

AP Ohio Reports

April 2006

Dates to Remember

April 30, 2006, AP SO Annual Awards Luncheon
 September 2006, AP Sports Workshop, [Date TBA](#)

Thank You

Brenda Burns of the **Urbana Daily Citizen** called AP with first word that the mayor of Urbana had been recalled in a special election. **Alan Zarek** of **WHBC-AM**, Canton, called with a tip that a jury recommended life in prison for a man convicted in a beheading. They both win a \$20 prize for their news tips.

Ohio AP members contributed 162 photos to the wire in March, led by **The Columbus Dispatch** with 38 and **The Cincinnati Enquirer** with 29. Overall, the Ohio AP moved 1,160 photos for the month.

Pat Auckerman of the **Middletown Journal** won the Ohio AP Best News Photo award for March for his photo, above right, of AK Steel employees picketing at an entrance to the plant.

Marshall Gorby of the **Springfield News-Sun** won the Ohio AP Best Feature Photo award for March for his photo, below, of a bagger at a Kroger grocery store pushing in shopping carts as snow fell on the second day of spring.

This Just In ...



Middletown Journal/Pat Auckerman



Springfield News-Sun/Marshall Gorby

Cleveland newsman **Thomas J. Sheeran** was first to report that the Cleveland diocese had appointed Richard G. Lennon, a leader in the Archdiocese of Boston, as its next bishop.

For months, the nation watched closely as the lone survivor of the Sago mine disaster, Randal McCloy, struggled to recover from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. On March 29, the AP became the only news organization to interview McCloy for print, still photos, audio and video. The feat was the result of painstaking nurturing of contacts with the family and deft negotiation over release times involving Morgantown correspondent **Vicki Smith** and Charleston News Editor **Brian Farkas**.

It was just a one-line mention on Afghan state TV, but that was enough to set AP's **Daniel Cooney** in Kabul to work breaking a major story for international audiences: the case of 41-year-old Abdul Rahman, who faced a possible death sentence for the "crime" of converting from Islam to Christianity. Cooney's story, based on exclusive interviews with the trial judge, prosecutor, Rahman's attorney and a Christian missionary stirred an international outcry. It attracted strong comment from President Bush and other Western leaders, and an appeal for Rahman's release from the pope. It also led Cooney, supported by his Kabul colleagues **Amir Shah** and **Rahim Faiez**, to a series of subsequent newsbreaks, including the fact that the case had been dropped, paving the way for Rahman to be freed.

Two years after the terrorist train bombings in Madrid, AP staffers **Paul Haven** and **Mar Roman** demonstrated that "anniversary journalism" can go beyond human interest features and look-backs: they broke news. In an exclusive story based on interviews with senior government intelligence officials, they debunked the notion that Osama bin Laden's group had a direct role and suggested it had given the homegrown bombers no logistical or financial support. The report gave readers a crucial new understanding of the global war on terrorism, showing how local groups can attach themselves to al-Qaida's bloody vision. The story caused a splash internationally and in Spain.

For four years, the United States has held hundreds of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay on suspicion of being enemy combatants, and nearly all had remained anonymous. That changed dramatically when the Pentagon was forced to release many of their names as a result of 18 months of dogged legal action by the AP. Work by AP staffers **Ben Fox**, **Andrew Selsky** and **Miranda Leitsinger** scored on front pages around the world. The French newspaper, *Le Monde*, hailed the development as "a victory" for the AP.



Edward Shuman, left, stands with defense attorney Mark Hardig in Hamilton, where a judge found Shuman incompetent to stand trial in the murder of his autistic roommate. (AP Photo/AI Behrman)

No national security story has grabbed the headlines or inspired political debate this year as much as the dispute over a United Arab Emirates company taking control of operations at six U.S. ports. And no reporter in America has "owned" this story like AP's **Ted Bridis** of the Washington investigative team. Bridis was first to report the story of the contract, but that was just the beginning. Using his deep knowledge of Homeland Security and his network of sources, Bridis has broken every major development in the fast-moving story. His scoops often alerted Congress and the administration to developments even they had not been told about. Even the president, some Cabinet secretaries and governors claimed they first learned of the controversial deal from Bridis' reporting.

What's New at Your AP

Midwest Correspondent Named for AP's Young Readers Service
Caryn Rousseau has been named Midwest correspondent for asap, AP's new service for young readers. Rousseau, 28, spent the last four years working as a reporter in AP's Little Rock bureau, where she won a Dallas Press Club Katie Award for feature writing for stories on the Arkansas governor's weight loss. She also was a member of the AP team that covered the opening of the Clinton Presidential Library and a bus crash in October 2003 that killed 15 people near Memphis, Tenn. She holds journalism and political science degrees from the University of Missouri.

Stories that Rousseau has written from her new base in Kansas City include a feature on a 34-year-old Arkansas prosecutor who raps in his off hours (sometimes with ex-cons he had seen in court); a look at a rare St. Louis exhibition of Andy Warhol's portraits of dogs; and a story about a group of Purdue University students who are creating a type of virtual Baghdad computer program for the Defense Department. She's currently working on a three-part series about the pop punk band Fall Out Boy.

For information on receiving AP's service that targets young readers, contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** (eparziale@ap.org) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** (nnussbaum@ap.org) at 614-885-2727.

Photo Royalty Checks

The AP recently mailed royalty checks to 885 members, including 45 Ohio papers, from the licensing of those newspapers' photos by AP Images (previously known as AP Photo Archive) through the end of 2005. The checks totaled \$623,238 and represent 50 percent of the revenue AP earned from the licensing fees. Member-contributed photos in AP Images are available for licensing by AP members. Members that have agreed under the member revenue-share plan to the licensing of their photos by AP Images to non-member clients receive revenue from these licenses as well. AP Images, www.apimages.com, is the most in-depth archive of current and historical new images in the world.

