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Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
2007 Photographer of the Year

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Columbus Airport Marriott
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OHSAA notes

Some news and notes from the OHSAA media advisory board meeting held Jan 31 in Columbus.

As the saga of prep sports photography drags on in Illinois one might wonder, why there and not here, since the two states use the same vendor. The big difference is in the two contracts. Illinois considers Visual Image Photography as its "exclusive" photographer and the OHSAA contract refers to VIP as its "official" photographer.

The OHSAA curtails the sale of images taken purely for the purposes of resale, with no intention of publishing, through the credentialing process at tournament events.

Shooting positions on the hill around home plate will be a thing of the past at the state softball tournament as the final four playoffs are moving to Akron's Firestone Stadium beginning this spring.

The OHSAA Board of Control approved a recommendation that a second division be added for tournament play in girls golf beginning next school year. state regulations state that over 250 schools must sponsor a sport before a second division is added, and 262 schools fielded golf teams for the 2007 OHSAA tournaments.

Brenda Murray, Coordinator of Publications and Web Site with the OHSAA, has been preparing for over a year to roll out a new Web site which will benefit all users, including the media. The backbone of the site is being developed by Digital Scout, a subsidiary of the Digital School Network. The site should be live for the next school year and will mandate that member schools supply requested information to the web based data storage and access system. Eventually a component to process credentials for OHSAA events online will be added.

Cleveland.com and the OHSAA have recently launched a new Web site www.ohiohssports.com with the capability for web casting and video streaming of tournament events. The site also has schedules and scores for tournament games.

Ohio photographers among judges for HOF contest



Ohio photographers made up one half of the panel of judges for the 3rd annual Canon and Pro Football Hall of Fame "Why Do You Love Football?" Amateur Photo Challenge at Ion Marketing in New York. From left are Peter Read Miller, Sports Illustrated; Tony Tomsic, Sports Illustrated and one of four people to have photographed every Super Bowl; Scott Heckel, The Repository; Archie Manning, guest judge and former NFL quarterback; Craig Melvin, US Presswire & Buffalo Bills team photographer and John Reed III, Cleveland Browns team photographer. A total of 4100 entries were judged in four different categories. Judges narrowed the entries to seven finalists and three alternates. Online voting will determine the winner, each of which received a trip for four to attend Super Bowl XLII in Arizona and the 2008 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Celebration in August.

MLB looks to limit web use of images

DURHAM, NC - The National Press Photographers Association and Online News Association is taking issue with new restrictions that are in the 2008 credential application photographers and news organizations must submit in order to cover MLB games, workouts, activities, and events.

"The historic and statistical nature of baseball requires that its photographic coverage often deals with contextual issues, not specific games. Your new terms impose a form of prior restraint on the use of visual images (both still and video) that will negatively impact the editorial independence of our members and the press as a whole," NPPA president Tony Overman penned in a letter to Commissioner of Baseball Bud Selig.

The new credential agreement puts severe limits on visual online content, placing restrictions on the number of images that can be displayed as well as how long they can remain on the news

organization's Web site.

Overman told Selig that it's unfortunate the MLB has decided to unilaterally change the credential language that's been acceptable and in place for the past seven years.

"This issue has caused great concern among photojournalists with whom we have been in contact nationwide. We firmly believe that great moments in baseball have as much to do with their iconic images as with the game itself," Overman said.

"While baseball may be as American as apple pie, a free press is one of the cornerstones of this country. We firmly believe that great moments in baseball have as much to do with their iconic images as with the game itself. It is in that complementary nature of both professions that we respectfully request that you reconsider this ill-conceived change in policy."

from NPPA.org

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Online results Annual seminar keeps multimedia focus

The first ONPA contest recognizing the best visual journalism published online was dominated by a handful of media outlets. Journalists from The Columbus Dispatch, The Medina Gazette and The Plain Dealer won all but five places in the contest.

Contest chairman Jonathan Quilter is gathering feedback from entrants and judges to see what, if any changes might need made for next year. This year's winners are:

Best News Audio Slideshow

- 1st - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Defenseless"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Born Too Soon"
- 3rd - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Timber"

Best Sports Audio Slideshow

- 1st - Andrew Dolph, The Medina Gazette, "The Game That Never Was"
- 2nd - Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "25 Years of Balls and Strikes"
- 3rd - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Brutus Tryouts"

Best Feature Audio Slideshow

- 1st - Andrew Dolph, The Medina Gazette, "US Air Guitar Championships"
- 2nd - Andrew Dolph, "The Medina Gazette, "Ham Radio Field Day"
- 3rd - Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "Ice Men"

Best News Video

- 1st - Doral Chenoweth III, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hunger in Rural Ohio"
- 2nd - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Homeless Vacate Tent City"
- 3rd - Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal, "Jeannie and Jill"

Best Sports Video

- 1st - Randy Walk, The Columbus Dispatch, "Tyson Gentry"
- 2nd - Carrie Cochran, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Sports Photographer at Training Camp"
- 3rd - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "2007 Cleveland Marathon"

Best Feature Video

- 1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Girlfriend's Club"
- 2nd - Shari Lewis & Randy Walk, The Columbus Dispatch, "An Interrupted Life"
- 3rd - Randy Walk, The Columbus Dispatch, "Chess Kings"

Best Multimedia Project

- 1st - The Plain Dealer, "Johanna/Facing Forward"
- 2nd - The Plain Dealer, "Can We Save Our Neighborhoods?"
- 3rd - Akron Beacon Journal, "Akron's War Dead"

Online visual story tellers eager to fine tune their craft will be the core audience for this year's educational seminar at the ONPA annual convention at the Columbus Airport Marriott, April 19.

