



Ohio News

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ONPA Still
Photographer of the Year

John Kuntz
The Plain Dealer

Dispatch seminars kick off ONPA convention

An early bird program at The Columbus Dispatch kicks off this years ONPA convention and seminar Friday, April 15.

The educational seminar will begin Friday night at The Dispatch with hands on training for still and television photographers. Karl Kuntz, managing editor/graphics will share his renowned Photoshop skills.

Kuntz's presentation will be followed with tips for digital video editing on your computer. At the same time some of The Dispatch staffers will offer a location lighting session.

You can check-in and registration at the paper Friday evening at 6 pm. The program will get underway at 7 pm. Although there is no additional fee for the Friday program, you must be registered for the convention to attend.

The speakers for Saturday include: **Ken Irby**, Visual Journalism Group Leader/The Poynter Institute. He is an integral figure in visual journalism education known for his insightful knowledge of photo-

graphic storytelling innovative management ideas and steadfast ethical thinking. He is the founder of Poynter's photojournalism program.

Andre Jones, CNN national bureau chief photographer for the past 9 years. He has worked in broadcasting for 30 years. Jones got his start in Public Television in Washington D.C. and later moved to Atlanta working at ABC affiliate WSB-TV for 20 years.

Isadore Bleckman, CBS News photographer for 36 years, working with Charles Kuralt and traveling the world for "Sunday Morning". CBS correspondent Charles Osgood said, "You're really lucky if you get Izzy to work on your piece, because he can get the most that's possible to get out of a camera."

Stormi Greener, staff photographer at The Minneapolis Star Tribune. She began her foreign travels in 1979, when she singlehandedly reported on the plight of the then little-known Vietnamese boat people to Minnesota

readers. Major awards include the Canon Photo Essayist Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Photojournalism Award, the Oscar Barnak Award, the World Press Photo Award, and has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist twice.

Amy Sancetta, Associated Press photographer based in Cleveland is no stranger to this audience. Sancetta was in New York City when the Twin Towers fell to a terrorist attack. She chased Mark McGuire chasing Roger Maris, walks the fairways each spring at The Masters after March Madness winds down and spent last summer in Greece covering the Olympics. She can usually be found on the sidelines at the World Series and Super Bowl as well.

This years panel has something to offer all whether you wear a camera around your neck or shoot with one on your shoulder.

The convention committee has done it's job. Now its time for you to do yours. Get your registration form in the mail and join the rest of us in Columbus for a weekend of learning, inspiration and fun.

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John Kuntz
The Plain Dealer
 Photographer of the Year



Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez is hit by a pitch off of Chicago White Sox pitcher Shingo Takatsu. The puff of white is dust off of Martinez's leg.

OBITUARY

Henry Beck

Henry C. Beck, 85, emeritus professor of journalism at Kent State University died November 6, at the Cleveland Clinic following a brief illness.

Beck taught photography for thirty years at Kent State beginning in 1947, with breaks to work in other settings.

He developed his own process for making color photo prints several years before Eastman Kodak marketed its professional materials for creating color prints.

From 1954 to 1958 Beck was color

coordinator for the Detroit Free Press and Miami Herald, and then picture editor of the Nashville Banner until his return to Kent State in 1960, where he proceeded to revive the nationally renowned Short Course in Press Photography.

After the May 4 tragedy at the school, he was recruited by the Rochester Institute of Photography to coordinate its Master of Fine Arts program, a doctoral level degree, from 1970-73.

Once again Beck returned to Kent State and retired from the university in 1984.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carol, and his sons, Doug and Jonathan Beck.

John Kuntz ONPA Photographer of the Year

The Plain Dealer staff dominates the competition winning 28 individual awards

Ed Suba Jr.
ONPA President

A check on the definition of the word domination, at least in Ohio dictionaries, will no doubt now contain the words "The Plain Dealer" somewhere in the text.

The photo staff at the Cleveland newspaper not only swept the top three spots in the Photographer of the Year category in the 53rd Ohio News Photographers Association's Pictures of the Year competition, it was named the best photography staff in the over 100,000 circulation category for the fifth consecutive year.



John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - Award of Excellence, Spot News: Cleveland firefighter Bill Lestock vents the roof of a duplex from inside the home where an upstairs fire destroyed the top of the duplex. The photo also was an Associated Press Member's Showcase Photo to the Month.

John Kuntz was named Photographer of the Year, followed by Mike Levy, four-time POY winner, and third place finisher, Joshua Gunter. Individually, the paper's Andrea Levy continued her individual domination of the Issue Illustration category by producing the first place winner for the sixth consecutive year.

"To place one, two and three in the photographer of the year competition is a tremendous accomplishment," said Plain Dealer director of photography Bill Gugliotta, "especially since there are so many excellent photographers in Ohio. Winning staff of the year for the fifth straight year is very gratifying as well. We're all very proud of John, Mike and Josh and the entire photography staff."

Fred Squillante of The Columbus Dispatch captured the lone Award of Excellence in the POY category. Squillante was POY in 1997 and placed third in 1992.

Alysia Oglesby, also from The Columbus Dispatch, took home the James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award for her entry "Escaping Death's Shadow".

Akron Beacon Journal photographer Lindsay Semple's first place Sports Action winner was named Best of Show.

113 photographers submitted more than 1700 entries in this year's competition. The contest, which rewards the best in news photography from around the state, was held at Taylor Hall on the campus of Kent State University. Judges for the contest were Sara Quinn of the Poynter Institute, John Hall, Assistant

Bureau Chief/Photos for the Associated Press in Washington, DC., and Francis Gardler, a staff photographer for Patuxent Publishing Company.

34 photographers entered the POY competition and Kuntz's portfolio was chosen for being the one body of work "that contained a great story, solid singles and had the visual style of being shot by the same person," said Gardler. "The work in the winning portfolio was consistent, balanced and of high quality," John Hall added. "The other finalists all seemed to have either a good story and poor singles or several good singles but lacked at least one quality story."

