

## AP Ohio Reports

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### Dates to Remember

Feb. 1, 2006, APSO Special Recognition Award nomination deadline

April 30, 2006, APSO Annual Awards Luncheon

### Thank You

**Matt Bredestege** of **WLWT-TV**, Cincinnati, called AP with first word of an explosion near a mosque in Cincinnati. He wins a \$20 prize for the news tip.

Ohio AP members contributed 199 photos to the wire in December, led by **The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer** with 55 and followed by **The Columbus Dispatch** with 42. Overall, the Ohio AP moved 950 photos for the month.

**Thomas Ondrey** of **The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer** won the Ohio AP Best Feature Photo award for December for his photo above right of Chad Anderson dragging a Scotch pine freshly cut by his father through heavy snow and freezing temperatures at their family's tree farm in Huntsburg.



Lancaster Eagle-Gazette/William P. Cannon

**William P. Cannon** of the **Lancaster Eagle-Gazette** won the Ohio AP Best News Photo award for December for his photo at left of rescue personnel working to free two adults from a vehicle after it collided with a school bus.

### This Just In ...

Cleveland newsman **Marv Kropko** was first to report a judge's decision Dec. 28 that John Demjanjuk, a retired autoworker accused of being a Nazi concentration camp guard, should be deported.

Cleveland correspondent **Connie Mabin** was first to report a judge's ruling Dec. 22 that adoptive parents had abused some of their 11 special needs children by making them sleep in wooden cages.

A project, six months in the making, brought the dangers of pollution home to readers in a very personal way: It let them look up the health risks from factory air pollution in any neighborhood in America. AP's **David Pace** used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain a health risk scores database created by the government. Working with EPA scientists on his methodology, he mapped the data to each block of the 2000 census. He then traveled to the field with AP Photos and APTN to visit some of the unhealthiest neighborhoods. **Adam Tullis** of AP Graphics and AP Online's **Bob Weston** worked with Pace to create a first-ever Web interactive that allowed readers to look up pollution risks in their own neighborhood, by address. The three-part project won outstanding play in print, on the Web, and on radio and TV.

**Charles Rex Arbogast** had been out on the streets of Chicago shooting pictures of commuters battling a heavy snow when he got a call that a Southwest jetliner had just skidded off the runway at Midway Airport, plowing through the retaining wall into traffic. Southside Chicago traffic was blocked with the jetliner in the middle of a major intersection during a bad snowstorm. Arbogast was forced to navigate unplowed side streets in his car, then finally got out and started hiking. Every time he found a good camera angle, he was confronted by police and threatened with arrest. He finally found a friendly resident



The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer/Thomas Ondrey

who allowed him to shoot from his porch despite police protests. Filing via his cell phone from the neighbor's home, Arbogast got images out three hours before the competition and was rewarded with smash online play and many front pages from Asia back to Chicago.

The story of a Pennsylvania man who fled cross-country with his 14-year-old girlfriend after allegedly killing her parents was top news. A key question was whether the girl went willingly with the man after her parents were slain; if not, the man would likely face kidnapping charges as well. In an AP NewsBreak, AP's **Mark Scoforo** of Harrisburg, Penn., was first to report that prosecutors would drop kidnapping charges.

### **What's New at Your AP**

#### **STATS PASS**

AP is offering STATS PASS, an 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. For questions about this or other online services, contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** ([eparziale@ap.org](mailto:eparziale@ap.org)) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** ([nnussbaum@ap.org](mailto:nnussbaum@ap.org)) at 614-885-2727.

#### **Online NHL Video**

In collaboration with STATS LLC., AP is offering online video highlights of NHL games. A newspaper can license the rights to its team's game highlights for \$7,500 for the rest of the 2005-06 season, including the playoffs. Subscribers also get a three- to four-minute feed within an hour after the end of their team's games every game day. They also get a four- to five-minute "Best of the NHL" highlight video once a week. Questions? Contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** ([eparziale@ap.org](mailto:eparziale@ap.org)) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** ([nnussbaum@ap.org](mailto:nnussbaum@ap.org)) at 614-885-2727.



Newport Aquarium's Scuba Santa, played by Ed Evans, pets a loggerhead sea turtle at the aquarium in Newport, Ky. (AP Photo/AI Behrman)



Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison slams a fan to the turf after he ran onto the field during the fourth quarter of the Steelers' 41-0 NFL win over the Cleveland Browns. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

#### **Olympics Online**

AP is offering online packages for the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Members will be able to present the Winter Games text, photos, audio and video within your own templates and retain all the ad inventory on those templates. Hosted Winter Games will work just like Hosted CustomNews. Our coverage will include in-depth preview packages beginning Feb. 1. You will get a steady stream of breaking news, features, photo galleries, blogs, full results and medal tables lists for each country. Questions? Contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** ([eparziale@ap.org](mailto:eparziale@ap.org)) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** ([nnussbaum@ap.org](mailto:nnussbaum@ap.org)) at 614-885-2727.