Their thirst for knowledge will be quenched by a group of speakers rich in talent, with a great deal of experience in a segment of the industry that is still emerging.

One of the news organizations at the forefront of this field is the Washington Post. Keith Jenkins their Multimedia Director was the first choice of Plain Dealer Director of Photography Bill Gugliotta who task was to select speakers for this year's program.

Joining Jenkins on the dais will be Seth Gitner, Multimedia Editor for The Roanoke Times and roanoke.com. Jenkins has shared his knowledge with journalists at the Truth With a Camera Workshop and programs sponsored by the Poynter Institute and NPPA.

Kristen Ashburn will more than satisfy those with a love for true documentary photography. Based in New York City, Ashburn has traveled the world winning numerous awards for projects from the impact of HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa to documenting the inhumane conditions of Russian prisoners in Siberia, where most were not yet convicted of a crime.

Ashburn's work while published in many leading international publications is also presented on

sites such as mediastorm.org, a leader in online visual storytelling.

We will also hear from Scott Utterback, formerly with WAVE-TV in Louisville, KY now on the staff at the Louisville Courier Journal. It will be a unique perspective from someone who has been on both sides of the fence.

Additional television speakers will be on the program but had not been confirmed as we go to press for this issue.

The Columbus Airport Marriott has been a great venue for us the past several years. The hotel's proximity to Easton Town Center makes it a welcome stay for those traveling with a shopping companion.

The convention room rate is \$109 with a cutoff date of March 28 to receive the discounted rate. A reminder to let the hotel know you are with ONPA when reserving a room. Our costs for meeting space are tied to the amount of rooms reserved by us for the event.

Midwest Camera Repair will be on site to perform clean & checks on both Canon and Nikon still cameras with the costs covered by your convention registration.

The weekend events will kick-off Friday evening in the hospitality suite, with speakers taking center stage on Saturday followed by the traditional awards dinner. The annual business meeting will be held during the lunch break on Saturday.

Odds n' ends

Laurels to the **Theresa Hernandez** and the staff at Kent State University for hosting the ONPA still judging at Franklin Hall. Quite a change in surroundings from our old digs.

Also laurels to ONPA student member **Rami Daud** who hosted the post judging party at his apartment. A special thanks to the many other students who furnished transportation for the judges and ran other needed errands.

Last year's darts to Kent students for not applying for the Larry Fullerton Scholarship must have hit a few of them. It was either that, or tuition went up again. In any case, it was good to see a few Kent State students taking advantage of this opportunity. Mind you we're not taking sides in a Kent State vs Ohio University competition - just like to see students take advantage of the opportunities out there.

A couple of former ONPA student Photographers of the Year were on the winners list of the White House News Photographers Association annual contest.

2005 ONPA Student Photographer of the Year,

Katie Falkenberg won an award of excellence in the portfolio category as well as winning first in international news and sports picture story and third in feature picture story. Falkenberg also won awards of excellence in portrait/personality, feature, and on Capitol Hill.

2003 ONPA Student POY, **Haraz Ghanbari** placed second in sports action and won an award of excellence in insiders Washington.

Another former ONPA student member **Emily Rasinski** has left The Evening Sun in Hanover, Pa and is now a staff photographer at the St Louis Post-Dispatch

Former ONPA member **Matt Detrich** was named Photographer of the Year by the Indiana News Photographer Association. Detrich also placed second in the INPA's Monthly Clip Contest.

Former ONPA members, **Lindsay Semple** was on the winners list of the South Carolina News Photographers annual contest. Semple who is on the staff at The State in Columbia, S.C. won first in feature picture story and second in picture package.

On the cover

2007 Still Photographer of the Year Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch

"**Born Too Soon**" - Almost 19,000 babies are born prematurely in Ohio each year and the numbers are increasing. Riley Potter was delivered by Caesarean section after he stopped growing in his mother's womb. He weighed slightly more than a pound when he was born almost four months premature. Dr. Christopher Timan checks Riley's heartbeat after his arrival at Columbus Children's Hospital's intensive care unit.



57TH ANNUAL ONPA CONVENTION

APRIL 18 - 19, 2007 COLUMBUS AIRPORT MARRIOTT

SPEAKERS - Saturday April 19

Keith Jenkins is currently the Multimedia Director for The Washington Post newsroom, a post he was appointed to in November 2007. Since joining the Post in 1992, Keith has been a staff photographer, Photography Editor for The Washington Post Sunday Magazine and, most recently, the Picture Editor for the newspaper. In 1996, a few months after the launch of washingtonpost.com, Keith joined the website as their first Photography Director. In 1997 he went to AOL where he served as their first Director of Photography for two years.

Seth Gitner is the Multimedia Editor for The Roanoke Times and roanoke.com. A still photojournalist for 10 years, his role now is to help integrate multimedia news gathering techniques into a traditionally print newsroom. Seth has taught multimedia storytelling at the NPPA Multimedia Immersion, Poynter Institute's Visual Edge Workshop, the North Carolina Photojournalism Workshop and the Truth with a Camera workshop.