The judges were impressed with the quality of the work entered in the competition. "So many of the pictures put readers where they can't go," Quinn said. All three agreed it was difficult trying to decide between the very high caliber of the entries in several categories, especially portrait and personality and sports action. Both categories garnered seven awards. All the judges mentioned the need for tighter editing in the portfolios and the story categories.

It is the first POY award for Kuntz, who, after graduating from Ohio University in 1992, worked for Agence France-Presse and Reuters News Service before joining the staff at The Plain Dealer in 1998. Kuntz was runner-up for POY in 2003 and placed third in last year's competition.

Kuntz, who has followed the footsteps of his photojournalist father, Ron, has covered a variety of assignments in his career, from the World Series, Super Bowl, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Olympics.

"I was pleasantly surprised when our DOP Bill Gugliotta gave me a call at home to inform me of the results," Kuntz said. "For me, contests are rough. I edit through a whole year's work never really happy with the results. I'm my worst critic, unfortunately," Kuntz continued. "I'm honored to be the pick for the POY and want to thank my fellow photographers and editors at the PD for their help on keeping things in perspective. Also, I wanted to give special thanks to my father Ron Kuntz for all the photo instruction I sponged off of him and learning to make photojournalism fun."

Individually, Kuntz collected a first place award in the sports picture story category, second place in the assigned feature category and awards of excellence in the enterprise feature, portrait and personality and spot news over 100,000 categories.

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John Kuntz
The Plain Dealer

Photographer of the Year



Alysia Oglesby
The Columbus Dispatch

James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award



Samantha Reinders
Ohio University

Student Photographer of the Year

Gone Sailing *A story brought to life by Dan Cavins*

Jeff Hirsh
WKRC-TV

Day 1 - October 8, 1998

Plans arrive. Here we go!" - The first entry in Dan Cavins' spiral notebook was short. But it was the beginning of a voyage that would end, literally, with a real voyage six years later. Six years, on one project ... this from a guy in a profession where six minutes is considered an eternity.

Cavins, a WKRC-TV news photographer began building a boat. The Westerville, Ohio, native grew up "a very un-handly family." No boat-builders, to say the least.

As sometimes happens in news, you do a story which grabs your attention and refuses to let go. In Dan's case, it was a feature, ten years ago, about a man who put together a boat. "I found it fascinating," Dan says. "It just got in my head. Most people talk about what they would do but never do it. I just decided to stop talking and actually do it."

December 26, 1998

"We're off to a slow start" - Dan kept a journal of his boat-building adventure. A day-to-day record of time, materials, and attitude. Before starting on the boat, Dan built a sea-kayak, which also built his confidence. Assembling the kayak, an eight-month project, convinced Dan the boat was possible. Not easy, of course, but possible. And not just any boat. No, "I didn't want it to be like everyone else's. It had to look distinctive. If you were sitting on shore, I didn't want it to look like every other boat."

Dan settled on a boat called a "sharpie," a flat-bottomed boat with two masts, and 2 prominent sails ... a boat which would ultimately be 23 feet long, weigh a ton, more or less, and be built by one guy, in a garage.

December 31, 1999

Put plastic up on windows. Hopefully it will help. Oh but one last indignity for the 20th century. The garage door will not open. I'm locked in. Can't open. Jimmy open a window and climb out."

Despite that journal-recorded indignity on the eve of Y2K, Dan's boat was starting to look like, well, a boat. The garage would ultimately become home to stray animals, even a homeless man for a couple of weeks, but Dan Cavins, with the boat-building

patience of the Biblical Noah, crafting the ark, kept hammering away. Literally.

September 16, 2001. Happy birthday to me. This boat will be done by my next birthday." Wrong.

September 16, 2002

Happy birthday to me! Wow, did I start this thing four years ago, when I was 40? Yes



Dan Cavins sets sail after six years on a long term project of a different sort. The kind you build, not shoot.

I did. What an adventure. Life is fun."

Despite being behind his predicted schedule, Dan refused to give up. It would ultimately take him 2,736 hours ... each day's work meticulously recorded in what would become a three-volume diary.

May 24, 2003

9 hours. Yow. Good Day - Dan guesses he spent more than \$22,000. He probably could have bought a similar boat for a tad

over \$30,000. But money was not the point. It was the challenge ... the challenge of doing something incredibly difficult, and of having something to show for it at the end.

October 3, 2004

Launch Day - Dan's parents, plus other friends and relatives show up as the red-hulled, twin-sailed "Scout," as Dan has named his creation, is hitched to a trailer and heads for a local lake.

"It's a perfect day. Sun, 60s, light breeze." Well, not exactly perfect. "Scout" has a slow leak. Not enough to sink, not even enough to prevent the maiden voyage, but a bit of frustration after six years of anticipation.

But the leak can be fixed, and will be before next year's sailing season. Back on dry land, Dan Cavins reflects on six years of concentration, of long-term planning, of something so different than the day-to-day, second-to-second life of a news photographer that it almost seems like there are two Dan Cavins', not one.

"The boat is just so cool... "Am I happy? Somewhat tired and overwhelmed, really. I'll be happy a bit later. But I am. It was great to have family there. Time for a break."

And now, sitting in the photographer's lounge at WKRC, Dan looks back, and ahead. "Am I glad I did it? Oh God, yes. For every bad thing that happened, I would not trade a minute or a nickel of it.

It's a life experience. If it was easy, it wouldn't have been a life experience. It was easily the coolest and most idiotic thing I've ever done."

Dan and "Scout" will be back on the lakes this spring. Long term, Dan vows to become a good enough sailor to head for Pamlico Sound, off the North Carolina coast, and just live for 2-3 weeks on the boat. So who knows, maybe some day, Dan Cavins' journal will look like this:

September 16, 2016

Happy Birthday to Me! Handed in my two weeks notice...Going sailing. Not sure where, but know it will be fun.

