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J-3 Student News, Sports or Feature Photo

First Place: "Missouri Thriller", David Poe, *Baylor Lariat*, Baylor University, Waco

Comments: Captures the drama of the game. Beautifully framed.

Second Place: "Echoes of Matthew 25", Michael Bou-Nacklie, *TCU Daily Skiff*

Third Place: "Serving It Hot", Gregory Bohoslav, *University of Houston*

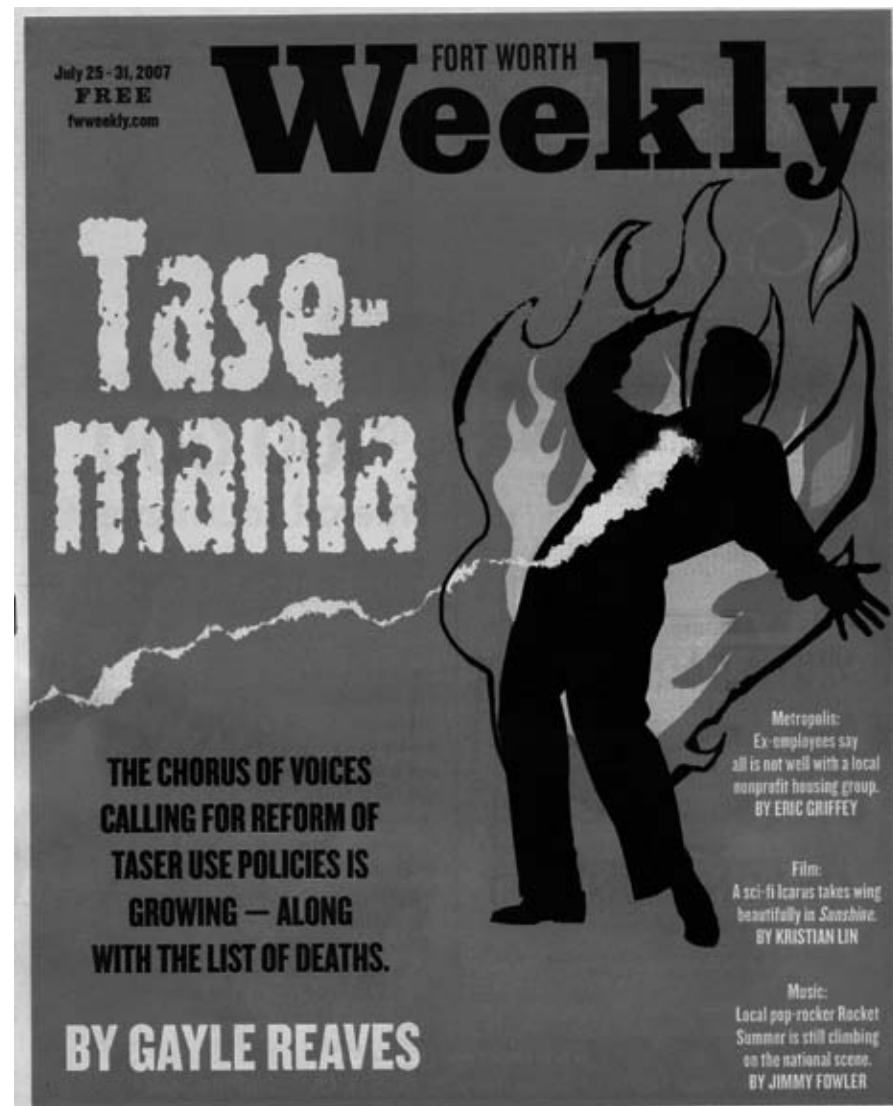
Comments: The clear award winner amongst all the judges. Story structure was strong – good use of interviews. The narration was informative and, at the same time, showed a deft and wry touch for the subject.

Second Place: "Texas Wetlands", Daniel McLemore, *LUTV*, Lamar University, Beaumont

Third Place: "The Dream of Black History Month", Lauren Corbut, Texas State University, San Marcos

J-4 Student Broadcast TV & Radio

First Place: "Texas State and the Paranormal", Adam Swank, *KTSW*, Texas State University, San Marcos



Category B-6 Politics/Government
 First Place: Gayle Reaves, Peter Gorman and Jesseca Bagherpour, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Tase-Mania"



About Our Host Presenter

Meteorologist Casey Curry joined the Eyewitness Weather team in August 2006.

Casey started her broadcast career in Victoria, Texas. Before moving to Houston, she worked in Kansas City, Denver, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Abilene, Texas.