Kristen Ashburn is a documentary photographer based in New York City who has received numerous honors including the National Press Photographers Association's Best of Photojournalism (2006, 2003), and two World Press Photo prizes (2005, 2003). She received the Getty Foundation Grant 2006, Canon's Female Photojournalist Award in 2004, and the Marty Forscher Fellowship for Humanistic Photography 2003. In 2004 she was recognized as one of Photo District News '30 under 30 photographers'

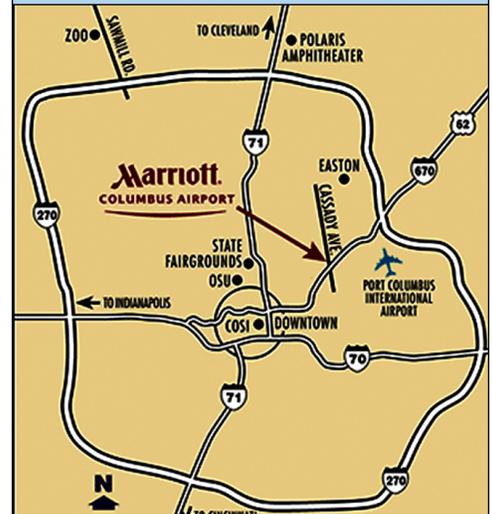
Scott Utterback is the poster child for the changing face of photojournalism. Utterback was on the still and television winners list of the Kentucky News Photographers Association for work in 2007. Utterback formerly with WAVE-TV in Louisville is now on the staff at the Courier Journal.

Additional television speakers will be on the program but have not yet been confirmed

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POY

2007 CHRIS RUSSELL

KEN LOVE WINS HIS SECOND CLIP TITLE

GUS CHAN WINNER OF THE JAMES R. GORDON OHIO UNDERSTANDING AWARD
KENT STATE'S DAVID FOSTER IS STUDENT POY

Ed Suba Jr.

ONPA President

Finally, someone finished second to Chris Russell.

The staff photographer at the Columbus Dispatch was awarded the 2007 George Smallsreed Jr. Photographer of the Year title after being named the state's top shooter at the 57th Ohio News Photographers Association Pictures of the Year competition.

It was the first POY for Russell, who finished what else - second, to John Kuntz of the Plain Dealer in 2006. His win was the first for a Columbus Dispatch photographer since 1997 (Fred Squillante) and ended a four-year winning streak by The Plain Dealer staff.

The Cleveland newspaper continued to produce some of the best photojournalism and photographers in the state as the paper was named the best photography staff in the over 100,000-circulation category for the eighth consecutive year. Staff photographers Lisa DeJong and Gus Chan finished second and third, respectively, in the POY contest.

Chan added the James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding award to the paper's win column for his photo essay "Johanna: Facing Forward". The paper was awarded first place in the Picture Usage over 100,000 category.

The Best of Show award went to Ron Alvey of the Dayton Daily News for his first place photo in the Spot News Over 100,000 category, "Shattered Dreams".

Ken Love and Phil Masturzo of the Akron Beacon Journal received awards of excellence for their portfolios in the POY category.

Love added to his ONPA resume as he picked up his second Clip Photographer of the Year award, edging out the 2005 clip POY, Neal Lauron, by 60 points; Love's previous win was in 2000.

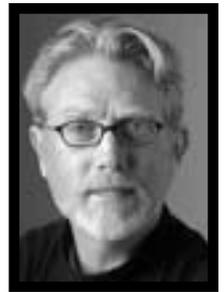
Ninety-eight photographers from across the state submitted 1,404 entries in this year's competition. The contest, which rewards the best in news photography from around the state, was held at Franklin Hall on the campus of Kent State University. Judges for the contest were Jim Gehrz, staff photographer at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Karen Pulfer Focht, staff photographer at The (Memphis) Commercial Appeal, and Jack Zibluk, associate professor of journalism at Arkansas State University.

The judges were inspired by the quality of the work entered. "It is refreshing to see such different styles," exclaimed Gehrz. "Seeing photographers with such a high level of excellence makes me think I'm shooting the same old same old," lamented Pulfer Focht. "Technically, the level of the work in the state is overall, extremely solid," continued Gehrz.

The judges were impressed with the very high caliber of the entries in several categories, handing out 10 awards in the Sports Action and Sports Feature categories and 9 awards in the Assigned Feature Picture, General News and Pictorial categories. "I would be thrilled to have shot any of the photos in these categories," said Pulfer Focht, "When you get to pictures that are at this level, why not reward them," explained Gehrz.

Twenty-two photographers entered the POY competition. Russell, who joined the Dispatch in 1988 after spending four years at the News Herald in Willoughby, has finished as POY runner-up twice. He has won the Clip POY award three times, in 1997, 2004 and 2006.

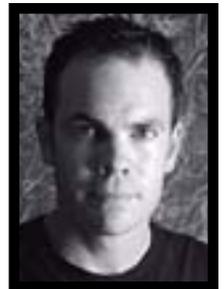
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Chris Russell
Columbus Dispatch



Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer



Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal



Award of Excellence Portrait Personality - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch - "Breastbuy" professional body piercer Lindsay Rink who is a devotee of body manipulation, including tattoos, piercings, and scarring. The photo accompanied a story on breast implants that she got for free by accepting contributions from men on a website titled "myfreebreastimplants.com".

