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## Still clip rule changes for 2002

It seems everyone has his or her own version of how to do it. The problem is, most people don't do it correctly so the time has come to bring about a change in the monthly still clip contest.

Beginning with entries from January 2002 and thereafter participants will need to use an official entry form on the back of each clip to enter the contest.

Every effort has been made to streamline this process and make it as easy as possible. There are several options people can use to print clip labels for their entries.

The labels for dummies version can be found at the center of this newsletter. Users can simply copy the form and print a sheet of ten labels. If you want to make the clip chair really happy you can type the contact information in the space provided before copying.

A copy of the labels for dummies version will be available as a pdf file on the ONPA web site. The file is formatted so that it can be printed directly to Avery 5263 shipping labels that can be placed on each clip.

For the more advanced users who have access to QuarkXPress, a custom label file will also be available on the web. It too is formatted to print to Avery shipping labels, or plain paper for the frugal among us, and allows the user to type in their contact information.

Simply download the Quark file from the web and follow the instructions in the file and you will have your own personal labels. Simply attach the label to the back of the clip and write in the date published and circle or highlight the proper category. This would be the option we hope people will use.

Regardless of which option you choose in no case should the form be altered in any way.

Those who do not have access to QuarkXPress but would like a personal clip label can request a custom pdf file. Direct your request to Bob DeMay at: [bdemay@nowonline.net](mailto:bdemay@nowonline.net)

Participants should also be aware of a new deadline for entering. Beginning in 2002 clips must be in the hands of the contest chairman by the seventh of the month following publication. This is the same deadline used in the NPPA contest, which should eliminate any confusion.

Those who send their clips via Federal Express or other overnight carrier should make sure they make arrangements for Saturday delivery should the seventh fall on the weekend.

Clips should be mailed to contest chairman Chris Parker at ThisWeek Newspapers, 670 Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Suite F, Columbus, Ohio 43085-1781

## Television 3rd quarter clip results

### SPOT NEWS

1st - David Bradford, WDTN, Double Fatal  
2nd - Scott Doelling, WBNS, Gotta Find a TV  
3rd - Chris Reece, WJW, Blew Up  
HM - Kendall Griggs, WCPO, Taxi Trouble,

### IN DEPTH

1st - Dave Colabine, WKRC, The Whitsler  
2nd - Carl Todhunter, WBNS, Fat Pets  
3rd - Jeff Barnhill, WKRC, Voices of Freedom  
HM - Mike Smith, WBNS, Working for the Dream

### GENERAL NEWS

1st - Dave Colabine, WKRC, Neighbors  
2nd - Chris Reece, WJW, Trial by Fire  
3rd - Kendall Griggs - WCPO, New Downtown Restaurants  
HM - Eric Peterson, WBNS, Building a Dream

### FEATURE

1st - Andrew Banks, WCMH, Favorite Corner  
2nd - David Bradford, WDTN, Football Survivor  
3rd - Doug Hermann, WJW, Earth Ship  
HM - Jeff Barnhill, WKRC, Hot Summer Nights

### POINT STANDINGS

1	Dave Colabine	WKRC	60
2	Jeff Barnhill	WKRC	50
3	Chris Reece	WJW	38
4	David Bradford	WDTN	23
5	Andrew Banks	WCMH	19
6	Kendall Griggs	WCPO	14
7	Ron Abel	WBNS	12
	Scott Doelling	WBNS	12
	Chris Hursh	WKRC	12
	Mike Loomis	WLWT	12
11	Carl Todhunter	WBNS	9
12	Doug Hermann	WJW	6
13	Mike Smith	WBNS	2
	Eric Peterson	WBNS	2

## Pictures of the Year terminates NPPA

Following the lead set by ONPA, the University of Missouri-Columbia Pictures of the Year contest has gone to a digital format. The change is not the biggest for this year however.

