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Photographer

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Mike Levy
The Plain Dealer
2005 Photographer of the Year

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Matt Rafferty is a video editor at WJW-TV in Cleveland. Rafferty was the 2004 NPPA Cutting Edge Video Editor of the Year. In 2005 he received a National Edward R. Murrow and Alfred I. duPont awards. He has won nine NPPA editing awards, 10 Emmys and a host of other awards from the Cleveland Press Club, Ohio SPJ, and the Associated Press. Prior to coming to Cleveland the Ithaca College graduate worked for CNN and WAGA-TV in Atlanta.

John Gross has done more than 300 network sports reports and his stories have been shown on the Today Show and Good Morning America. John was sports director at KXAS-TV in Dallas/Fort Worth for two years, and for twelve years he was a sports and feature reporter at WXYZ-TV in Detroit. Gross is also a freelance ground cameraman for NFL Films. John is now working for KSTP-TV in St. Paul, Minnesota and last year the station was voted NPPA station of the year.

Vincent Laforet is a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer at the New York Times. Covers major news and sporting events around

the world ranging from natural disasters, international conflicts to the Olympics. His approach to aerial photography has been singled out as one of the most unique amongst photographers today.

Beth Reynolds specializes in black and white photo-documentaries. Her recent documentaries report on daycare in America, welfare moms and survivors of breast and cervical cancer. She is coordinator of the photography/digital program at The Arts Center, St. Petersburg and photographer laureate for the City of Tampa.

Karl Kuntz, managing editor of The Columbus Dispatch, is an expert and teacher in digital imaging. He has been co-chair of several of the national Visual Edge conferences on digital imaging, sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association & the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

Douglass Oster picture editor at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette will once take the helm reviewing portfolios Friday and Saturday evening in the hospitality suite.

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POY

LEVY TAKES THE 5TH

HARWOOD WINS OHIO UNDERSTANDING AWARD, FALKENBERG STUDENT POY

Ed Suba Jr.
ONPA President

The number five was not only special this year to the Pittsburgh Steelers, it was also special to Mike Levy and the photo staff at The Plain Dealer.

Just as the Steelers won their fifth Super Bowl championship in February, Levy, a staff photographer at the Cleveland paper, added his fifth Photographer of the Year title after being named the state's top shooter at the 55th Ohio News Photographers Association Pictures of the Year competition.

The photo staff at the Cleveland newspaper not only captured three of the four places in the Photographer of the Year category (Gus Chan placed third and Dale Omori received an Award of Excellence), they were named the best photography staff in the over 100,000 circulation category for the sixth consecutive year.

The paper swept the three top spots in last year's contest.

Individually, their staff won 35 of the 90 awards given in the 14 categories they competed in, including seven first place awards. Andrea Levy renewed her individual domination of the Issue Illustration category by collecting all five places awarded in the category.

"What's great about Mike and the entire PD photography staff," explained Plain Dealer DOP Bill Gugliotta, "is that, even though most of them are mid-career professionals, they still get excited about pictures and are still growing as photojournalists. We're very proud of Mike and the entire photography and picture editing staff."

"For Mike to win the POY a fifth time (his previous wins came in 1991, 1998, 2000, 2001) is a great

On the cover



Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer - 2nd Feature, "Missing Lloyd": Rose Immke is comforted by her sister-in-law, Rose West at Rose's home in Pepper Pike. Rose's husband, Lloyd Immke has not been seen for almost two weeks since he walked away from her daughter's Mentor home.

accomplishment and well-deserved," continued Gugliotta. "We're very lucky to have Mike at the Plain Dealer. His photography resonates with readers because of its powerful emotional appeal. Mike's pictures are never dull or routine and he always finds a way to make a picture that surprises you. It's hard to feel indifferent about his pictures; there's usually something there that's evocative and hits you in the gut"

Free lance photographer and Kent State University graduate Greg Ruffing finished second to Levy in the POY category. It was the second time Ruffing was the POY runner-up, the last time being in 2003.

Kent State University Press photographer Gary Harwood took home the James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award for his entry "Growing Season: Life of a Migrant Community"

Mike Levy's first place General News winner "Fallen Soldier" was named Best of Show.

