

AP Ohio Reports

February 2006

Dates to Remember

April 12, 2006 AP Sports Writers' Workshop
 April 30, 2006, APSO Annual Awards Luncheon

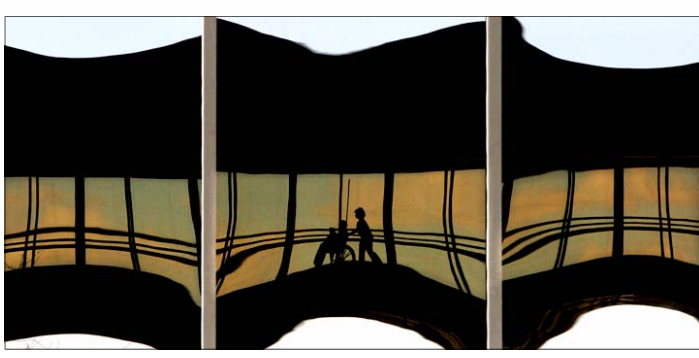
Thank You

Anita Bray of **WLWT-TV**, Cincinnati, called AP with first word of a police officer shot in the face during a traffic stop. She wins a \$20 prize for the news tip.

Ohio AP members contributed 191 photos to the wire in January, led by **The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer** with 51 and **The Columbus Dispatch** with 44. Overall, the Ohio AP moved 750 photos for the month.

Ken Love of the **Akron Beacon Journal** won the Ohio AP Best Feature Photo award for January for his photo, above right, of a hospital orderly walking a patient across the walk bridge connecting the Professional Center North building to the Akron City Hospital building.

Michael Keating of **The Cincinnati Enquirer** won the Ohio AP Best News Photo award for January for his photo, below left, of Carson Palmer (9) grimacing after injuring his knee in the playoffs against the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Akron Beacon Journal/Ken Love

This Just In ...

Ohio AP Statehouse correspondent **Andrew Welsh-Huggins** obtained first word of a report about battling white gangs at Pickaway Correctional Institution.

Cleveland newsman **Marv Kropko** obtained the first interview with Thomas Swidarski, the new chief executive of Diebold Inc. to talk about the company's embattled electronic voting business.

Washington regional reporter **David Hammer** was first to report that Ohio Republican Rep. Bob Ney was temporarily giving up chairmanship of the House Administration Committee because he had been implicated in a lobbying corruption investigation.

Cincinnati sports writer **Joe Kay** was first to report that the knee injury suffered by Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer was more extensive and serious than had been reported earlier.



The Cincinnati Enquirer/Michael Keating

What's New at Your AP

Page-Ready Baseball

With pitchers and catchers reporting this month, it's a good time to take a look at AP Page-Ready Baseball, which offers box scores and linescores as completely formatted and ready-to-use displays. This service spares your sports desk the time-consuming task of assembling baseball agate on deadline. You simply drag and drop the presentation onto your page and it's ready to go. AP Page-Ready Baseball offers modules in Quark and InDesign formats. Starting this year, it offers modules in six-column format in addition to seven-column format. Please contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** (eparziale@ap.org) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** (nnussbaum@ap.org) at 614-885-2727 to arrange a free trial during Spring Training.

STATS PASS

AP is offering STATS PASS, the ultimate online information tool for sports research. It draws upon the massive STATS proprietary database and taps an almost limitless supply of statistical leaders and trailers, splits, situation breakdowns, player and team game logs and historical data. STATS PASS draws on data from STATS LLC, a leader in sports statistics for more than two decades. STATS PASS offers complete current and historic data on NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, NCAA football and men's Division I NCAA basketball. With STATS PASS your reporters have a rich, easily accessible source of data to add depth to a feature story or when filing on deadline from the press box. Please contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** (eparziale@ap.org) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** (nnussbaum@ap.org) at 614-885-2727 to arrange a free trial.

Online Video Network

AP is launching the Online Video Network to provide members an easy way to add high-quality video to your online news sites and to profit from the growing reader and advertiser interest in video online. We provide you with a turn-key service that keeps your Web site's branding. The ad-supported network means members get AP's award-winning coverage at no out-of-pocket cost, in exchange for promoting it. Please contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** (eparziale@ap.org) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** (nnussbaum@ap.org) at 614-885-2727 with questions or to join the video network.

