

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!



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Economic Series Is On The Wire

The AP's eight-part series on Oklahoma's economy is moving for first use Sunday, July 2. The series is accompanied by photos and glance boxes along with a graphic which will work with each part of the series. This is a major work that involved nearly all members of the Oklahoma staff.



Rig workers add new pipe to a drilling rig at a drilling site near Elk City. Oklahoma's oil and natural gas industry has been thriving, providing a

shot in the arm for the state's economy. Strong demand and tight supplies of oil and natural gas have helped the state's energy companies, boosted state revenues and created new jobs. (AP Photo)



It's time to start counting votes again. The state's primary is July 25 so get ready for plenty of political fireworks leading up to it. As always, AP will provide the vote count and stories for the primary, the runoff on Aug. 22 and the General Election on Nov. 7. It's not too late to sign up for the full AP election service, or the version that is available for online use.



OAPB Winners:



Left to right:
Sweepstakes winners
Blaize Labbe, News
Director, KWTV-
Oklahoma City, and
Mary Beth Henschel,
News Reporter, KTOK-
Oklahoma City, with
Lindel Hutson,
Oklahoma City AP
Chief of Bureau at the
awards luncheon.

Sweepstakes awards went to KWTV and KTOK in the annual Oklahoma Associated Press Broadcasters' News Excellence Competition. The awards were presented Wednesday, June 14, at the annual luncheon. A complete list of winners can be found in the OAPB link at www.ap.org/oklahoma.

Interviewing the Governor



Gov. Brad Henry held an AP Newsmaker interview with AP's chief Capitol reporter, Ron Jenkins (back to camera), and News Editor Rick Green. Accompanying Henry was Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry. The governor said the state Legislature deserved an ``F'' for taking so long to pass a budget this session.

Vice Presidential Visit

Paul Stevens, AP's vice president for the Central Region, visits the Oklahoma City bureau. Stevens is seen here with Chief of Bureau Lindel Hutson (left) and Day Supervisor Sean Murphy. Stevens was bureau chief while Hutson was news editor in Indianapolis in the early 1980s. Stevens is based in Kansas City and is former bureau chief for Kansas and Missouri. He is among four journalists who will be inducted into the Missouri Press Association Newspaper Hall of Fame on Sept. 15.

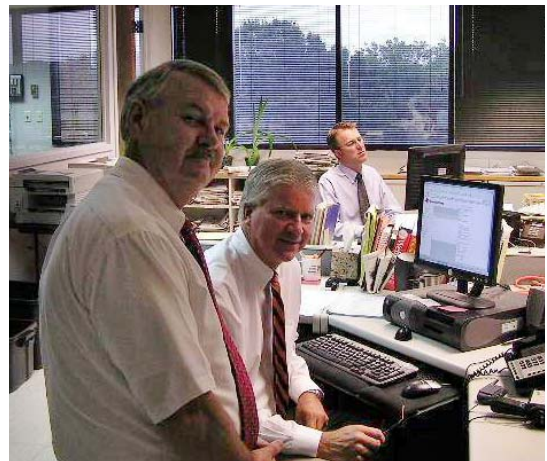


Photo of the Month...

June

Competitors in the mixed open eight rowing race head toward downtown Tulsa, Okla., on the Arkansas River on Saturday, June 3, 2006, during the Tulsa Sprints Regatta. (AP Photo/Tulsa World, James Gibbard)



APSE Workshop

Registration deadline is July 12 for the AP Sports Editors Great Plains Regional Workshop in Kansas City. The workshop is July 20-21 at the Kansas City Holiday Inn Sports Complex. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch and one ticket to the Los Angeles Angels-Kansas City Royals game on July 20. Registration is through Carolyn Schenker at AP-Kansas City, 800-852-4844 or via e-mail, cschenker@ap.org. A complete schedule of events and registration information is on the Oklahoma AP Web site, www.ap.org/oklahoma

Good Luck Ashley & Kelly!

Ashley Gibson has left the Oklahoma City AP to return to Dallas. Here she is pictured with (left to right) Murray Evans, Christiana Good Voice, Judi Boland and Rochelle Hines.



Also, Kelly Kurt (left), whose second son is due in early July, has left AP-Tulsa to become a full-time mom.

Member Contributions

Kevin King at KTUL and **Chris Russell of KOTV** provided the story of Daniel Johnson pleading guilty and being sentenced to life without parole for the kidnapping and murder of a 10-year-old Tulsa girl.

KTUL's King also provided details when a storage tank at a Glenpool petroleum firm caught fire after being hit by lightning.

The Oklahoma City Journal-Record provided a story about a man who admitted to lying about his residency in order to circulate petitions to get the so-called Taxpayer Bill of Rights on the ballot.

The Tulsa World had the story of the Grand River Dam authority giving a \$60,000 contract to an advertising company involving a former lobbyist who served prison time for defrauding the state.