124 photographers from across the state submitted 1,937 entries in this year's competition. 49 photographers (an increase of 15 from last year) entered the POY 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 Jeanie Adams-Smith, Associate Professor of Photojournalism at Western Kentucky University, Cliff Schiappa, Associated Press Regional Photo Editor for the Midwest Region based in Kansas City, Missouri and Brian Peterson, a staff photographer and photo coach for the Minneapolis Star-Tribune.

The judges were impressed not only the quality of the work entered, but the number of entries in the competition. "The overall quality is as good as anything I've seen," said Adams-Smith. "The level of the work was extraordinarily high," continued Schiappa. "They (the photographers) are a talented bunch." On a negative note, all three were extremely critical of the lack of complete captions on many of the entries, some that failed to place due lack of information such as names. "There is no excuse for not having that basic information," said Adams-Smith.

All three agreed it was difficult trying to decide between the very high caliber of the entries in several categories, especially general news ("Ohio can shoot some news", said Adams-Smith) and sports action ("There are dozens of shots we rejected that I would love to have on a daily basis," exclaimed Schiappa.



Mark Duncan

Mike Levy
The Plain Dealer



Gary Harwood
Kent State University Press



Katie Falkenberg
Ohio University

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Annual Still Contest

News Photographer of Year

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
2nd - Gregg Ruffing, Freelance
3rd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer
Award of Excellence, Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer

Student Photographer of the Year

1st - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University
2nd - Emily Rasinski, Kent State University
3rd - Michael P. King, Ohio University
Award of Excellence
Sung H. Jun, Ohio University

James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award

1st - Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "Life of a Migrant Community"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Ford"

Best of Show

Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Fallen Soldier"

Picture Usage

(Under 100,000 circulation)

1st - The (Willoughby) News Herald
2nd - Springfield News-Sun

Picture Usage

(Over 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Plain Dealer
2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Akron Beacon Journal
Award of Excellence, Dayton Daily News

Photography Staff of Year

(Under 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Repository
2nd - Springfield News-Sun
3rd - The (Medina) Gazette

(Over 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Plain Dealer
2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Dayton Daily News

Assigned Feature Picture

1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Frostfree"
2nd - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "O Christmas Tree"
3rd - Craig Ruttle, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Manual Labor"

Awards of Excellence

Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Family Gathering"
Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Finca"

Enterprise Feature Picture

1st - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Portable Beauty"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Missing Lloyd"
3rd - Kiichiro Sato, Associated Press, "XBOX 360"

Awards of Excellence

Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hurricane Christmas", Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Legs", Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Burn Victim", Michael P. King, Ohio University, "Fish & Chips", Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Visions of Mary"

Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Keep Schiavo Alive", Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Fire Vigil", Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Final Farewell"

Product Illustration

1st - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Dining Guide Cover"
2nd - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Artichoke"
3rd - Bill Kennedy, The Plain Dealer, "Wine of USA"



Best of Show - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer - "Fallen Soldier": One-year-old Alexander Montgomery, dressed in a Marine uniform, looks to the casket bearing his father, Lance Cpl. Brian Montgomery, of Mentor. The Marine Reservist was one of 48 members of a Brook Park-based unit killed in Iraq in 2005.

Feature Picture Story

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Living Testament"
2nd - Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal, "Majid"
3rd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "A Family Matter"

Awards of Excellence

David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Heidi's Struggle", Emily Rasinski, Kent State University, "Interfaith Hospitality", Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Emergency Room"

General News

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Fallen Soldier"
2nd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Saying Good-bye"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Welcome Home"

Awards of Excellence

Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Final Farewell", Ernest Coleman, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Family Support", Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Word Spreads", Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "War Hits Home", Jeff Forman, The News Herald, "Hickey Sentencing", Katie

Awards of Excellence

Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Artist's Palette", Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal "Eastern Spices"

Issue Illustration

1st - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Do It Yourself Finance"
2nd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Methamphetamine"
3rd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Hot Mama of Porn Invention"

Awards of Excellence

Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Pyramid Nutrition Landscape", Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Stop Worrying"

News Picture Story

1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Ford"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Lost Boys"

Awards of Excellence

Sung H. Jun, Ohio University, "Home Again", Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Evict", Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina"

Annual Still Contest



Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News - 1st Feature - "Portable Beauty": Onnie Marchman's newly styled hair is tucked into a portable hair dryer. Wendy Webster takes her mobile beauty services business to elderly people who cannot get out on their own.

