

Ohio News Photographer



October 2004

ODDS 'N ENDS

Joy Newcomb has left her part-time shooting position at *The Repository* to pursue freelance work in California. The Canton opening, although part time, has generated a great deal of interest from Ohio photographers. No word yet on who the successful candidate for the opening is.

Larry Roberts, Director of Photography at *The Blade* in Toledo, will assume the same position at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in October.

Both newspapers are Block Communication properties. The Pittsburgh vacancy occurred when **Dave LaBelle** left the paper to establish a photojournalism program at the University of Kentucky.

Three ONPA members are among the 100 chosen for the 17th annual Eddie Adams workshop this October in Liberty, NY.

Attending will be **Greg Ruffing**, staff photographer at *The Morning Journal* in Lorain, and Kent State University graduate **Scott Galvin** currently working as an intern at *The Vindicator*. Also selected is Ohio University student **Robert Caplin**, who worked this summer as an intern at the *Los Angeles Times*.

The 100 chosen students will be divided into 10 teams of 10. A photographer, an editor and a researcher, all professionals within the profession of picture journalism, will lead each team. The four days are divided between shooting, editing, speeches and panel discussions. Students will have the opportunity for one-on-one time with editors to discuss their portfolios at what is known as the 11:30 Club.

OHSAA says, "Let There Be Light"

COLUMBUS - Dialog between still photographers and the Ohio High School Athletic Association has paved the way for rules concerning the use of flash and lighting while covering high school sports in Ohio.

The policy adopted by the OHSAA Board of Control for the coming school year allows still photographers to use electronic flash or mounted strobes for all sports with the exception of gymnastics, volleyball and diving.

OHSAA Photography Regulations

A.) These regulations apply to both regular season and OHSAA tournament contests.

B.) These regulations shall be administered by contest managers (hereinafter referred to as "contest managers") for regular season or OHSAA tournament contests prior to the state tournament or the OHSAA office or designated contest or media managers (hereinafter referred to as "the OHSAA") for state tournaments.

C.) Authorized news media representatives, who have been approved for credentials by contest managers or the OHSAA, shall be permitted to use electronic lighting equipment throughout the course of a given activity in all sports except gymnastics, diving and volleyball.

Such electronic lighting can be: strobe lights mounted to fixed positions and/or electronic attachments (flash) mounted to a camera.

1.) Requests to use strobe lights mounted to fixed positions shall be made well in advance of the contest.

2.) Requests to use strobe lights mounted to fixed positions shall be honored:

2a.) as facility space permits

2b.) on a priority system based on:

2b1.) an official photographer so designated by the OHSAA (OHSAA tournament contests only)

2b2.) newspapers that cover their hometown competing teams (daily newspapers with larger circulation, followed by weekly newspapers)

2b3.) newspapers that cover the site of the host facility (daily newspapers with larger circulation, followed by weekly newspapers)

2b4.) media which is national, regional or statewide (wire services) in scope

2b5.) all other media Internet sites, specialty publications, etc.

3.) Photographers approved to use strobe lights mounted to fixed positions shall ensure contest managers or the OHSAA that such lights are mounted and secured safely.

3a.) To ensure safety, photographers shall meet with contest managers or the OHSAA no less than 45 minutes before game time.

3b.) As a courtesy, contest managers or the OHSAA shall inform participating coaches and contest officials that photographers have been approved to use strobe lights in fixed positions.

3c.) Photographers are expected to use good judgement when placing strobe lights in fixed positions so that such lights do not interfere with a participant's execution of a play. In the sport of basketball, for example, strobe lights shall not be mounted directly behind a basket so as not to interfere with a player's direct line of sight to the basket.

D.) In the sport of basketball, photographers are prohibited to position themselves along the baseline within the lane area of the court.

1.) The first violation of this policy shall result in a warning from contest managers or the OHSAA, and the second violation of this policy shall result in the removal of the photographer from the contest facility by contest managers or the OHSAA.

2.) Photographers may position themselves along the baseline outside the lane area of the court and are permitted to use electronic attachments (flash) mounted to a camera as specified under regulation C above.