Cavins, 46, has been a photographer at WKRC-TV in Cincinnati for 18 years, following stints in Dayton and Zanesville.

4th Quarter Results Television Clip Contest Results

General News

- 1st - Scott Doelling, WBNS-TV - "Pay Your Respects"
- 2nd - Jeff Sheerer, WBNS-TV - "Eye Test"
- 3rd - Carl Toddhunter, WBNS-TV - "Report of a Fire"

In Depth

- 1st - Chris Kettler, WBNS-TV - "Inspecting the Inspectors"
- 2nd - Steve Maguire, WBNS-TV - "Stefan"
- 3rd - Jeff Sheerer, WBNS-TV - "Phobias"

Spot News

- 1st - No Award
- 2nd - Kendall Griggs, WJW-TV - "Trapped"

News Feature

- 1st - David Bradford, WJW-TV - "Special Delivery"
- 2nd - Steve Maguire, WBNS-TV - "Pumpkin Lady"
- 3rd - Tim Flaherty, WBNS-TV - "Lizzie"

Judged at KPTV-TV Portland, OR

Final Standings

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|------|--------------------------|----|
| 1st | Chris Kettler, WBNS-TV | 50 |
| 2nd | David Bradford, WJW-TV | 45 |
| 3rd | Robert Abel, WBNS-TV | 34 |
| 4th | Steve Maguire, WBNS-TV | 33 |
| 5th | Carl Toddhunter, WBNS-TV | 30 |
| 6th | Scott Doelling, WBNS-TV | 28 |
| 7th | Kendall Griggs, WJW-TV | 23 |
| 7th | Jeff Ritter WBNS-TV | 23 |
| 9th | Doug Herrmann, WJW-TV | 22 |
| 10th | Charles Kelso, WBNS-TV | 21 |

OBITUARY

Gordon Dix

Gordon C. Dix, a retired Ohio newspaper publisher and a former owner of Dix Communications, died Feb 4 at age 90. He died at his home in Naples, FL from complications of a stroke.

Dix and brothers Albert and twins Robert and Ray built their family media business, which now includes seven daily newspapers in Ohio and Kentucky.

Their grandfather and father started the family business with a community newspaper in Wooster. Dix and his brothers sold their business to family members in 1985.

He began work in the advertising department at The Daily Record in Wooster. His son Earl Stevens Dix, who died in 1982, also was a publisher of the Crescent-News. Survivors include his wife, Katharine; three children; and a brother, Dr. J. Harlan Dix.

OBITUARY

Ronald Ray

CANTON - Ronald E. Ray, a news photographer for The Repository for more than 30 years, died Nov 3 at Massillon Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Ray, 72, retired from the newspaper in the mid-1990s. "Ron was able to find the humor in a bad situation," said Stan Myers, chief photographer for The Repository. "He really enjoyed the community and enjoyed going out and taking pictures. He got along with all classes of people. Ron Ray brought The Repository into the world of the 35-mm film camera."

Ray is survived by two daughters, Deborah Lee and Lisa Lee; three sons, Robert Ray, Ronald Ray and Richard Ray; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

POY *continued*

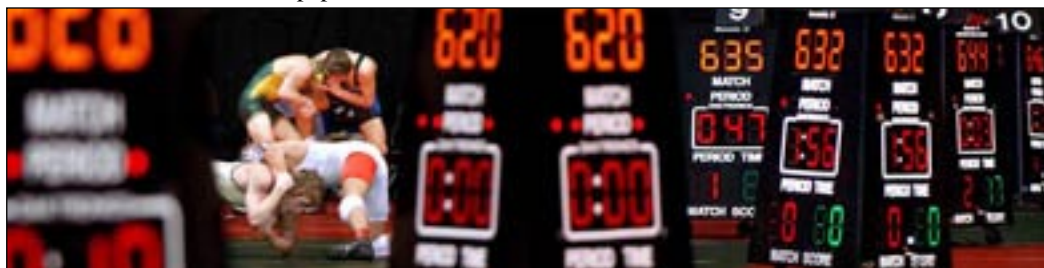
The name Barth Falkenberg will become the answer to the ONPA trivia question "Who was the ONPA member that ended Andrea Levy's five-year sweep of the top three places in the Issue Illustration category of the Pictures of the Year competition?" The Columbus Dispatch staff member took second place in this year's category, leaving Levy the winner of 17 of the last 18 places in the category.

Samantha Reinders, graduate student from Ohio University won the student POY followed by fellow OU student Michael King. Kent State's Haraz Ghanbari, who won the POY award last year, placed third.

The News Journal in Mansfield was named Staff of the Year for newspapers in the under

100,000 circulation division for the second consecutive year. This Week Newspapers of Columbus placed second in both Staff of the Year and Best Use of Photography categories while the Springfield News-Sun and the News Herald tied for third in the Staff of the Year category. The News Journal finished third in the Best Use of Photographs category.

The Columbus Dispatch and the Cincinnati Enquirer took second and third to round out the Staff of the Year (over 100,000) category. The Columbus Dispatch took home top honors in the Best Use of Photographs (over 100,000) while The Plain Dealer and the Akron Beacon Journal placed second and third, respectively.



1st - Sports Picture Story - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "State Wrestling": A pair of Division I wrestling matches continue on two of the ten mats and scoreboards used to wittle the competitors down to the final championship round during the 67th OHSAA state wrestling championships in Columbus.

NPPA News

NPPA national secretary Sean D. Elliot has announced the voting results for directors and associate directors for the even-numbered Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10.

In Region 4, winner Denny Simmons received 51 votes for director, Scott Utterback got 18, and Kim Fatica got 1 write-in vote. Simmons is a staff photojournalist for The Courier and Press in Evansville, IN.

For associate director, winner Mike Fender got 45 votes, Chris Reece got 16 votes, and Joe Starlin got 9. Fender is a photographer for The Indianapolis Star.

Region 4 had 9.32% voter turnout with 70 ballots cast from an eligible 751.

