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Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
1st Feature - March

Levester Johnson takes his dog Armani, an Italian Cane Cors, for a jog in West Akron. "I was lazy this morning," Johnson said. "I'm on my way to the gym myself. I wanted to Make sure he got in a workout before I left."

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TV Clip Results

1st Quarter

General News

- 1st - Jeff Ritter, WBNS-TV, "A Lotta Ice"
- 2nd - Billy Muhammed, WJW-TV, "EMS Mess"
- 3rd - Drew Yaussy, WBNS-TV, "Disaster Drama"
- HM - David Bradford, WJW-TV, "Cluster Mail"
- HM - Jeff Ritter, WBNS-TV, "Slippery Slopes"

News Feature

- 1st - No Award
- 2nd - Scott Doelling, WBNS-TV, "Downtown Icon Closes"
- 3rd - Nate Zinnel, WBNS-TV, "Unlikely Hero"

In-Depth

- 1st - No Award
- 2nd - Drew Yaussy, WBNS-TV, "Climbin' the Mountain" (tie)
- 2nd - Scott Doelling, WBNS-TV, "Prescription for Danger" (tie)
- 3rd - No Award

Spot News

- 1st - David Bradford, WJW-TV, "Little Iraq"
 - 2nd - Brian Wicker, WBNS-TV, "Emergency Run"
 - 3rd - Ryan Vetter, WTOL-TV, "LaSalle Ice Rescue"
- Judges WNCN-TV Raleigh, NC*

Final Standings

- 1st Scott Doelling, WBNS-TV 17
- 2nd Drew Yaussy, WBNS-TV 14
- 3rd David Bradford, WJW-TV 13
- Jeff Ritter, WBNS-TV
- 5th Billy Muhammed, WJW-TV 9
- Brian Wicker, WBNS-TV
- 7th Ryan Vetter, WTOL-TV 6
- Nate Zinnel, WBNS-TV

Annual board meeting minutes

The first order of business was to name a new secretary to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Semple who is now working at The State in Columbia, SC. Replacing Semple is Chris Parker from ThisWeek Newspapers in Columbus.

All current board members had their names placed in nomination for election this fall. Television vice president Anthony Mirones declined his nomination leaving a vacancy, which must be filled on the ballot. Those interested should notify any current officer.

Treasurer Kimberly Barth reported that finances are in good shape; thanks mainly to proceeds from the estate of George Smallsreed Jr. ONPA recently received a distribution of \$8,107.10 for calendar year 2006 from the estate.

Barth recently purchased a \$5,000, 12-month certificate of deposit and placed \$13,000 from other accounts in an interest bearing money market account.

Television contest chairman David Bradford reported that he was disappointed with the low num-

ber of people entering the contest last year. This was Bradford's first year as chairman and he hopes to turn those numbers around. Bradford also is seeking to change the sports category in the year-end contest to make it more inline with the type of work photographers are currently producing.

The only changes on the horizon in the year-end still contest are in the area of multimedia. Still vice president Jonathan Quilter will chair a committee that will look into the possibilities and report back to the board with recommendations.

Craig Holman from The Columbus Dispatch has volunteered to coordinate next year's convention, which will be held once again at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Bill Gugliotta has also agreed to acquire speakers for the seminar, which will be held April 19.

The convention is usually held early in April, but open dates for that time were not available at the Marriott. Planners have been pleased with the accommodations and staff at the hotel, so rather than looking for another hotel they opted for a later date.

AP, Cleveland Press Club name Best in Ohio

The Cleveland Press Club, Associated Press Society of Ohio and Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters have recognized the work of several photographers as Best in Ohio for work in 2006.

The Cleveland Press Club named John Kuntz of The Plain Dealer "Best in Ohio" in its Excellence in Journalism Awards. Joshua Gunter, also from The Plain Dealer, placed second with an honorable mention going to Tim Revell of The Columbus Dispatch.

The Associated Press Society of Ohio recognized photographers in five circulation categories in its annual competition.

In Division I awards for Best Photographer went to James E. Mahan, Piqua Daily Call. Second place went to Matthew Leasure, Coshocton Tribune, 3rd, Jessica St. James, The Ironton Tribune, and honorable mention to Sarah Clark, Wilmington News Journal.