She is a graduate of the Broadcast Meteorology Program at Mississippi State and earned her Journalism degree at the University of Colorado.

Casey is an "Army brat" and calls the world her home. She was born in Panama and attended nine elementary schools. She's thrilled to be back in southeast Texas and closer to her parents, whose latest stop is Alexandria, Louisiana.

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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Reception 6:00
 Dinner 7:00
 Gridiron Show Video 7:20
 Ron Stone Tribute..... 7:30
 Awards Presentation..... 7:40
 With Casey Curry, KTRK Meteorologist
 and Debra Fraser, KUHF Station Manager

Houston Press Club Lone Star Awards

The Lone Star Awards are given each year in recognition of outstanding achievements in journalism and mass communication in the state of Texas. The competition encompasses efforts in the fields of print, radio, television and internet journalism; student publications and broadcasts; and public relations. Awards are given to first, second, and third place entries in each category.

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Comments: Comprehensive story about an important charity.

Second Place: Dave Schafer, "Working Today can Ease your Tomorrow", *City of Houston*

Third Place: Ronda Wendler, "The Price Doctors Pay when Pressured to be Perfect", *Texas Medical Center News*

G-4 Newsletter

First Place: *April 2007 Lifetimes, Bastrop*

Comments: Newsie and lively, packed with a wide range of valuable information.

Second Place: HR Communications, *Benefits Pulse, City of Houston*

Third Place: Phyllis Gillentine and Doris Huang, *Giving Matters Newsletter, University of Houston*

G-5 Magazine

First Place: Griffin Integrated Marketing, *Endeavour Lifestyles*

Comments: The magazine reflects the recreational, cultural and lifestyle opportunities available to Texans.

Second Place: Office of Creative Services, *The University of Houston Magazine – Welcome issue*

Third Place: Office of Creative Services, *The University of Houston Magazine – Legacy Issue*

G-6 Annual Report

First Place: Elizabeth Fordham, *Lyondell Channelview Complex – 50 Year Report, Quill & Ink*

Comments: Beautifully done linking of the past with the present and into the future. Inviting, clean graphics make this a pleasure to read.

Second Place: Phyllis Gillentine, *President's Report to the Community, University of Houston*

Third Place: Elizabeth Fordham, *Marathon 2006 Annual Report, Quill & Ink*

INTERNET-BASED NEWS-ORIGINAL

H-1 Feature Story

First Place: John Nova Lomax, "The Sole of Houston", *Houston Press*

Comments: These stories really delivered the textures and sights of the neighborhoods while introducing the reader to a fascinating cast of characters – including the author and walking partner.

Second Place: Sergio Chapa and Ben Torres, Jr., "Fuera del Closet: Gay Latino Immigrants in Dallas", *New America Media*

Third Place: Gregory Selber, "La Amenaza and His World", *RGVSN.com*

H-2 – Opinion

First Place: Jason Friedman, "Rockets Series", *Houston Press*

Comments: This was tons of fun to read – plus the added bonus of lots of information

Second Place: John David Powell, "An Arkansas Christmas: Have a Nas Nat", *Conservative Voice*

Third Place: John David Powell, "Jena and Mahmoud: Two Examples of Public Relations Failures", *American Daily*

INTERNET-BASED NEWS-COLLABORATIVE

H-3 Hard News Reporting

First Place: Click2Houston.com, "Dirty side of Tropical Storm Floods Houston", *KPRC-TV*

Comments: Since I live in a place where we get 7 inches of rain a year, this story provided a fascinating glimpse into what's going on all over the city when 9 inches fall in a day.

Second Place: Click2Houston.com, "Texas Rangers Investigate Fatal Prison Break", *KPRC-TV*

Third Place: Click2Houston.com, "Baby Grace's Mother, Stepfather Blame Each Other", *KPRC-TV*

STUDENT ENTRY CATEGORIES

J-1 Student News, Sports, Feature

First Place: "Putting the Bite on Hospitals", Pablo Lastra, *Fort Worth Weekly*

Comments: A detailed account of allegations that a health care company is bilking the public. Detailed and thorough.

Second Place: "BU Had Role in Dembski Return", Brad Briggs, and Grace Maalouf, *Baylor Lariat*, Baylor University, Waco

Third Place: "Sports Bars Open Near Schools", Gretchen Mahan, *The Revelation*, San Antonio Christian High School

J-2 Best Student Newspaper

First Place: *Baylor Lariat*, Baylor University, Waco

Comments: Pound for pound, this small staff is churning out readable, interesting and often edgy and controversial stories, from a front-page investigation involving intelligent design and the involvement of a controversial professor, to its feature update on the dwindling war protestors at Crawford, to the arrest of six members of a gay advocacy group for chalking messages on campus property.

