



Photo of the Month

Star Tribune photographer Richard Tsong-Taatarii caught 7-year-old Ekaterina Hofrenning pondering her move during a match in the Minnesota State Primary and Elementary Chess Championship in Minneapolis. He collected \$100 for submitting the top member photograph in April.

Dates to Remember:

- Minnesota Associated Press Association Awards Banquet Friday, May 25, at The Depot in Minneapolis
 - Banquet registration form attached and available at www.ap.org/minnesota.
 - Registration due Friday, May 18.
- Minnesota AP Sports Association annual meeting June 20
- Associated Press Job Fair: Oct. 13 at Great Hall, Coffman Union, University of Minnesota



Conjoined twins doctor keynotes MAPA dinner

The featured speaker at this year's annual MAPA awards banquet is Dr. Christopher Moir, a pediatric surgery consultant at Mayo Clinic. Moir is best known for leading the 70-person team that successfully separated conjoined twins Abbigail and Isabelle Carlsen in 2006. Moir had a busy year, handling the surgery for two other pairs of conjoined twins last year, and has participated in five such surgeries overall.

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In his personal life, he enjoys raising a family, marathon running, skiing, sailing, and coaching youth soccer. He is unable to find enough ex-pats interested in rugby.

Member Shout-Outs

Two Minnesota newspapers loomed large when a major fire flared along the Gunflint Trail in early May. Both the **Duluth News Tribune** and the **Minneapolis Star Tribune** were fast and generous in transmitting their photos to other AP members day after day. Many of the pictures were spectacular. ... The **La Crosse Tribune** provided outstanding cooperation after the apparent drownings of a St. Paul family of four in the Mississippi River. The **Tribune** shared its story and photos May 12 before the material was even posted to its own Web site. Their reporter also fed material to an AP editor and gave AP the sheriff's cell phone number to help flesh out the story.

Staff Work

Washington regional **Fred Frommer** broke the news that senior Justice Department officials had raised concerns about Tom Heffelfinger, the former U.S. attorney for Minnesota, before he resigned in 2006. The revelation added to speculation that Heffelfinger was on a preliminary list of U.S. attorneys to be fired. ... **Frommer** also was first with the news that agribusiness giant Cargill would phase out the small metal crates that house pregnant pigs. **Frommer** obtained a letter that Cargill sent to the Humane Society announcing the change, which the Humane Society had requested. ... **Steve Karnowski**, working his farm beat, was first to report on new data that showed the drought threat had subsided in most of the state's prime row crop areas. ... Business writer **Josh Freed** won strong national play with a story about Best Buy and other retailers preparing for a near future where movies are rented and sold via downloads. ... When a 16-year-old boy was shot to death on a bus in St. Paul, it was at least the third violent attack on Twin Cities buses since March. **Patrick Condon**, whose beat includes the Twin Cities, wrote a quick story for the aaa about transit officials taking steps to reassure riders that the bus system is safe. ... AP had a pair of newsmaker interviews in April. Condon interviewed **Jonathan Slack**, the new director of the University of Minnesota's stem cell institute, and **Gregg Aamot** interviewed Brad Moore, head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. ... To mark the 10th anniversary of cataclysmic Upper Midwest flooding, **Amy Forliti** and **Jim Mone** produced an audio slideshow combining file photos with audio clips of newscasts from the period, and added fresh interviews with people who lived through the flooding.

AP News

AP CEO Tom Curley discusses co-op strategy at annual meeting May 7

For the second consecutive year, the AP board has voted not to increase the rates for most AP services, AP CEO Tom Curley announced at the May 7 annual meeting. There will be no general assessment increase for 2008, although some premium services will have rate hikes. In addition, AP management later this year will present the board with options that by 2009 would introduce greater choice in services and pricing for member newspapers, Curley said.

