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Runners and walkers take part in a race that had a four-mile route over the bridge after the dedication of the new span that crosses the Maumee River.

# WHAT A DAY ON THE SKYWAY



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During the dedication ceremony, Miguel Roman, in front above, helps a group of other volunteers hold up a huge American flag to add a patriotic touch, while at left, Jerry Watson of Maumee holds his son Avery, 2, on his shoulders to give him a better view. Onlookers got up on the Skyway to view all of the action by taking special buses that offered free transportation.



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During the parade that included veterans' and labor groups, members of Ironworkers Union Local 55 walk past onlookers who gathered on the new span for the special day. Above, runners pass onlookers during the walk-run race, which followed the noon dedication. Proceeds from the walk-run race are intended to go to the Workers' Tribute Fund.



Mike Sparks holds his daughter Hannah Sparks on his shoulders during the dedication of the Skyway that now becomes part of Toledo's highway network.



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Motorcyclists, left, roll by on the Skyway during a parade after the dedication. Above, David W. Roepke, Jr., who worked on constructing the bridge, and his wife, Jody Roepke, listen to speeches given by dignitaries.