

# Make the most of big events

> Member Choice comprehensive coverage can quickly give your online site a boost

*The Honolulu Star-Bulletin wanted to build a dynamic online presence to chronicle the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, a Hawaii native. Without a way to quickly select and format wire coverage, online staff would have been limited to posting stories only from their own reporters in Honolulu and Washington. AP Custom News was crucial to the Star-Bulletin's complete online coverage of the inauguration.*

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Editors had only signed up for the online service about a week earlier, but found the application so easy to use and customize they were able to match the look and feel of their Web site in little more than a day. They simply set up different feeds of headlines and stories they wanted from the inauguration in advance, checked them that morning, and had updated stories and photos ready for the Web. Check out the results: <http://hosted2.ap.org/HIHON/Obamainauguraltest>

***“This way we were able to keep a simultaneous balance of local and national coverage that we hope catered to our audience's needs. I think the new AP system was crucial in keeping our site fresh and live throughout the day.”***

Robert Myers  
Online Director  
Honolulu Star-Bulletin in Honolulu, Hawaii

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