Div II: 1st, Kevin Whitlock, The (Massillon) Independent; 2nd, Aaron Rudolph, Lisbon Morning Journal; 3rd, Erin Pence, The Sidney Daily News.

Div III: 1st, Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register; 2nd, Jason Werling, Sandusky Register; 3rd, Frank Robertson, Chillicothe Gazette; HM, Eric George, The (Newark) Advocate.

Div IV: 1st, Michael Blair, The News-Herald; 2nd, Scott Heckel, The Repository; 3rd, Bill Lackey,

Springfield News-Sun.

Div V: 1st, Glenn Hartong, The Cincinnati Enquirer; 2nd, Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch; 3rd, Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer.

General Excellence awards for 2006 went to The Plain Dealer, The Repository, The Newark Advocate, The Massillon Independent and The Ironton Tribune.

The Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters named Jim Bowser, WYTV-TV, Youngstown as Best Photographer in the Medium Market division. Second place went to Mike Hamlett, WDTN-TV, Dayton.

In the Large Market division, first place went to Steve Maguire, WBNS-TV, Columbus.

The Plain Dealer had the work of three staffers on the winners list in the 73rd annual National Headliner Awards, sponsored by The Press Club of Atlantic City, N.J.

Andrea Levy placed first in Illustrative Graphics. Scott Shaw placed second in Spot News for his entry "Waterlogged Backup". John Kuntz placed second in Photo Essay for his story of a young girl with Tay-Sachs disease.

Levy also placed first, second and received an honorable mention for conceptual photographic illustration in NPPA's Best of Photojournalism contest.

Industry news

National Football League team owners have agreed to overturn the ban on local television affiliates from NFL game sidelines. The decision will allow up to 10 video crews to cover games from the field, five from the local market of each competing team.

Just when you thought all was well again on the sidelines the league recently announced a new policy for the upcoming season that requires photographers at NFL games to wear red vests with Canon and Reebok logos on them.

The National Press Photographers Association has asked the NFL to reconsider the policy that would make journalists walking billboards.

It's clear someone at the NFL has been watching too many NASCAR races.

GateHouse Media Inc. has purchased The (Canton) Repository, The (Massillon) Independent, and The (New Philadelphia) Times-Reporter from Copley Press in a \$380 million deal that included four other papers in Illinois. Also included in the transaction was The Suburbanite, a weekly serving the area between Akron and Canton.

The managerial door is still spinning at its neighbor to the north in Akron. Managing editor Mizel Stewart left the Beacon Journal to become editor at the Evansville (Ind.) Courier & Press, replacing J. Bruce Baumann, who retired March 31.

With the departure of Stewart all senior newsroom managers in place prior to the sale of the Beacon last summer are no longer with the paper.

Several weeks after Stewart's departure publisher Edward Moss left to become president and chief executive officer of the Los Angeles Newspaper Group, which includes the Daily News of Los Angeles. David Black hired Moss last summer when he acquired the Beacon Journal from McClatchy.

Columbus based CM Media Inc. has been purchased by American Community Newspapers of Dallas. CM Media includes The Other Paper, Suburban News Publications, CM Printing, Columbus Monthly, Columbus C.E.O. and Columbus Custom Publishing.

Cox Ohio Publishing opened its new, state-of-the-art headquarters in Dayton in March. The 14 acre complex is home to 659 employees that serve Cox Ohio Publishing's 10 newspapers. Editorial, advertising and circulation departments remain at individual newspapers with some centralized services at the new headquarters. Combined copy desks will layout pages for all newspapers. A centralized circulation call center for sales and customer service is located in the building, which also includes a cafeteria and fitness center.

Three staffers retire from the Dispatch

Three Columbus Dispatch photographers, with over 93 years of combined service retired recently after the company sought voluntary buyouts for up to 25 employees in the newsroom in an effort to reduce costs.

Mary Circelli was the first to leave. Circelli worked at the paper for 36 years and is spending time with family and traveling.

Circelli mastered the art of Polaroid manipulations and her illustration work won many awards over the years. On her way out the door she placed first in the feature category in the January clip contest.

Mike Munden and Tim Revell retired via a buyout in June. Munden worked at the Dispatch for more than 30 years and Revell for 27, both are entering the freelance market.