The NPPA Business Practices Committee, after months of deliberations and reviews by industry leaders in photojournalism, today released "Best Practices for the Business of

Independent Photojournalism."

The document comprises two lists of five recommendations, along with numerous sub-points. One list is for editors and managers who contract with freelance photojournalists. The other is for photojournalists. Both aim at fair and practical solutions to issues of rights, fees, expenses, and responsibilities. And both build on the newly revised and updated NPPA Code of Ethics.

"Best Practices for the Business of Independent Photojournalism" is available online on the NPPA Web site.

"Best Practices" was reviewed and endorsed by the NPPA Executive Committee (the top six elected NPPA national officers) as well as several photojournalism industry leaders. The committee anticipates additional endorsements by other organizations and industry leaders now that "Best Practices" is publicly released.

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Still contest winners

Photographer of the Year

1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
3rd - Joshua P. Gunter, The Plain Dealer
Award of Excellence - Fred Squillante,
The Columbus Dispatch

James R. Gordon

Ohio Understanding Award

1st - Alysia Oglesby, The Columbus Dispatch, "Escaping Death's Shadow"
2nd - Steven M. Herppich, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Moments of Life"
3rd - John Kuntz, Mike Levy, Dale Omori, Chris Stephens, Lonnie Timmons III, Jeff Green and Bill Gugliotta, The Plain Dealer, "The Five Ohios",

Student Photographer of the Year

1st - Samantha Reinders, Ohio University
2nd - Michael P. King, Ohio University
3rd - Haraz Ghanbari, Kent State University



Best of Show - "Deer" - Lindsay Semple, Akron Beacon Journal: The lead runner and the pace bicyclist startle two deer while passing through the towpath area of the 2004 Road Runner Akron Marathon.

Best of Show

Lindsay Semple, Akron Beacon Journal, "Deer"

Award of Excellence

Lisa Marie Miller, Reuters - "O'Reilly Factor"

Staff of the Year over 100,000

1st - The Plain Dealer
2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - The Cincinnati Enquirer

Staff of the Year under 100,000

1st - The News Journal
2nd - This Week Newspapers
3rd - The Repository
3rd - Springfield News-Sun

Picture Usage over 100,000

1st - The Columbus Dispatch
2nd - The Plain Dealer
3rd - Akron Beacon Journal

Picture Usage under 100,000

1st - The News Herald
2nd - This Week Newspapers
3rd - The News Journal

Team Picture Story

1st - Akron Beacon Journal, "Akron Marathon"
2nd - The Plain Dealer, "International Children's Games"
3rd - The Plain Dealer, "Battleground Ohio"

Assigned Feature

1st - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch - "Lauren"
2nd - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "Fight"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer - "Lets Play"

Award of Excellence

Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News - "Stimulation Therapy"
Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer - "Closing St. Christine's School"
Andy Morrison, The Blade - "Drivers Ed"

Campaign 2004

1st - Michael E. Keating, The Cincinnati Enquirer - "Contrary Opinion"
2nd - Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer - "Campaign Walk"
3rd - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer - "Playtime"

Enterprise Feature

1st - Andy Morrison, The Blade - "Opportunity"
2nd - Sarah Conard, The Cincinnati Enquirer - "Nuns on Ice"
3rd - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer - "Ballons for Marquee"

Awards of Excellence

Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register - "Duck Pond"
John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "Diver"
Michael E. Keating, The Cincinnati Enquirer - "Grate Day for the Irish"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer - "Burn Camp"
2nd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch - "In and Out"
3rd - Samantha Reinders, Ohio University - "Help"

Awards of Excellence

Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer - "Closing St. Christine School"
Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer - "Suddenly A Soldier"
Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer - "Eye On the Nation"

General News

1st - Andy Morrison, The Blade - "A Mother's Comfort"
2nd - Daniel Melograna, The News Journal - "Good-bye"
3rd - Michael Blair, The News Herald - "Zovko"

Award of Excellence

Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade - "Waterfight"

Issue Illustration

1st - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer - "Why Not Us?"
2nd - Barth Falkenberg, The Columbus Dispatch - "Faces"
3rd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer - "The Red and the Blue"



1st - General News - "A Mother's Comfort" - Andy Morrison, The Blade: Kemon Thornton, wipes away the tears of his mother Lakeisha Hopings after leaving a stuffed animal in front of an apartment where seven children died in a fire.

Still contest winners

Award of Excellence

Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer - "The Stained Child"

New Picture Story

1st - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer - "WWII Memorial"

2nd - Daniel Melograna, The News Journal - "Funeral"
2nd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal - "Hawk"

Award of Excellence

Warren Dillaway, The Star Beacon - "Standoff"

Pictorial

1st - Greg Ruffing, The Morning Journal - "Blue Balloon"

2nd - Michael P. King, Ohio University - "Unique Memorial"
3rd - Greg Ruffing, The Morning Journal - "Bird Feeders"

Award of Excellence

Steven M. Herppich, Cincinnati Enquirer - "Mountain Mist"
Ernest Coleman, Cincinnati Enquirer - "Jelly Fishing"

Product Illustration

1st - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Summer Harvest"
2nd - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Hot Color"
3rd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Hat People"

Award of Excellence

Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Apple Peel"

Portrait Personality

1st - C.H. Pete Copeland, The Plain Dealer - "Maher and His Dog"
2nd - Meggan Booker, The Cincinnati Enquirer - "Conductor"
3rd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer - "Eye On the Nation"

Award of Excellence

John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "Waters"
Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer - "Today's Miner"
Garrett Hubbard, Brooks Institute - "Brahman Pride"
Samantha Reinders, Ohio University, "The Beauty of Light"

Sports Picture Story

1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "State Wrestling"
2nd - Andy Wrobel, The Tribune Chronicle - "Fox Hunt"
3rd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer - "American Pastime"

Award of Excellence

Andy Morrison, The Blade - "Olympian"

Sports Action

1st - Lindsay Semple, Akron Beacon Journal - "Deer"
2nd - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer - "Kick"
3rd - Lisa Dutton, The Blade - "Hold Your Horses"

Sports Feature

1st - Lorrie Cecil, This Week Newspapers - "State Champs"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer - "Knock Down"
3rd - Amy Sancetta, Associated Press - "Goodbye"



Student Photographer of the Year - Samantha Reinders, Ohio University - "Beauty of Light": Electricity is not available in many of the shanty homes of Langa Township. Sylvia Ganiso has only the light from a small window in her South Africa home.

