



2009 Newspaper of the Year / General Excellence Contest Winners

CLASS A, NON-DAILIES, UP TO 10,000 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Westmont Progress
GateHouse Media, Inc./Suburban Life Publications
Downers Grove, IL

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Publication has excellent balance of stories, photographs and graphics."*

Typography: *"Fonts are clear and consistent and do not interrupt the editorial content."*

Advertising: *"Advertisements don't overwhelm the editorial content and even the classifieds are easy to navigate."*

Other Comments: *"Big, local content in a tabloid."*

2nd Place

Park Cities Peoples
People Newspapers
Dallas, TX

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Stories are a good variety of news, features and entertainment and design helps reader navigate hierarchy."*

Typography: *"Fonts are clean and simple."*

Advertising: *"Good local content to support community."*

3rd Place

Ambler Gazette
Journal Register Company/Montgomery Newspapers
Fort Washington, PA

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Good news judgment in stories and page layout. Stories seem to cover young, old and in between. Some sweet photo essays."*

Typography: *"Fonts are well-suited for publication."*

Advertising: *"Most seem to target main audience of local families."*



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CLASS B, NON-DAILIES, 10,001-22,500 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Maryland Independent
Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media, Inc./The Gazette/Southern Maryland Newspapers
Waldorf, MD

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Wonderful mix of hard news stories and human interest pieces."

Typography: "Clean design!"

Advertising: "Perfect mix of classifieds, inserts and quarter-page ads."

2nd Place

Longboat Observer
The Observer Group
Longboat Key, FL

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "A pleasant combination of hard news articles and softer pieces about Florida's lifestyle. Nice use of using photos to tell stories!"

Typography: "Fascinating graphics including illustrations! Use of color in logo and headlines is eye-catching."

Advertising: "Colorful and clean."

3rd Place

The Calvert Recorder
Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media, Inc./The Gazette
Prince Frederick, MD

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "A mix of short pieces, investigative reports and brief calendar previews keeps the community educated and well-informed."

Typography: "Bolded subheads make this easy on the eye to read."

Advertising: "In these tough economic times, the sales team managed to keep the pages full of ads!"

Honorable Mention

Green Valley News & Sun
Wick Communications
Green Valley, AZ

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "The newspaper is full of helpful service articles."

Typography: "Clear and easy to read."

Advertising: "The ads are easy to navigate."

Other Comments: "Arresting images on every front page!"

Honorable Mention

Bolingbrook Sun
Sun Times News Group/Suburban Chicago Newspapers
Aurora, IL

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Excellent man-on-the-street reporting!"

Typography: "Fascinating graphics."

Advertising: "Clear separation between ads and editorial."



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CLASS C, NON-DAILIES, 22,501-37,500 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Laurel Gazette

Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media, Inc./The Gazette
Gaithersburg, MD

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Perfect mix of investigative reporting and lifestyle pieces."*

Typography: *"The multiple entry parts on each page make this newspaper irresistible."*

Advertising: *"Perfect!"*

2nd Place

Puyallup Herald

Olympic Cascade Publishing Company.
Puyallup, WA

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"The writers tell stories through the eyes of locals."*

Typography: *"Clean and easy to read. Photos are stunning."*

Advertising: *"Businesses clearly see the benefit of advertising here."*

3rd Place

Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows News

Black Press, Ltd./Lower Mainland Publishing
Maple Ridge, B.C.

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Concise, lively writing."*

Typography: *"Maximum use of every page!"*

Advertising: *"Perfect mix of products!"*



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CLASS D, NON-DAILIES, OVER 37,500 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Burnaby Newsleader
Black Press, Ltd./Lower Mainland Publishing
Burnaby, B.C.

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Top-notch investigative stories supported by hard-hitting editorials. Lively features and sports stories."*

Typography: *"Attractive magazine-style columns. Clean layout. Good use of color photography."*

Advertising: *"Full-color ads really pop out."*

Other Comments: *"Keep on crusading!"*

2nd Place

St. Louis American
American Publishing Company
St. Louis, MO

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Newsy front page. Bright features. Strong sports section. Good special sections."*

Typography: *"Clean, modular design. Good use of color photos and graphics."*

Advertising: *"Engaging ad layout. Color ads attractive."*

Other Comments: *"Continue being an advocate for your community!"*

3rd Place

The Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village Gazette
Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media, Inc./The Gazette
Gaithersburg, MD

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Nice mix of news and enterprise. Nice focus on local sports. Colorful feature section."*

Typography: *"Colorful photos and graphics. Broadsheet layout is clean."*

Advertising: *"Nice use of color in ads."*

Honorable Mention

Abbotsford News
Black Press, Ltd./Lower Mainland Publishing
Abbotsford, B.C.

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Good mix of news and features on front page. Engaging features section."*

Typography: *"Clean, modular design. Good use of color photos and graphics."*



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CLASS E, DAILIES, UNDER 30,000 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Lawrence Journal-World
The World Company
Lawrence, KS

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Strong news stores. Terrific enterprise pieces. Lively business and lifestyle sections. Good sports coverage."

Typography: "Clean, crisp modular design. Great color graphics. Lovely color photos."

Advertising: "Eye-popping color ads."

Other Comments: "GO! wrap a real winner!"

2nd Place

Galveston County Daily News
Southern Newspapers, Inc.
Galveston, TX

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Great combination of news and enterprise. Strong local news and feature stories."

Typography: "Beautiful color photos with good action shots. Clean design. Lively graphics."

Advertising: "Smart, sharp ad designs. Snappy use of color."

3rd Place

The Daily Journal
Small Newspaper Group
Kankakee, IL

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Lots of news on front. Some nice local enterprise. Lively sports section."

Typography: "Colorful graphics. Strong, colorful action photography."

Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian
Rust Communications
Cape Girardeau, MO

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: "Lively lifestyles and sports section."

Typography: "Good use of color photos, graphics and white space."

Other Comments: "Coverage of winter storm/power outage outstanding!"



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CLASS F, DAILIES, OVER 30,000 CIRCULATION

1st Place Newspaper of the Year

Waterloo Region Record
Metroland Media Group, Ltd.
Kitchener, ON

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Straight-forward, conversational reporting is complemented by clean, contemporary layout, photographs, graphics and illustrations."*

Typography: *"Fonts are clean, sharp and help with the light and airy feeling of the paper."*

Advertising: *"Always great when the editorial content isn't overwhelmed by the advertising."*

2nd Place

Northwest Herald
Shaw Newspapers
Crystal Lake, IL

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Good balance of traditional storytelling and news judgment."*

Typography: *"Fonts support feel of paper and have good consistency."*

Advertising: *"Classifieds easy to follow and some interesting eye-catching, floating ads."*

3rd Place

Arizona Daily Star
Lee Enterprises, Inc.
Tucson, AZ

Judge's Comments:

Editorial: *"Very good features and investigating on local and regional stories."*

Typography: *"Fonts work well and are played well in headlines, graphics and teasers."*

Advertising: *"Demonstrates that city can cater to a local and national audience."*