The Pictures of the Year agreement between the National Press Photographers Association and the University of Missouri-Columbia has been terminated by the school citing breaches of the agreement, which occurred, with the publication of the Best of Photojournalism Book 2000 by NPPA. The partnership dates back to 1957.

The school claims it no longer has

funding agreements with either of the corporate sponsors, in large part due to the failure of NPPA to recognize them in the Best of Photojournalism 2000.

The split means that NPPA members will no longer be able to enter the contest free. The entry fee for the 59th POY is \$50. University officials are quick to point out that photographers will save that amount of money or more with the conversion to digital.

At press time it was unclear what NPPA plans are.

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# Odds 'n ends

**Lindsay Semple** of *The Vindicator* will join the ONPA board as secretary at the convention in Mansfield in March. In the only contested race on the ballot Semple edged **Bob Christy** of Kent State University by seven votes to take over the seat being vacated by **David Andersen** of *The Plain Dealer*.

With 103 ballots returned Semple had 53 votes to Christy's 46.

Rules for the still and television year-end contest will be in the mail soon. Still members are reminded that this years contest will be in digital format and to look for several category changes.

Also a reminder that dues for 2002 are due now. Renewal forms should already be in hand. For those who have already lost them, one is inside this newsletter. Feel free to use it to sign up a new member at your workplace. Please fill the forms out completely including your NPPA membership number if your are a member.

**Ron Strah** has left his post as Operations Manager at WKYC, Cleveland to become the News Operations Manager at competing WUAB/WOIO. He led WKYC's charge into the Digital Age of television, orchestrating the station's move to a total non-linear system and is expected to do the same at his new home. A longtime Cleveland photojournalist, Strah began his career at WEWS in 1977, coming to WKYC in 1981. He left WKYC in 1991 and joined WJW as a general assignment shooter. He came back to WKYC as Ops Manager in 1998 and had served the ONPA as Television Contest Chairman. WKYC Director of Photography **Kim Fatica** has absorbed his duties as interim Operations Manager.

WJW Chief Photographer **Ron Mounts** saw the debut of his movie, "Go Tigers!" at Cleveland area theatres in September. His documentary on the Massillon Tigers football program was shot on digital video and transferred to film.

**Bill Cannon** has left the world of freelance and joined the staff at the *Lancaster Eagle Gazette*. He and his wife Sarah also became parents for the first time. Their son William Paul Hambleton Cannon was born on August 7.

Also proud first time parents are **Aimee Obidzinski** of the *Dayton Daily News* and her husband **David Colabine** now at KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh. Their son Lewis was born October 26.

# Editor & Publisher Photos of the Year



Dante Smith/*The Coshocton Tribune*  
Baserunner Dave Boron of the Coshocton Cherokees is about to lose a game of tag between third and home during a battle with North Canton's Hoover High School.

Three ONPA members were among the winners in the Editor & Publisher's second Photos of the Year contest.

Dante Smith of the *Coshocton Tribune* placed first in sports, in the under 10,000 circulation category with his photo of a baseball player being caught in a rundown between third and home.

Bored contestants in the Columbiana County spelling bee were the subject matter for a prize winner by Patricia Schaeffer of *The Morning Journal* in Lisbon. The photo placed first in feature in the 10,000-49,900 bracket.

In the under 10,000 circulation bracket, Scott MacDonald with the *Zanesville Times Recorder* placed first in breaking news. His photo captured a father arriving at the scene of a house fire. His 2 year-old daughter was still in the home, and later found dead. The photo also was a national winner in the NPPA clip contest, placing second.

The grand prize winner in the contest went to Tom Franklin of the *The Record* in Hackensack, New Jersey. His photo of firefighters raising an American flag over the rubble of the World Trade Center has been seen around the world.

The contest emerged from the magazine's Photo of the Week feature. Information on how to submit photos is available at [www.editorandpublisher.com](http://www.editorandpublisher.com)



Patricia Schaeffer/*The Morning Journal*  
How do you spell b-o-r-e-d-o-m? Contestants in the Columbiana County spelling bee struggle to stay alert at the competition.