Play Ball!



Atlanta Braves outfielder David Keltton eyes a home run hit by Pittsburgh Pirates batter Jose Bautista at baseball spring training in Bradenton, Fla. (AP Photo/AI Behrman)

Baseball's 2006 season is under way and AP is offering two baseball services to both inform readers and make your sports agate production easier night after night. Our Expanded Baseball Stats offer deeper data to keep baseball fans glued to your pages. You can take a full league or just one team. Fans want more than the basic data and Expanded Baseball has become the solution for scores of papers. If pulling baseball agate together nightly is a costly production problem, AP's Page Ready:Baseball is the solution. In Quark or InDesign, Page Ready delivers hassle free pagination customized to your time zone and update throughout the evening to catch all deadlines. For questions about this or other services contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** (eparziale@ap.org) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** (nnussbaum@ap.org) at 614-885-2727.

Special Editions - SOME DATE CHANGES

The latest Special Edition, "Health and Fitness," moved April 4 on the advance wire for use anytime. Stories cover exercise for children during the summer recess; yoga for seniors; lifestyle changes to improve memory loss in aging; marathon training for amateur athletes; energy therapies at spas; online calorie counters; and dieting obsessions. Photos, graphics and glances are also included. Here are dates of other AP Special Editions coming in 2006. Please note changes from some earlier schedules to reflect that Special Editions move on the first Tuesday of the month, except on holidays:

- May 2 - Careers
- June 6 - Outdoors
- July 11 - Back to School
- Aug. 1 - Parenting
- Sept. 12 - Cars
- Oct. 3 - Philanthropy/Volunteering
- Nov. 7 - Holidays
- Dec. 5 - Weddings

With questions about Special Editions stories, please contact Julia Rubin at jrubin@ap.org or (914) 777-1045. For photos, call Donald King at (212) 621-1920, and for graphics, (212) 621-1905. For story reruns, contact the Photo Desk at (800) 838-4616. Additionally, YourAP.org archives Special Edition material for about 4 weeks.

AP Annual Meeting

Kenneth W. Lowe, president and CEO of Cincinnati-based **E.W. Scripps Co.**, has been elected to the board of directors of The Associated Press. Also elected to the annual AP meetings in Chicago was **Jon K. Rust**, publisher of the **Southeast Missouriian** and co-president of Rust Communications. For a full list of board members, to listen to archived audiocasts, read AP annual meeting stories, and view AP's annual report, go to http://www.ap.org/annual06/am06_3.html.

NPPA Awards

The National Press Photographers Association has named New Delhi-based David Guttenfelder of The Associated Press "Photojournalist of the Year" in its 2006 Best of Photojournalism competition. For more information and a link to the NPPA Web site, visit: http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_032406a.html

Industry News

The (Toledo) Blade was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist for public service for its stories on Ohio's controversial \$50 million investment into rare toxins. The newspaper broke the story in April 2005 about numerous problems with the investment by the state insurance fund for injured workers. The stories led to sweeping changes at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, state and federal investigations and charges against the fund manager, a prominent GOP contributor to state and federal candidates. The Blade won a Pulitzer in 2004 for investigative reporting on a unit of American soldiers accused of mutilating and killing hundreds of unarmed villagers during the Vietnam War.



Reporter Jim Tankersley, from left to right, special assignments editor Dave Murray and publisher John Block of The (Toledo) Blade wait for an announcement regarding the Pulitzer Prize on April 17. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

The **E.W. Scripps Co.** has given two executives increased responsibility: Richard A. Boehner, executive vice president, was named chief operating officer, and Joseph G. NeCastro, senior vice president and chief financial officer, was appointed executive vice president.

Don Willis, former assistant managing editor of the **Portsmouth Daily Times**, has been appointed managing editor. Willis succeeds **Rick Greene**, who joined the **Ashland (Ky.) Independent**. Willis, 34, also has worked at the Independent and the **Dayton Business Journal**. The Daily Times has a circulation of 13,700 and is owned by Heartland Publications LLC.

The **Dayton Daily News** and its owner, **Cox Ohio Publishing**, will relocate in 2007, vacating the nearly century-old downtown home built by company founder **Gov. James M. Cox**. The structure, completed in 1910, has become too inefficient to perform new work projects and take full advantage of new technologies, said publisher and CEO **Doug Franklin**. The company will move to a building in the city formerly owned by NCR Corp. Cox said it is exploring options to preserve the downtown building.

The **Akron Beacon Journal**, once the flagship of the Knight newspaper chain built by its Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher John S. Knight, is among 12 newspapers to be sold in a deal in which the McClatchy Co. will buy Knight Ridder Inc. McClatchy the 12 papers don't fit its criteria of buying newspapers in growing markets. A decision on the sale is expected in the next few months.

John Daniszewski, a longtime international correspondent, has been named AP's international editor. Daniszewski has spent the past 19 years abroad for AP and for the **Los Angeles Times**, covering some of the most significant social and political changes of our time plus a number of the conflicts in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Details available at: http://www.ap.org/pages/about/pressreleases/pr_032306a.html

Obituaries

Doug McCormick, an editorial writer at **The (Columbus) Dispatch** from 1987 through 1998, has died at age 73. McCormick joined The Dispatch from Scripps-Howard. He also worked at the Cleveland Press, Dayton Journal-Herald and Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers in Decatur, Ill. He was a graduate of Amherst College in Massachusetts and held a graduate degree in journalism from the University of Michigan.

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