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## Double Teamed

AP sports writers Jeff Latzke (right) and Murray Evans (center) interview Jeff Bower, general manager of the New Orleans Hornets, at the team's practice facility at Southern Nazarene University. Bower and coach Byron Scott were doing their post-season wrapup session with reporters.

## Imagine

AP's Tim Talley (right) calls in a story from covering the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. Behind Talley is the piano used by John Lennon to compose his 1971 classic song, "Imagine." The piano was on display as a symbol of peace for the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing.





## New Publisher at The Daily Ardmoreite

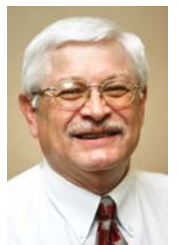


Kim Benedict has been named publisher of The Daily Ardmoreite, succeeding Bill Stauffer who is leaving the end of May to join a family business in Kansas. Benedict has been publisher of the Hillsdale (Mich.) Daily News since January 2002 and has more than 20 years experience in the newspaper industry. Both papers are owned by Morris Publishing Group. Stauffer has been in Ardmore for 21 years.

## Rick Barnes New publisher of The Edmond Sun

Rick Barnes may be new to Edmond but he already is discovering a sense of place in town. As Oklahoma's oldest newspaper, *The Edmond Sun* has helped provide a sense of place for Edmondites since it premiered as a small weekly in Oklahoma Territory on a hot July day in 1889.

Barnes came to Edmond after working as advertising director of the San Angelo Standard Times in Texas.



**Blake Shelton,** the 30-year-old singer from Oklahoma recently talked to AP about his music and returning home to Oklahoma. Read the entire interview on the Oklahoma wire.

**AP:** You left Nashville last fall to move back home to Oklahoma. You said you never felt completely comfortable here. Why was that?

**Shelton:** When I moved here in 1994 I told everybody back home and myself that I was going back someday. I didn't want to live the rest of my life in Tennessee, or anywhere else but Oklahoma. After going through the divorce, I certainly didn't want to live in that house

## AP President and CEO Tom Curley testifies about FOIA at Senate hearing

At a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Freedom of Information Act, Tom Curley represented the "Sunshine in Government Initiative," a coalition of news organizations and journalism-related groups whose mission is to promote policies enhancing public oversight of access to government information.

Other witnesses included: Meredith Fuchs, general counsel of the National Security Archive; Sabina Haskell, editor of the Brattleboro (Vt.) Reformer; and Katherine Cary, general counsel of the Texas attorney general's office.



Curley has made AP's long-standing commitment to the people's right to know a hallmark of his leadership since he became the 12th person to lead the news cooperative in June 2003. A chapter is devoted to freedom of information in the soon-to-be published AP history book "Breaking News: How The Associated Press Has Covered War, Peace, and Everything Else" (Princeton Architectural Press, June 2007).

Curley's complete testimony is available online: [http://www.ap.org/FOI/foi\\_031407b.html](http://www.ap.org/FOI/foi_031407b.html)

# Member Contributions

**The Tulsa World** provided a story about Oklahoma having the lowest total tax burden among all 50 states. It also had a story about school districts looking to state government to help solve budget problems created by rising utility and fuel bills.

**Michael Cross of KTOK** provided the first detailed comments from Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart after Rinehart was charged with felony campaign law violations. Michael also provided details of the new, \$1 million security system as it went into operation at the Oklahoma County courthouse.

**The Oklahoman** reported that some tattoo artists in the state were challenging regulations they say are designed to limit their numbers. It also had a story about new jails being built in eight counties across the state.

**Tim Granahan of KTOK** had the first word of a raid by state and federal drug agents in Pittsburg County that eventually led to dozens of arrests on charges of smuggling methamphetamine from Mexico into Oklahoma.

**The Claremore Daily Progress** had the story of a woman jockey competing in the male-dominated field of horse racing.



An Army Honor Guard from Fort Sill carries the flag draped casket of Cpl. Wilfred Flores Jr. after funeral services. (AP Photo/The Lawton Constitution, Randy Stotler)



Eighteen-month-old Logan Oden reacts to having his photograph taken with the Easter Bunny. (AP Photo/The Tulsa World, Stephen Holman)

From **Jerry Bohnen of KTOK** came the story of Tecumseh city employee Justin Lewis being charged with concealing stolen property after the stolen campaign trailer of state Auditor and Inspector candidate Gary Jones was found on Lewis' property. Bohnen also reported that voters in the Boley school district voted to close the high school because all students had transferred. He quoted state Superintendent Sandy Garrett as saying up to 50 other schools in Oklahoma could soon face the same question.

**The Enid News & Eagle** provided a story about the reasons behind a decision to build a large-scale ethanol plant in Blackwell instead of Enid.

From **Doug Warner, KWTW**, a threat against students and teachers found on the social networking Internet site MySpace resulted in increased security at Rush Springs schools and the arrest of a 16-year-old girl and 15-year-old boy who were students at the school.