Award of Excellence

Dave Zapotosky, The Blade - "State Champs"
David Distelhorst, The News Messenger - "Defeat"
Bob Rossiter, The Repository - "You're Pretty Big Mr. Tucker"

Spot News under 100,000

1st - Warren Dillaway, The Star Beacon - "Standoff"
2nd - Gary Stelzer, Middletown Journal - "Big Fire"
3rd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun - "Wow"

Spot News over 100,000

1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer - "Amber Alert"
2nd - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch - "Smoke"

3rd - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer - "Fire"

Award of Excellence

Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch - "Gutted"
James D. DeCamp, The Columbus Dispatch - "Melee"

Awards of Excellence

Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer - "One That Got Away"
Ed Suba, Akron Beacon Journal - "Leaping"
Lorrie Cecil, This Week Newspapers - "Women of Strength"
Kim Riesbeck, This Week Newspapers - "She Scores"



1st Assigned Feature - "Grieve" - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch: Tamra and Greg spent the final moments in the room with Lauren as Tamara's mother Patsy and father Keith console each other as the reality of baby Lauren's death settles in.

Russell wins clip contest title

The only drama in the 2004 monthly still clip contest was who would assume the position normally filled by this year's winner Chris Russell of The Columbus Dispatch.

Russell, who placed second, three of the last four years, won his second Clip Photographer of the Year title.



Chris Russell

While in recent years he has had a lock on second place Russell also took top honors in 1997.

Russell joined the staff of The Dispatch in 1988 after spending four years at The New Herald in Willoughby and has established himself as one of the most consistent performers in the monthly clip contest.

Ten of Russell's 19 clips wins in 2004 were first place wins, only one of which was an honorable mention. April was the only month Russell did not appear on the winners list. Russell had at least one win in each category with 11 of the wins split between portrait and general news.

Eric Albrecht of The Columbus Dispatch narrowly edged Mike Levy and Eustacio Humphrey of The Plain Dealer for second. The three were separated by just ten points.

Levy's 550 point third-place finish was



THECOLUMBUS DISPATCH/Chris Russell

1st Portrait - November - Delaware County Magistrate David Hejmanowski sits in the old Delaware County jail. He's part of a committee helping to decide the building's fate.

perhaps the most astonishing as he spotted the field five months. Levy didn't enter the contest until June. Levy finished strong with three first place wins in December.

The contest was dominated by The Dispatch and Plain Dealer, with photogra-

phers from the two papers claiming 11 of the top 15 positions in the final standings.

The best finish for someone not from one of those two publications was Aaron Rudolph of The Morning Journal in Lisbon, who placed sixth.

STILL CLIP RULES

Photos must be entered in the month published. A photo can be entered only after its initial publication. Publication is defined as printed or electronically reproduced by your publication's official Web site.

All Web published entries must be in the form of a hard copy no larger than 8 by 10 inches, with a screen shoot of the picture's online publication on the back.

Submissions of wire photos will be handled similarly. If a clip of your AP submission is not available a print no larger than 8 by 10 inches may be entered. Attached must be a proof from your AP server of the photo or the routing code and date of transmission.

Remove your name and affiliation from the front of the clip. Affix a completed official entry label on the back. Include a separate sheet of paper with your name, address and total number of clips entered.

Layouts are judged as a single entry but single pictures from a layout can be entered also. You must submit another clip of the single image from the layout in this case.

Sort clips by category:

Spot news: A picture of an unscheduled event for which no advance planning was possible. Examples: fires, accidents and natural disasters.

General news: A picture of a scheduled political, social or cultural event for which advance planning was possible. An assigned and/or scheduled news event. Example: Demonstrations, funerals, trials and promotional events.

Portrait: A picture of a person that reveals the essence of the subject's character.

Sports: An unposed sports-related picture, either feature or action. Sports-related portraits should be entered in the portrait category.

Feature single: A general human-interest photo.

Multiple pictures: A photo story, sequence or series of any subject matter.

Illustration: A created picture, not a found situation or portrait. Intended to clarify or dramatize a preconceived idea. This would include illustrations depicting food, fashion, industrial or editorial topics. This category will be judged quarterly but clips must be entered in the month published.

Each entrant is limited to a total of nine clips per month. The clip contest is open to all ONPA members in good standing who live or work in Ohio during the month entered. The ONPA clip contest is not affiliated with the NPPA Region 4 clip contest. Clips must be in the hand of the clip chairman by the 7th of the month following publication. Clips should be sent to

**David Distelhorst
The Repository
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SUBMITTING WINNING CLIPS

All winners in the monthly clip contest must submit a copy of the winning entry for the ONPA newsletter and/or web site.

First place winners should be 10 inches widest measurement @200 dpi. 2nd, 3rd, HM: winners should be 7 inches widest measure @ 72 dpi.

