regional realignment and Escalante, who just a few years ago was ranked among the top five players in his age group in Venezuela.

Left: "Even squash seemed exciting," judges said of the Ledger Independent's Drew Purcell's work capturing best lifestyle page for Daily Class 1. Above: Susan Riddell of the Frankfort State Journal won first place honors in the best sports column category for Daily Class 1. Below: Jamie Ray of the Glasgow Daily Times captured a "tough moment" and first prize in the best general news picture category for Daily Class 1, judges said.



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training photo as a screen. Even squash seemed exciting. Bravo!  
 Second Place - Ledger Independent, Drew Purcell  
 You've got to love that goat! Great use of photography and type. Nice design on Willow Oak Farm  
 Third Place - Richmond Register, Jennifer E. Kustes  
 Good use of "Last Supper" photo. Pottery layout is the best of the three.  
 Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Lori Harrison  
 Good use of photography.  
 Honorable Mention - Richmond Register, Lance Easter  
 "Pioneering Spirit" page earned this entry its mention. Good use of photography, type and color.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page

First Place - Richmond Register, Jennifer E. Kustes  
 Very clean design with all local content. Great use of letters. Strong editorials and columns by the publisher. Kudos to the Register for publishing the results ("and the survey says") from its readership survey and responding to readers' concerns.  
 Second Place - Richmond Register, Jennifer E. Kustes  
 This entry is honored for the same reasons "Comprehensive Plan" column is excellent as are editorials.  
 Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Patrick Ethridge  
 Strong design, really like "Flips and flops." Balanced content with strong editorials.  
 Honorable Mention - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Debbie Caldwell  
 Good content mix. Nice to see so much room given to letters.

Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Tom Clinton  
 Well balanced content. Good "our view" editorial.  
 Category 26 - Best Front Page  
 First Place - Richmond Register, Lorie Love  
 Clear, organized design with strong reader appeal. Good use of photos and typography. These fonts, design, story selection and organization give a good sense of Richmond. Nice looking, compelling front pages.  
 Second Place - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson  
 You can tell basketball rules in Kentucky. Dramatic A1 design for NCAA tourney. Other fronts are clean, easy to read and navigate fronts.  
 Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Jeff Neal

## Daily Class 2

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Sarah Reddoch

A sober take on a very serious problem government at all levels largely has ignored.

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Brock meticulously takes apart this idiot of a governor. Good job.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Staff  
Good, insightful commentary on a subject many ignore until it's too late.

### Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Emily Burton, Tonya S. Grace, Karen Campbell

Solid, first-class reporting on deadline amid what usually is a chaotic situation. Good details.

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Well-written, highly detailed piece. Paper should have screamed it across top.

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Todd Kleffman

Good deadline reporting job with lots of details about tragedy avoided.

### Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, John Friedlein

A glimpse of a world many know little of and its culture.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Jennifer P. Brown

Well-written profile on one of many living on the margins in hurricane area before storm sent them over the edge.

Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Sarah Baker

Another glimpse into a world often not seen by adults. This time the public schools where principals often control the flow of information.

Honorable Mention - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Well-written story heavy with comments from those being uprooted from livelihoods they've known for generations.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Good detail about a harrowing experience.

Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Erica Walsh

Well-written story about a brave little girl.

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Interesting read about a spinster with a "secret."

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Brian Kehl

Nice writing and topics that resonate with readers. Loved the back to kindergarten article even though principal was misspelled once.

Second Place - The Gleaner, Ron Jenkins  
Nicely written, good variety of topics and style.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Jennifer P. Brown  
Thoughtful columnist, interesting topics.

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Chuck Jones

Jones has a gift for immediately hooking the reader and drawing them into his columns. He writes about people, not just sports.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, George Robinson

Robinson writes movingly and intellectually about a variety of subjects. Well-written and thoughtful.

Third Place - The Gleaner, Brad Schneider

I loved Schneider's columns because they showed wit as well as wisdom. I could always count on him for a chuckle, and no pontificating.

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Kentucky New Era, George Robinson

An enlightening profile of former local high school star's progress in her freshman season in OVC.

Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Chuck Jones

An enterprising, statistically-based trend story.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Norm Haney

Haney brings young golfer's background into the story, which makes it a more interesting story for the readers.

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - The Independent, Mark Maynard

"A Gem Dandy," wonderfully researched and written. I immediately was drawn into the story and cared about it. Good job!

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, George Robinson

"The Sharp Shooter," a true profile in courage and well-written account of Cofield's ordeal. Great info box too. I came to admire the subject and not pity him, the true goal of the piece I suspect.

Third Place - The Independent, Elden May

Story on Dan Jessee was intriguing and very well-written. As a huge fan of "Field of Dreams," story grabbed and kept my interest.

### Category 9

#### Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - The Advocate Messenger, Liz Maples

"Day in the life," journalism at its best. Reporter's enterprise gives readers a firsthand look at how county budget woes affect law enforcement, minute to minute. This story is as readable as it is important. A real public service.

Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Brian T. Kehl

Writer tackles a sensitive subject with candor, creativity and insight. Deserves award for having guts to tackle "prayer" as an enterprise project. Deserving too, of its front page placement and effective layout.

Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Holly Cecil Tabor

Comprehensive look at an important subject, broken down nicely into readable, digestible package. Wonderful use of quotes and nice blend of anecdotal and factual statistical information.

Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Melinda J. Overstreet

"Still booming" is very complete and well executed. Hope you entered it in business writing, too. Great enterprise and nice illustration.

### Category 10

#### Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Tobacco's salvation sheds light on one of the most under-reported stories in the nation - Hispanic migrants. A great in-depth look at a subject many people do not want to talk about, including migrants themselves.

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Gary Moyers, Emily Burton, Todd Kleffman, Brenda Edwards

Good series examining epidemic growth of meth users. Stories offered a variety of perspectives.

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock

Good series on state lottery. Examines impact on economy and personal lives.

### Category 11

#### Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Jim Gaines

The Daily News' decision to send a reporter and photographer to Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina provided excellent coverage of the work Kentuckians were performing there. They found utility crews, National Guard troops and church volunteers and their accounts brought the large national story home to local readers.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Karen Campbell

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Excellent, compelling and very human daily coverage of flooding in the region in August-September, including coverage of the death of a 10-year-old. The coverage reflected both the economic and human impact of the floods in the region.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Hayli Fellwack

Exhaustive coverage of one of the most anticipated murder trials in the region's history, the case against Lucas Goodman on trial for the murder of a WKU student. The reporter put the reader inside every twist and turn in the lengthy case.