**The Lawton Constitution** provided a story about a bomb disposal unit that was deploying from Fort Sill to Iraq.

**Ken Henson of KWTW** in Oklahoma City provided the stories of the Mid-Del school district being locked down after two robbery suspects leading police on a high speed chase abandoned their car and ran away near the two schools.

**The Muskogee Phoenix** had the story of a \$3.1 million upgrade to a firing range at Camp Gruber.



*Yolanda Childers is presented the Medal of Honor Flag by U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen Harry M. "Bud" Wyatt during a ceremony at the state Capitol. (AP/The Oklahoman, Jim Beckel)*

**Steve Johnson of Oklahoma City's KFOR** sent first word of a house fire in Union City that killed two people and a later update that both victims were children and that the fire was started by a candle.

**The Norman Transcript** provided a story about Cleveland County prosecutors refiling charges against a man accused of killing a Texas construction supervisor in a motel parking lot.

**Dave Koester of KOCO in Oklahoma City** sent the story of a man, who had been arrested in early April for abusing his girlfriend's dog, being arrested again for scalding the same dog. Also from Koester came first word of a three-alarm fire in southeast Oklahoma City in which an oilfield equipment company was burning.

**The Shawnee News-Star** had a story about one of the first organizations in the state certified to treat problem gambling.

**Travis Huffman of KOKH in Oklahoma City** provided the story of a murder suspect in Oklahoma City telephoning the station to turn himself in and the station calling police who made the arrest.

**The Daily Ardmoreite** provided a story about a drug suspect being found dead in his cell at the Carter County Detention Center.

**Chris Russell of Tulsa's KOTV** provided first word of an attempted kidnapping of a 13-year-old girl from her bus stop and her release a few blocks away as she continued fighting with her abductors and of the early morning stabbing death of a 15-year-old boy and arrest of a suspect after the two had argued over money. Also from KOTV was the story of a 6-year-old Illinois boy who had been missing for two years being found safe in Tulsa and living with the grandmother who had taken him from Illinois.

**The Ada Evening News** provided a feature about a man who excavates trilobite fossils for a living.

**Lori Fullbright of KOTV** provided the first comments from a Broken Arrow woman who was charged with assault and battery for slapping a 10-year-old boy on a school bus in which the woman claims she tripped.

**The Bartlesville-Examiner Enterprise** had a story about a retired Bartlesville police officer charged with stealing seized drugs.

**The Duncan Banner** provided a story about commissioners rejecting a proposal to expand the governing board of an authority providing emergency dispatch services for parts of Stephens County.

From **Kevin King at KTUL** came the story of an early morning house fire in the small Wagoner County town of Fair Oaks in which two people died.

**King** also provided the story of an alligator being spotted in a small pond near a Tulsa apartment complex and the story of a McAlester man being arrested for first-degree murder in the 2002 death of his 18-year-old wife.

It was also **KTUL** providing early word of the Catoosa school board firing its superintendent, who had already announced plans to retire after he was criticized because of a half million dollar budget deficit that led to the dismissal of more than two dozen teachers and staff members.

**The Durant Daily Democrat** had a story about a resident who captured a man who tried to break into his house.

**The McAlester News-Capital** shared the story of a woman accused of delivering drugs into a prison and nearly hitting a correctional officer while speeding away.

# From the AP Staff



Hines

**Tulsa Correspondent Justin Juozapavicius** had a national story based on interviews with National Guardsmen who are among 13,000 troops in four states with orders to prepare for deployment to Iraq. He had another national story with an update on a Russian father whose son lies brain dead in an Oklahoma hospital after a charity surgery that went wrong.



Evans

**Newsman Sean Murphy** did a national story on the increased use of drug courts nationwide as a way of reducing prison overcrowding. In another story, Murphy reported about Miss America posing as a 14-year-old girl in New York as part of a police sting that led to the arrests of a half-dozen men on accusations they were trolling the Internet to find underage girls. Murphy also wrote about the completion of a museum at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site that tells the story of Lt. Col. George Custer's raid on a sleeping Cheyenne camp in the area.



Green

**Newsman Tim Talley** had a newsmaker interview with Oklahoma City's U.S. attorney who has worked to end turf battles with other agencies in his first year in office as he tries to step up drug and gang enforcement. Talley also had an interesting story shortly before the 12th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing about various conspiracy theories that continue to swirl about the case.



Jenkins

**From the Capitol, Ron Jenkins** reported on a grand jury probe looking into violations in a signature-gathering campaign for a tax-reduction ballot measure. Jenkins also reported that legislators were shying away from a bill to bring more openness to the political process by stopping a practice that allows money to be transferred among political action committees.