Files should be slugged accordingly: month_category_place.jpg
Example: May_genews_1st.jpg

Send all winning entries to clips@onpa.org

Monthly clip contest

CLIP STANDINGS FINAL STANDINGS 2004

1	Chris Russell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	844	34	Jim Tullis, <i>Ashland Times-Gazette</i>	118
2	Eric Albrecht, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	554	35	Michael Blair, <i>The News-Herald</i>	112
3	Mike Levy, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	550	36	Tom Puskar, <i>Ashland Times-Gazette</i>	108
4	Eustacio Humphrey, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	544	37	Roadell Hickman, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	96
5	Tom Dodge, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	424	38	Lew Stamp, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	94
6	Aaron Rudolph, <i>Lisbon Morning Journal</i>	374	39	Jim Laskay, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	92
7	Neal Lauron, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	352	40	Tim Harrison, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	90
8	David Distelhorst, <i>The News Messenger</i>	324	41	Ernest Coleman, <i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	82
9	Scott Shaw, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	304		Marvin Fong, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	
10	Gus Chan, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	298		Daniel Kraus, <i>The Star Beacon</i>	
11	Fred Squillante, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	296	44	Gary Stelzer, <i>Middletown Journal</i>	68
12	Bill Lackey, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	294	45	Ron Alvey, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	64
13	Tim Revell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	284	46	Phil Masturzo, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	62
14	Bill Kennedy, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	248	47	Michael King, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	56
15	Marshall Gorby, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	244	48	Warren Dillaway, <i>The Star Beacon</i>	52
16	Alysia Oglesby, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	238		Lori King, <i>The Blade</i>	
17	Andy Morrison, <i>The Blade</i>	222		Bill Reinke, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	
18	Scott Heckel, <i>The Repository</i>	214		Paul Tople, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	
19	Joe Maiorana, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	204	52	Molly Corfman, <i>Kent State University</i>	46
20	Ken Love, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	196	53	Patrick White, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	44
21	Lorrie Cecil, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	184	54	Ken Ritchie, <i>Lancaster Eagle-Gazette</i>	40
22	Monique Ganucheau, <i>The Gazette</i>	182	55	Jan Underwood, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	34
	Greg Ruffing, <i>The Morning Journal</i>		56	Brynne Shaw, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	32
24	Mike Munden, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	180	57	William West, <i>The Star Beacon</i>	28
25	Brandi Stafford, <i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	172	58	Abigail Bobrow, <i>Sandusky Register</i>	26
26	Chris Stewart, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	158	59	Kyle Lanzer, <i>The Alliance Review</i>	22
27	Ken Blaze, <i>The News-Herald</i>	156	60	Steven Herppich, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	20
28	Bob Rossiter, <i>The Repository</i>	154	61	Bob DeMay, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	18
29	Teesha McClam, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	150	62	Mathew Hovis, <i>The Gazette</i>	16
30	Mark Duncan, <i>Associated Press</i>	130		Jeremy Wadsworth, <i>The Blade</i>	
31	Chuck Crow, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	128	64	Kimberly Barth, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	12
32	Patti Schaeffer, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	124		Maribeth Joeright, <i>The News-Herald</i>	
33	Wayne Maris, <i>The Review</i>	120		Diane Hires, <i>The Blade</i>	



Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st General News
 October

Marjorie Lewis, 79, doesn't want a Walgreens to be built across from the Harding Memorial in Marion.

October winners

Spot News

- 1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun "Entrapment"
- 2nd - Jim Laskay, Springfield News-Sun "Police Chase"
- 3rd - Patricia Schaeffer, The Morning Journal "Safe Driving"

General News

- 1st - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch "Headless Protestor"
- 2nd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer "Remembering Shakira"
- 3rd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch "Slain Deputy"
- HM - Alysia Oglesby, The Columbus Dispatch "Refugees"

Feature Single

- 1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer "Legs at Pool"
- 2nd - Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch - "Water Colors of Fall"
- 3rd - Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun "Sun-brella"

Portrait

- 1st - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch "Sister Marie"
- 2nd - Alysia Oglesby, The Columbus Dispatch "Refugee portrait"
- 3rd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch "Spider-Man"

Sports

- 1st - Bill Reinke, Dayton Daily News "Friday Night Lights"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch "Stretching for TD"
- 3rd - Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch "Lay out Salley"
- HM - Ken Blaze, The News-Herald "Eye on the ball"

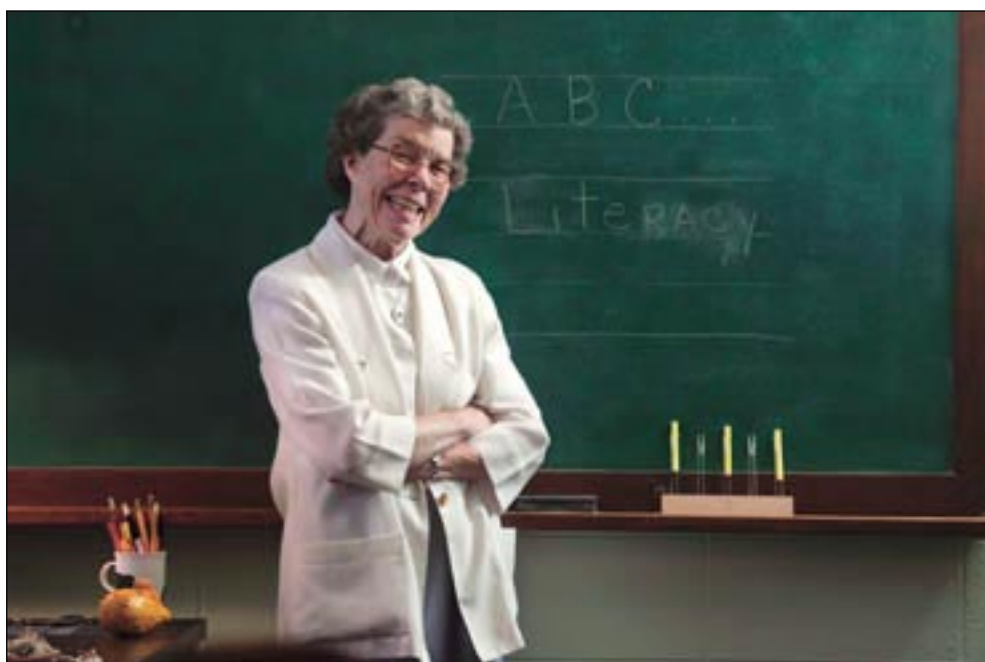
Feature Story

- 1st - Alysia Oglesby, The Columbus Dispatch "Escaping Death's Shadow"
- 2nd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer "Burn Camp"
- 3rd - Ken Ritchie, Lancaster Eagle-Gazette "Another face in the crowd"

Judges: Rick West, Jeff Knox, Mary Beth Nolan and Laura Stoecker from The Daily Herald, St Charles, IL.