Mike Smith of KWEY in Weatherford had the story that voters in Sayre were asked to approve a one-cent sales tax to build a new hospital.

The Oklahoman provided a story about an official with the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council reporting allegations of fraud and stock price manipulation involving a tribal corporation.

The story of a Hennessey woman and her mother killed in a car-train collision in Enid came from **Ken Henson at KWTV**.

From the **Daily Ardmoreite** came the story of a pharmacy technician at a Walgreen's store being arrested on accusations that he stole drugs from the pharmacy and sold them on the street.

Chris Russell of KOTV in Tulsa provided the information when Tulsa police arrested two teenagers in connection with a drive-by shooting.

The story of a rape trial involving a man accused of sexually assaulting a mentally retarded nursing home resident was provided by the **Enid News & Eagle**.

The **Lawton Constitution** had the story of a woman who protested outside Halliburton's shareholders meeting being acquitted of violating a city protest permit.

The **McAlester News-Capitol** provided a story on June 23 about the arrest of a McAlester man on a murder complaint in the shooting death of a person who had been camping near his house.

Rosa Flores of KWTV had the story when Lance Briggs, the father of 2-year-old Kelsey Smith-Briggs, was arrested on a domestic abuse complaint in Shawnee.

From the **Muskogee Phoenix** came the story of the arrest of the superintendent of the Boynton-Moton school district on domestic violence complaints.

The Norman Transcript provided a story about a man who will be tried on charges that he shot and killed his girlfriend before shooting and critically injuring himself.

A story about criminal complaints against the father of a Meeker girl whose child abuse death led to a reform law was sent by the **Shawnee News-Star**.

Jerry Bohnen of Oklahoma City's KTOK provided the information when the body of a missing 19-year-old from Cleo Springs found in a well in a wooded area near the Lincoln County town of Tryon.



From the Staff:

Tulsa's Shaun Schafer and Kelly Kurt provided gavel-to-gavel coverage of Judge Donald Thompson, accused of exposing himself during court cases. Schafer's national take out on the case was the most e-mailed story on Yahoo.com.

Schafer also had a story that moved nationally on the growth in American Indian colleges across the country.

Newsman Tim Talley had a national story about Oklahoma becoming the fifth state in the nation to allow the death penalty for certain sex crimes, and **Newsman Murray Evans** was on the national wire with the story of a 21-month-old Oklahoma boy who became the fifth person nationally to die after being left in a vehicle on a hot day.

Newsman Sean Murphy detailed how University of Oklahoma meteorology students and federal weather forecasters would work side by side in a new \$67 million weather center in Norman.

Capitol reporter Ron Jenkins had a Sunday story that Republicans in key Oklahoma races signed a pledge not to speak ill of each other. Less than a week later, he was first with a story about a Republican gubernatorial candidate who aired a smear ad against a GOP competitor.

Sports Editor Jeff Latzke reported that gymnasts Nadia Comaneci and Bart Conner, who live in Norman, were the parents of a baby boy.

Intern Christina Good Voice got a good story by following the money from Oklahoma's rapidly expanding Indian gaming industry.

Latzke, through a Freedom of Information Act request, revealed that Oklahoma City had rejected a settlement offer from the New Orleans Hornets over excess revenues the team owes the city.

AP Product News

2006 AP Stylebook now available

The 2006 edition of the AP Stylebook is now available, in both print and electronic forms. New entries include: accent marks; air bag; anniversary; census; Central Asia; driver's license; home schooling; hot spot; inbox; K-9; liquefy; mecca; Myanmar; retarded; Rhodes scholar; Rust Belt; sergeant-at-arms; SEAL(s); Shiite; Taser; 20-something; USA; Yahoo. Learn more about the 2006 edition: http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_042706b.html

AP nets 1,100 Sites, 76 million UV's during launch of Online Video Network

Nearly 1,100 media sites with a collective audience of 76 million UV's have signed on to AP's Online Video Network. Market research just released by Pew Internet and the Online Publishers Association shows that home broadband access is at an all time high and growing and news consumption increasingly favors online video. These two trends continue to provide an opportunity for AP members to generate more Web audience and incremental revenue. More information available at www.ap.org/ovn

Making Money With AP

Revenue share opportunities are growing rapidly for AP members through the Online Video Network, commercial photo sales and Hosted CustomNews (AP's hosted national/international online service). In 2004 and 2005, before the Online Video Network existed, AP gave back almost \$1 million in royalty payments through its commercial photo sales and online advertising revenue share program. The opportunity to make money through AP will only keep growing as more members join the Online Video Network and the service opens to member syndication of their own video.

AP Specials Editions Calendar for the remainder of 2006:



July 11 - Back to School

Aug. 1 – Parenting

Sept. 12 – Cars



Oct. 3 - Philanthropy/Volunteering

Nov. 7 – Holidays

Dec. 5 - Weddings



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