Juozapavicius

**Jenkins and Talley** had a series of weekend stories that went beyond the headlines to analyze legislation before the Oklahoma Legislature, including stories on an unusually high number of vetoes this year from Gov Brad Henry, who usually prides himself on working cooperatively with lawmakers; the little-reported scaling back of an anti-immigration bill that had been widely criticized as unfair, the facts and political motivations behind a budget impasse that threatens to force a special legislative session and the important issues that will be considered by lawmakers in the final weeks of the legislative session.



Latzke

**Newsman Murray Evans** wrote that weather experts have determined that Oklahoma's 2-year-long drought is over. Evans wrote another piece about The Price Tower, famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper, a building that was recently added to the list of National Historic Landmarks. Evans also added a good sidebar to a national story about the funding of general aviation airports, including many in Oklahoma.



Murphy

**Rochelle Hines** interviewed a woman who lost a son in Iraq, an excellent interview with the woman describing how she first received word of his death.



Talley

**Sports Writer Jeff Letzke** was on hand when former New York Yankees star Bobby Murcer, was honored by Oklahoma City University at a banquet that came one day before the Emmy-winning broadcaster was to return to his job. Murcer has been fighting brain cancer. Letzke also had an interview with Adrian Peterson before the Oklahoma standout running back was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings. Peterson predicted he could make an immediate impact in the NFL.

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AP also provides detailed pitching matchups, expanded box scores, weekly team and player statistics and the Glantz-Culver Line with daily odds for baseball sports pages.

Even though snow has fallen on the Indians' home games, think spring and talk to your bureau chief for more details.

The ASAP logo is displayed in large, orange, lowercase letters. Below it, the text "Connect with the Next News Generation" is written in a smaller, grey font. To the right, a woman with long brown hair is shown singing into a microphone, with her right arm raised.

### ASAP doubles its video content and launches a new blog about the AP wire

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Questions: Dwayne Desaulniers, (212) 621-1745, [ddesaulniers@ap.org](mailto:ddesaulniers@ap.org)

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The Special Edition package for May, available May 2, is Summer Fun/Outdoors. Members with questions about Special Editions stories should contact Julia Rubin at [jrubin@ap.org](mailto:jrubin@ap.org) or (212) 621-7199.



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**Mountain bike trail: Arkansas Syllamo**

Calendar for ski fanatics  
U.S. ski resorts use more 'green' power  
Bringing minorities to the slopes  
Tour of Paris Metro history

It's easy to go unnoticed in this small north Arkansas town nestled in the Ozark Mountains -- unless you've got out-of-state tags and a mountain bike strapped to your car. Since the Syllamo Mountain Bike Trails opened three years ago, more people have been making the trip to Mountain View to ride the 50 miles of narrow dirt roads winding through the wooded hills. And with a population of less than 3,000, Mountain View's locals are taking notice. [Read More](#)

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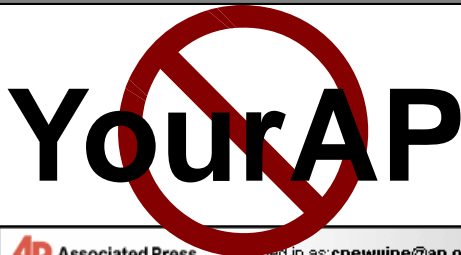
Russian Tea Room reopens  
NEW YORK (AP) -- It was amid the crimson, green, and gold

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(i) Iran says it has expanded uranium enrichment in defiance of U.N. nuclear sanctions  
04/09/2007  
NATANZ, Iran (AP) \_ Iran announced a dramatic expansion of uranium enrichment Monday, saying it has begun operating 3,000 centrifuges \_ nearly 10 times the previously known number \_ in defiance of ...

**12:23 PM** Category: [BC-National Guard-Iraq, 1st Ld-Writethru](#)  
(w) National Guard units from 4 states tapped for possible Iraq tour  
04/09/2007  
WASHINGTON (AP) \_ Some 13,000 National Guard troops are receiving notice to prepare for possible deployment to Iraq, making it the second tour for several thousand of them. . The orders had been ...

**03:04 PM** Category: [BC-Iraq, 8th Ld-Writethru](#)  
(i) Masses of Shiites march, demand U.S. departure to mark Baghdad's fall 4 years ago  
04/09/2007  
BAGHDAD (AP) \_ Tens of thousands of Shiites \_ a sea of women in black abayas and men waving Iraqi flags \_ marched from Kufa to Najaf on Monday, demanding U.S. forces leave their country on the fourth ...

**02:27 PM** Category: [AP-AZ--Bush, 2nd Ld-Writethru](#)  
(a) On the border, Bush returns focus to immigration proposals  
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YUMA, Ariz. (AP) \_ President Bush said Monday the United States has toughened security along its border with Mexico and it's time for Congress to approve legislation overhauling the nation's ...

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(a) Police say suspect in Detroit-area office shooting had worked for the accounting firm  
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