Annual Still Contest

George S. Smallsreed Photographer of Year Award

1st - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
2nd - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer
3rd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer

Award of Excellence

Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal
Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal

James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Johanna: Facing Forward"
2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Born Too Soon"

Robert Coon Student Photographer of the Year

1st - David Foster, Kent State University

Staff of Year Under 100,000

1st (tie) - Suburban News Publications
1st (tie) - ThisWeek Newspapers
2nd - Springfield News-Sun
3rd - Sandusky Register

Staff of Year Over 100,000

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

Picture Usage Under 100,000

1st - The News Herald
2nd - The Gazette
3rd - ThisWeek Newspapers

Picture Usage Over 100,000

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

Best of Show

Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Shattered Dreams"

Assigned Feature Picture

1st - Andy Morrison, The Blade, "Infant Aquatics"
2nd - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Angel"
3rd - Tim Johnson, Suburban News Publications, "Schoolhouse Light"

Awards of Excellence

Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun, "Wrestling Fan"; Cassandra Bergman, Suburban News Publications, "Graduation"; Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Robin Rescue";

Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Puzzled"; Luke Wark, Sandusky Register, "Bird Watchers"; Jeffry Konczal, Suburban News Publications, "Canine Companions"

Enterprise Feature Picture

1st - Randy Roberts, The (Findlay) Courier, "Schools Out"
2nd - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Solitary"
3rd - Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News,



Best of Show - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News - "Shattered Dreams"

Caitlin O'Brien holds on to the arm of Evin Beatty-Frazier as he cradles their deceased son Hunter Beatty-Frazier. O'Brien, 36 weeks pregnant with Hunter, was involved in an accident, driving her car head-on into a tree. She underwent an emergency C-section a few hours ago to deliver Hunter.

"Breezy Flag"

Awards of Excellence

Dave Zapotosky, The Blade, "Hose Job"; Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "That's My Boy"; Tracy Boulian, The Plain Dealer, "Cooling Off"; Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Bridal Shower"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Johanna: Facing Forward"
2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Born Too Soon"
3rd - Shari Lewis, The Columbus Dispatch, "An Interrupted Life"

Awards of Excellence

Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Mental Health Nurse"; Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Nutcracker"; Tim Johnson, Suburban News Publications, "Schoolhouse"

General News

1st - Dave Zapotosky, The Blade, "Tears for Hero"
2nd - Doral Chenoweth III, The Columbus

Dispatch, "Old Deportation Order"
3rd - Ben French, Suburban News Publications, "Welcome Home"

Awards of Excellence

Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Eviction"; Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Tears For Cookie"; Tracy Boulian, The Plain Dealer, "Welcome Home"; Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Blue Light Special"; Ed Suba Jr, Akron Beacon Journal, "Vigil For Jessie"; Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal, "Shawrica Lester"

Issue Illustration

1st - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Faces of Sacrifice"
2nd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Magic of Mushrooms"
3rd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Big Bad Wolf"

Awards of Excellence

Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Heavy Burden"; Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Full House"; David Foster, Kent State University, "Love on the Beach"

Product Illustration

1st - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Fall Fashion"
2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Chocolate"
3rd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch,

"Pepper Power"

Awards of Excellence

Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Pewter Vases"; Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Dried Fruit"; Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Swimsuit Fashion"

News Picture Story

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Foreclosure"
2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Knife Standoff"
3rd - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Tears For Cookie"

Awards of Excellence

Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Success Tech Shooting"; Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Hometown Hero"; Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Coming Home"

Pictorial

1st, Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Amish Buggy"

Annual Still Contest

2nd - Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Heron's"

3rd - Paul Tople, Akron Beacon Journal, "Hot Air Balloons"

Awards of Excellence

Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Peace Lanterns"; Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Surfer"; James DeCamp, The Columbus Dispatch, "Flag Burning"; Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer "Rain"; Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Number 8 School"; Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Winter Storm"

Portrait Personality

1st - Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register, "Mourning Mufaro"

2nd - Doral Chenoweth III, The Columbus Dispatch, "Foreclosed"

3rd - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Bantu"

Awards of Excellence

Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Breastbuy"; Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Critic"; Stephanie J. Smith, The (Lorain) Morning Journal, "Miles Robles"

Sports Action

1st - Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer, "Head First"

2nd - Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "Ouch"

3rd - David Rea, ThisWeek Newspapers, "Determined"

Awards of Excellence

Chris Parker, ThisWeek Newspapers, "Hurdles"; Jeffrey Konczal, Suburban News Publications, "At Bat"; Kyle Robertson, The Columbus Dispatch, "Ohio State Wrestling"; Maribeth Joeright, The News Herald, "Sand Storm"; Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Wood Chipping"; Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Finger Tips"; Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Slip Up"

Sports Feature

1st - Chris Parker, ThisWeek Newspapers, "Consolation"

2nd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "State Champs"

3rd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Baseball Bubble"

Gazette, "One Last Taste"; David Foster, Kent State University, "Hockey"; John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Bloody"; Lonnie Timmons III, The Plain Dealer, "Romeo Travis"



First place - Feature - Andy Morrison, The Blade - "Infant Aquatics"

Zachary Hemry, 17 months-old, dives underwater as his mother Jennifer Hemry, Temperance, catches him during an infant aquatic class at the Temperance Family YMCA.



First place - Portrait - Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register - "Mourning Mufaro"

Maleka Bassir, 27, is overcome with emotion as she recalls the events surrounding the death of her brother, 17-year-old Mufaro "Teddy" Young, who recently died from an asthma attack in his Sandusky home.

