



## Chicago Sun-Times Names Donald Hayner Editor in Chief, Andrew Herrmann as Managing Editor

CHICAGO, Feb 18, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- **The Chicago Sun-Times** announced that it has named Donald Hayner as Editor in Chief of the Chicago Sun-Times and [suntimes.com](http://suntimes.com). Mr. Hayner, who has most recently been Managing Editor of the Sun-Times, replaces Michael Cooke, who resigned earlier this month. The Sun-Times also announced that it has named long-time reporter and editor Andrew Herrmann as Managing Editor.

Mr. Hayner, 57, has had a long and distinguished history with the Chicago Sun-Times, where he has served in various capacities for nearly 27 years. At the Sun-Times, Mr. Hayner has been the metro editor, city editor, a general assignment reporter, a personal finance writer, a neighborhood beat reporter and a Sunday features writer. He has won several awards for reporting including a national award for education writers. Prior to the Sun-Times, Mr. Hayner practiced law for three years before switching careers to work as a reporter at City News Bureau. From there he went to the Suburban Trib where he was a reporter and later a columnist. For five years he co-hosted a Saturday morning talk radio show for WLS-AM (890). He also co-authored three books: *Streetwise Chicago*, *A History of Chicago Street Names*; *The Metro Chicago Almanac*; and *The Stadium: 1929-1994, The Official Commemorative History of the Chicago Stadium*. Mr. Hayner is a graduate of Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, and John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is married to Dawn Hayner and they live on the South Side of Chicago. They have two sons.

Mr. Herrmann, 48, has been with the Chicago Sun-Times for 25 years. At the Sun-Times, Mr. Herrmann has worked as a reporter, lifestyles editor, Sunday editor, assistant city editor, editorial writer and Op-Ed columnist. He has won numerous awards for reporting, including a national first prize for a series of religion columns on the 1996 death of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Also, Mr. Herrmann delivered a regular week-in-review segment on WGN-AM (720) radio from 1998 to 2008. His television work has included hosting a documentary on science and religion for a Chicago PBS station as well as monthly commentary segments on education for WYCC-Channel 20 in 1999. Mr. Herrmann holds a degree in journalism from Southern Illinois University and a master's in public affairs reporting from Sangamon State University, now known as the University of Illinois-Springfield. A native of north suburban Beach Park, Mr. Herrmann now lives in Riverside with his wife, Ginny Lee, who is a journalist, and their two children.

"Don is exceptionally knowledgeable about Chicago. And nobody knows more about the Sun-Times and how it works than Don," said John Barron, Publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times. "Andrew has always brought a sharp reporter's eye and great ideas to every role he's played at the paper. They are both terrific newsroom leaders who are tenacious and passionate about Chicago and local news. This is the perfect team to lead the Chicago Sun-Times and [suntimes.com](http://suntimes.com)."

"This is a great news town. It's been a privilege to work here as a reporter, and now it's a privilege to work here as the paper's editor," Mr. Hayner said. "We bring a relentless hustle to our stories, which I think our readers expect -- as with the Roland Burris stories we recently broke. I will make sure that tradition continues."

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