#### **Online Video Network**

AP is launching the Online Video Network to provide members an easy way to add high-quality video to online news sites and to profit from the growing reader and advertiser interest in video online. We provide you with a turnkey 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 and a portion of the ad revenue, in exchange for promoting it. The service is expected to launch in March and will first be made available to sites receiving AP Hosted Custom News. Questions? Contact Ohio AP bureau chief **Eva Parziale** ([eparziale@ap.org](mailto:eparziale@ap.org)) or assistant bureau chief **Nancy Nussbaum** ([nnussbaum@ap.org](mailto:nnussbaum@ap.org)) at 614-885-2727.



The Associated Press' Political Preview Seminar Thursday Jan. 5, 2006, in Columbus. (AP Photo/Jay LaPrete)

### Political Preview Seminar

The Ohio Associated Press hosted about 90 reporters and editors from 35 news organizations throughout Ohio for its annual Political Preview Seminar in Columbus. The meeting is designed to give AP member journalists \_ particularly those who do not work in Columbus \_ access to the gubernatorial candidates as well as the state's key leaders. The day's events provided material for spot news stories, as well as plenty of background material for feature stories, columns and editorials in this critical gubernatorial election year.

### Industry News

**Vicki Taylor** has been named publisher of **The Galion Inquirer**, a 3,000-circulation daily owned by Brown Publishing Co., and four weekly newspapers. She had been advertising director at the Gannett-owned Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum. Taylor succeeds Phil Jackson, who has left Brown Publishing.



Orton

**Al Orton**, AP's overnight editor in Columbus, retired Jan. 1 after nearly 43 years with the cooperative. Night supervisor **Andy Resnick**, a seven-year veteran of AP, succeeded Orton on the overnight. Newsman **Joe Danborn**, who joined AP from **The Mobile (Ala.) Register** in 2005, was named night supervisor.



Welsh-Huggins

Ohio AP Statehouse correspondent **Andrew Welsh-Huggins** will move to an investigative reporting assignment in 2006, after his replacement has been named. Welsh-Huggins joined AP from **The (Youngstown) Vindicator** in 1998, and was named statehouse correspondent in 1999.



Cohen

**Jay Cohen**, a newsman in AP's Columbus bureau, was promoted to the New York Sports Desk in January. Cohen joined AP in Raleigh, N.C., in 2003 from **The Journal Gazette** in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was a sports writer. He joined the Ohio staff in 2004.

**Kristie Kiernan Bouryal**, assistant chief of bureau for AP in Pennsylvania, has been appointed deputy director of U.S. online newspaper markets. Bouryal will serve as a product manager for newspaper online services and is part of a team helping U.S. newspapers grow their new media audiences and businesses. Details available at: [http://www.ap.org/pages/about/pressreleases/pr\\_120805a.html](http://www.ap.org/pages/about/pressreleases/pr_120805a.html).

### AP Releases Policy on News Values and Principles

AP has adopted a comprehensive set of policies on standards and practices in journalism, guiding everything from the use of anonymous sources to quotations and datelines. The statement, produced over the past year by leaders of AP's news departments, constitutes the most detailed and thorough enunciation of news values and principles in the organization's 157-year history. The Associated Press Statement of News Values and Principles is posted on the AP Web site at [www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn\\_112905.html](http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_112905.html).

## **AP One of the Top Digital Content Companies**

EContent Magazine has named AP one of the top digital content companies. Here's what the eContent Web site says: "AP continued to innovate in 2005, joining fellow media leaders in forming the 'Sunshine in Government Initiative' and launching a Web site dedicated to Freedom of Information and 'open government' issues." See details about the 2005 EContent Top 100 at <http://www.ecmag.net/EContent100/CategoryIndex.aspx?CategoryID=11#Company315>

## **Hurricane Katrina overwhelming choice for 2005's top story**

The onslaught of Gulf Coast hurricanes, notably Katrina and the deadly flooding which devastated New Orleans, was overwhelmingly picked by U.S. editors and news directors as the top story of 2005 in The Associated Press' annual vote. Read the full story: [http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn\\_122805.html](http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_122805.html). In Ohio, Gov. Bob Taft's conviction on ethics charges topped the list of the state's most noteworthy stories of 2005, beating out the heavy casualties of an Ohio Marines battalion at No. 2 and investigations into investments by the state's insurance fund for injured workers at No. 3.

Need national industry news? The latest edition of AP's weekly Industry News is available online at <http://www.ap.org/pages/indnews/>

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