### Category 12

#### Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Melinda J. Overstreet

There were so many strong entries in this category. But this entry stood out because it was different, relevant to many readers, full of facts and interesting. Business articles are not the easiest to make reader-friendly. This one was.

Second Place - The Gleaner, Chuck Stinnett

A drive-in theater finally closing after 52 years so many readers undoubtedly identified with it and the facts and recollections in the article were blended well.

Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Melinda J. Overstreet

A local development with widespread interest, and presented interestingly and in impressive detail.

### Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - The Gleaner, Doug White

Loved the wanted: Desperado Deer lead. Perfect for tone of the package. All headlines had good word play without sounding too contrived. These kinds of headlines capture readers' attention.

Second Place - The Gleaner, Brad Schneider  
Clever and compelling.

Third Place - The Independent, Mark Maynard

### Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

Good art in a tough category to judge. Judges felt woman's pain.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Trevor Frey

Good read.

Third Place - The Independent, Kevin Goldy

Nice reaction, hurt by poor job in Photoshop and/or production by press.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Tough moment.

### Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Clinton Lewis

Good photo tells a story.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

Nice heartbreaking photo, but when you take it away the text loses a lot of meaning.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Miranda Pederson

Nice.

### Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Trevor Frey

Photo puts a smile on judges' faces. Now we have "Singin' in the Rain" in our heads. Thank you.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Nice cute photo.

Third Place - The Gleaner, Darrin Phegley

Great shot. Cropped too tight.

### Category 17

#### Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Miranda Pederson

Nice diversity of shots in a strong category.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Good job of following the family around.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Clinton Lewis

Nice story.

### Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Ouch! Great action.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Miranda Pederson

Good action!

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

Good shot.

Honorable Mention - The Independent, Kevin Goldy

Good moment.

### Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - The Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

Good solid essay.

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

Good diversity of photos.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Trevor Frey

Good essay, need a few more different shots.

Honorable Mention - The Gleaner, Mike Lawrence

### Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - The Gleaner, Staff

Wow!! In the complete stack of entries in the category, this was the one I wanted to curl up next to fire and read cover-to-cover. And I've never been to Kentucky! Everything about this was outstanding, concept, organization, photography, layout and writing. Excellent job all the way around!!!

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Emily Toadvine, Jane Cox

Who knew there would be so many interesting things about brass bands? The section is chock full of local stories, maps, information, colorful and fun.

Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Sarah Reddoch, Staff

Excellent coverage of a news event that can shape a community. Don't think you guys missed a thing. Great photos, layout and a good job of making it understandable and relevant to all readers.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky New Era, Joe Wilson

Fun concept for cover, excellent layouts and stories school by school. Great use of white space.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky New Era, Michele Carlton, Melony Leazer

Loved the concept of following two couples through the wedding madness.

### Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - The Gleaner, Darrin Phegley  
"Arch of Triumph," beautiful, immediately captures the excitement of hoops playoffs. I'm blown away by technical proficiency seen in this full-page graphic.

Second Place - The Gleaner, Darrin Phegley  
Once again, graphic perfectly captures tone of article. This guy is talented!!

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Jane Cox, Jennifer Brummett

Holocaust page was evocative and haunting. Drew me instantly into the story and made me care.

Honorable Mention - The Independent, Adam Vankirk

Excellent graphic explaining complicated retail growth. Lots of good information and clear direction.

### Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Kentucky New Era, George Robinson

Dynamic design. Good use of photos and fonts. Strong reader appeal. Easy to read and navigate. Strong local coverage.

Second Place - The Advocate Messenger, Jane Cox, Staff

Strong design. Good use of white space, text and photos. (Larry Vaught is one prolific writer!)

Third Place - The Advocate Messenger, Amanda Brannock

Bold design on centerpiece package. Reader friendly.

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Daily Class 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Jacalyn Carfagno

Pointed and hard hitting. A winner because it points toward solutions offered. Very effectively pointing at problems.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Larry Dale Keeling

Strong writing, strong reasoning, firm, clear and forceful. Good job!

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Steve Vied

Sound logic, solid writing, this editorial educates while it opines.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Delano Massey

Excellent breaking news coverage of a student death on the UK campus with important background information on previous, similar incidents. The page layout and graphics, coupled with the sidebars on campus drinking make this a very in-depth report!

Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Jim Hannah, William Croyle, Brenna R. Kelly

Good detail and very helpful graphic on bus crash that injured 22 people.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Bill Estep

Excellent detail and pathos on the senseless murder of a pizza delivery man. This could have been a routine crime/murder story but the reporter dug deeper and made it much more compelling.

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Andy Mead, Cassandra Kirby

Another example of great detail work on what otherwise might be seen as a routine crime story.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Sarah Vos

Dramatically readable telling of the making of a crime.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brandon Ortiz

Expert use of adjectives adds zest to an interesting story.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Beth Musgrave

Nice interweaving of personalities in a complex explanation that could otherwise have been dry and technical.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Mary Meehan

A compelling story told with incredible compassion. Ms. Meehan's reporting shows readers volumes about the lives of obese chil-

dren and their families and the struggle to change. Beautiful witting, excellent detail. The clear winner!

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Jim Warren, Charles Bertram, Beth Musgrave  
Outstanding reporting filled with emotion. Kudos to the Herald-Leader for its coverage, especially Ms. Musgrave's very personal account. Well done.

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Renee Beasley Jones

A joy to read! Not only is this a story about a two-legged dog, it's a great story about a two-legged dog. Terrific writing. Full of humor.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Messenger Inquirer, Steve Vied

Columns on refurbishing the 60-year old coffee cart and Anna at Brooker's service station are beautiful slices of Americana.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Dan Heckel

Two "bravo" columns about journalism. One on teens; vows of First Amendment and other on deciding when/when not to use photos in paper are important issues for readers and all of us to think about.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Larry Dale Keeling

Column on Religious McCarthyism is needed critique of hypocrisy of ultra-conservative vote in U.S.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, John Clay

Outstanding read! Makes you want to re-read it over and over, each time leaving you with the feeling that Clay hits home with his words. Stays to the point with flair!