3.) The use of remote-operated cameras behind a basket is permitted so long as the guidelines listed under No. 3 above are followed.

E.) These policies shall apply to all photographers approved for credentials, including those representing the participating schools.

The rules were developed during a meeting with OHSAA director of information services Bob Goldring and photographers Bob DeMay, Terry Gilliam, Neal Lauron, Jonathan Quilter, with input from Jamie Sabau. Also taking part in the meeting was This Week Newspapers sports editor Lee Cochran, whose support was much appreciated by the photographers present.

After fine tuning the language the proposal was passed on to the Board of Control who approved the measure at it's August 12 meeting.

The rules are posted on the OHSAA web site at <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/photopolicy.htm>. for those wishing a copy to print.

Dialog will continue with the state to clear up other gray areas concerning photographers working high school events. Bob DeMay and Terry Gilliam are now members of the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee which meets twice a year with OHSAA.

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ODDS 'N ENDS

Citing budgetary concerns Associated Press has announced it will no longer continue the practice of paying Ohio members for submission of photos to The Associated Press.

AP will continue the \$100 photo of the month award, as well as the \$500 award for Ohio's member photographer of the year.

AP cites budget woes in covering the war, the Olympics and presidential election as well as moving its New York headquarters. It promises to revisit this issue as its budget situation improves.

Photographer **Melvin Grier** of *The Cincinnati Post* has been chosen as the 2004 Robert S. Duncanson artist-in-residence at the Taft Museum of Art in Cincinnati. The residency is named for a 19th-century Cincinnati landscape painter and was established to honor the achievements of other black artists in various categories. Greier's residency is scheduled Nov. 1-14 and will include displays of his photos and educational programs he leads with student groups.

The *Marysville Journal Tribune* recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The 6,500 circulation daily has been in the hands of the Behren family during its entire existence.

The 2004 NPPA Flying Short Course will be in Newark, NJ, on Oct. 23; Detroit, MI, on Oct. 24; Minneapolis, MN, on Oct. 26; Kansas City on Oct. 28; and Ventura, CA, on Oct. 30.

Speakers scheduled to appear include Maggie Steber, Ted Nelson, Cheryl Diaz Meyer, Chris Curry, David Leeson and others.

The local committee in Detroit will be offering a bonus still and television programs much the same as was offered for the Cleveland stop last year.

Specifics of the program offerings will be posted to the ONPA website as soon as details become available.

ONPA members shopping for computers, digital camera accessories and supplies are now eligible for corporate pricing discounts through ONPA at PC Mall.

Direct your web browser to <http://cap.pcmall.com/site/AkronBeaconJournal> and register to take advantage of the offer. Login as akronapp and use the password akron123 to create your own account.

Apologies to *The Plain Dealer's* **Chuck Crow**, whose December first place sports clip winner in the last newsletter was credited to **Scott Heckel** of *The Repository*.

Larry Nighswander resigns post at OU

ATHENS - Ohio University professor Larry Nighswander has resigned his position at the school effective March 31, 2005.

Nighswander's resignation came about after he and the university were named in a \$3 million federal sexual harassment lawsuit brought by former OU student Becky Humes.

Humes alleges in the suit "Nighswander repeatedly subjected female students of Ohio University to intimidation and crude and offensive comments and conduct that was of a sexual nature."

Humes suit was filed after posing nude for Nighswander in Sept 2002 when she alleges he touched her breast and made inappropriate comments.

An internal investigation by the school cleared Nighswander of the charges in March 2003. Soon after Humes' lawyer Ira Mirkin filed suit in U.S. District Court in Columbus.

In May Nighswander was asked to resign by the university or face dismissal. A year earlier Nighswander was replaced as director of the School of Visual Communication as a result

of the suit.

In a letter to NPPA's *News Photographer Magazine* following his resignation Nighswander said that he was making this decision reluctantly and was very proud of the positive changes made during his term as director of the School of Visual Communication.

Nighswander states in the letter, "I continue to withhold comment on the pending federal litigation out of respect for the legal process and respect for the right of privacy of those involved. Others involved in the lawsuit have chosen to comment and release sealed allegations in total disregard of a standing Federal Court Protective Order prohibiting release of information. This total disregard for the legal process by those involved is both discouraging and frustrating."