Bill Reinke
Dayton Daily News
1st Sports - October

Northmount's Kurt Coleman snares a touchdown pass in front of Troy's Kyle Shepard with stadium lights behind them.



Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Portrait

Sister Marie Granger founded the Dominican Learning Center 10 years ago.



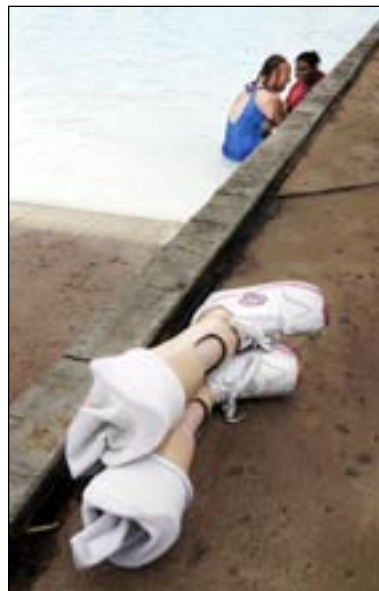
Alysia Oglesby
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Feature Story

Abducted into slavery 200 years ago, driven into exile by civil war in the 1990s and left to languish in camps for more than a decade. Somali Bantus are at last seeing a future with hope. By the end of next year, as many of 13,000 Bantus are expected to move to the United States from refugee camps in northwestern Kenya.



Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun
1st Spot News

David Griffin talks to Lt. Jeff Fuston through the car window while he waits to be cut from his car.



Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
1st Feature

Chrissy Aitken, 15, left, and Tashawna Waltham, 13, take a dip in the wave pool at Geauga Lake amusement park. Chrissy suffered third-degree burns over 80 percent of her body when she was five.

November winners

SPOT NEWS

1st - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch
"Porch Collapse"
2nd - Scott Heckel, The Repository
"Body Found in Pond"
3rd - Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch
"Plane Crash"

GENERAL NEWS

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
"Marine Funeral"
2nd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch
"Kerry Concedes"
3rd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch
"Waiting To Vote"

FEATURE SINGLE

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
"Turkeys"
2nd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Adoption"
3rd - Michael Blair, The News Herald
"Trampoline"
HM - Kyle Lanzer, The Alliance Review
"Funny Face"

PORTRAIT

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
"Cellblocks of History"
2nd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Emphysema Patient"
3rd - Bill Lackey, Springfield News Sun
"Golfer"
HM - Neil Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch
"Dopkiss/Whitman Portrait"
HM - Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer
"Citizenship"

SPORTS

1st - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer
"Basketball Kick to Face"
2nd - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer
"LeBron Tongue"
3rd - Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch
"Soccer Defeat"
HM - Ken Blaze, The News Herald
"Bowling"
HM - Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch
"Ohio Ste Tackled"

FEATURE STORY

1st - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Same Sex Parents"
2nd - Lorrie Cecil, This Week Newspapers
"School Cops"
3rd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Mr. Coffee Outsourcing"

Judges: Amy Beth Bennett, Steve Marcus and Sam Morris from the Las Vegas Sun, John Locher, Las Vegas Review Journal and Joe Cavaretta, Associated Press



Roadell Hickman
The Plain Dealer
1st Sports

The Cavs Ira Newble goes flying around the Golden State Warriors' Mike Dunleavy after getting fouled.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
1st General News

Members of a Marine honor guard pay tribute as the casket of Cpl. Nathan R. Anderson is taken from North Bend Church of the Brethren in Knox County.



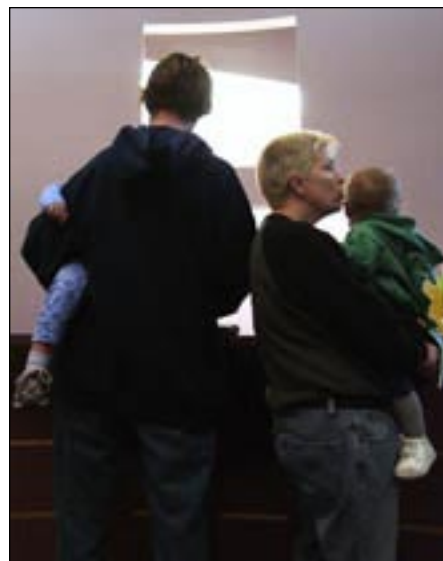
Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Spot News

Secret Brown, 12, weeps on the curb in front of 501 Linwood Ave where a porch collapsed killing her friend Dwayne Gordon.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Feature

Turkeys roam free in pens at Bowman & Landes turkey farm in New Carlisle. The farm raises 60,000 turkeys a year and does not use growth hormones.



Eustacio Humphrey
The Plain Dealer
1st Feature Story

Deb Smith, 44, (left) and her partner of eight years, Keli Zehnder, 37, accompanied by their biological daughters, paid the cash fee of \$40 to the clerk at Cuyahoga County Probate Court and met with judge John Donnelly who, citing Ohio law, denied their application for marriage license.