Awards of Excellence

Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Bird Ball"; Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Just a Spritz"; Kyle Robertson, The Columbus Dispatch, "Rag Ball"; Andrew Dolph, The (Medina)

Down"

Sports Picture Story

1st - Andy Morrison, The Blade, "Racing For Recovery"
2nd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Emotional Ride"
3rd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Wild and Wacky"

Spot News Under 100,000

1st - Robert K. Yosay, The Vicindicator, "She's Gone"
2nd - Marshal Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Still Standing"
3rd - Stephanie Krell, The (Ravenna) Record Courier, "Drowning"

Awards of Excellence

Barbara J. Perenic, Springfield News-Sun, "Trapped"; Duncan Scott, The News Herald, "Christmas Fire"; Luke Wark,

Sandusky Register, "Walk Away Tom"; Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Fatal Site"

Spot News Over 100,000

1st - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Shattered Dreams"
2nd - Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal, "Victim Compassion"
3rd - Peggy Turbett, The Plain Dealer, "Deluge Dash"

Awards of Excellence

Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Dogs"; Tony Dejak, Associated Press, "Terror"; Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade, "Shooting"; Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Taser"

Team Picture Story

1st - Akron Beacon Journal, "Missing Mom"
2nd - The Plain Dealer, "Snow"
3rd - Akron Beacon Journal, "Gondor, Resh"

Award of Excellence

Akron Beacon Journal, "Akron Marathon"; The Blade, "Officer

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"The whole contest thing makes me a little nutty," explained Russell. "Although I'd won the clip contest several times, I am, as (ONPA Chairman of the Board Bob) Mr. DeMay noted last year, "the King of 2nd Place. I had landed in second place a few times in clips and had come in second in POY to Dale Omori in my first full year at the Dispatch and 2nd last year to John Kuntz. I had developed a bit of a complex."

"So I did not pack a phone because I just did not want to know. However, I went ahead and logged into my work email and found notes of congratulations from co-workers. My wife, Susan, was happy and I was relieved."

"Previous POY winners (Eric) Albrecht and (Fred) Squillante also seem relieved," continued Russell, "as they had vouched for me when I applied in Columbus all those years ago."

"So I am extremely happy and honored to join a list of photographers that I have admired for years and glad to be able to share with all the photographers who work hard and produce great work and enter contests every year only to come up a bit short of their hopes: miracles happen!"

His portfolio, which contained 14 singles and one story, was selected because it was "a clear number 1," explained the judges. "It just leapt out at us," said Pulfer Focht. "It did everything well and professionally, with a solid knowledge of studio light." "The photos were real moments, diverse and very original," added Gehrz.

Individually, Russell collected a second place award in the Feature Picture Story category and two awards of excellence in the Portrait-Personality category. His in-depth photo essay titled "Born Too Soon" placed second in the James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award competition.

All three judges sang the praises of Chan's



Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer - James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award - "Johanna: Facing Forward"

Johanna Orozco was shot in the face by her obsessed ex-boyfriend Juan Ruiz. The blast shattered the lower part of her face, leaving a puzzle of pieces to be put back together. As she sleeps in her hospital bed this past spring, Johanna Orozco tosses and moans. The disturbing dreams that invade the 18-year-old's sleep are part of the journey of mental healing she faces as doctors work to repair her face, damaged from a shotgun blast.

unanimous winning Ohio Understanding Award entry about high school student Johanna Orozco's long journey down the road to recovery after being shot in the face by her obsessed ex-boyfriend Juan Ruiz. "This story shows the power of photojournalism," explained Pulfer Focht, "and this photographer is a storyteller." "There is a tenacity and a sensitivity in all these clean, strong images," said Zibluk. "There are

no weak shots." "It is," said Gehrz, "one of the finest stories I have ever saw. It could easily be a Pulitzer candidate."

Plain Dealer illustrator Andrea Levy returned to her individual domination of the Issue Illustration category with a vengeance as she captured the top five places in the category. Kent State University student David Foster prevented the sweep by collecting the final award of excellence. Her five wins in the category pushed her totals to 30 wins out of a possible 33 places since 2001.

Kent State University's David Foster was named the Robert Coon Student Photographer of the Year after initial winner, Kent State student Gavin Jackson, discovered an error in his portfolio and reported it to the ONPA board. Several of the pictures in his student POY entry had been shot in a previous year, making them ineligible for this year's competition and that rule violation disqualified his portfolio.

The Suburban News Publications and ThisWeek Newspapers, both of Columbus, tied for Staff of the Year for newspapers in the under 100,000-circulation division, with the Springfield News-Sun finishing second and the Sandusky Register placing third. The (Willoughby) News-Herald took top honors in the Picture Usage under 100,000 category followed by The (Medina) Gazette third place going to This Week Newspapers.

The Columbus Dispatch and the Akron Beacon Journal retained their 2006 placements (2nd and 3rd, respectively) in both Staff of the Year and Picture Usage (over 100,000) categories in the 2007 competition.