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Mark Story

Kudos to words written about EKU player.

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jim Pickens

Good variety and great flow to all of his columns.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Shannon Russell

A fantastic game story! Paints the picture of game's emotional impact ... just enough play-by-play. Great quotes. Super story!

Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Ryan Ernst

Extremely well-written. Presented the "Football Landscape" in the area and documented its year-round importance. Numerous sources quoted.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Janet Patton

Remarkably thorough. Good before/after

images of jockey's life were given to the reader. Story was a long read, but did not bog down.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Chip Cosby

Not just the best sports feature in this category, but one of the best I've ever read in 30+ years. Wonderful tale, wonderfully told.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Jennifer Smith

Super from beginning to end. Evocative lead, smooth transitions, just right quotes. It all adds up to a first-rate read.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Mary Meehan

A well-written piece that deserves its page one placement. Great job

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Jennifer Smith

Come back Kid, dynamic story!

Honorable Mention - Messenger Inquirer, Scott Hagerman

Category 9

Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Karla Ward

Comprehensive enterprise package. Well-written and well researched. Fascinating look inside a megachurch.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brandon Ortiz, Linda J. Johnson

Comprehensive look at highway deaths. This story has wide impact since so many Kentuckians travel those roads. Statewide focus made this a mammoth task. One Ortiz and Johnson were up to. Good job!

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Valarie Honeycutt Spears

Fascinating topic that looks at unusual taxpayer expense. Strong writing and reporting.

Category 10

Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff

Beautifully packaged, comprehensively reported with touch of details and the all-important feature for investigative project: spurs powerful people to act.

Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Patrick Crowley, Dan Horn, Ken Alltucker

Exhaustively-reported take on an issue that many communities are facing. Very informative, covered every possible base.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Delano Massey, Beth Musgrave

Well-researched package with intriguing findings.

Category 11

Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

DAILY CLASS 3

## EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY NEWSPAPERS CONTEST 2005

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Mary Meehan

Stories about Katrina evacuees both touching and riveting. Great 'slice of life' stories. Really enjoyed your trip to the coast.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brandon Ortiz

Who would have thought mass transit could be interesting? I bet your readers enjoyed this. I like the way you found people to talk to.

Third Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Jim Hannah

Series on jail frightening and fascinating. So many times newspapers ignore those behind bars. The comments from the inmates were wonderful.

**Category 12****Best Business/Agribusiness Story**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Sarah Vos, Greg Kocher, Steve Lannen, Peter Mathews

Outstanding work. A close look at a big business story built on solid reporting. Balanced, full of information, detail and opinion. Well done!

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Steve Lannen

Excellent reporting on a business story that definitely deserved its 1A placement. Great reporting, easy to read, even the math-heavy graphs. Good work!

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Janet Patton

Fascinating story that would appeal to non-business readers. Terrific writing and great detail!

**Category 13 - Best Headline**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Will Scott

Fantastic! Clever headline with a clever photo illustration. The lead-in is hilarious. "This isn't about a mother" simple, but sensational. The clear winner.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Vicky Broadus

All three are terrific! "Detachment" is the best. That one work speaks volumes.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Tawana Brown

Excellent work "Creepy Crawlers" a subtle but perfect play.

**Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture**

First Place - Messenger Inquirer, Gary Emord-Netzley

Tough reaction.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik

Nice composition and reaction.

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik

Good moment.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Enquirer, Patrick Reddy

Would have placed higher, but composition too loose and distraction from action framed by window.

**Category 15 - Best General News Picture**

First Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik

Different photo that caught judges' eyes.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Robert Bruck

Good reaction.

Third Place - Paducah Sun, Stephen Lance Dennee

Not bad!

**Category 16 - Best Feature Picture**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Janet Worne

Great action, great composition, great use by editor.

Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Sarah Conrad

Great picture, what else can we say.

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik

A cute moment captured at that decisive time. Great photo.

**Category 17****Best Picture Essay****(Spot, General or Feature)**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Charles Bertram

Wow! What a great package! Good job being sensitive to your subjects too.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Charles Bertram

Very nice story from beginning to end.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Janet Worne

You missed the end of the story. We wanted more shots of just the parents coping. Great otherwise!

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Janet Worne

Too many similar photos.

**Category 18 - Best Sports Picture**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Charles Bertram

Great heads up to the drop long lens and shoot wide.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik

Judges felt the guy's pain.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Charles Bertram

Nice moment.

**Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Charles Bertram

This package stood out.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, John Dunham

Photos were at least well composed.

Third Place - Paducah Sun, Stephen Lance Dennee

**Category 20 - Special Sections**

First Place - Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
Well-balanced section. Good writing information.

Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Ryan Ernst

Well put together, good layout, excellent section.

Third Place - Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
Excellent cover, layout, informative. Jim Pickens writing is outstanding!

**Category 21 - Best Graphic**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff

Excellent style and story interpretation.

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms, Bob Kandt

Excellent visual communication. Informational graphic that work well to tell a story.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Chris Ware

Fun, informational graphics that grab attention, enhance story.

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms

Attention-grabbing, information graphics.

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff

Eye-popping graphics that work.

**Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms

Energetic graphic style. Nice use of typography with photos. Good local feel. Targets readers.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
Nice feature photos and balance of stories.

**Category 23****Best Business/Agribusiness Page**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms

Simple, easy to read graphics that help the reader and entertain while holding one's attention.

**Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Marilyn Kitchens Cecil

Vibrant design! Excellent use of photography, type and color. Very appealing and easy to navigate. "Good, Better, Best" page is the best. Good work!!

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
Great use of photography. Love the index rail.



**THE PICKS**  
**If 'best' really meant best**  
 Anyone up for wishful thinking? Here's a look at some of the artists who should be walking home with Grammys tonight.

Above: Judges said "excellent style and story interpretation" were the reasons behind awarding the staff of the Lexington Herald-Leader first place for best graphic in the Daily Class 3 division. Top right: Gary Emord-Netzley of the Messenger Inquirer captured first place for best spot news picture in the Daily Class 3 division. Bottom right: Shannon Russell of the Kentucky Enquirer "paints the picture of game's emotional impact" in her first-place entry for best sports story in Daily Class 3 division.