"I continue to assert that the claims in the pending lawsuit are baseless. The inability to publicly defend oneself in light of vicious personal attacks is demoralizing beyond belief."

The school tuned up the heat on Nighswander after two other students in sealed depositions made allegations similar to Humes in difference incidents.

Humes' suit against Nighswander and the university is still pending and no trial date has been set.



Nighswander

Associated Press recognizes Ohio's best

COLUMBUS - Newspapers in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Troy and Ironton were named the best in the state in the annual Associated Press Society of Ohio news competition.

General Excellence awards for 2003 went to *The Plain Dealer*, *The Cincinnati Post*, *The (Hamilton) Journal News*, the *Troy Daily News*, and *The Ironton Tribune*.

Seventy-six daily newspapers submitted 3,451 entries in the contest, which featured news and sports stories, features, editorials, columns, graphics and photos from 2003.

Recognized in the Best Photographer category of the contest in Div V were; 1st - Dale Omori, *The Plain Dealer*; 2nd - Michael Keating, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*; 3rd - Bob DeMay, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

Div IV; 1st - Scott Heckel, *The Repository*; 2nd - Marshall Gorby, *Springfield News-Sun*; 3rd - Daniel Melograna, *The News Journal*.

Div III; 1st - Matthew Hovis, *The Gazette*; 2nd - Patricia Schaeffer, *The (Lisbon) Morning Journal*; 3rd - William Cannon, *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*.

Div II; 1st - Michael Lehmkuhle, *The Sentinel-Tribune*; 2nd - Tom E. Puskar, *Ashland Times-Gazette*; 3rd - Robert Caplin, *The Athens Messenger*.

Div I; 1st - James E. Mahan, *Urbana Daily Citizen*; 2nd - Nancy Radcliff, *The Circleville Herald*; 3rd - Trevor Jones, *Coshocton Tribune*.

Complete results of the contest can be found online at <http://apsoweb.org/>.

On the cover



Tom Puskar
Ashland Times-Gazette
1st General News
January

Lucille Ford, provost emeritus at Ashland University, covers her ears in reaction to the loud ringing of the bell at the opening of the Dauch College of Business and Economic's Center for Financial Education. Ford rang the bell loud enough to be heard throughout the building, which opened for classes on the first day of the school's second semester.

OBITUARY

Hank Perkins

ONPA Life Member Emmanuel "Hank" Perkins, died in his sleep June 6. He was 74.

Perkins was the chief photographer for WFMJ-TV in Youngstown, where he worked from 1956 until his retirement in 2002. Perkins was at the helm through every stage of change in the business. And there have been many.

In the early days of local television news, Perkins converted still photographs from *The Vindicator* to slides to air in newscasts.

Technology changed from film, to videotape and then to digital, but Hank was always on top of things.

Long before monickers from marketing departments like "Action News" came about, Hank was capturing the news with the technology of the day and winning awards along the way.

ONPA members attending the 50th anniversary convention at Atwood Lake Lodge got a first-hand look at Perkins' work at the volatile Stop Five labor dispute in Youngstown.

When he retired, Perkins was responsible for hiring every photographer the station ever employed.

One of those hires, Ron Martin, still working at the station said, "Many of us got our start in the TV business because Hank was always willing to give a young kid with little or no experience a chance to prove themselves. I know personally I may never live to see another person with such a zest for life. When my time comes around, I hope I am lucky enough to have had half as much fun as Hank did in his life. He was one hell of a character and one of the kindest people I have ever known."

Martin and his co-workers were hosted by Perkins' wife, Nena, for a party in Hank's memory August 14 to share stories and remember a man who left his mark on all who knew him.

As the invitation said, "Hank was The Man and he loved a good party."



Hank Perkins

Columbus readies for 2005 convention

The Columbus Airport Marriott will play host for the 2005 ONPA Convention and Seminar on April 15 - 16, 2005.

The hotel offers shuttle service to the Easton Town Center for shoppers. Throw in an indoor pool and you have a great weekend getaway for the entire family.

Craig Holman from *The Columbus Dispatch* is the chairman for this year's event.