First Place Pictorial - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal - "Amish Buggy"

An amish buggy makes a turn on onto a country road in Mt. Hope just after sunrise as the first light glistens off the road. The photo also placed first in feature in the October 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 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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Columbus, OH 43215

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

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1	Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal	814
2	Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch	754
3	Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer	518
4	Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal	514
5	Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch	504
6	Lisa DeJong, The Plain Dealer	480
7	Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch	420
8	Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer	404
9	Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun	384
10	Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch	374
11	Scott Heckel, The Repository	344
12	Shari Lewis, The Columbus Dispatch	264
13	Lew Stamp, Akron Beacon Journal	242
14	Michael Blair, The News Herald	230
15	Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News	210
16	Mike Cardew, Akron Beacon Journal	184
17	Jim Noelker, Dayton Daily News	182
18	Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch	174
19	Teesha McClam, Dayton Daily News	170
20	Joshua P Gunter, The Plain Dealer	166
21	Mark Duncan, Associated Press	146
22	Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer	136
23	Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun	134
	Jeremy Wadsworth, The Blade	
25	Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer	114
	Timothy Revell, The Columbus Dispatch	
27	Jeff Hinckley, The Columbus Dispatch	112
28	Michael Balash, The Repository	102
29	Tracy Boulian, The Plain Dealer	100
30	Bob Rossiter, The Repository	96
31	David Foster, Kent State University	88
32	Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register	86
33	Renee Sauer, The Columbus Dispatch	82
34	Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer	80
	James E. Mahan, Springfield News-Sun	
	Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer	
	Dan Trittschuh, Suburban News Publications	
38	Ernest Coleman, Cincinnati Enquirer	72
39	Barbara Perenic, Springfield News-Sun	64
40	Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News	62
41	Eric Sumberg, The Blade	60
42	Bob DeMay, Akron Beacon Journal	56
	Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer	
44	Aaron Rudolph, The Morning Journal	54
	Paul Tople, Akron Beacon Journal	
46	Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch	52
	Stephanie Krell, The Record Courier	
	Amy Voigt, The Blade	
49	Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News	48
	Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal	
51	Kyle Robertson, The Columbus Dispatch	46
	Lisa Scalfaro, Record Courier	
53	Jeffry Konczal, Suburban News Publications	44
	Wayne Maris, The Evening Review	
55	Julie Vennitti Botos, The Repository	42
	John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer	
	Bryenne Shaw, The Plain Dealer	
	Peggy Turbett, The Plain Dealer	
59	Craig Holman, The Columbus Dispatch	38
60	Patricia Schaeffer, The Morning Journal	32

October winners

Spot News

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Shooting"
2nd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Shooting parents"
3rd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Shooting thumbs up"
HM - Tony Dejak, Associated Press, "Success tech"

General News

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Hands of praise"
2nd - Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer, "Tasers"
3rd - Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun, "Strike"
HM - Mike Cardew, Akron Beacon Journal, "Soldier funeral"

Feature Single

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Amish Country"
2nd - Jeff Hinckey, Columbus Dispatch, "Ohio State Fans"
3rd - Jim Noelker, Dayton Daily News, "Spooky baby"
HM - Neal Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Grain Bin check"

Portrait

1st - Chris Russell, Columbus Dispatch, "Sex offenders"
2nd - Jim Noelker, Dayton Daily News, "Footballer"
3rd - David Foster, Columbus Dispatch, "Shoe boy"
HM - Shari Lewis, Columbus Dispatch, "Pumpkin man"
HM - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Prosthesis Patient"

Sports

1st - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Here it comes"
2nd - Ernest Coleman, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Helmet Lost"
3rd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Disappointment"
HM - Michael Balash, The Repository, "It Feels Good"
HM - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "One Gets Away"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Shooting"
2nd - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Welcome Home"
3rd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Fire School"

Judges: From *The Birmingham News*: Joe Songer, Frank Couch, Michelle Williams and Jerry Ayres



Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
1st Picture Story & Spot News

Above: A distraught mother, left, cries after bringing her daughter, right, out of SuccessTech Academy I after a student opened fire shooting a teacher and students before turning the gun on himself.

Right: Students and faculty huddle outside SuccessTech Academy after student Asa Coon opened fire.



Ken Love
Akron Beacon Journal

1st General News

Attendees hold their hands high in praise during funeral services for Rex Humbard.



Chris Russell
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Portrait

Albert O. Walters Jr. is among six sex offenders who share a rooming house near downtown Newark. The street has become something of a sex-offenders row because it is one of the areas where they are permitted to live. "I don't like it," he said. "We should live like a normal person would."



Scott Heckel
The Repository

1st Sports

Jacobs Field fans in right field watch as Kenny Lofton's second-inning home run drops into the stands.

November winners

Spot News

- 1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Fallen firefighter"
- 2nd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "ATV accident"
- 3rd - Barbara J Perenic, Springfield News-Sun, "Care Flight"

General News

- 1st - Bob DeMay, Akron Beacon Journal, "Medical dummy"
- 2nd - Amy Voigt, The Toledo Blade, "Fire folo"
- 3rd - Kyle Robertson, Columbus Dispatch, "Mayoral candidate"

Feature Single

- 1st - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Orange duck"
- 2nd - Eric Albrecht, Columbus Dispatch, "High flyer"
- 3rd - Michael Blair, The News-Herald, "Live nativity"
- HM - Teesha McClam, Dayton Daily News, "Cirque du Soleil"

Portrait

- 1st - Neal C Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Nanofiber researcher"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, Columbus Dispatch, "Premie"
- 3rd - Tom Dodge, Columbus Dispatch, "Guardian angel"

Sports

- 1st - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Soccer save"
- 2nd - Barbara Perenic, Springfield News-Sun, "Pass breakup"
- 3rd - Fred Squillante, Columbus Dispatch, "Touchdown"

Feature Picture Story

- 1st - Jeff Hinkley, Columbus Dispatch, "Land of counterfeit"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, Columbus Dispatch, "Premies"
- 3rd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Soccer academy"

Judges: From *The Forum of (ND)*
 Fargo-Moorhead: Michael Vosburg, photo editor; David Samson, photographer; Jay Pickthorn, photographer.