**Sparks extends game; Spartans end UK's run**

By Shannon Russell  
 Enquirer staff writer

AUSTIN, Texas - As a band played Michigan State's fight song and exuberant Spartans cut down nets, Kentucky's players sat exhausted and heartbroken in a silent locker room down the hall.

Ravi Moss draped a towel over his head and leaned forward in his chair.

Randolph Morris addressed media with red-rimmed eyes. Rain Rondo focused on the floor.

"It's tough," a somber Patrick Sparks said. "There are hard emotions going on in the locker room right now."

Shannon Brown scored 24

points and Maurice Ager added 21 and Michigan State crushed Kentucky's postseason hopes in a 94-88 double-overtime Elite Eight win at the Frank Erwin Center Sunday night before 16,239 fans.

The Spartans (26-6) punched their dance card for the Final Four while Kentucky (28-6) tried to muster farewell words for seniors Chuck Hayes and Josh Carrier.

"It was a hard-fought game. They deserved to win," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "It is just going to be - you know, we're going to miss our seniors."

See UK, Page C6

**Mac Thrower**

Clean design with good balance of content. Great use of local letters. Strong local editorials.

**Category 26 - Best Front Page**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms

All of these front pages reflect a visual energy combined with hard news. Two of the three are very local oriented. The photo chosen for the front of 9/15/05 edition reflects the gover-

nor under siege and the turmoil in his administration can be immediately determined on this page.

Second Place - Messenger Inquirer, Eugene Embry, Hunter Reigler

Strong, visual front pages with a good mix of local, state and national stories.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Alyssa Sims

Great, visual centerpieces that include interesting information and let the reader participate.

**Category 25 - Best Editorial Page**

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Editorial Staff

This is the kind of editorial section every newspaper needs. One filled with important local, state, national and international issues, with voices of readers, staff and columnists, with photography illustration. "Don't Turn Away" is the finest work in the entry. Outstanding!!!

Second Place - Paducah Sun, Linda Locke,

## Associate Newspapers

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Mason County Beat, Jeremy Germann

Well researched editorials that present a definite point of view. Especially effective and informative.

Second Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Michelle Gordon

Subject of spouses during deployment was a natural, but both Michelle and Cathy presented it in an effective way.

Third Place - Florence Recorder, Nancy Daly

Good fact-finding on absentee council member and courageous position by calling for her to resign.

### Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Katie Alcott

Good story, well-written. Excellent photo by Chris James.

Second Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Michelle Gordon

Good story of storm damage to Fort Campbell.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten

Quick-thinking cab driver story is a winner.

### Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Lew Moores

Nice localization of a national epidemic, with good sourcing. A very solid reporting with engaging writing.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman

The donuts give this campaign ride-along story a sweet touch. Good writing, nice detail, well done.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Vicki Prichard

This story puts a face on the issue of homelessness and focuses on a single, pressing issue. Very clear writing. Nice to see subjects treated with respect and dignity.

Honorable Mention - Adair County Community Voice, Sharon Burton

Good personalization of an event. Explains the "why" the Relay is important.

Honorable Mention - Mason County Beat, Margie Appelman

Nice story, good focus on the subject.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Vicki Prichard

A beautiful story of friendships beautifully told. The impending death of one of the group makes it even more poignant, but even without that element, it would be a special story of

male friendship.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Lew Moores

Not every reporter would be so lucky to have a "Rabbit Hash" in his or her community, but then not every reporter would do this story such credit either. A fun, engaging story that just leaves the reader grinning.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman

A solid, well-written feature story about the reality of a drug addict. I especially like that the success of his recovery is not assumed, by either the subject or the writer.

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Kristen Marquez

Good job of capturing the thoughts and attitude of Forbess. I felt the story ran a bit long, but overall a good job.

Honorable Mention - Sunday Challenger, Tricia Suit

A really good lead to this story, grabs the reader, keeps going. Very nicely done.

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Mason County Beat, Robert Roe

A consistently fun, well-written column. Good list of super-heroes.

Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Stephen M. Vest

Columns flow nicely without being "forced." Readers get a good sense of who the writer is.

Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Bob Horine

These columns leave the reader with a nice, warm fuzzy feeling. Well-written and as comfortable as a cozy quilt.

Honorable Mention - Medical Leader, Laura Charles

Very personable columns with a tendency to run a bit long. Nice tribute to the author's father. Not often that you think about the father of girls and their relationship.

Honorable Mention - Sunday Challenger, Tom Mitsoff

Good grasp and retelling of the state of politics. Obviously what's going on and can tell the readers why it matters.

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Medical Leader, Bradley Damron

Q and A format is very reader-friendly, especially when you are a good interviewer and subject provides good answers.

Second Place - Mason County Beat, Danny Weddle

Good interviews, perceptive season forecast.

Third Place - Kentucky Monthly, Michael Embry

Good writer, good subjects. Magazines have more time than newspapers.

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Medical Leader, Bradley Damron

Story captures not only the action but the thoughts of the participants as well. Very nicely done!

Second Place - Florence Recorder, James Weber

Good job capturing the heartbreak and the action.

Third Place - Mason County Beat, Jeremy Germann

Strong lead sets the tone for this well-written story.

Honorable Mention - Sunday Challenger, Trina Kinstler

Well written story clearly explains implications of school going PAC.

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky Monthly, Gary P. West

The author's word choices are subtle and effective in adding to the interest and flavor of the story as demonstrated in the strong lead. A clear front-runner in this category.

Second Place - Mason County Beat, Danny Weddle

Interesting story on "local guy done good" in a different way. Nice article on a guy on the business side of a sport.

Third Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Kristen Marquez

Strong lead for a strong story. Good job capturing the emotions and thoughts of the players.

### Category 9

#### Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Staff

Complete coverage of a topic that affects an entire community. Strong writing, in-depth reporting add up to a great series of articles.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten

Good coverage of an emerging trend and the role it plays in modern political campaigns.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Michael Jennings, Trina Kinstler

Good job of putting a face on Title IX and showing how Kentucky's universities are doing with it.

### Category 10

#### Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Michael Jennings, Trina Kinstler

Good analysis and presentation of the what, whys and wheres of school suspensions.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman

Stories go beyond "who said what" to dig deeper into this subject. Very nicely done.



Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman

Another good example by Feldman and the Sunday Challenger of how stories can be more complex than a simple "who, what, where" report.