Pictorial

1st - Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "Return of Spring"
2nd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Freedom Run"
3rd - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Poppies"

Awards of Excellence

Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "Machamer Camp", Andy Morrison, The Blade, "Fisheye", Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Cage Bandits", Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Lightning Strike", Michael P.King, Ohio University, "Kiss"

Portrait/Personality

1st - Emily Rasinski, Kent State University, "Tea Party"
2nd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Fire Inspector"
3rd - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Water Boy"

Awards of Excellence

Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Last Smoke", Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Page Snyder", Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "No Help", Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Duck Hunter", Lonnie Timmons III, The Plain Dealer, "Surgery", Gregg Ruffing, Freelance, "Unexplained Child Death"

Sports Action

1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Loose Ball"
2nd - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Hands"
3rd - Scott R. Galvin, Associated Press, "Broken Bat"

Awards of Excellence

Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Home Run", Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Kickoff", Chris Parker, ThisWeek Newspapers, "Football Splits", C.H. Pete Copeland, The Plain Dealer, "Follow the Puck"

Sports Feature

1st - Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Grandmother's Comfort"
2nd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Intense"
3rd - Andy Wrobel, The Gazette, "Jumping For joy"

Awards of Excellence

Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "Bubbling Over", Andy Wrobel, The Gazette, "Goofing Around"

Sports Picture Story

1st - Gregg Ruffing, Freelance, "Arm Wrestling"
2nd - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Female Boxer"
3rd - Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register, "Dustin"

Awards of Excellence

Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Semi-pro", Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Inspiration"

Spot News (Under 100,000 circulation)

1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Bad Man"
2nd - David Distelhorst, The Repository, "Hope Finds Death"
3rd - Dave Polcyn, The News Journal, "Standoff"

Awards of Excellence

James E. Mahan, Piqua Daily Call, "Truck Trap", Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Drowning"

Spot News (Over 100,000 circulation)

1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Aftermath"
2nd - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Police Shoot Teen"
3rd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina Victims"

Awards of Excellence

Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Leg Rescue", David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Triple Three Alarm", Lisa Dutton, The Blade, "Train Fatal", Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer, "House Fire", Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch, "Mr. Clean"

Team Picture Story

1st - The Plain Dealer, "Katrina's Wrath"
2nd - The Plain Dealer, "War Hits Home"
3rd - The Plain Dealer, "Bringing Ryan Back"



Student Photographer of the Year - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University - "Scottish Sheep Farming": With the help of sheepdogs, Neil Ross and his niece Jessica Ross, age 5, move part of the flock of sheep to a neighboring pasture before darkness falls.

Annual Still Contest

POY *continued from page 3*

All three were impressed with the quality of the entries in the spot news under category. "These are some great photos for small papers," said Peterson.

Levy is a graduate of Ohio University who joined the PD staff in 1991. His three stories, 9 singles portfolio was singled out, according to the judges, "for great storytelling, good subjects that had more meat to the photos, and a visual sophistication."

Individually, Levy collected first and third place awards in the general news category, second place in the assigned feature category, first place in the feature picture, second and third place awards in news picture story and a award of excellence in the sports action category.

The judges all agreed that Harwood's Ohio Understanding entry titled "Growing Season: The Life of a Migrant Community" was an amazing piece of work. "Everything about this essay is perfect," said Adam-Smith, "and it is a terrific example of finding stories about Ohio and covering them."

Harwood was granted access to the 130 agricultural migrant camps in the Hartville, Ohio area in 2001 and he spent the next five years documenting the broad legal, economic and social realities of migrant issues.

"I was pleased when I heard I had won the Ohio Understanding Award," said Harwood. "It is the result you hope for when you spend five years on one story. It is very competitive with many talented photographers entering powerful stories," continued Harwood, "I am excited about this opportunity and honored to have won this award."

Andrea Levy's sweep of the top five places in the Issue Illustration category pushed her win streak to 22 of the last 23 places in the category. The judges praised her work for taking the issues and pushing her work to illustrate them beyond normal images.

Katie Falkenberg, graduate student from Ohio University, won the student POY followed by Kent State University's Emily Rasinski. Ohio University students Michael P. King placed third and Sung H. Jun received an Award of Excellence.