Where other student newspapers rely heavily -- too heavily -- on covering the latest speakers on campus and the latest pronouncements from the administration, this fine staff goes after real news with gusto. Bravo and good luck in your journalism careers to come!

Second Place: *The Daily Cougar*, University of Houston

Third Place: *The Revelation*, San Antonio Christian High School

Comments: What I liked about this story -- is that the reporter chose to use "real people" (not politicians) to give a more human face to an interesting local issue.

Second Place: "Selling the State Lottery", Ben Philpott, *KUT, Austin*

Third Place: "Immigration and Speaker", Shelley Kofler, *KERA, Dallas*

E-7 Public Affairs

First Place: "Texas Matters: State Props", David Davies and Yvette Benavides, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Comments: I liked the way the reporters used interviews and clear and concise explanations.

Second Place: "Trinity Decision - Roundtable", Shelley Kofler, *KERA, Dallas*

Third Place: "Taser Policy Review", Jack Williams, *KUHF, Houston*

E-8 Sports Reporting

First Place: "Texas League Umpires", Terry Gildea, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Comments: This story was a little off-the-beaten-path -- and was told very well.

Second Place: "Chasing a Dream", Jack Williams, *KUHF, Houston*

E-9 Series

First Place: "Lost and Found at the Border", Staff, *KUT, Austin*

Comments: Bravo! A great in-depth look at the emotional border issue from a number of perspectives. Nice reporting.

Second Place: "A Pregnant Pause", Terry Gildea, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Third Place: "Cheese Heroin", Sujata Dand, *KERA, Dallas*

E-10 Use of Sound

First Place: "Norma's Holiday Feast", Shelley Kofler, *KERA, Dallas*

Comments: In my mind, a story with good sound takes you to that place. In this case, I could see myself in that restaurant on the holiday. Good job...

Second Place: "Texas Polar Express", David Martin Davies, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Third Place: "Grounded in Music", David Brown, *KUT, Austin*

E-11 Talk Show

First Place: "The Craddick Rebellion", David Martin Davies and Yvette Benavides, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Comments: This entry kept my interest. Sometimes, political stories of this kind seem like inside baseball -- but the two reporter/hosts made it interesting.

Second Place: "Daybreak USA -- Alan Alda Interview", *USA Network, Dallas*

MAGAZINES

F-1 Magazine Article

First Place: "Is UT Holding Our History Hostage?", Cynthia Leal Massey, *Scene in San Antonio*

Comments: In her exhaustive look at the unique battle over the Bexar Archives, writer Cynthia Leal Massey manages to make history come alive, filled with dark plots and do-gooders of yesteryear, and allusions to cattle rustling and murder and more.

Second Place: "The Quiet American", Todd Bensman, *D Magazine*

Third Place: "What It's Like", Laura Ohata, *Austin Monthly Magazine*

F-2 Column

First Place: "A Final Word on Lady Bird", Dale Dudley, *Austin Monthly Magazine*

Comments: A touching personal recollection that touches on what made one of America's great First Ladies so memorable.

Second Place: "King of Coal", Dale Dudley, *Austin Monthly Magazine*

Third Place: "What Price Victory?", John G. Browning, *D CEO Magazine*

F-3 Magazine Layout

First Place: Gwen Griffin, *Endeavor Lifestyles, Fall/Winter 2007*

Comments: In this crisp and clean issue, one got the sense that one might be reading National Geographic's look at bird-watching, or perusing Architectural Digest's visit to the luxury-studded Amalfi Coast. On a more serious note, in the two-page layout on "Fighting Breast Cancer with Photography," Gwen Griffin manages to bring a sense of hope and light to a very tough subject. All in all, really quite beautiful.

Second Place: Crystal Carroll, *Sports Insider*

Third Place: *University of Houston, Celebrating 80 Years Issue*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

G-1 P.R. Communicator of the Year

Rob Cahill, *UT Health Science Center*

Comments: Good, solid, matter-of-fact reporting on issues affecting the medical center and the community.