**Category 11**

**Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story**

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Vicki Prichard

Well done coverage of a couple's emotional issue. I liked the explanation of the snowball effect, the tough on crime laws and the federally funded cops program has had on jails. Good job.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Larry Nager

Interesting story. I can't wait to see how it turns out! It would also be interesting to know if other Hispanics in the community perceive a racist attitude among police officers, and what the city does to reach out to that segment of the population.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman

Separating criminal activity in a smaller community can be very hard. Good job here raising the issues and questions without telling the reader what to think.

**Category 12**

**Best Business/Agribusiness Story**

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Larry Nager

Interesting business story on an industry not often covered. Good job!

Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Tim Thornberry

Nicely done story on a topic that has big implications for agriculture and business in Kentucky.

Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Brian Jewell

Good combination of storytelling, fact-finding and advice for new home buyers. Nicely done!

**Category 13 - Best Headline**

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Larry Nager

Headline headliner - Nager aces this competition!

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Tricia Suiit

Good solid headline writing that grabs attention and relates well to the story.

Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Brian Jewell

Good headline writing that leads one into the story with ease.

**Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture**

First Place - Adair County Community Voice, Sharon Burton

**Category 15 - Best General News Picture**

First Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Chris Rosenthal

Second Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Chris Rosenthal

Third Place - Mason County Beat, Jeff Coutant

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

**Category 16 - Best Feature Picture**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Second Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Jakki Williams

Third Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Kristen Marquez

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

**Category 17**

**Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Good story from start to finish.

Second Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Nice essay.

Third Place - Inside the Turret, C.J. Gregory

Good event coverage.

**Category 18 - Best Sports Picture**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Second Place - Erlanger Recorder, James Weber

Third Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

**Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay**

No Entries

**Category 20 - Special Sections**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Katie Alcott, Katisha Draughn

Excellent use of page layout/design. Great balance of articles, photos and graphics. Well researched.

Second Place - Medical Leader, Staff

Excellent research of articles and photos. Nice layout keeps reader's attention.

Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Staff

Excellent design and photography with excellent articles. Nicely packaged. Very creative.

Honorable Mention - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Chris Rosenthal

Excellent design. Photos, text and graphics are well balanced.

Honorable Mention - Community Recorder, Bret Whitacre

Excellent packaging of articles, typography, photos and graphics. Maximum use of space.

**Category 21 - Best Graphic**

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Dan Ackley  
Excellent visual interpretation of story. Right on target visually.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Dave Hermann

Graphic illustrates story well.

Third Place - Mason County Beat, Jeremy Germann

Excellent informational graphic with maximum use of space to hold the attention of reader.

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Katie Alcott

Nice informational graphic. Clear and understandable.

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Nice eye-catching graphic. Captures the attention of the reader.

**Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare

Excellent use of photos in page layout and informational graphics. Good combination of fonts and feature photos for section fronts.

Second Place - Mason County Beat, Jeremy Germann

Excellent use of photos and page design.

Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Molly O'Conner

Great use of feature photos.

**Category 23**

**Best Business/Agribusiness Page**

First Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Chris Rosenthal

Excellent photography, page layout and design.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Molly O'Conner

Nice, clean layout and design. Easy to read and entertaining.

**Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page**

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Jakki Williams

Fun and creative use of photos and page layout. Good use of design which makes reading more enjoyable.

Second Place - Mason County Beat, Ian Lawson

Excellent use of photos in page layout, creative use of color. Solid design.

Third Place - Community Recorder, Bret Whitacre

Design that has impact on reader.

Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Katie Alcott

Attractive page design.

Honorable Mention - Sunday Challenger, Molly O'Conner

Attractive page design.

# Oil: The world's great motivator

This week the federal government narrowly avoided a military and national security blunder of epic proportions and it had nothing to do with terrorism. Congressman Duncan Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, became the first elected official to order a further investigation into China's \$18.5 billion bid to buy California-based oil company Unocal. The communist state's bid has been reported to be \$2 billion higher than Chevron's offer to purchase the enterprise. And while it looked as if China's request for the U.S. federal government to avoid dealing with the "free-market" matter was going to be met, Chairman Hunter and his committee refused to listen to the wall-street rhetoric and requested more information on the matter.

According to CNN, CIA Director James Woolsey testified at the Armed Services hearing: "For anyone who believes that this is purely a commercial undertaking, unrelated to a national strategy of domination of energy markets and of the western Pacific, I would suggest that that view is extraordinarily naive."

Unlike what the stockholders of Unocal want you to believe, this is not a purely commercial matter. By purchasing the California-based energy company, China would gain control over oil pipelines and gas storage facilities across North America. Along with these assets, the transaction would include technology for Alaskan oil production and deep sea drilling, both of which have military applications.

All of this comes just days after a top Chinese general went on the record declaring the People's Liberation Army would respond with nuclear weapons if the U.S. intervened in Taiwan.

Since taking control after World War II, the communist party of China has claimed territorial rights over Taiwan and has threatened the island nation never to declare independence. The U.S. government has formally agreed to defend Taiwan if it was ever attacked by China. During his 2000 campaign to become the Republican nominee for president, George W. Bush stated he would defend Taiwan if threatened by China.

But there are other implications. In a barrel where oil sells for more than \$50 a barrel and California suffers from an ongoing energy crisis, how can any U.S. company afford to sell off oil rights based in North America to an military enemy and economic competitor.

Oil runs the world's economy. China knows this and bars any foreign power from owning oil reserves on its territory. In fact, no American company owns or is allowed to own more than a small percentage of any Chinese business. "The object of China's strategy is inescapably to supplant the United States as the world's premier economic power," says Frank Gaffney, president of the Center for Security Policy, "and if necessary, to defeat us militarily."

China has over \$700 billion in U.S. currency in its reserve. That is enough money to essey major oil company (\$615 billion) and have enough left over in fun cash to buy Boeing and Lockheed Martin, the nations top two defense contractors (\$81 billion), according to CNN.

What about the humanitarian side of the issue? The U.S. has invaded and occupied countries in the name of human rights. The citizens of this nation have supplied billions in relief for those who find themselves dominated by tyranny. But now, just to turn a profit, we are allowing U.S. stockholders to sell one of the world's largest oil companies to a country that suppresses its people by force, where human rights do not exist, and a slave economy is allowed to freely compete with American workers.