Falkenberg's portfolio was comprised of



James R Gordon Ohio Understanding Award -Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press - "Growing Season: The Life of a Migrant Community": Jasmine Mata waits patiently while her sister, Melissa, gets ready for their first communion. While the children were preparing for their big day, their grandfather was preparing his van for a cross-country trip to Texas. His work on the farm was done, but he stayed for their communion.

photos made in Athens and the surrounding area with the exception of a sheep farming story taken while participating in the Scotland Field School in Documentary Photojournalism.

A second story in her portfolio about a female boxer from Glouster, Ohio placed second in the sports picture story category. Falkenberg also won awards of excellence in the assigned feature and general news categories.

Prior to graduate school Fakenberg interned in Washington, DC for Scripps Howard News Service. The political beat was so much to her liking that she stayed in Washington and became a freelance photographer mainly covering the White House and Capitol Hill for The New York Times and

European Pressphoto Agency.

The Repository was named Staff of the Year for newspapers in the under 100,000 circulation division. The Springfield News-Sun placed second in both Staff of the Year and Picture Usage categories, while the Gazette in Medina finished third in the staff category. The News-Herald took top honors in the Picture Usage under 100,000 category.

The Columbus Dispatch and Dayton Daily News took second and third to round out the Staff of the Year (over 100,000) category. In the Picture Usage (over 100,000) category, The Columbus Dispatch placed second, the Akron Beacon Journal finished third, while the Dayton Daily News received an Award of Excellence.

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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 advanced 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. Winners will be notified via e-mail, so remember to include your e-mail address on the back of each clip. If you do not respond to the first notification in seven days a second notice will be sent. Failure to respond to the second notice in ten days will result in a loss of points for that clip win. If in subsequent months the same photographer fails to reply he or she will be disqualified from entering the contest for the remainder of the year.

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

CLIP STANDINGS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2005

1	Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch	648
2	Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun	558
3	Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer	474
4	Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch	308
5	Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer	304
6	Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch	298
	Scott Heckel, The Repository	
8	Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch	258
	Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal	
11	Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal	246
12	Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal	238
13	Jeff Hinckley, The Columbus Dispatch	208
14	Michael Blair, The News-Herald	204
15	David Distelhorst, The Repository	198
16	Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer	164
17	Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal	138
18	Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch	132
19	Chuck Humel, The Chronicle Telegram	128
	Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade	
21	Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch	122
22	Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer	114
23	Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News	102
24	Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer	100
25	Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal	98
	Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News	
27	Kyle Lanzer, Sun Newspapers	96
28	Mike Cardew, Akron Beacon Journal	88
29	Allen Detrich, The Blade	82
30	Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer	80
31	Ernest Coleman, The Cincinnati Enquirer	78
	Teesha McClam, Springfield News-Sun	
	Aaron Rudolph, The Morning Journal	
	Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News	
35	Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch	72
36	Lindsay Semple, Akron Beacon Journal	68
	Paul Tople, Akron Beacon Journal	
	Jocelyn Williams, Akron Beacon Journal	
39	Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch	66



Michael Blair
The News Herald
1st Sports - August

Cody Hall of Rosewood, Ohio tries to wrestle a steer to the ground while being stepped on at the Triple H Rodeo at the Lake County Fair.

June winners

Spot News

1st - Dave Polcyn, The News Journal, "Stand Off"
 2nd - Kyle Lanzer, The Review - "Raging Inferno"
 3rd - Patricia Schaeffer, The Mourning Journal - "Police Line"
 HM - Bob Rossiter, The Repository, "Upside down"

General News

1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Patient Simulator"
 2nd - Paul Tople, Akron Beacon Journal, "Reaching Toward the Sky"
 3rd - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Army Funeral"

Portrait

1st - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Malone Advertising"
 2nd - Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News, "Vietnam Not Forgotten"
 3rd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Babcock & Wilcox" HM - Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News, "1st Time Fathers"

Features Single

1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Sailors of Misfortune"
 2nd - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Chit Chat"
 3rd - Jeff Hinckley, The Columbus Dispatch, "A Hare Out of Place"
 HM - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "A Family Matter"
 HM - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Every Artwork Has a Story"