While Munden delayed his departure for a day to shoot the Memorial Golf Tournament one last time, he was back on the



KYLE ROBERTSON/The Columbus Dispatch
What's the difference between a retired Dispatch photographer at the Memorial Tournament (Mike Munden, at left) and a non-retired photographer (Neal C. Lauron, right).... TWO FREE HANDS FOR BEERS! On his first day of retirement, former Dispatch photographer Mike Munden was seen at more holes in one day than all the years he has covered the tournament. Munden said it was a lot easier to get around with beers than with camera equipment.

course the following day to watch the action for a change.

On the other side of the seniority spectrum several other faces have changed in the photo department. Meghan Gauriloff of Kent State finished her internship in May and will return to school to get her degree.

New interns Will Vragovic

of Ball State and David Foster of Kent State started at the paper following Gauriloff's departure.

Also at the paper Kyle Robertson, a former intern, signed a one-year contract beginning April 16. He has been instrumental in the photo department's multimedia efforts.

Odds n' ends

He's a Buckeye in Hoosier land now. After 18 years as a television photographer, **Tony Giordullo** has climbed the newsroom ladder and has left his position at WLWT-TV in Cincinnati. Giordullo is the new executive producer of sports at WTHR-TV in Indianapolis.

James Mahan has accepted a position at the Dayton Business Journal and has left the Piqua Daily Call.

Barbara J. Perenic is the newest member on staff at the Springfield News-Sun. Perenic started her career as a freelance photographer for Cox Ohio Publishing's Southwest Group of newspapers. In April 2005 she took an internship with the News-Record in Gillette, WY. Perenic worked as a staff photographer at the Boomerang in Laramie, WY, where she did freelance work for the Associated Press and the Denver Post as well as assist for Sports

Illustrated.

Michael P. King has graduated from Ohio University and has joined the staff at The Post Crescent in Appleton, WI, where he previously worked as an intern.

Victor Vaughn, Assistant

Managing Editor of Presentation at the Arizona Daily Star, has been named AP's national photo editor. Vaughn previously worked as a photo editor at the Virginian-Pilot, Detroit Free Press and The Columbus Dispatch.

On the cover

Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal
1st Spot News - January

Daisy Shoff is restrained by Akron police as she tries to enter her Beacon Street home to rescue animals trapped inside. No people were in the home at the time of the fire, but there were five dogs, five exotic birds and other animals.



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Bob DeMay

There was a serial cloner among us

Most of the reporting about the news industry these days continues to paint a very gloomy picture. Issues of ethics, or the lack thereof has replaced headlines about plunging profits and buyouts.

The Toledo datelines and the name Allan Detrich brought the issue right to our doorstep in Ohio.

For those living under a rock for the past few months Detrich and The Blade have parted ways after the paper discovered their award winning staff photographer had digitally manipulated a news photo. A subsequent investigation discovered that since January of this year 78 other photos taken by Detrich had also been altered.

The photo that triggered the investigation was of the Bluffton University baseball kneeling on the field prior to their first game following a bus accident in Atlanta that claimed the lives of five teammates.

Detrich's published version of the photo removed the blue jean clad legs of another photographer that were below a banner bearing the number of one of the deceased players.

Detrich's response went from not knowing what happened to the missing legs, to creating a "perfect" picture for his personal files, and the photo made it into the paper by accident. Later a posting on his blog said, "After 25 years journalism it just has not been fun anymore."

Well it was fun and provided a good living for a good many years. Anyone else not having fun anymore, just leave the business, and take your cloning tool with you. Don't discredit an entire profession because you don't have that fire in your belly anymore. There's a long line of people behind you who would love a shot at taking over your job.

Detrich has apologized to the papers that ran the altered photo and to everyone he has hurt. Credibility is not something you want to lose. I'm not sure if he offered an explanation for his actions that anyone would believe him.

If media outlets can't police their own, one can just imagine what lies ahead as they embrace their new-found love, citizen journalism.

Per our request, Blade director of photography Nate Parsons has confirmed that the ONPA POY portfolios of Detrich from 1991 and 1994 were both shot on film and printed. The Blade did not begin to use Photoshop until 1996.

Detrich had not paid his dues for 2007 so no action needed taken by ONPA to remove him as a member for his ethical violations.

This entire story was breaking as ONPA was holding its annual convention in Columbus. In spite of all that was going on in Toledo, Parsons was there not ducking anyone's queries.