The economic threat posed by China is much more dangerous than any posed by the Soviet Union's nuclear stockpile or any terrorist. China is the next emerging military and economic superpower. If American wants to maintain its place in the world, it cannot allow Unocal stockholders to compromise national security just for higher profits.

Above: Judges said the work of Jeremy Germann of the Mason County Beat was "especially effective and informative" and awarded him first place in the best editorial category for associate newspapers. Top right: Bradley Damron of the Medical Leader was praised for his interviewing skills and was awarded first place in the best sports column competition for associate newspapers. Bottom right: An "excellent visual interpretation of story" prompted the judges to award the first place best graphic award for associate newspapers to Dan Ackley of the Sunday Challenger.

- Category 25 - Best Editorial Page**
- First Place - Sunday Challenger, Dan Ackley  
Excellent local appeal. Local issues targeted head-on.
- Second Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare  
Excellent mix of photos, cartoons and articles. Good layout and appeal for local audience.
- Third Place - Medical Leader, Staff  
Good mix of voices and faces.
- Honorable Mention - Mason County Beat,

Jeremy Germann, Drew Sutton, Betty Coutant  
Good layout style. Nice mix of articles and cartoons.

- Category 26 - Best Front Page**
- First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Thomas Hare  
Excellent photos, creative font design and use of white space create an updated current journalistic style. Creative photo graphic angles and feature photos help anchor page design.

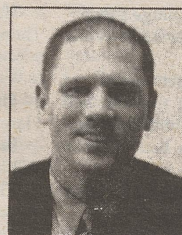
- Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Dave Hermann  
Excellent use of photos, typography and page layout.
- Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Staff  
Excellent design and photo usage give this publication an updated look.
- Honorable Mention - Mason County Beat, Ian Lawson  
Good design and use of photos.
- Honorable Mention - Medical Leader, Staff  
Nice mix of articles, photos and graphics.



With Bradley Damron

In this installment of One-on-One, former University of Kentucky basketball standout Jeff Sheppard stopped by the Medical Leader offices to chat about his playing days at Kentucky, winning national titles and playing for coaches Tubby Smith and Rick Pitino.

**Bradley Damron:** It's been seven years since your senior year at Kentucky. I know that you had a stint with the Atlanta Hawks. What else have you been up to since your playing days?



Jeff Sheppard

**Jeff Sheppard:** I live in London, Ky. now. I married Stacey Reed, who is from London and also played basketball at Kentucky. We also have two kids. Madison, our daughter, is four years old, and Reed, our son, is nine months old. I just travel around the state and do a lot of motivational speaking in schools. I also have an apparel company - 15 Inc. I got out of college, and went to Atlanta for one year, then to Italy for two years. In 2001, when the terrorist attacks happened, I came home. My wife and our daughter were about to

professional teams. It's special. You know, Kentucky fans take basketball personally. Like anything that becomes personal to you, it becomes special. Kentucky basketball means more to the fans than people outside of Kentucky realize. It kind of brings the state together to cheer for one team collectively. It's a unique feeling.

**BD:** You stayed in college and got your degree. A lot of guys just want to jump from the college ranks to pro basketball.

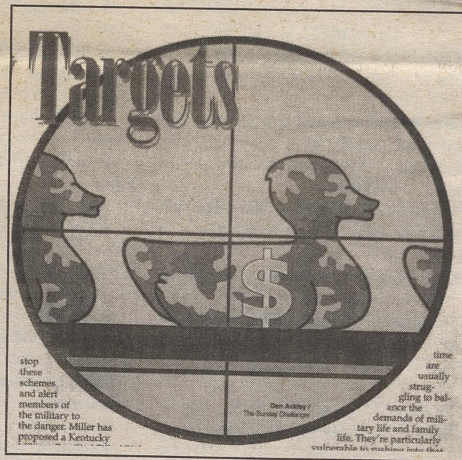
because he was the greatest coach to never win a championship. We played between nine and 11 guys, pressed the whole game and tried to score a lot of points. Gosh, we just had a special year. We won every game in the SEC (regular season) and eventually won the National Championship.

**BD:** You got to avenge one of your two losses against UMass (Massachusetts) in the national semifinal. Were you kind of cheering for Mississippi State against Syracuse in the other semifinal to have a chance to avenge that loss as well?

**JS:** Yeah, I think so. We had just lost to Mississippi State in the SEC Championship, so we wouldn't have minded to play against them. Of course, at that point, we were playing for the National Championship, so it didn't matter who we played.

**BD:** The 1997-98 team was a bit different. It was obviously a good team but not one of the favorites.

**JS:** We had a great group of talent but probably didn't have the best talent in the NCAA. I think that we had the best team



stop these schemes and alert members of the military to the danger Miller has proposed a Kentucky

time are usually struggling to balance the demands of military life and family life. They're particularly vulnerable to workplace stress

College & University

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrew Martin

This piece is thoughtfully illustrated, backed with reporting and features a solution.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Rebecca Neal

Thoroughly reported, with helpful break-out boxes and a rousing call to teachers.

Third Place - Eastern Progress, Tracy Haney  
Great headline and illustration. Raises a number of intriguing questions.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Megan Boehnke

Excellent story in death of UK student. Good photos and graphics.

Second Place - Eastern Progress, Magan Hansen

Well written story, good layout, tightly put together.

Third Place - Thoroughbred News, Kristyn Hall  
Interesting story, well done.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - College Heights Herald, Ashlee Clark, Keith Farnar

Strong story, well covered, excellent photo ad layout!

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Doug Scott  
Outstanding job on Bush's inaugural address.

Third Place - Murray State News, Melissa Kilcoyne

Interesting, strong story well written.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - College Heights Herald, Joanie Baker

Living in Lee Martin, gave a face, heart and soul to the file of a transgender. Extraordinarily researched, reported and written.

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Natasha Allen

War torn was a heartbreaking look at nightmares of war. Excellent job of research and writing.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Steve Ivey  
Profile of alum working in the White House almost as good as an episode of "West Wing."

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Danielle Komis

Inspirations took us inside memories of one man's role in civil rights battle. Well written.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Dylan Lightfoot

Lightfoot has a good touch, excellent writer.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrew

Martin

Well written. Paragraphs are well put together.