Sports

1st - Jeff Hinckley, The Columbus Dispatch, "Shoeless Joe"
 2nd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Flying Catch"
 3rd - Daniel Kraus, The Star Beacon, "John Paul Novak"
 HM - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "2nd Base Reaction"
 HM - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Fast Start Cycling Weekend"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Julie Vennitti Botos, The Repository, "Tiny Lives"
 2nd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Salvation High School"
 3rd - Renee Saver, The Columbus Dispatch, "3rd Grade at Medary"
 HM - Paul Tople, Akron Beacon Journal, "Kicking Up Their Heels"

2nd Qtr Illustration

1st - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "The Going Concern"
 2nd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Spice is Nice"
 3rd - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "A Rock in Every Pot"
 HM - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "No Joke Artichoke"

Judges: Mary Vignoles, Rolando Otero, Michael Laughlin, Carl Seibert, Taimy Alvarez, Angel Valentin, David Eppolito, Lou Toman, and Tara Piasio of the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.



Ed Suba Jr.
Akron Beacon Journal
 1st Portrait

Kathy Kluchurosky is a vice-president at Malone Advertising in Akron.



Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Feature

Sydney Charron and his fellow sailors in the water Chaz Coakly, left, and Becca Daniels struggle to get back on course after their sailboat flipped on Buckeye Lake. The three battled 15 mph winds during their second day on the water for a beginners class at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club's sailing camp.

Jeff Hinckley
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Sports

Some advocates of shoeless running say it increases acceleration and stride length.





**Julie Vennitti
Botos**
The Repository
1st Picture Story

Joshua Henke, the first of three triplets born April 16, is just hours old. He and his brothers went straight from the operating room to the neonatal intensive care unit.



David Polcyn
The News Journal
1st Spot News

A man holding a gun threatens to shoot himself holding Mansfield police at bay. Police were told the suspect reportedly carjacked a woman at Blockbuster Video.

**Neal C.
Lauron**
The Columbus Dispatch

1st General News

Dr. Amy Imm shows residents one of the patient simulators at Riverside's Center for Medical Education and Innovation.



Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer

1st Illustration

The age of disposables has postponed age of training.



July winners

Spot News

1st - Michael Blair, The News-Herald, "Nursing Home Fire"
2nd - Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun, "Woman With Animals"
3rd - Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hazmat Decon"
HM - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Fire Aftermath"
HM - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Elderly Heat"

General News

1st - Chuck Humel, The Chronicle Telegram, "Emotional Outburst"
2nd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Emotional witness"
3rd - Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Fair Ride"
HM - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News - "Pitbulls"

Features Single

1st - Pat Jarrett, The Gazette, "Bubbles"
2nd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Red Umbrella"
3rd - Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun, "Musket Shot"
HM - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Bed of Nails"
HM - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer, "Car Fin"

Portrait

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Female Ump"
2nd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Video Game"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Trent Dilfer"

Sports

1st - Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Bat, Ball, Glove"
2nd - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Home Plate REact"
3rd - Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "Second Base Bubble"
HM - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Football Tackle"

Feature Picture Story

1st - David Distelhorst, The Repository, "Gang Task Force"
2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Nancy Miller"
3rd - Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal, "Mountain Biking"

Judges: Laura Segall, Cliff Jette, David Wallace, Jim Slosiarek staff photographers at The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal
1st Portrait

Sara Miller, 14, of Akron, is the first female umpire in the West Akron Baseball H-League.



Chuck Humel
The Chronicle Telegram

1st General News

Margaret, bottom right, in an emotional outburst after her daughter, Melissa Dovala, was found guilty



Allan Detrich
The Blade

1st Sports

With the tools of the game in the foreground, Trevor Johnson gets some hitting tips from his coach, Rick plant, on a warm summing evening in Fremont.

Monthly clip contest



David Distelhorst
The Repository
1st Feature Picture Story

Cynthia Moore was one of about 60 residents who marched through her neighborhood calling for an end to crime there. The group was trying to persuade city officials to extend the Gang Task Force's 60-day operation



Pat Jarrett
The Gazette
1st Feature

Nine year-old Paige Nehis leaps to pop one of thousands of bubbles blown from a bubble making machine at Buckeye Woods Park in Lafayette Township.



Michael Blair
The News Herald

1st Spot News

Firefighters walk the halls at Wickliffe Country place shortly after extinguishing a fire at the Wickliffe facility.