Scott MacDonald/*Zanesville Times Recorder*

## On the cover

"My baby! My baby!" Ron Madden screamed, arriving at the scene of his house in flames in rural Muskingum County. His 2-year-old daughter, Jessica, was still in the home, and later found dead. The fire was started by a child playing with matches.

# Kent State professor at the center of war in Afghanistan

By Katie Byard  
Beacon Journal staff writer

Huge planes roared across the skies. Towering black plumes of smoke rose from a ridge of mountains. The sound of carpet bombing carried for miles.

This wasn't CNN. These were images shot by a Kent State professor who recently returned from war-torn Afghanistan.

Bill Gentile's career has put him in the center of conflict before, but the sight in front of him was otherworldly.

"I'd never seen anything that big," in terms of firepower, said the journalism teacher, who specializes in video journalism. "Most of my experience with conflict has been in Central America, where people get killed with small-arms fire," such as rifles, he said recently. "I've never seen a 750-pound bomb being dropped out of the belly of a plane."

Gentile, 50, was in Afghanistan not as a combat photographer, but to shoot a documentary on a relief effort organized by Help the Afghan Children Inc. of Vienna, Va. The documentary will air on Oxygen, the women's cable network, next year.

Gentile - who once was kidnapped for two days by Peru's notorious Shining Path guerrillas while on assignment for Newsweek - came back from northern Afghanistan with footage of bombs exploding and young girls smiling in classrooms. The video shows the horror of war and people's efforts to go on about their lives after years of conflict and grinding poverty.

One powerful scene sticks with him: A woman is in a cinder-block hospital, watching over her seriously injured son. Her husband and another son have been killed by a rocket shot by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban regime.

An interviewer in Gentile's group asks the woman what she will do when her boy is better. The woman says she doesn't know. The interviewer presses the woman for something more definite. At that, the woman persists in saying she doesn't know.

Gentile said the exchange crystallized for him how little "we collectively, as Americans, know about other people and how they live."

To the female interviewer, "it was inconceivable that this woman was living so far out on the edge," said Gentile, who said his experiences in Third World countries had prepared him for such devastation.

A native of Pennsylvania who now lives in Kent, Gentile said he never felt like he was in imminent danger in Afghanistan.

"We were close enough to see the American bombing," he said matter-of-factly. "We were 400 yards away from the Taliban, but there was no fighting" at the time, he said, recalling a visit to a Northern Alliance front line, southwest of Dasht-i-Qala in northern Afghanistan's Takhar province.

After he returned to the United States, Gentile learned through news reports that

"It was kind of our welcoming committee," he said dryly. Gentile felt an urge to leave the classroom soon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He got his chance when the relief group called.

"I still get that urge to follow it (conflict). You get that tightness in your stomach that tells you to go after it," said Gentile, who began teaching at KSU about a year ago, after various journalism stints. Those includ-



Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal

Kent State University professor Bill Gentile returned recently from Afghanistan, where he was filming a documentary that will air next year on the women's cable network Oxygen.

three foreign journalists - including one he had met while in Afghanistan - were killed when they came under Taliban fire near the spot where he shot video of the Northern Alliance on the front line. Gentile figures they were killed as he was flying home.

Gentile began his odyssey Oct. 24, when he arrived in Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic that abuts northern Afghanistan. There, the leader of Help the Afghan Children, Suraya Sadeed, spent \$130,000 in donated money to buy more than 300 tons of wheat, sugar, blankets and other items.

The group traveled to the Takhar province, where Gentile documented the distribution of the items, as well as the fighting. The day they crossed the border into Afghanistan, they could see pinpoint bombing in the distance.

ed work in Latin America as a contract photographer for Newsweek.

But he insists he is not a "combat junkie" simply looking for a battle to cover.

"I'm interested in what it means and what it symbolizes - the people that are involved in it," said Gentile, whose wife, Esther, is working with him on a documentary series on commodities, including bananas and coffee.