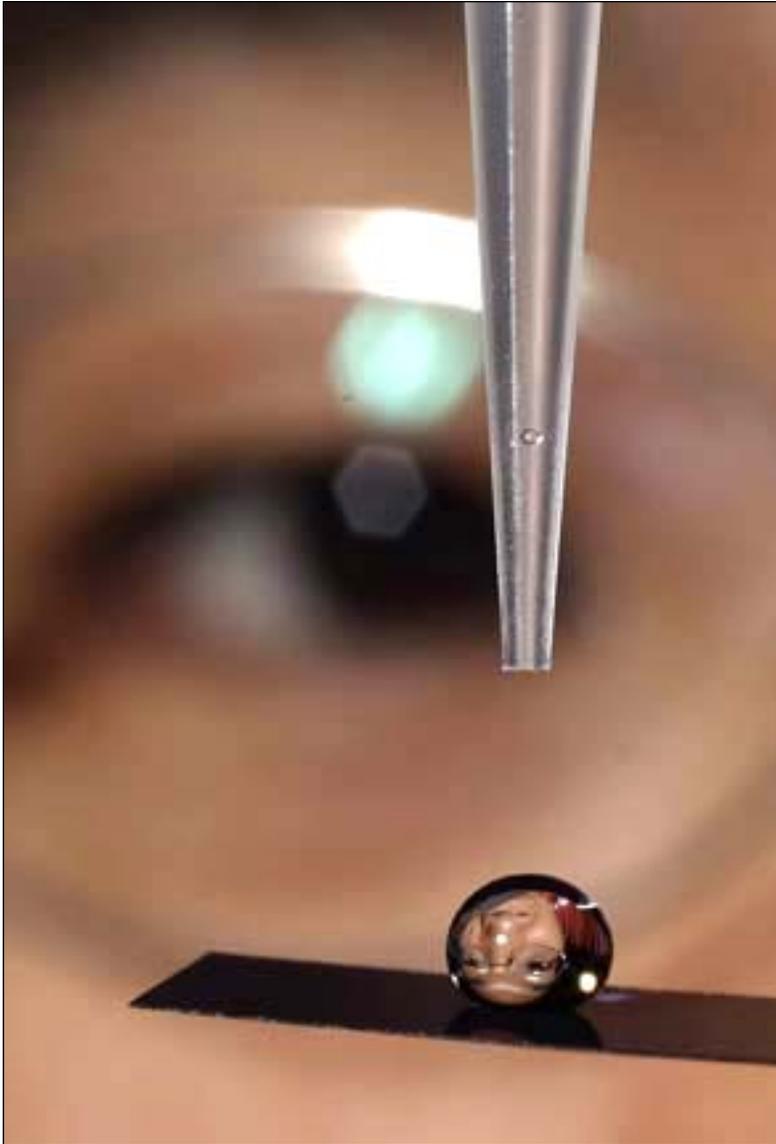
Jeff Hinkley
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Feature Picture Story

Shoppers in Hong Kong pack a street market loaded with fake goods. Most of the illegal items are made in China, where experts say 90 percent of counterfeits originate.



Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
1st Feature

Ducks swim across Meyers Lake in Canton as the mirror-like surface of the water reflects autumn foliage at its peak color.



Neal C. Lauron, *The Columbus Dispatch* - 1st Portrait
Nanofiber researcher Nan-Rong Chiou puts a drop of water on a piece of acetate coated with a polymer that is hydrophobic - not capable of uniting with or absorbing water.



Bob DeMay, *Akron Beacon Journal* - 1st General News
A virtual care simulation at lab runs scenarios at Akron City Hospital that allows medical students to practice on a medical dummy that reacts as a human would. The pupils of the dummy are dilated for a scenario.



Phil Masturzo, *Akron Beacon Journal* - 1st Sports
Archbishop Hoban's Jessica Gironda makes a first-half save against Hathaway Brown in their Division II state semifinal game played in Ravenna.



Marshall Gorby
Springfield News-Sun

1st Spot News

Springfield firefighter Raymond Teets falls to the ground as another firefighter rushes to his aid after the board that was covering the second story window of a vacant house fell and struck him in the head.

December winners

Spot News

1st - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Fire before Christmas"
2nd - Lisa Sculpharo, Record Courier, "Rescued Dog"
3rd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "House Explosion"
HM - Bill Lackey, Springfield News-Sun, "House Fire"

General News

1st - Michael Blair, News-Herald, "Homicide Victims Families"
2nd - Neal C. Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Police Funeral"
3rd - Neal C. Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Police Funeral"
HM - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Victims Remembered"

Feature Single

1st - Eric Albrecht, Columbus Dispatch, "Lonely Look"
2nd - Neal C. Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Dublin Community Church"
3rd - Eric Albrecht, Columbus Dispatch, "Winter Solstice"

Portrait

1st - Eric Albrecht, Columbus Dispatch, "Amateur Boxer"
2nd - Tracy Boulian, The Plain Dealer, "Soprano"
3rd - Tom Dodge, Columbus Dispatch, "Dickens of a Christmas"
HM - Jim Noelker, Dayton Daily News, "Deportation"