It was the seminar, not the miss-deeds of Detrich, which drew the interest of still and television photographers on this weekend. Once again Craig Holman was at the helm keeping things running smoothly. Skip Peterson came out of semi-early retirement to handle registration and Lorrie Cecil and Chris Parker have hospitality down to a science.

The educational seminar put together by Plain Dealer director of photography Bill Gugliotta and ONPA television vice president Anthony Mirones hit on all cylinders.

Speakers Colin Mulvaney, Dave Wertheimer, Brian Storm and ONPA POYS John Kuntz and David

Bradford presented a great program.

Multi-media projects have many still photographers struggling as they learn new skills while juggling the demands of the print product.

I know of one television photographer who has interviewed with a newspaper to shoot video for the Web. If bean counters would remove hiring freezes in place at most publications it would be a more common occurrence. That won't happen anytime soon though.

The Web may be our future, but employers are in no hurry to invest in that future. Staffing, or the lack thereof in most newsrooms, dictates that we work more efficiently and to do so we need training, software, and networks that don't rival dial-up speeds.

Employers need to put the tools in the hands of people who know how to think visually. That does not mean hand a video camera, "that's good enough for the Web," to the next ten people walking through your newsroom.

There are too many places to cruise on the Internet for people to click on crap. You better have both quality content and presentation, or the precious page views you need to drive revenue won't be there.

Of course it would be great after all the time you invested in a project that customers could actually find the content on the Web site. Newspapers must learn to build a better mousetrap or readers will switch to d-CON.

Just like the print product they must figure out a way to generate revenue from their paper-less presentation. Newspapers have already lost a great deal of revenue to other Web-based entities. Since they seem content at giving away their product on the Web, quality content is the only way to grow revenue.

For a change publishers can do something positive for the readers. For years they kept taking things away from the readers and then couldn't figure out why the advertising dollars went away with it. They made their product less appealing to readers, which made it less appealing for advertisers, who looked for alternatives.

Sadly I don't think they've learned their lesson yet. Now a little shameless plug for a former member. Doug Oster has left the picture desk at the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and is working as a sort-of one-man band, reporting, shooting and producing multi-media projects for the paper.

His years of experience as a writer, producer and on air talent for local public television and writing a regular gardening column for the paper paved the way for his career change.

For several years Oster has co-hosted a garden call-in radio show that airs on KDKA in Pittsburgh and has recently added a second show that is carried on Sirius channel 114 from 12 - 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Earlier this year Oster and his radio show co-host Jessica Walliser became authors penning Grow Organic. Smartly written and presented, it's a great resource for all gardeners. Of course he managed to sneak a few pictures inside.

Jessica and I have met and commiserated. We compared notes on Doug's great ideas that made more-work for each of us. Yes this newsletter is one of them; so don't thank me.

Thank Doug.
It was all his idea.

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 a wire service 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 or other Web site 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 single picture of an unscheduled event for which no advanced planning was possible. Examples: fires, accidents and natural disasters.

General news: A single 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 single picture of a person that reveals the essence of the subject's character.

Sports: An unposed sports-related single 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 single 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

Neal Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
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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 @ 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.

All photos must be captioned. Send all winning entries to clips@onpa.org

CLIP STANDINGS THROUGH MARCH

1	Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch	206
2	Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal	196
3	Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal	166
4	Joshua P Gunter, The Plain Dealer	156
5	Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch	146
6	Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun	136
7	Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch	116
8	Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer	106
9	Scott Heckel, The Repository	86
10	Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News	84
11	Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer	66
12	Dan Trittschuh, Suburban News Publications	64
13	Thomas Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch	56
14	Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News	54
15	Lisa Dejong, The Plain Dealer	50
16	Mary D. Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch	46
	Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade	
	Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer	
	James E. Mahan, Springfield News-Sun	
	Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch	
21	Michael Blair, The News Herald	40
	Julie Vennitti Botos, The Repository	
	John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer	
	Wayne Maris, The Evening Review	
25	Bryne Shaw, The Plain Dealer	36
	Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register	
	Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer	
28	Bob Rossiter, The Repository	34
	Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch	
	Peggy Turbett, The Plain Dealer	
31	Shari Lewis, The Columbus Dispatch	32
	Teesha McClam, Springfield News Sun	
33	Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal	16
	Timothy Revell, The Columbus Dispatch	
35	Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal	14
36	Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer	12
	Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer	



Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Portrait - February

Bonnie Toothman, of Galena, watches for the volunteer who will deliver her meal through the Delaware County Senior Nutrition Program.