Those changes are enabled by AP's new technology infrastructure, he said. Existing services were built on technical limits of how AP could deliver content and were designed for single-purpose use by a traditional daily newspaper. In addition, AP is developing an infrastructure to create a central database of member content that can handle member-to-member sharing of local content. An audiocast of AP's May 7 annual meeting in New York, along with the text of Curley's speech, is posted at <http://www.ap.org/annual07/>

The top military commander in Iraq, U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, was interviewed by satellite at the start of the program. AP Board Chairman Burl Osborne moderated a panel discussion titled "What America Needs," featuring New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

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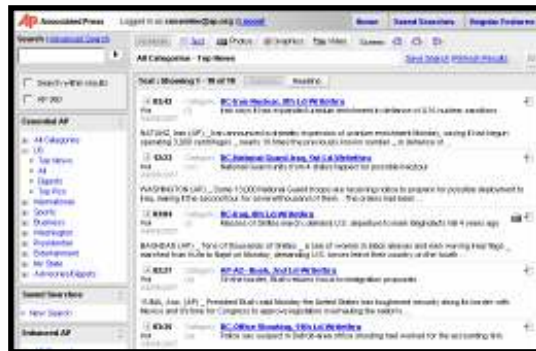
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Join print, online and photo editors from around the country for the annual conference of the Associated Press Managing Editors and AP Photo Managers. Engaging discussions on reaching new audiences and retaining journalists of color, great ideas you can take back to your newsroom, and a visit to the Freedom Forum's brand new Newseum will highlight APME's first conference ever in the nation's capital. Sign up now and save \$50 on your conference registration.

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Associated Press honors memory of David Halberstam

In honor of the late David Halberstam, The Associated Press has released the foreword to its forthcoming book, "Breaking News: How the Associated Press Has Covered War, Peace and Everything Else," which was written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. In the foreword to the book, Halberstam, who covered the Vietnam War for the New York Times, details his first-hand experiences with AP's Saigon bureau during the Vietnam War. Complete foreword is posted on AP's corporate Web site: http://www.ap.org/pages/about/pressreleases/pr_042607a.html

Nairobi staffer Anthony Mitchell killed in plane crash

Nairobi staffer Anthony Mitchell was killed in the May 5 crash of a Kenyan Airways flight in Cameroon. Officials say there were no survivors. Mitchell, 39, had been on assignment in the Central African Republic for about a week working on stories on endangered species. Mitchell joined AP in 2001 as a reporter in Ethiopia. Last year, in January, he was expelled for writing stories that the government deemed too critical. AP protested that action. Anthony moved to the Nairobi bureau in August. Just last month, he and four colleagues won the Beat of the Week contest. Anthony was a "brilliant, intrepid journalist, who was committed to Africa," says his wife, Catherine. "He developed a real passion for Ethiopia, where he worked for several years, before his persistent exposures of the government's abuse of human rights resulted in him being expelled by the government and we moved to Kenya. But wherever he has worked in the world he has made new friends and earned respect for acts of personal kindness and his professional integrity."

Special Editions packages

The Special Edition on summer topics moved May 1 and includes the following stories:

- Easy is not their thing -- Dragon boat racing attracts competitive spirits
- Old roller coasters don't always die, they just go to another park - and fans follow
- Old-fashioned river tubing gets updated with family-friendly amenities
- Birders flock to boats as a stealthy way to approach their colorful subjects
- You want fresh frog legs? Try going mano-a-froggo in a Louisiana bayou
- For adults, the best way to improve swimming skills may be lessons on vacation

The Special Editions calendar for 2007 is:

- June 5 - Weddings, winter brides
- July 10 - Back to School
- Aug. 7 - Home and Garden, winter
- Sept. 11 - Cars
- Oct. 2 - Parenting
- Nov. 6 - Holidays
- Dec. 4 - Weddings, summer brides

Minnesota Associated Press Association Board Meeting & Awards Banquet

Friday May 25, 2007
The Depot, Minneapolis
225 3rd Street South

Agenda (Room changes updated 5/14/07):

Board meeting – 4:30 p.m.
(WJ Quinn)
 Reception – 6 p.m.
(Winter Garden)
 Dinner/Program – 7 p.m.
(Great Hall)



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**Registration
Deadline
Friday, May 18**

Entrée Choices (\$45 each):

Wild Mushroom Ravioli (W)

Wild Mushroom stuffed ravioli with mushroom cream sauce and mushroom chips

Milwaukee Road Ribeye (M)

12 ounces of Steak Royalty topped with Depot butter and crispy onions

Honey Seared Salmon (H)

Honey seared salmon fillet enhanced with balsamic reduction

Newspaper/Organization: _____

Registrant Name/Title

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