Sports

1st - Chris Russell, Columbus Dispatch, "Blue Jackets Hockey"
2nd - Roadell Hickman, The Plain Dealer, "LeBron James vs. Lakers"
3rd - Mark A. Duncan, Associated Press, "Daniel Gibson"
HM - Neal C. Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Blue Jackets Overhead"
HM - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Purple Raiders"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Shari Lewis, The Dispatch, "Circus"
2nd - Neal C. Lauron, Columbus Dispatch, "Police Funeral"
3rd - Tim Johnson, Columbus Monthly, "New Spiritual Scene"

4th Qtr Illustration

1st - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Ice Head"
2nd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Coffee Drink"
3rd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hanukkah Donuts"

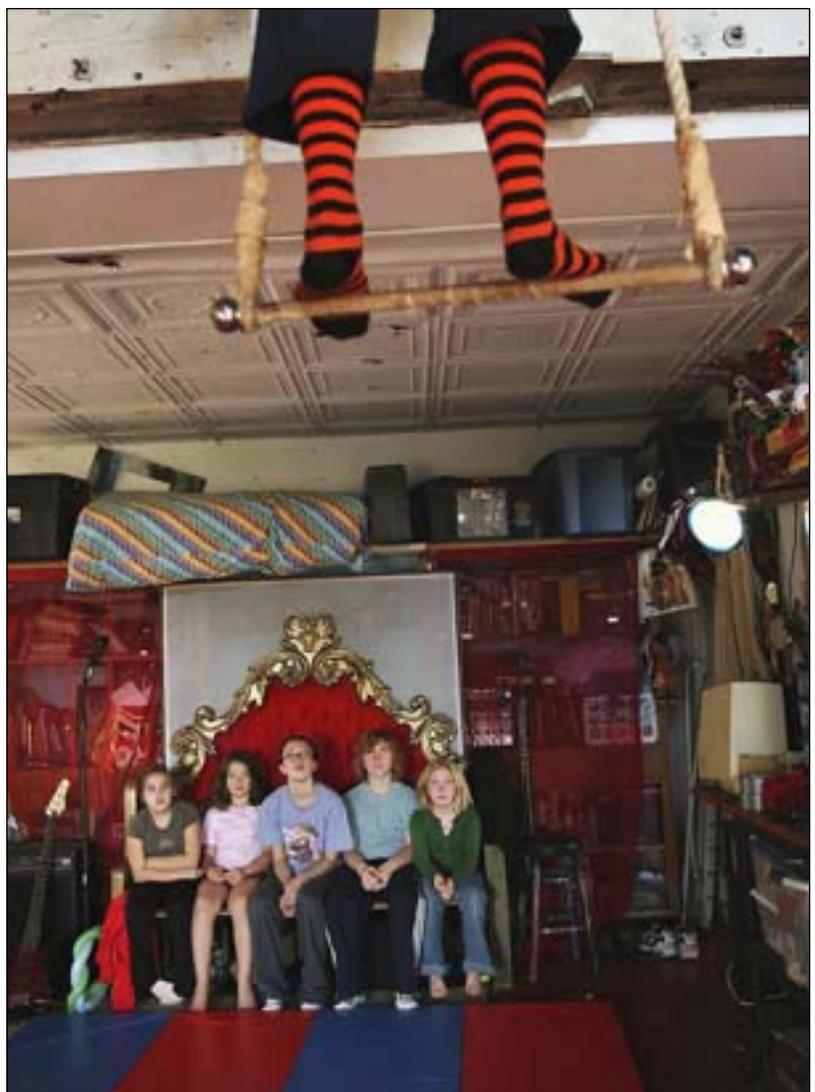
Judges: From the Billings (MT) Gazette: Larry Mayer, David Grubbs, Jim Woodcock, Chase Doak.



Ron Alvey
Dayton Daily News

1st Spot News

Melissa Adams grieves the loss of her boyfriend's house in Dayton. Richard James (right) who owns the house, is talking to a Dayton firefighter. James, who recently bought the property, had been working on the house for 3 weeks and was hoping to move in just before Christmas.



Shari Lewis
The Columbus Dispatch

1st Feature Story

Six home-schooled students completed an 11-week class to learn how to be circus performers. They watch instructor Kristina Isabelle demonstrate a sequence on the trapeze

Monthly clip contest



Michael Blair, *The News Herald* - 1st General News
Bryon Timbrook, right, with friend Shannon Snell mourn the loss of Timbrook's father at the Victims Rights Memorial in Painesville. Raymond Timbrook was murdered in Kirtland Hills in March of 1992, a case that remains unsolved.



Chris Russell, *The Columbus Dispatch* - 1st Sports
Columbus Blue Jackets's Jared Boll goes head over heels over Dallas Stars Nicklas Grossman in their game at Nationwide Arena.



Ken Love, *Akron Beacon Journal* - 1st Illustration
Vitamin enriched drinks market themselves as being beneficial to our well being.



Eric Albrecht, *The Columbus Dispatch* - 1st Portrait
Fourteen year-old boxer Brooke Sundry spars with Kimberly Wood, 17, at the Columbus Fieldhouse Fitness Center.

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Eric Albrecht
The Columbus Dispatch
1st Feature - December

District Number 8 School withstands another Ohio winter. The school was built 1862 and closed in 1913.