Second Place: Raquel Espinosa-Williams, *Shriners Hospital for Children*

Third Place: Dave Schafer, *City of Houston*

G-2 Release

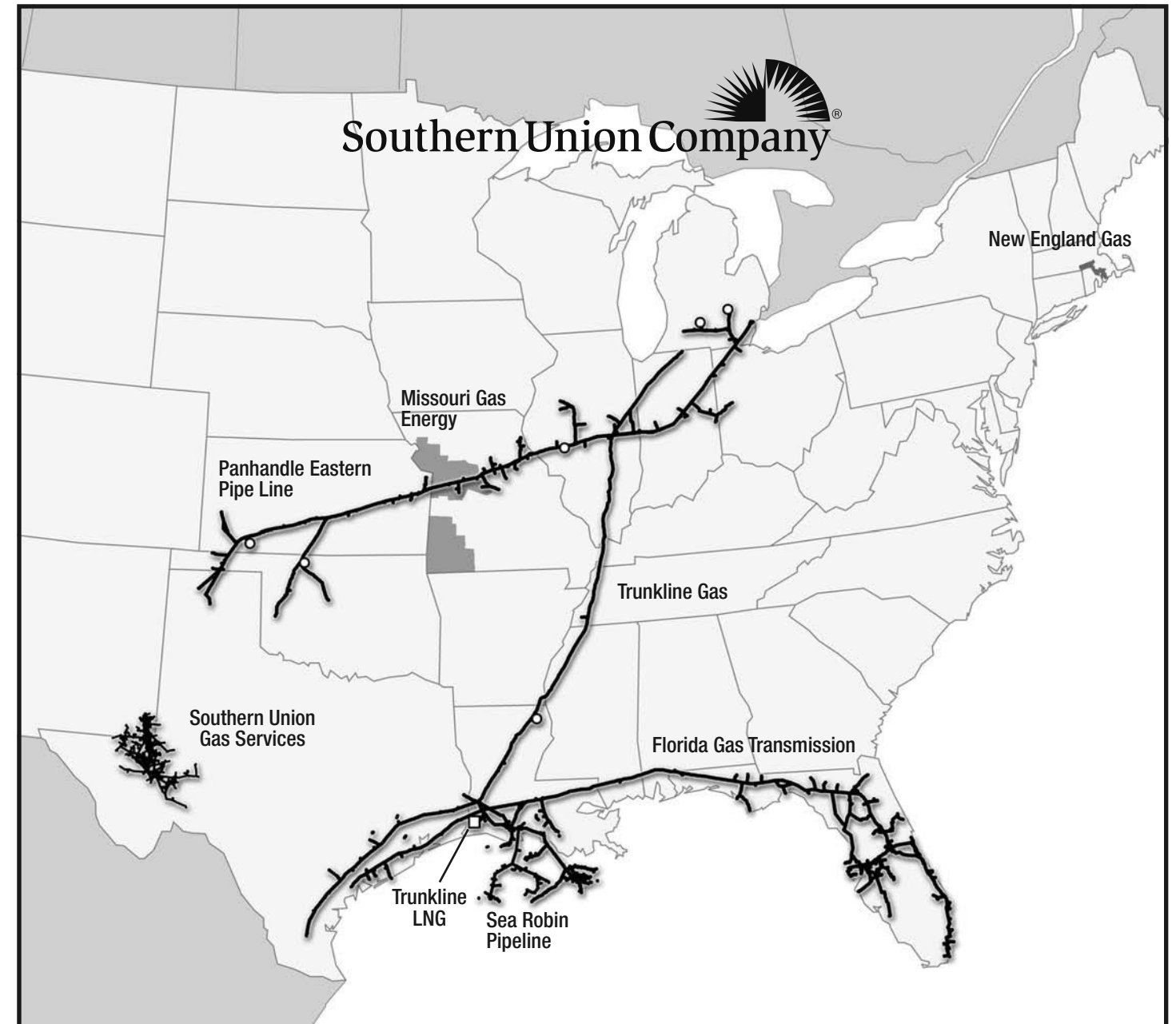
First Place: Elizabeth Fordham, "All Points Bulletin Issued: Massive Wave to hit West U. Southside Place." *Quill & Ink*

Comments: Funny, attention-getting headline and all the right information in the right order.

Second Place: Raquel Espinosa-Williams, "Lawnmowers and Limb Loss", *Shriners Hospital for Children*

G-3 Article

First Place: Dave Schafer, "Paper Houses Provides Solid Support Across the Border", *City of Houston*



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Comments: Stunning images that take the viewer to that locale. It just feels like the best of Texas.

