



Sun-Times News Group Notified of Additional First-Place Award in Illinois Associated Press Editorial Excellence Contest

- ***Chicago Sun-Times Columnist Mark Brown Wins First Place In Columnist Category;***
- ***Honor Is In Addition To Previously Announced Editorial, Photography, Design Awards for Chicago Sun-Times, SouthtownStar, Beacon News, Courier-News, Lake County News Sun and Naperville Sun***
- ***Brown's Award Brings Total Award Count for Sun-Times News Group to 49***

CHICAGO, Sep 03, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Chicago Sun-Times Columnist Mark Brown received a first-place award in the 2009 Illinois Associated Press Editors Association Editorial Excellence contest. The award announcement on September 2, 2009, followed an earlier announcement by the Illinois Associated Press that the Sun-Times News Group, including the Chicago Sun-Times, the city's most-read newspaper, earned a combined 48 awards, including 14 first-place honors, in the 2009 Illinois Associated Press Editors Association Editorial Excellence and the 2009 Illinois Associated Press Editors Association Photo Excellence contests. See previous September 2, 2009, press release here: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20090902005834/en>.

The Illinois AP honors follow the recent notification made to the Sun-Times News Group that its newspapers will receive more than 100 journalism awards from the Illinois Press Association in a separate contest. Awards for both contests will be presented at the Illinois Press Association/Illinois Associated Press Editors Association annual meeting Oct. 8, 2009 in Peoria, Illinois.

"We are pleased to learn that the number of Sun-Times News Group journalism awards continues to grow, added proof that the Chicago Sun-Times and the entire Sun-Times News Group continues to be the news and information leader for the Chicago region," said Rick Surkamer, President and Chief Operating Officer for Sun-Times Media Group, Inc., the parent company of the Sun-Times News Group, which is made up of the Chicago Sun-Times and more than 50 newspaper titles. "Congratulations to Mark for his fantastic work."

Mr. Brown began writing his four-day-a-week Chicago Sun-Times column in September 2000. Mr. Brown, 54, joined the Sun-Times in 1982 as a general assignment reporter. He spent most of his career covering politics and government and working as an investigative reporter. Brown has been cited by Chicago Magazine as the best news columnist in the city. The winning columns in the Illinois AP contest were: "Court finds bias against transsexual; Library of Congress hired Dave, then denied the job to Diane," September 21, 2008; "Second chance at love lost in carjacking; 'I began with him and I ended with him. That's life.'" September 24, 2008; "Little girl's plea: Who can I ask for help? 7-year-old tries to save cat stuck high in treetop," November 20, 2008.

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