

New Orleans Times-Picayune (1837-1988)

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Exceptional coverage of the American South's history, politics and culture

One the most quoted U.S. papers during the 19th century, the *Picayune* introduced many journalistic innovations

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Overview

The *Times-Picayune* has long been one of the nation's leading sources of news and a vital force in journalism for more than 150 years. Beyond insight into colorful New Orleans, the newspaper's reporting has included exceptional coverage of Louisiana's politics, culture and local industries. Renowned for its extensive state and regional focus, the award-winning paper is also recognized for acclaimed contributors such as O. Henry and William Faulkner.

An immensely influential and innovative paper

Established as the *Picayune* in 1837, the paper's initial price was one picayune—a Spanish coin equivalent to about 6 cents. During the 19th century, the *Picayune* became one of America's most quoted newspapers, and its archives are a valuable source of information on the Mexican War, the impact of railroads, catastrophic floods, New Orleans' growth as a commercial center, the Civil War and Reconstruction Eras and much more. By the late 1800s, under the leadership of Eliza Jane Poitevent, the first woman publisher of a major metropolitan daily, it had introduced a number of journalistic innovations such as society reporting, children's pages and the first women's advice column.

An essential record of the American South and beyond

The *Picayune* merged with the *Times-Democrat*, its fierce competitor, in 1914 to become the *Times-Picayune*. A rich resource for 20th-century culture and history, its archives chronicle issues and events of local and national importance. Topics covered include New Orleans' lingering Francophone influence, the Yellow Fever scare of 1905, destructive hurricanes, state governor Huey P. Long's tumultuous career, the construction of levees to protect low-lying areas and the election of the city's first African American mayor in 1978.

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