August winners

Spot News

- 1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Burning Van"
- 2nd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Tangled Firefighter"
- 3rd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Llama"

General News

- 1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Duty and Devotion Funeral"
- 2nd - Jeff Hinckley, The Columbus Dispatch, "Grief for Two Heroes"
- 3rd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Call For Peace"
- HM - Michael Blair, The News-Herald, "Homicide Sentencing"

Features Single

- 1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Barn Nap"
- 2nd - David Distelhorst, The Repository, "Back 2 School Haircuts"
- 3rd - Aaron Rudolph, The Morning Journal, "Out of the Chute"
- HM - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Barn Resurrection"
- HM - Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hurts So Good"

Portrait

- 1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Stillborn"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Losing the Farm"
- 3rd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "First Love"

Sports

- 1st - Michael Blair, The News-Herald, "Steer Wrestler"
- 2nd - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Cage Fight"
- 3rd - Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal, "Locker Room Coach"
- HM - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "All Locked In"

Feature Picture Story

- 1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Water Park"
- 2nd - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Wish to Belong"
- 3rd - Molly Corfman, Freelance, "Licks of Love"

Judges: Ryan Mercer, chief photographer and staff photographers Leslie Barbaro, Michael Karas, Amy Newman, Liz Lara and Kevin Wexler of the Herald News, Paterson, NJ



Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal
1st Feature Picture Story

Lifeguard Melissa Clark, 17, of Bath Township keeps an eye on swimmers at Dover Lake Waterpark in Sagamore Hills Township.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Feature

Kyle Brinkman, 11, of Holgate, finds that Daphne make a great bed for a nap inside the George V. Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center at the Ohio State Fair.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch

1st General News

After the burial ceremony for her husband, Alexandria Swaney embraces her brother-in-law, Air Force Airman Thomas McClellan.

Monthly clip contest



Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Portrait

Eddy Yount - surrounded by, from left, sons, Jeremy, Eddy III and Roger - has both forearms tattooed with the handprints of stillborn son Justin.



Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun

1st Spot News

Several men push a burning van away from other vehicles at the Church of God campgrounds.

September winners

Spot News

- 1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Hot Spots Fire"
- 2nd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Smashed Truck"
- 3rd - Teesha McClam, Springfield News-Sun - "Guardrail Car"

General News

- 1st - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Salvage Man"
- 2nd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Tavern Sculpture"
- 3rd - Gary Stelzer, Middletown Journal, "Wright Flyer"

Features Single

- 1st - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Newspaper Buyer"
- 2nd - Chuck Humel, Elyria Chronicle, "Lamphead"
- 3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Missing"

Portrait

- 1st - Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch, "House Head"
- 2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Rick Porello"
- 3rd - Kyle Lanzer, Sun Newspapers, "Flynn"

Sports

- 1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Helmetless"
- 2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Wall guy"
- 3rd - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Bobble"

Feature Picture Story

- 1st - Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Legless Player"
- 2nd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Patterns"
- 3rd - Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch, "Unlikely Crew"

3rd Qtr Illustration

- 1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Trout Salad"
- 2nd - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Dining"
- 3rd - Teesha McClam, Springfield News-Sun, "Face Scanning"

Judges: Richard Walker, Jamm Aquino, Cindy Ellen Russell, photographers, Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Sports

Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith tries to keep a low profile after losing his helmet during the first half.



Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer

1st General News

A man tries to salvage items of value from a ramp onto Interstate 10 in New Orleans, where people had stayed days earlier.

Renee Sauer
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Portrait

Todd Alt lives two houses down from these charred remains on Wexford Green in Columbus. This house has been burned and empty for one year, and Alt and other people in the neighborhood can't get anyone from the City of Columbus (or anywhere else) to do anything helpful.



Monthly clip contest



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Illustration

Cool smoked trout salad spooned into Belgian endive spears and radicchio cups.



Marshall Gorby, *Springfield News-Sun* - 1st Spot News
Members of the Springfield Fire Division take care of hot spots at a home in Springfield.

Scott Shaw, *The Plain Dealer* - 1st Feature
Army Staff Sg. Benjamin Bur tries to pick up a newspaper in New Orleans but can't get the machine to work. That edition of the Time-Picayune was published two days earlier before Hurricane Katrina made landfall.

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Jim Witmer
Dayton Daily News
1st Feature Picture Story - September

Bobby Martin plays football for Colonel White, appearing on the punt teams and the defensive line despite being born with no legs.