Holman and television vice president Timothy Moushey are busy putting together a slate of speakers for the upcoming event. Program details will be shared as soon as they become available.

Registration fees will remain unchanged from the past two years with one exception. The late registration fee will only be charged if registering at the door.

The 2004 convention in Cuyahoga Falls made gamblers out of most photographers according to treasurer Kimberly Barth. "We raised \$1,111.00 at the convention in raffle tickets", Barth said. "Thanks to all those who made a purchase. It always helps offset the expenses."

Total cost for the convention was \$7,554.87 and our total income from tickets, registration and donations was \$6,675.44 resulting in a net loss of \$879.43. A portion

of that loss amounting to \$275.00 was used to purchase ONPA lanyards.

We brought in great speakers, had a great hotel, great food - that is priceless!

The ONPA balance sheet shows more than \$10,000.00 in the checking account and close to \$6,500.00 in savings.

ONPA received \$6451.32 from the estate of George Smallsreed in March. Funds from the Smallsreed estate enable ONPA to keep dues at \$35.00 for working members and \$25.00 for students and, also funds convention shortfalls.

The treasury is in good shape as we go into 2005. The first quarter of the year is the hardest on the balance sheet due to contest judging, awards and the annual convention.

Much of the first quarter costs will be offset by annual dues and judging fees. One more reason why it is critical that we pay dues in a timely manner.

The ONPA board of directors were to meet in Mansfield as this edition of the newsletter was heading to print.

There are changes on the horizon for the year-end television contest as well as the still monthly clip contest. Full details of the meeting will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

See you in Columbus.

Airborne TV Seminar makes Ohio stop

The 2004 NPPA Airborne Television Seminar will land in Cleveland on December 3 - 4, 2004.

"Team Work on a Deadline" is this year's theme for the Airborne. Both photographers and reporters are encouraged to attend the day-long program, offered by the National Press Photographers Foundation. There will be breakout sessions for both photographers and reporters and critiques (VHS tape only).

Speakers include NPPA Photographer of the Year, Ted Nelson from WTVF in Nashville, Brian Weister, NPPA Television News Editor of the Year from KMGH in Denver, Reporter Joe Frayer from KARE in Minneapolis, winner of the national Edward R. Murrow Award for spot news coverage.

Joining them on the faculty is Deborah Potter of the NewsLab in Washington, D.C. She will discuss strategies for turning poor picture assignments into powerful stories.

Steve Sweitzer, director of the Airborne Seminar, is news operations manager at WISH-TV, Indianapolis. Sweitzer can be reached via E-mail at sweitzer@wish-tv.com or by phone at (317) 956-8561.

The cost of the seminar is \$40 for NPPA members and reporters accompanied by an NPPA member. \$50 for non NPPA member and \$25 for students. There is a \$5 late fee charged for registrations received after November 26.

Stations sending five or more people pay only \$35 per person.

Television 1st quarter clip results judged by WSMV-TV Nashville, TN

Spot News

- 1st - Jeff Ritter, WBNS, "Deadly Apartment Fire"
- 2nd - David Bradford, WOIO/WUAB, "Heads Up"

General News

- 1st - Rob Abel, WBNS, "Trapped Under Ice"
- 2nd - Charles Kelso, WBNS, "Drug Bust"
- 3rd - Carl Todhunter, WBNS, "You Talking About a Couple Refrigerators"

News Feature

- 1st - No award given
- 2nd - Doug Herrmann, WJW, "Bella Facce"
- 3rd - No award given

In Depth

- 1st - Tim Flaherty, WBNS, "Israeli Bobsled Team"
- 2nd - Chris Kettler, WBNS, "Purse Party"
- 3rd - Steve Wainfor, WCMH, "Perveted Justice"

Standings

1 st Tim Flaherty, WBNS	12
Rob Abel, WBNS	
Jeff Ritter, WBNS	
4 th Doug Herrmann, WJW	9
David Bradford, WJW	
Chris Kettler, WBNS	
Charles Kelso, WBNS	
8 th Steve Wainfor, WCMH	6
Carl Todhunter, WBNS	

Monthly clip contest

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 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