Gentile said his time away from KSU was disruptive to students, but such experiences make him a better teacher.

"I've got to show these guys (students) that there's a real world out there that they have to be conscious of," he said, "the world beyond Northeast Ohio."

To learn more about Gentile's documentary, visit: [www.goodsoflife.com](http://www.goodsoflife.com)

## Former Plain Dealer staffer slain in Oakland



Lucy Houston

The body of San Jose Mercury News photographer Luci Houston, 43, was found dead in her car, outside a cemetery, November 25, after being missing for nearly a week.

Police say she died of multiple gunshot wounds. Her body was found covered with a tarp and appeared to have been there a few days.

Houston's estranged husband Raymond has been advised by his lawyer not to talk with the police, although police say they have no suspects. Luci Houston petitioned for divorce in June, cit-

ing irreconcilable differences. The couple were wed in 1998.

Houston, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, was hired at the Mercury News in 1993 and previously worked at the Kansas City Star and The Plain Dealer.

She is survived by parents, Clarence and Catherine Williams, brothers, Clarence and Antonio and sisters, Joyce Williams and Karen Pierce, all of the Washington D.C. area. A brother Sean resides in Oklahoma City.

# still clip rules

Photos must be entered in the month published. A photo can be entered only after its initial publication. 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 subjects 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 picture:** 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 pre-conceived 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.

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.

Wire service photographers and stringers may enter prints but they must be signed on the back by a supervisor noting they had been transmitted.

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:

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**This Week Newspapers**  
**670 Lakeview Plaza Blvd. Suite F**  
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First grade students stand at attention for the Pledge of Allegiance on their first day at Regina Coeli/St Joseph School. The story by **Kyle Lanzer** of *The Alliance Review* placed first in August.

# still clip standings through August

1	John Kuntz, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	324
2	Bob DeMay, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	316
3	Matthew Hovis, <i>The Gazette</i>	286
4	Ken Love, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	266
5	Darrin Bryan, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	264
6	Eric Albrecht, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	246
7	Chris Russell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	244
	Chris Stewart, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	
9	Scott Shaw, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	216
10	Neal Lauron, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	206
11	Kyle Lanzer, <i>The Alliance Review</i>	196
	Steve Schenck, <i>The Tribune Chronicle</i>	
13	Michael Blair, <i>The News Herald</i>	166
	Marshall Gorby, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	
	Fred Squillante, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
16	Lorrie Cecil, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	146
	Steven Herppich, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	
	Tim Revell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
19	Karen Schiely, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	140
20	Bill Kennedy, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	132
21	Lisa Powell, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	126
	Matt Strohshane, <i>Zanesville Times-Recorder</i>	
23	Tom Dodge, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	116
	Andy Morrison, <i>The Blade</i>	
25	Chuck Crow, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	114
26	Gus Chan, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	108
	Phil Masturzo, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	
28	Joshua Gunter, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	106
29	Joe Maiorano, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	
30	Brandi Stafford, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	104
31	Jeff Swinger, <i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	96
32	Ron Alvey, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	92
33	Will Shilling, <i>Freelance</i>	88
34	Craig Ruttie, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	86
35	Lynn Ischay, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	70
36	Ernest Coleman, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	66
37	Allan Detrich, <i>The Blade</i>	64
38	Aimee Obidzinski, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	62
39	Glenn Hartong, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	58
	Jason Molyet, <i>The News Journal</i>	
	Patrick Reddy, <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	
42	Ken Blaze, <i>The News Herald</i>	56
	David Distlehorst, <i>Outlook News</i>	
	Skip Peterson, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	
	Alysia Peyton, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
46	David Andersen, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	54
	Tim Norman, <i>Suburban News Publications</i>	
	Dave Polcyn, <i>The News Journal</i>	
	David Richard, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	
50	Jim Witmer, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	50
51	Dale Omori, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	48
	Kevin Whitlock, <i>The Sun Journal</i>	
53	Jim Laskay, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	46
54	Joy Parker, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	44
55	Bill Lackey, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	42
56	Kevin Graff, <i>The Advocate</i>	40
57	Ed Hall, Jr., <i>Alliance Review</i>	38
	Bob Rossiter, <i>The Repository</i>	
59	Mary Circelli, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	36
60	Scott Heckel, <i>The Repository</i>	34
61	Glenn Luther, <i>The Tribune Chronicle</i>	32
62	Scott MacDonald, <i>The Times Recorder</i>	30
63	Patti Schaeffer, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	26
64	Monique Ganuchaeu, <i>The Gazette</i>	24
	Dan Kraus, <i>Delaware Gazette</i>	
66	Daniel Melograno, <i>The News Journal</i>	22
	Dante Smith, <i>Coshocton Tribune</i>	
68	Apryl Pilolli, <i>The Tribune Chronicle</i>	18
69	Jay LaPrete, <i>Freelance</i>	16
70	Doug Khrenovsky, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	14
	Mike Munden, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
	Shirley Ware, <i>The Gazette</i>	
73	Larry Hamel-Lambert - <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	12