Third Place - Eastern Progress, Adam Baker  
Refreshing article keeps readers interest.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jeff Patterson  
Solid writing, interesting. Holds the reader's interest. One of the best I read anywhere!

Second Place - Murray State News, Will Brantley

Will Brantley does a good job. A down to earth writer. I like his style.

Third Place - Eastern Progress, Lance Melching

Very readable, very organized. A good writer.

Third Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Andrew Krumme

Good, solid writing.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ben Roberts  
Ben Roberts does a good job with excellent photos and lay out.

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Michael Casagrande

Good story, well written.

Third Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Glypie Grider

Glypie Grider writes an exciting story.

Good layout.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jeff Patterson  
Excellent job profiling head coach's progress at UK. Well written, in depth, good job!

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Keith Farnar

Good story on Western's athletic director. A little long, but well put together. A winner.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Wes Watt

Well written story on Middle Tennessee State ladies volleyball. Good photos also.

Third Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Glypie Grider

Grider does an excellent job profiling U of L quarterback Brian Brohn. A story that holds your attention.

Category 9

Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Eastern Progress, Adam Baker  
To the point, well written, tightly edited. A winner.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ben Roberts

A great story. Ben Roberts tells a good story. Well written.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Samantha Hupman

Interesting story. Well put together.

Category 10

Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Danielle Komis

Great series on Defining Diversity. Well done in-depth work. Danielle does a good job. Graphics and quotes make this series a winner!

Second Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Matt Thacker

Good story, well put together. Thacker does a good job!

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Samieh Shalash, Dariush Shafa

Good series. Well written.

Category 11

Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - College Heights Herald, Ashlee Clark, Keith Farnar

Strong story, well written from pre-trial to her closing story. Good photos help make the coverage excellent.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Tricia McKenny, Sean Rose, Tricia Spaulding, Maggie Finsel

What a story! Interesting story well written over six months. A real credit to the writers.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Emily Hagedorn

Excellent extended coverage story. Emily does a great job.

Category 12

Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Elizabeth Troutman

Excellent photo photo by Jonathan Palmer pulled you into a well-written story.

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Natasha Allen

Interesting, well written story. Good layout and graphics

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Joey Leslie

Tightly written, timely, good use of quotes.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Chris Brown

Great headline, says it all!

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jeff Patterson, Steve Ivey

A real eye-catcher. Tells the whole story.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Michael Casagrande

Michael does a good job of capturing the story in a headline. A winner!!

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Brett Flashnik

Good job of telling a story.  
Second Place - College Heights Herald, Josh

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY



# MORE THAN NUMBERS

Many UK students and faculty say that interaction and unity — not percentages — are the keys to creating a truly diverse campus.

By Danielle Komis

Colin Ammerman doesn't usually see students from different ethnic or racial groups interacting with one another at UK.

"It's hard enough to come to a school that's large and then to branch out — that's difficult," said the white junior from Covington, Ky., gazing out the window at Intermezzo Cafe in Patterson Office Tower.

A building away some black students sit in the Student Center food court by KFC and Borick Brothers pizza — "the black section," they call it. They laughed when they were asked if UK is diverse.

"I don't think there's many people who try to cross barriers," said Francis Cooper, an undecided sophomore who is black. "I don't really hang out with white people."

Though there is a greater representation of racial minorities today than there was 10 years ago, students say that interaction between people of different backgrounds is important.

Diversity is more than having satisfactory percentages of racial and eth-

nic categories on campus and promoting cultural events, said participants in a recent Kentucky Kernel roundtable discussion on diversity at UK. The panel was made up of 16 students and faculty members of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

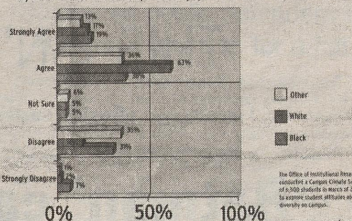
"You can't say I understand Chinese people because I visited the Great Wall of China once," or understand black fraternities after seeing a stop show, said Stephen Voss, an associate political science professor, during the discussion. Diversity is when people from different backgrounds face challenges together, like being "stuck in the dorm and there's no air conditioning," Voss said. "That's when you understand each other."

Most universities do not typically take this kind of definition into account in setting goals for diversity.

And UK is no different. Goal No. 5 of UK's 2003-06 Strategic Plan states: "We must foster a creative, supportive environment that will nurture diversity of thought, culture, gender and ethnicity."

Yet administrators tend to look at statistics to measure this goal, rather than at how students of different

"My social interactions on campus are largely with students of my race/ethnicity"



The Office of Institutional Research conducted a Campus Climate Survey of 1,300 students in March of 2004 to assess current attitudes about diversity on campus.

EMILY THOMPSON | STAFF

racial and ethnic groups interact with one another or whether all groups feel included on campus.

Many students say UK still has a long way to go in achieving the kind of racial and ethnic diversity that creates a more integrated environment.

**Comfort zones**

Students say part of the reason groups tend to be segregated is that many students at UK are from the state and already have their cliques intact.

John Hieronymus, a civil engineering junior who is white, said that

See Diversity on page 4

## Coming this week:

**Wednesday:** The president of the Latino-American Student Association seeks to educate.

**Thursday:** The former president of Lambda works for acceptance.

**Friday:** The president of the Black Student Union pushes for equality.



"You can't operate on the notion that everyone looks like you, acts like you, thinks like you ... it's just a matter of crossing that barrier."



"I come from a small town where you heard racial slurs, even from teachers ... people thought there were these huge differences."



"It really does come down to the individual making that extra step."



"Just going to a cultural event or eating Chinese food or going to a Japanese movie is not enough to understand the other culture."

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Left: Danielle Komis of the Kentucky Kernel captured first place for best investigative story or series in the college or university division. The judges said "graphics and quotes make this series a winner."

Informative, well written and laid out. Good photography and use of graphics. An excellent section!!

Second Place - Murray State News, Staff Information well written.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Staff Great Valentines section. Good photo illustration by Dinara Sagatova.

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Emily Thompson

Bat Cats graphic helps make a good page layout outstanding!!!

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Dinara Sagatova

Outstanding graphic on tsunami. Well done.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Emily Thompson

Emily Thompson does outstanding work!