December winners

Spot News

- 1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
"Fire Face"
- 2nd - Aaron Rudolph, The Morning Journal
"Accident"
- 3rd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun
"Fire Scene"

General News

- 1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
"Fire Hug"
- 2nd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch
"Strike Bonfire"
- 3rd - Lorrie Cecil, This Week Newspapers
"Military Funeral"
- HM - Tom Dodge- The Columbus Dispatch
"Military Funeral"

Feature Single

- 1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon-Journal
"Yellow Tires"
- 2nd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon-Journal
"Worker Silhouette"
- 3rd - Tom E. Puskar, Ashland Times-Gazette
"Amish Clothes"
- HM - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Overhead of Walker in Snow"
- HM - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal
"Blue and Orange Pictorial"

Portrait

- 1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
"Architect Portrait"
- 2nd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch
"Governor Portrait"
- 3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
"Morgue"

Sports

- 1st - Mark A. Duncan, Associated Press
"Browns Catch"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
"Ice Bucket Toss"
- 3rd - Brynne Shaw, The Plain Dealer
"Basketball Tussle"

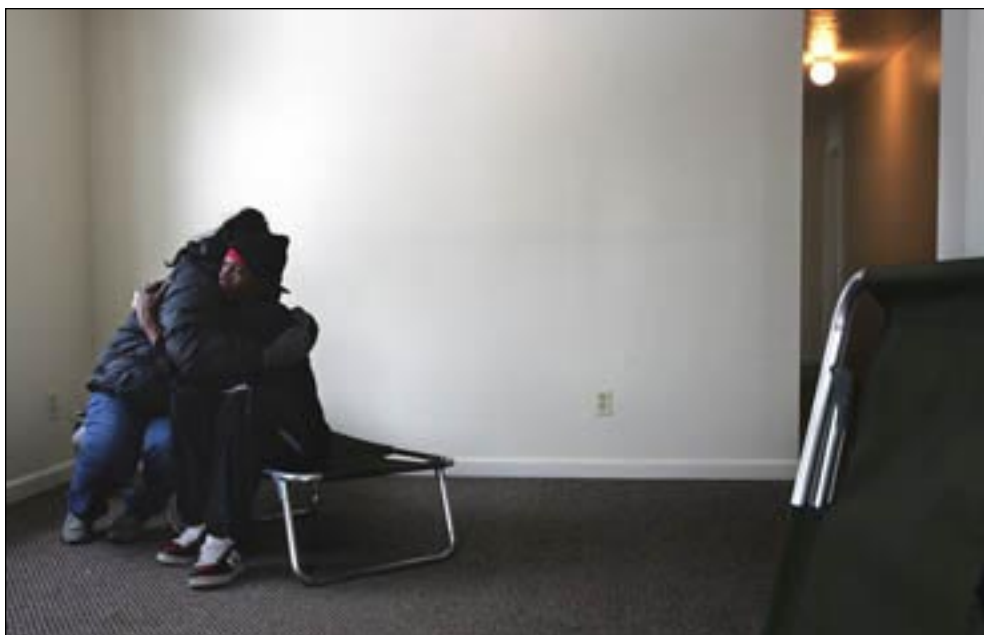
Feature Story

- 1st - Alysia Oglesby, The Columbus Dispatch
"Handicapped Child"
- 2nd - Eustacio Humphrey, The Plain Dealer
"Trial Package"
- 3rd - Monique Ganucheau, The Gazette
"Homeless Pat"

Illustration

- 1st - Teesha McClam, Springfield News-Sun
"Pistachio Chicken"
- 2nd - Teesha McClam, Springfield News-Sun
"Brain Plug-in"
- 3rd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer
"Christmas Party"
- HM - Brandi Stafford, The Cincinnati Enquirer
"Retro Fashion"

Judges: Craig Chandler, Phil Johnson, Kiley Cruse and Matt Miller from the Omaha World Herald



Mike Levy
The Plain Dealer
1st General News

Nikki Davis gets a hug from her fiance, Chris Wright. Their apartment and all of their possessions - including an engagement ring - were destroyed by fire.



Mark Duncan
Associated Press
1st Sports

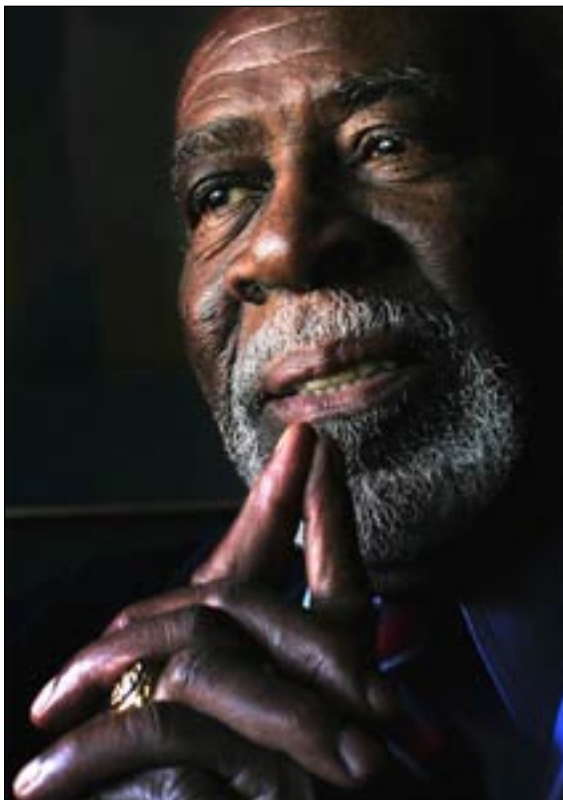
Browns receiver Frisman Jackson is upended by Charger defender Drayton Florence.

Monthly clip contest



Mike Levy
The Plain Dealer
1st Spot News

Ebony Boone cries in the arms of her friend Pernel Bigson as firefighters work to control a fire in East Cleveland. The blaze destroyed a three-story building where 22 families lived.



Teasha McClam, *Springfield News-Sun* - 1st Quarterly Illustration
Here's a look at pistachio-crusted chicken with herbs and mustard.

Mike Levy, *The Plain Dealer* - 1st Portrait
Cleveland architect Robert Madison, marking his 50th year in practice this year, has started a scholarship fund to enable young black students to study architecture in college and graduate school.

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Ken Love - *Akron Beacon Journal*
1st Feature - December

Jeremy Higginbotham, assistant manager of Action Tire & Rims, braves the wintry weather to move display tires outside the store.