Second Place: "Recipe of Success", Matthew Brawley, *Houston PBS*

Third Place: "Crazy Water", Greg Johnson, *WFAA-TV*

D-14 Editing

First Place: "Taking on Taggers", Patricia Norman, *KENS-TV*

Comments: Great use of visuals of taggers in action are interspersed with the damage they are causing and the eyewitness to the phenomenon.
Second Place: "A Lesson in Moving", Thomas Rigea, *KHCW-TV*

Third Place: "Cruiser Houston: Of Pride and Purpose", Matthew Brawley, *Houston PBS*

RADIO

E-1 Radio Journalist of the Year

First Place: David Martin Davies, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Comments: This is the toughest category -- and I normally wait until last to judge it. David Martin Davies gets the nod because of his in-depth work on the border issue. He is a very good writer and story-teller.

Second Place: Jack Williams, *KUHF, Houston*

Third Place: Bill Zeeble, *KERA, Dallas*

E-2 Spot News

First Place: "NASA Shooting", Laurie Johnson, *KUHF, Houston*

Comments: Great on scene report -- very calm and very informational. She had her "act together" in reporting an unfolding news story.

Second Place: "Lady Byrd Johnson", Mose Buechele, *KUT, Austin*

E-3 Hard News Feature

First Place: "Taser Incident", Jack Williams, *KUHF, Houston*



Category G-5: Public Relations Magazine First Place: *Endeavor Lifestyles*

Comments: Sometimes, the best reporting happens "by accident." The reporter just happened to be there when a taser was used on a suspect. He had great sound of the incident, and valuable follow-up reporting.

Second Place: "Border Journalism Under Attack", David Martin Davies, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Third Place: "Cheese Heroin: A Deadly Addiction", Sujata Dand, *KERA, Dallas*

E-4 Soft News Feature

First Place: "Hot Wheels and Hot Lips", David Martin Davies, *Texas Public Radio, San Antonio*

Comments: This is an example of great storytelling, where the sounds and actualities painted a portrait of someone overcoming "challenges." Good job!

Second Place: "Cancer Recording Studio", Laurie Johnson, *KUHF, Houston*

Third Place: "Funasia", Bill Zeeble, *KERA, Dallas*

E-5 Politics/Government

First Place: "Trinity Decision - Part One", Shelley Kofler, *KERA, Dallas*

Second Place: "CPS Burn Survivor", Christine Dobbyn, *KTRK-TV*

Third Place: "Hottest Chili Pepper", Chris Marrou and Chris Day, *KENS-TV*

D-5 Investigative Series

First Place: "Hiding Homicide", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

Comments: This investigative story truly holds government officials accountable to the public. This story embodies the best of Investigative Journalism.

Second Place: "Your Electric Bill", Amy Davis and Brian Sasser, *KPRC-TV*

Third Place: "Airport Insecurity", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

D-6 Politics/Government

First Place: "Coretta Scott King: Uncovering the FBI's Secret Spy Files", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

Comments: A contemporary addition to the legacy of high-impact civil rights reporting. Great move to send Mark Greenblatt to get reaction from the King kids.

Second Place: "In Harm's Way", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

Third Place: "Tollway Junket", Bennett Cunningham, *KTVT-TV*

D-7 Best Weathercast

First Place: Jim Siebert, *KRIV-TV*

Comments: A nice explanation of a weather pattern and how it might affect people on the ground and in the Gulf.

Second Place: Keith Monahan, *KHCW-TV*

Third Place: Frank Billingsley, *KPRC-TV*

D-8 Consumer News

First Place: "Playing With Poison", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

Comments: All-in-all a great example of how consumer reporting can provide tangible benefit and protection to consumers.

Second Place: "Crazy Water", Greg Johnson, *WFAA-TV*

Third Place: "Picture Perfect Moment" Bennett Cunningham, *KTVT-TV*

D-9 Newscast

First Place: "Eyewitness News at 10", Glenn Jones, *KTRK-TV*

Comments: What won me over was KTRK's mix of on-the-scene reporting and interesting angles, including the Jay Yonke story updates. I also enjoyed the other stories of the night.

Second Place: "News 2 Houston Nightbeat", April Arias, Tanya Conflenti *KPRC-TV*

Third Place: "News 2 Houston @5", John Laporte, *KRPC-TV*

D-10 Documentary

First Place: "The Last 24", Ernie Manouse and Matthew Brawley, *Houston PBS*

Comments: Great camera work and a compelling narrative, told only with interviewees' voices, on subject matter that is not overexposed.