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Murray State News, Nathan Clinkenbeard

Good balance, well written. Excellent layout. Editor Clinkenbeard does a good job!

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Michael Casagrande

Excellent photos and layout combined with good writing, make them a winner.

Third Place - The Louisville Cardinal, Chris

Brown, Glypie Grider  
Well written stories, good photos.

Category 23  
Best Business/Agribusiness Page  
No Entries

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
First Place - Eastern Progress, Kasey Doyle, Stephanie Schell

"Beach Bummer." Wow! This page works on every possible lead. Artwork is colorful, imaginative and perfect for content. Story well written and informative. It's always a gamble putting text on a photo, but this one worked major time!! Very, very well done.

Second Place - Murray State News, Janet Robb

Interesting story, great use of creative white space.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Jenica Miller

Very imaginative use of Warhol-like portraits of Thompson with quotes. Well written article.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - Eastern Progress, Tracy Haney, Adam Baker

Excellent layout and good mix of opinion articles, photos, graphics, illustrations and sidebar information. Holds the attention of the

reader and targets audience well.

Second Place - Murray State News, Elizabeth Cawien

Good mix of articles and graphics plus photos. Easy to read layout anchored by feature size graphics.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrew Martin, Ben Roberts

Nice layout with feature photos and graphics. Interesting mix of articles.

Honorable Mention - College Heights Herald, Lisa Ross

Informative and entertaining. Nice layout.

Honorable Mention - The Louisville Cardinal, Dylan Lightfoot, Staff

Good mix of opinions.

Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff

Professional layout, good balance. Excellent photos.

Second Place - Murray State News, Staff

Good story and photo balance. Well written.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Jenica Miller

Strong use of photo and graphic design make for an outstanding front page on courthouse story.

got coconut milk?

It's a beetles reunion  
**THIS ISN'T ABOUT MOTHER**

Best Headline - Daily Class 3 - Will Scott

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**'Batman' caves during drug trial**

Best Headline - Multi-Weekly - Jodi Turner

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**Fuming Over Emissions Tests**

**Erogenous Zoning**

Best Headline - Associate Newspapers - Larry Nager

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**Fine and Tandy  
Shock-omo!  
Lawn and order**

Best Headline -Daily Class 1 - Susan Riddell

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**Hodge: 'You could trade anything for drugs' there**

The tax man cometh ... and leaveth a mess

Williamsburg school board  
gives Byrd the thumbs up

Best Headline -Weekly Class 3 - Mark White



Best Spot News Picture - Weekly Class 1 - Darren Pike



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Best Graphic - Daily Class 2 - Darrin Phegley

## Justice denied

Burden on public defenders threatens America's promise for a fair hearing

Nancy Bowman is overworked. And underpaid. So are the other public defense attorneys in Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. Forty-two years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that anyone prosecuted in court, no matter how poor, has a right to a defense attorney, the commonwealth is falling short of its obligations to those it seeks to deny liberty.

Since the public defenders system was established in the commonwealth, its role has expanded far beyond the support it receives. Consider that last year Kentucky public defenders handled more than 130,000 cases. The average trial attorney's new caseload approached 490, far more than the standard recommended by the National Advisory Commission's guidelines of 350 per attorney in rural areas and no more than 450 in urban areas. Sixteen offices average more than 500 cases per attorney.

In the last four years, the department's total caseload has risen more than 30 percent. Jury trials, which require the most resources, have increased 12 percent. And the Administrative Office of the Courts has created drug and family courts, further expanding the role of the public defender.

In 2003, per-case funding was \$238, almost the lowest in the nation. And guess what. In 2004, it was even lower: \$228. That's per-case funding — not only attorneys' compensation, but money for everything from paper clips and filing fees to support staff and stamps. That amount might buy you an hour with a private attorney, but the office supplies would be extra.

Most of us probably can recite the familiar Miranda warning about the right to remain silent and to have a court-appointed attorney if you cannot afford one. It's as much of the national psyche as the National Anthem and apple pie. But a story from North Carolina shows that we are not living up to the promise.

Junior Allen, 65, was released from prison last week, 35 years after he was sentenced to life for second-degree burglary. He still must serve five years of probation. His crime? He stole a television set. Today, he would receive a maximum sentence of three years. And yet for more than half of his life, he languished unrepresented in prison, and the state paid to keep him there. The television set was worth \$140.

Allen was freed after a college law professor took up his case. He got lost in the system, the attorney said.

What happened to Junior Allen was not justice. Justice is more than society exacting revenge or meting out punishment. It is not about rehabilitation or redemption. It is about ensuring equal treatment under the law, fair trials and holding the prosecution and defense to the same standards.

The Department of Public Advocacy recently sounded an alarm that "the quality of justice being provided by Kentucky's public defenders is compromised by the continued significant increase in caseload."

That's a warning that must be heeded. The General Assembly has allocated an additional \$1.8 million for the department next year. That's a little more than \$13 per case, assuming caseloads stay the same. Still the bottom of the barrel nationally. And the price of stamps is going up.

What happened to Junior Allen could happen here. The next Junior Allen could be you.

— The News-Enterprise

Best Editorial - Daily Class 2 - Sarah Reddock

MORE FIRST-PLACE WINNERS

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## GENERAL EXCELLENCE

### Weekly Class 1

First: McLean County News  
Second: Trimble Banner  
Third: Flemingsburg Gazette

### Weekly Class 2

First: Spencer Magnet  
Second: Leitchfield Record  
Third: LaRue County Herald News

### Weekly Class 3

First: Oldham Era  
Second: Jessamine Journal  
Third: Anderson News

### Multi-Weekly

First: Georgetown News Graphic  
Second: Kentucky Standard  
Third: Appalachian News-Express

### Daily Class 1

First: Richmond Register  
Second: Madisonville Messenger  
Third: Frankfort State Journal

### Daily Class 2

First: The Advocate Messenger  
Second: Bowling Green Daily News  
Third: Kentucky New Era

### Daily Class 3

First: Lexington Herald Leader  
Second: Messenger-Inquirer  
Third: Kentucky Enquirer

### Associate

First: Sunday Challenger  
Second: Ft. Campbell Courier  
Third: Mason County Beat

### College/University

First: Kentucky Kernel  
Second: College Heights Herald  
Third - TIE: Eastern Progress  
Third - TIE: Murray State News