January winners

Spot News

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Animal Rescue"
 2nd - James Mahan, Piqua Daily Call, "Suspect taken into custody"
 3rd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News Sun - "Comforting mother-in-law"
 HM - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Grieving Over Pets"

General News

1st - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Poachers"
 2nd - Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade, "Tears Tell Tale"
 3rd - Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal, "Soldier's Fathers"
 HM - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Amnesty Poster"

Portrait

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Shots Fired"
 2nd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Post Traumatic Stress"
 3rd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Athlete of the Week"
 HM - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Ahmed Yousef"

Feature Single

1st - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Solitary Trek"
 2nd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Saxophone at Sunset"
 3rd - Shari Lewis, The Columbus Dispatch, "Post Practice Treat"
 HM - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal - "Tiring Work"

Sports

1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Maggie Knox Dives"
 2nd - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Ted Ginn Bowled Over"
 3rd - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer, "Champion Diver Practices"
 HM - Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News, "Squash Sensation"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Animal Fire"
 2nd - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Rock Off Finals"
 3rd - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Dance"

Judges: From the Roanoke (VA) Times: Seth Citner, Stephanie Klein-Davis, John Cramerz



Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st General News

A deer killed by poachers lies frozen to the ground in a dump site along Kenton-Galion Road outside of Marion. The site also included raccoons and a beaver.



Mary Circelli
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Feature

A man cuts a lonesome figure on a country road between Winesburg and Berlin in Holmes County's Amish country.



Chzris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Portrait

Columbus Police Officer James J. Scanlon is outspoken, including in letters to the editor, about his feelings that the Police Division does not provide enough information about investigations of police shootings. The void leads to misunderstandings about how the shootings happen, he says.



Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Sports

Judges cringe as Westerville's Maggie Knox nearly hits the board during one of her dives at the OCC championships in the Dublin Community Rec Center.



Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal
 1st Picture Story

Daisy Shoff looks at two of her dead dogs (left) and one bird that died in the fire at her home in Akron, Ohio. The dog on the right named Dutchess survived the fire and was breathing in oxygen.

February winners

Spot News

1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Factory Fire"
 2nd - Michael Blair, The News-Herald, "Daughter's Safe"
 3rd - Peggy Turbett, The Plain Dealer, "Slip Sliding Away"

General News

1st - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Obama in Cleveland"
 2nd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Tornado's Legacy"
 3rd - Teesha McClam, Dayton Daily News, "Final Fitting"
 HM - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Attorneys React"

Feature Single

1st - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Catching Some Z's"
 2nd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Winter's Beauty"
 3rd - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Hard Hitting"
 HM - Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer, "IHOP"
 HM - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Foot-eye Coordination"

Portrait

1st - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Food with a Friendly Touch"
 2nd - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "What a Pistol"
 3rd - Dan Trittschuh, Suburban News Publications, "Funeral Chapel Owners"
 HM - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Game Granny"

Sports

1st - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Jackets Flop"
 2nd - Brynne Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Ouch"
 3rd - Bob Rossiter, The Repository, "My Bad"
 HM - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "District Champ"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Handled with Care"
 2nd - Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News, "HipHallelujahHop"
 3rd - Ron Alvey, Daytona Daily News, "50 Seconds of Fame"

Judges: From The Daytona Beach News-Journal: Jim Michalowski, Night Photo Editor, Justin Yurkanin, Jessica Webb, Ji-Eun Lee, Pam Lockeby, and Nigel Cook, Staff Photojournalists



Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Picture Story

A nurse measures the degree of movement and dexterity in Matthew Barber's hand. One of the characteristics of EB is that the fingers and toes web together into club-like appendages. Painful operations to separate the fingers allow the patient prolonged use of them. Patients may have to endure 5 to 10 surgeries in their life time.



Neal C. Lauron
The Columbus Dispatch
 1st Sports

The Blue Jackets' Fredrik Modin, left, goes flying after catching the Blackhawks' goal on his way past in the first period. Chicago goalie Nikolai Khabibulin looks on.



Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer
 1st General News

Fans grab photos and handshakes from Barack Obama, Democratic presidential candidate, at Cuyahoga Community College East in Highland Hills, Ohio.



Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun
 1st Spot News

Moorefield Township assistant fire chief Teresa Brennan shouts instructions to other firefighters as they arrive to battle a blaze at Valco Industries.



Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer

1st Feature

Brandy Kravochuck, 4, finds a quiet spot at the Cleveland Auto Show in the back of a 1939 Ford Kuston displayed by her father, Nick, of Columbia Station.

March winners

Spot News

1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Grief/Urbana University"
 2nd - Wayne Maris, The Review, "Foot on Suspect"
 3rd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Memorial Service"

General News

1st - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Book/Cancer"
 2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Farm Procession"
 3rd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Iraq Child"
 HM - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Infant Hand"

Feature Single

1st - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Dog Walk"
 2nd - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Surf Board"
 3rd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Enthusiastic fans"
 HM - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Custodian/Ball player"

Portrait

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Dancer/Waitress"
 2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "WWII Vet"
 3rd - Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register, "Bullet hole"
 HM - Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Fishing"

Sports

1st - Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer, "Dejection on Bench"
 2nd - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Loosing @ Buzzer"
 3rd - Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch, "Body Builders"
 HM - Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal, "Fan Hopes"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Baseball Memorial"
 2nd - Julie Vennitti Botos, The Repository, "Special-Needs Squad"
 3rd - Dan Trittschuh, Suburban News Publications, "Butterflies"

Judges: From the Las Vegas Review-Journal: Ronda Churchill (freelance), Jeff Scheid (photo editor), John Locher (staff photographer), Samantha Clemens (freelance).



Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun
 1st Spot News

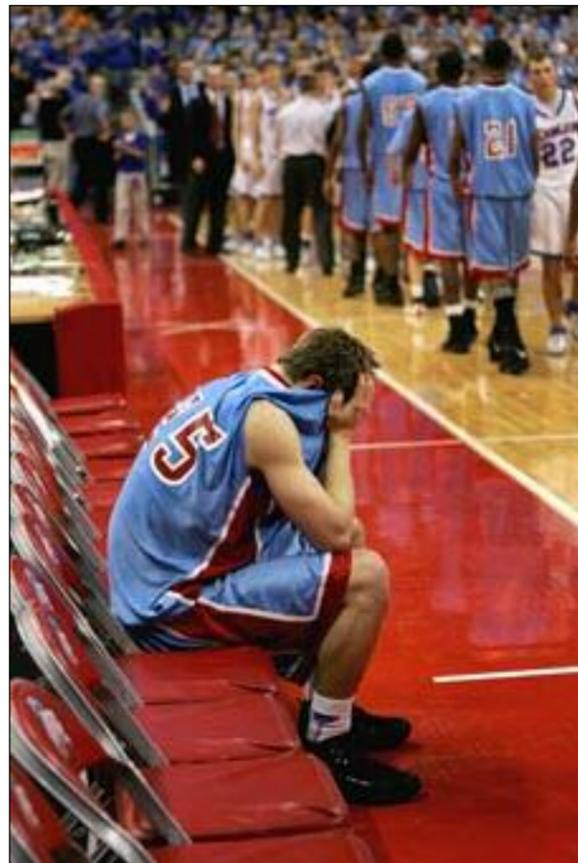
Grief overcomes some of the family members of three Chinese students from Urbana University as they view the site where their loved ones were killed in a nine-car pileup recently.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Portrait

Anna Sullivan serves her muse as a dancer, her customers as a waitress.



Marvin Fong, *The Plain Dealer* - 1st Sports
 Villa Angela-St. Joseph's Ben Shoaff sits on the bench in dejected after the Vikings loss against Liberty-Benton in the Div III state semi-finals in Columbus.



Joshua Gunter, *The Plain Dealer* - 1st Picture Story
 A makeshift memorial for the five Bluffton University baseball players who died in the March 2 crash of a charter bus in Atlanta adorns a fence at the baseball diamond.



Lisa DeJong
The Plain Dealer

1st General News

Richard Gildenmeister, a master bookseller at the Joseph-Beth bookstore, promises Elizabeth Edwards that she will love a long, long time. His mother lived with cancer for 21 years.