Second Place: "Cruiser Houston: of Pride & Purpose", James Fisher and Matthew Brawley, *Houston PBS*

Third Place: "The New Space Race", *KTRK-TV*

D-11 Public Affairs

First Place: "Special Needs", Greg Groogan and Mark Muller, *KRIV-TV*

Comments: These vivid portraits show families and lives changed forever by funding cuts in Texas Special Ed. This great story telling about compelling personalities is done efficiently and effectively. We learn about the extent of the cuts on an entirely human scope and it's a great thing. I was hooked and immediately concerned. I can't imagine a viewer who would not be.

Second Place: "Living Smart: Juan Parras Environmental Justice", Patricia Gras and Fujio Watanabe, *Houston PBS*

Third Place: "Pipeline Saffety", Brian Sasser, Stephen Dean and John Hill, Local 2 Investigates, *KPRC-TV*

D-12 Sports Feature

First Place: "Volleyball Player Overcomes", Hector Ledesma and Raul Cortez, *KABB-TV*

Comments: A great story of courage and determination both on and especially off the court.

Second Place: "Uniting Big Sandy Once Again", Gina Miller and Bret Kelly, *KTVT-TV*

Third Place: "A Family Tradition", Gina Miller and Bill Ellis, *KTVT-TV*

D-13 Feature Photography

First Place: "Texas Parks: A Day at Livingstone", Ron Kabele, *KLRU-TV*

NEWSPAPERS OVER 100,000 CIRCULATION AND WIRE SERVICES

A-1 Print Journalist of the Year

First Place: Todd Spivak, *Houston Press*

Comments: Todd Spivak's relentless and brave journalism shows that the Fifth Estate is more than alive and well -- it thrives in the Lone Star State. Whether it's exposing a toxic polluter in a small Texas town, going door to door finding severe illnesses with the attendant tragic stories, and then doing something about, or saving an elderly Houston woman from the "caring" clutches of a clueless State, Spivak has elevated the Houston Press to an even higher plain of excellence.

Second Place: Megan Feldman, *Dallas Observer*

Third Place: Chris Vogel, *Houston Press*

A-2 Spot News Reporting

First Place: Cindy Horswell and Susan Carroll, *Houston Chronicle*, "Study cites possible link between Ship Channel air, cancer risks"

Comments: Horswell and Carroll's spot-on coverage is supplemented by an excellent diagram, grippingly grim photography and a robust Chronicle website with additional photos and the report that the piece reports on. Pitch perfect journalism that packs a punch.

Second Place: Cindy Horswell, *Houston Chronicle*, "Suspect in fatal crash had 3 DWI convictions"

A-3 Feature Reporting

First Place: Tony Cox, *Bloomberg News (Houston)*, "Dead Zone is Price Gulf Pays..."

Comments: If you think ethanol is the answer to our energy woes, think again, according to this spectacularly worrisome feature flawlessly executed by Tony Cox.

Second Place: Margaret Downing, *Houston Press*, "Death in a Box"



Category C-3: Feature Photo
First Place: Dan Dalstra, *The Facts*, "Down Not Out"

Third Place: Helen Eriksen, *Houston Chronicle*, "Fahem's Journey"

A-4 Investigative Reporting

First Place: Todd Bensman, *San Antonio Express-News*, "Breaching America"

Comments: Brave and consistently excellent work that sets the bar higher for investigative journalism.

Second Place: Jesse Hyde, *Dallas Observer*, "House of Death"

Third Place: Glenna Whitley, *Dallas Observer*, "Fashion Foul"

A-5 Public Service

First Place: Todd Spivak, *Houston Press*, "Toxic Town"

Comments: Spivak has saved lives and this work is the very definition of incomparable public service. Bravo!

Second Place: Maggie Galehouse, *Houston Chronicle*, "Living Green"

Third Place: Megan Feldman, *Dallas Observer*, "El Tren de la Muerte"

A-6 Politics/Government

First Place: Todd Bensman, *San Antonio Express-News*, "Jail Commissary Contract Scandal"

Comments: First place doesn't seem a high enough honor for Bensman

and the Express-News -- the gratitude of Bexar County would be more appropriate.

Second Place: Margot Habiby, *Bloomberg News (Dallas)*, "Merck Retreat Pits Texas Governor Against Parents Over Vaccine"

Third Place: Chris Vogel, *Houston Press*, "The TSU Three"

A-7 Business Story

First Place: Todd Spivak, *Houston Press*, "Heads You Lose... Tails You Lose"

Comments: This super story is a service to the community. Spivak is a gem worth circulating with this fine work.