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Cincinnati Enquirer  
2nd - Tom Dodge  
The Columbus Dispatch  
3rd - Chris Russell  
The Columbus Dispatch  
HM - Shirley Ware  
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Dayton Daily News  
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The Columbus Dispatch  
3rd - Steve Schenck  
Warren Tribune Chronicle

### SPORTS

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The Columbus Dispatch  
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**Above:** Kyle Lanzer of *The Alliance Review* placed first in picture story in July with his entry *Faces of Poverty*. The three day series looked at the struggles of the poor. The photo above from the series was also the Ohio Associated Press Photo of the Month.

**Right:** Seventy seven year-old Bill Martin is an usher for the Dayton Dragons. The portrait of Martin by **Ron Alvey** of the *Dayton Daily News* placed first in July.







**Left:** Chrissy Russell, twin sister of Angelina McPherson, is comforted by fiance James Jump in the debris of the trailer where Ms. McPherson and 11 year-old Robin Baldrick of Covington died. The photo by **Patrick Reddy** of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* placed first in spot news in July.



**Above:** Sheil Corn was convicted in May 2000 of asking a man to sell her a gun and help kill her daughter. She is now being sued by both of her children. She tried to duck the camera, but was caught by **Scott Shaw** of *The Plain Dealer*. The photo placed first in general news in July.

**Right:** **Joshua Gunter** of *The Plain Dealer* placed first in feature in July with his photo of eight year-old Vraimone Parker cooling off in a public fountain at Moulton Scoutway Park.



## August winners

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Dayton Daily News  
2nd - Bill Lackey  
Springfield News-Sun  
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The News Herald  
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**Above:** Kent State line-backer James Harrison flies to the ball on every play. He did also for a portrait by **Phil Masturzo** of the *Akron Beacon Journal* which placed first in August. The judges said, "it was just a feeling of wow!, that's gonna hurt."

**Right:** Darrin Bryan of *This Week Newspapers* in Columbus placed first in sports in August with his photo of the action during the Pro In-Line Racing Series in-line skating competition during the Wendy's International Sports Festival.





An aerial view of plane crash that claimed two lives by **Chris Stewart** *The Dayton Daily News* placed first in spot news in August.



**Above:** When the heat got to sisters LaSaundra Rouse, left, and Cierra Ward they turned a garden hose loose on themselves in the front yard of their Cleveland home. The photo by **Lynn Ischay** of *The Plain Dealer* placed first in feature in August.

**Left:** Cari Hosey strikes a pose while Heath Pifer shields his eyes during a performance of the Nazarene Youth Choir as part of the Italian-American Heritage Festival in Warren. The photo by **Steve Schenck** of *The Tribune Chronicle* placed first in general news in August.

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A home plate collision captured by **Fred Squillante** of *The Columbus Dispatch* was the first place winner in sports in July.