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The News Messenger
1700 Cedar Street
Fremont, OH 43420-1114

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

CLIP STANDINGS THROUGH MARCH 2004

1	Chris Russell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	286
2	Joe Maiorana, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	146
	Tom Dodge, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
4	Bill Lackey, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	136
5	Tim Revell, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	126
6	Neal Lauron, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	116
	Scott Heckel, <i>The Repository</i>	
8	Eustacio Humphrey, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	106
9	Brandi Stafford, <i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	104
10	Eric Albrecht, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	96
11	Gus Chan, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	82
12	Scott Shaw, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	76
13	Marvin Fong, <i>The Plain Dealer</i>	66
14	Ron Alvey, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	56
	Lorrie Cecil, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	
	Chris Stewart, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	
	Aaron Rudolph, <i>Lisbon Morning Journal</i>	
	Bob Rossiter, <i>The Repository</i>	
	Wayne Maris, <i>The Review</i>	
	Monique Ganucheau, <i>The Gazette</i>	
21	Andy Morrison, <i>The Blade</i>	54
	Tom Puskar, <i>Ashland Times-Gazette</i>	
23	Lori King, <i>The Blade</i>	52
24	David Distelhorst, <i>The News Messenger</i>	46
25	Fred Squillante, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	44
26	Tim Harrison, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	42
	Greg Ruffing, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	
28	Jim Laskay, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	36
	Michael Blair, <i>The News-Herald</i>	
	Ernest Coleman, <i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	
	Martin S. Lerman, <i>Chillicothe Gazette</i>	
32	Jan Underwood, <i>Dayton Daily News</i>	34
33	Alysia Oglesby, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	32
	Mike Munden, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	
	Ken Blaze, <i>The News-Herald</i>	
36	Daniel Kraus, <i>The Star Beacon</i>	16
	Gary Stelzer, <i>Middletown Journal</i>	
	Marshall Gorby, <i>Springfield News-Sun</i>	
39	Bob DeMay, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	14
	Matthew Hovis, <i>The Gazette</i>	
	Abigail Bobrow, <i>Sandusky Register</i>	
42	Diane Hires, <i>The Blade</i>	12
	David Richard, <i>The Morning Journal</i>	
	Kimberly Barth, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>	
	Patrick White, <i>This Week Newspapers</i>	



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Portrait
 March

Ohio State University Dean of the College of Biological Sciences, Joan Herbers is an ant specialist.

January winners

Spot News

1st:- Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
2nd -Bill Lackey
Springfield News Sun
3rd - Tim Revell
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun

General News

1st:- Tom Puskar
Ashland Times Gazette
2nd - Chris Stewart
Dayton Daily News
3rd - Jim Laskay
Springfield News Sun
HM - Tim Revell
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Scott Heckel
The Repository

Feature Single

1st - Bill Lackey
Springfield News Sun
2nd - Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Michael Blair
The News Herald
HM - Abigail Bobrow
Sandusky Register
HM - Marvin Fong
The Plain Dealer

Portrait

1st - Eustacio Humphrey
The Plain Dealer
2nd - Lorrie Cecil
This Week Newspapers
3rd - Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Chris Stewart
Dayton Daily News

Sports

1st - Joe Maiorana
This Week Newspapers
2nd - Joe Maiorana
This Week Newspapers
3rd - Ernest Coleman
The Cincinnati Enquirer
HM - Lorrie Cecil
This Week Newspapers
HM - Daniel Kraus
The Star Beacon

Feature Story

1st - Eustacio Humphrey
The Plain Dealer
2nd - Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer
3rd - Alysia Oglesby
The Columbus Dispatch



Eustacio Humphrey
The Plain Dealer

1st Feature story - January
Kent State University junior
Kristin Kretzler joined the Ohio
National Guard in March 2001
to pay for college. She leaves for
Kuwait next month.



1st Portrait - January
Kristin Kretzler walks back to her
apartment after attending her last
sociology class at Kent State
University.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Spot News
January

Samuel Sekyere, center,
brother of Owusu "Mike"
Sekyere, discovered his
brother's body in the garage
at his North Side home.