Second Place: Chris Vogel, *Houston Press*, "The Getaway"

Third Place: Edward Klump, *Bloomberg News (Houston)*, "TXU to Curtail Coal Plants to Smooth Buyout Approval"

A-9 General Commentary/Criticism

First Place: Margaret Downing, *Houston Press*, "Judging Books and Their Covers"

Comments: Downing just doesn't back down getting the low-down on this outrageous betrayal of the community that needs all the help it can get.



Category C-5: Photo Package
First Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*, "Greyhound Racing"

Second Place: Lisa Falkenberg, *Houston Chronicle*, "Metro Columns"

Third Place: Jim Schutze, *Dallas Observer*, "Same Slick Story"

A-10 Sports Story

First Place: Victor Epstein, *Bloomberg News (Houston)*, "Texas Football Succumbs to Virulent Staph Infection From Turf"

Comments: This excellent and effective piece goes beyond the typical idol-worshipping sports story and actually delivers excellent health information for the gridiron gang.

Second Place: Crayton Harrison, *Bloomberg News (Dallas)*, "Dallas Cowboys \$150,000 seats..."

Third Place: Jason Friedman, *Houston Press*, "Rocket Science"

NEWSPAPERS UNDER 100,000 CIRCULATION

B-1 Print Journalist of the Year

First Place: Miriam Rozen, *Texas Lawyer*

Comments: Rozen provided in-depth, behind-the-scenes coverage of legal battles over the execution of a murderer and a mistrial in a terrorism prosecution but her writing never gets bogged down in legalese.

Second Place: Jeff Prince, *Fort Worth Weekly*

Third Place : Paul Fitzgerald Bennett, *The New Majority*

B-2 Spot News Coverage

First Place: John Tompkins, *The Facts*, "Murder suspect: I did it"

Second Place: Hunter Sauls, *The Facts*, "Muddied deputies nab man"

B-3 Feature Story

First Place: Jimmy Fowler, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "And now wearing the geeksta crown"

Comments: Colorful, with good use of quotes.

Second Place: Jeff Prince, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Drunk High"

Third Place: John Tomkins, *The Facts*, "Life and Meth"

B-4 Investigative Reporting

First Place: Betty Brink and Jessica Bagherpour, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Housing: Broken Homes/Shaky Foundations"

Comments: A well-documented, startling look at how the city-owned housing authority and its contractor have built shoddy homes that don't meet code and present hazardous living conditions for the city's poor.

Second Place: Melissa McEver, *Valley Morning Star*, "Valley Baptist Doctors"

Third Place: Peter Gorman, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Bullies with Badges"

B-5 Public Service Reporting

First Place: Craig Kapitan, *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*, "The Long Road Home"

Comments: Craig Kapitan's thoughtful, thorough examination of how a decorated Iraq war veteran comes to grip with PTSD goes well-beyond the call of duty for public service journalism.

Second Place: Betty Brink, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Carswell Prison: Wage Slaves/Free Speech"

Third Place: Peter Gorman, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Perilous Profits"

B-6 Politics/Government

First Place: Gayle Reaves, Peter Gorman and Jesseca Bagherpour, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Tase-Mania"

Comments: A wealth of human details makes for a compelling read from start to finish. The graphic cases are provided in the context of a larger examination of state and local policies and practices regarding law enforcement use of tasers.

Second Place: John Council, *Texas Lawyer*, "Justice Delayed"

Third Place: Peter Gorman, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Detours on a Super-Highway"

B-7 Business Story

First Place: Peter Gorman, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Paper Promises"

Comments: This strong investigative story exposes there is more behind the smooth talk and fine print of the mineral rights leases residents of several North Texas counties have signed in recent years.

Second Place: Sandra Lowe Sanchez, *San Antonio Business Journal*, "Tools for Training"

Third Place: Allison Wollam, *Houston Business Journal*, "Family Sale Signals Farewell to Otto's"

B-8 Editorial

First Place: Michael. C. Duke, *Jewish Herald-Voice*

Second Place: Laverne Zabielski, *Motley County Tribune*

B-9 General Commentary/Criticism

First Place: John G. Browning, *Rockwell County Herald Banner*, "From Ground Zero to the Courtroom: For Heroes of 911, The Fight Has Only Changed Location"

Comments: Well written in lay terms so anyone can understand what the "heroes" of 911 have gone through since 2001. The piece was obviously well researched and thoroughly thought out before the writer began. This should be a national story so people will know what Congress is spending tax dollars on.