Special Section Dates

- Feb 7 - Home/Garden
- Mar 13 - Fashion
- Apr 3 - Health/Fitness
- May 8 - Careers
- June 5 - Outdoors
- July 10 - Back to School
- Aug 7 - Parenting
- Sept 11 - Cars
- Oct 16 - Philanthropy/Volunteering
- Nov 6 - Holidays
- Dec 4 - Weddings

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Attorney General Jim Petro, left, Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell and Auditor Betty Montgomery hold an impromptu "group hug" before Gov. Bob Taft's State of the State speech Jan. 25 in Columbus. Blackwell and Petro are locked in a bitter primary fight for governor. Montgomery bowed out of the race Jan. 24. (AP Photo/Kiichiro Sato)

Illustrator Coming - Summer 2007

AP Graphics will move to Adobe Illustrator CS2 from FreeHand in the summer of 2007. The AP Graphics changeover plan unfolds over a two-year time span:

- Beginning 2006 - Members still using OS9 on Mac platform should plan to upgrade to OSX.
- End of 2006 - Members should budget for purchasing new software.
- July 1, 2007 - AP begins posting work in Illustrator CS as well as Freehand 9 and pdf. Files will be posted in Freehand 9 for a 12-month period. These FreeHand files will be exported from Illustrator-native files.

AP's Birth Year: 1846

Newly acquired papers show that The Associated Press was created in 1846 - two years earlier than previously thought. The year 1848 had been generally accepted by journalism historians - and the AP itself - as the birth date of history's first major wire service. But papers recently provided to AP by the descendant of a founder show the world's oldest and largest newsgathering organization was created in New York during the U.S. war with Mexico, in 1846. Complete details available in a story by AP Writer Richard Pyle. http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_013106a.html.



Darline Graves, left, and Crystal Neeling hold each other to celebrate at Sago Baptist Church Jan. 3 in Tallmansville, W. Va., after hearing a report indicating miners trapped underground were alive. (AP Photo/Kiichiro Sato)

Industry News

Douglas E. Franklin, president of **Cox Ohio Publishing** and publisher of **The Dayton Daily News**, was elected president of **The Ohio Newspaper Association**. Franklin succeeds **Tom Smith**, president of **Gazette Publishing Co.**, who was elected chairman of the board. **Ken Douthit**, president of **Douthit Communications Inc.**, was elected vice president and president of **The Ohio Newspapers Foundation**. **Richard Morway**, treasurer of **The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer**, was re-elected treasurer.

Re-elected to the board were **Morway** and **Tom Callinan**, editor, **The Cincinnati Enquirer**, representing daily newspapers with circulation over 100,000; **Kurt Kah**, vice chairman, **Findlay Publishing Co.**, representing daily newspapers of 20,000 to 100,000 circulation; **Kay Culbertson**, publisher, **Mount Vernon News**, representing daily newspapers under 20,000 circulation; and **Joe Ellingham**, vice president & CFO, **Brown Publishing Co.**, representing weekly newspapers.

The Bellefontaine Examiner, owned by five generations of the Hubbard family, received the ONA's top award for its commitment to newspaper publishing and community journalism at the association's annual meeting Feb. 9. The award recognizes service and achievement in corporate ownership with family origins.

AP Cleveland's **Joe Milicia** was interviewed on the Fox News Channel television talk show "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren" Feb. 8. He discussed his Feb. 7 news story about a missing Ohio doctor indicted in his wife's cyanide poisoning death.

Michael A. Caldwell was named president and publisher of **The Ironton Tribune**. He succeeds Kevin Cooper, who was named associate publisher of **The Natchez (Miss.) Democrat**. Caldwell joined The Ironton Tribune in 2002, was named news editor in 2003 and managing editor in 2004.

Alex Machaskee, who started his newspaper career as a sports and general assignment reporter, announced he is retiring as president, publisher and chief executive of **The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer**. Machaskee joined the newspaper 46 years ago in the promotions department and rose to publisher in 1990. He began his career as a reporter for his hometown newspaper, the **Warren Tribune Chronicle**, before joining **The Plain Dealer** in 1960.

The E.W. Scripps Co. has named **Robin Davis** controller and **Dell Campbell** director of circulation operations for its newspaper division. Davis had been assistant controller and previously was vice president and CFO of **Pulitzer Newspapers Inc.**

Mizell Stewart III, who worked at the **Akron Beacon Journal** in various editing jobs for six years, has been appointed managing editor. Stewart succeeds **Mike Burbach**, who was named editorial page editor at the **St. Paul Pioneer Press**. **Susan Kirkman**, a 19-year veteran of the Beacon Journal, was named managing editor for special projects.



"Agent" Nina McLellan hands out leaflets in front of the Celebrezze Federal Building in Cleveland to protest domestic spying on Jan. 25. (AP Photo/Mark Duncan)

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