Monthly clip contest

Bill Lackey
Springfield News-Sun
1st Feature
January

Gene White, an International retiree, sits in the parking lot across the street from the International Lagonda plant watching the factory being demolished.



Joe Maiorana
This Week Newspapers
1st Sports
January

Upper Arlington's Ellis Robinson is upended by Cincinnati Moeller's Seth Jacobs.

February winners

SPOT NEWS

1st - Lori King
The Blade
2nd - Bill Lackey
Springfield News-Sun
3rd - Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer
HM - Fred Squillante
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Gary Stelzer
Middletown Journal

GENERAL NEWS

1st - Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
2nd - Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Bob Rossiter
The Repository
HM - David Richard
The Morning Journal

FEATURE SINGLE

1st - Aaron Rudolph
The Morning Journal
2nd - Tim Revell
The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Diane Hires
The Blade
HM - Wayne Maris
The Evening Review

PORTRAIT

1st - Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
2nd - Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Martin S. Lerman
Chillicothe Gazette
HM - Matthew Hovis
The Gazette

FEATURE STORY

1st - Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
2nd - David Distelhorst
The News-Messenger
3rd - Scott Heckel
The Repository

SPORTS

1st - Andy Morrison
The Blade
2nd - Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Bob DeMay
Akron Beacon Journal

Aaron Rudolph
The Morning Journal
1st Feature - February

A tree frog climbs up Crestview Elementary School student Savannah Elwonger during the school's Right to Read celebration.

Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Portrait - March

Deanna Carter, creator and choreographer of *Colores de Alam*, with dancers Dimitri Suslov and Hiromi Ushino.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
1st General News
February

Misty Adams is distraught after coming home from her husband's court appearance in Circleville. Richard A. Adams III is accused of falsely reporting that someone else - perhaps the serial sniper - shot the van he was driving.

Monthly clip contest



Lori King
The Blade
1st Spot News - February

A Maumee police officer arrests Timothy Justen II at his home after authorities allegedly confiscated more than 300 marijuana plants, in the vehicle at left.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Feature Story - February

Using a sink in one of three bedrooms for homeless families at Crossroads United Methodist Church, Loranza Cooper bathes Alessandria, one of her six children, before bedtime.

Andy Morrison
The Blade
1st Sports - February

Ali Mann, left, hit two key free throws and Stefanie Wenzel had 20 points as the Falcons beat Buffalo to improve to 5 - 2 in the MAC.

March winners

Spot News

1st - Monique Ganucheau
The Gazette
2nd - Tim Harrison
The Morning Journal
3rd - Scott Heckell
The Repository
HM - Greg Ruffing
The Morning Journal

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Akron Beacon Journal

Feature Single

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The Repository
3rd - Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
HM - Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
HM - Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch

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Feature Story

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The Columbus Dispatch
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The Morning Journal

Illustration

1st - Brandi Stafford
Cincinnati Enquirer
2nd - Brandi Stafford
Cincinnati Enquirer
3rd - Ken Blaze
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Marvin Fong
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Bryan Enoch, left, and Alecia Foster get dunked when their cardboard boat sinks in the pool Wednesday at Lakewood High School. The physics competition tested their knowledge of buoyancy.



Joe Maiorana
This Week Newspapers
1st Sports
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Johnstown's Kenny McClellan and Austin Stiles celebrate following the Johnnies one point win over Worthington Christian in the district championship game.

Monthly clip contest



Tom Dodge
The Columbus Dispatch
1st General News
November

"Phoebe" a pregnant Asian Elephant at the Columbus Zoo has her pads checked by Columbus Zoo keeper Adam Felts.



Brandi Stafford
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1st Illustration
1st Quarter

Fashion illustration for story about adding color to your winter wardrobe.



Monique Ganucheau
The Gazette
1st Spot News
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EMT and Medina Firefighters work to remove the passenger and the pilot from a helicopter flying from Portage Twp. that crash-landed into a residential neighborhood in Medina.

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Gus Chan
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Hold the horse and buggy, pass the suntan oil. Gerold Miller (right) builds sand castles on the beach while his six-year-old son, Steven, plays with the sea gulls. "We tried to book for next year," Miller says. "But a lot of places in Pinecraft are already booked up."