Second Place: John Browning, *Rockwell County Herald Banner*

Third place: Brenda Groves, *The Alvin Advertiser*, "My Memory Isn't Rusty About This One"

B-10 Sports Story

First Place: Brian Sandalow, *The Monitor Newspaper*, "Sticks & Stones"

Comments: Powerful story, well written and researched. Its tough enough to be a teen athlete, without your having racial intolerance and name calling from your peers. This is a story coaches should post in every high school.

Second Place: Peter Rasmussen, *The Monitor Newspaper*, "Alejo overcomes tragedy to find success"

Third Place: Eric Griffey, *Fort Worth Weekly*, "Hard Ball"

B-11 Layout

First Place : Michael Duke, *Jewish Herald-Voice*, "Chanukah A to Z"

Comments: Great visual for people wanting to know about Chanukah. Its a layout that would draw readers in to know more about the holiday. Not overwhelming, just a clean read.

Second Place: Christian Schmidt, *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*, "2007: The Year in Aggie Sports"

Third Place: P.J. Brown, *Brazos Living*, "The Cowboy Way"

PHOTOGRAPHY (PRINT & MAGAZINES)

C-1 Photojournalist of the Year

First Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*

Comments: Kramer is a solid shooter with a wide range of talent. It stands out as great work, worth viewing.

Second Place: Douglas Kirk, *Canyon Lake Week*

C-3 Feature Photo

First Place: Dan Dalstra, *The Facts*, "Down not Out"

Comments: If you didn't get to have a caption and the picture needed to tell the story, then "Down and Out" does it. Nice work, this is a great shot.

Second Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*, "Quincinera"

Third Place: Dave McDermand, *Bryan-College Station Eagle*, "Soaking it up"

C-4 Sports Photo

First Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*, "Rugby"

Comments: We couldn't decide where to look. Between the expressions and the water spray, there are a lot of great elements in the photo.

Second Place: Robert Avery, *Pasadena Citizen*, "Little Bunter"

Third Place: Dan Dalstra, *The Facts*, "Basketball"

C-5 Photo Package

First Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*, "Greyhound Racing"

Comments: This series showed a lot of depth to Kramers talent. From the action shots to the more subtle, there is real sense of being there. The judges really liked the shot of the muzzles hanging on the cages.

Second Place: Douglas Kirk, *Canyon Lake Week*, "Opening Day"

Third Place: Christina Childs, *The Horseman Magazine*, "Leaps and Bounds"



Category C-4: Sports Photo
First Place: Dan Kramer, *Houston Press*, "Rugby"

TELEVISION

D-1A Television Journalist of the Year

First Place: Mark Greenblatt, *KHOU-TV*

Comments: Mr. Greenblatt's work exemplifies outstanding in-depth reporting on topics important to his community. Mark's high standard of accuracy, quality, and style in reporting are matched only by the profound impact of his stories.

Second Place: Robert Arnold, *KPRC-TV*

Third Place: Jeremy Rogalski, *KHOU-TV*

D-1B Television Photojournalist of the Year

First Place: Michael Humphries, *KENS-TV*

Comments: Kudos to Michael for his many lovely and surprising shots all done, it seems, on deadline.

Second Place: Ron Kabele, *TPWTV, KLRU-TV*

Third Place: Mark Muller, *KRIV-TV*

D-2 Spot News

First Place: "Building Fire", Staff, *KPRC-TV*

Comments: This entry demonstrates the power of team coverage from every possible angle, incorporating reporters on the scene, in the air, at the hospital and on the anchor desk all contributing on this breaking news story.

Second Place: "Tropical Storm", Staff, *KPRC-TV*

Third Place: "Dangling Driver", Staff, *KENS-TV*

D-3 Hard News Feature

First Place: "Zimbabwe Price Control Crisis", Robyn Kriel, *KWTV-TV*

Comments: This deeply compelling report shines a rare spotlight on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe.

Second Place: "No More Victims", Greg T. Johnson, *WFAA-TV*

Third Place: "Worth The Gamble", 11 News Defenders, *KHOU-TV*

D-4 Soft News Feature

First Place: "Driving Mr. Herrin", Arnold Payne and Greg T. Johnson, *WFAA-TV*

Comments: A simply-told, affecting story of a disabled man's fight to live his life as a man and a father, "Driving Mr. Herrin" is a great example of a reporter letting a story unfold on its own.