

The AP's third annual legislative day at the state Capitol drew nearly 40 members and state government leaders, including Gov. Brad Henry, Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Morgan, D-Stillwater and House Speaker Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville.



Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry addresses the AP Legislative Workshop, Feb 1, 2006



Left: Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Morgan answers a question from the AP's Tim Talley. Above: Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin says hello to Louise Abercrombie of The Ponca City Daily News.

Capitol reporter Mick Hinton was part of the Tulsa World delegation. Behind him are (from left) World reporter Barbara Hoberock, AP News Editor Rick Green, World city editor Wayne Greene & Paul Tyrrell, assistant city editor in charge of the World's government reporting team.



**And the winner is...**



The Oklahoman's Nate Billings shoots a photo of legislative leaders Mike Morgan, a Democrat (right), and Todd Hiatt, a Republican (left), as Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin provides encouragement.

**Tulsa Time...**

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the annual AP/ONE awards banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Tulsa. The banquet is April 1, and Mark Thomas from the Oklahoma Press Association returns with his annual Bloopers Show. The AP/ONE \$79 room rate is available by calling 1-918-560-2209.



**AP/ONE Scholarship...**



Again this year, AP/ONE offers three \$500 scholarships to deserving Oklahoma college students. The selection committee is Susan Ellerbach, managing editor of the Tulsa World and Mike McCormick, executive editor of The Shawnee News-Star.



The scholarship application is available at <http://www.ap.org/oklahoma>. Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2006. Recipients must be a college sophomore or junior and be able to attend the AP/ONE awards banquet where awards are presented.

**Contest Time...**



This is contest time and it makes for a busy few weeks for AP Administrative Assistant Cara Robertson. Here she prepares to send to judges entries from the AP/ONE newspaper contest. She finished sorting the newspaper entries just in time to greet the arrival of entries from radio and TV stations for the OAPB contest.

**Photo of the Month...**





**January's winner** of the AP Photo of the Month is this photo by John Clanton of The Oklahoman. He took this picture of Wilma Wehrenberg Clayton, 87, as she walked away from her home which was destroyed in a fire north of Guthrie.

## Member Contributions

**KOTV, Chris Russell, McALESTER, Okla.** \_ A 5-year-old Pittsburg County girl was killed when she was hit by a pickup truck while walking in front of her elementary school. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says Cameron Bobbitt was in a crosswalk in front of Frink-Chambers School just southwest of McAlester when she was hit by the truck driven by 76-year-old Max Kinyon of McAlester. Kinyon told troopers he was distracted by children in the playground of the school and didn't see the girl.

**KTUL, Kevin King, LAKE HULAH, Okla.** \_ Osage County authorities say a deputy sheriff shot and killed a man near Lake Hulah early this morning. Investigators say deputies were investigating a domestic violence report in the community of Whipporwill Point just northwest of the lake when they were confronted by a man armed with a gun. One deputy opened fire, killing 44-year-old Patrick Grundy.

**KTOK, Tim Granahan, OKLAHOMA CITY** \_ A 20-year-old Oklahoma City man is accused of forcing two young girls, including his daughter, to perform sex acts. Investigators say Anthony Allen was arrested on sodomy and lewdness complaints after the 3- and 4-year-old girls were taken to a hospital and interviewed. Sergeant Charles Phillips says the girls' mother took the children to the hospital after one of the girls described the acts.

**Mike Smith, KWEY, OKLAHOMA CITY** \_ Long-time state Senator Robert Kerr of Altus died. The 73-year-old Kerr died at an Oklahoma City hospital after a long illness. Funeral services pending by Lowell-Tims Funeral Home of Altus.

**KFOR, Web site, OKLAHOMA CITY** \_ A grass fire apparently started by an Oklahoma Highway Patrol car is threatening a housing addition in western Oklahoma City this afternoon. Firefighters from Oklahoma City and Yukon are battling the blaze. Officials say authorities searching from the air for illegal immigrants who ran from police after a traffic stop this morning thought they spotted one of the immigrants. An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper drove into a field where the person was and the heat from the patrol car apparently set the grass on fire. Authorities say the person who was spotted turned out NOT to be one of the suspected illegal immigrants.

**KWTV, Sally Allen, NewsOK.com, OKLAHOMA CITY** \_ Authorities searching for more than a dozen suspected illegal immigrants who ran from a traffic stop on Interstate 40 in western Oklahoma City this morning say about four are now in custody. Police say one Immigration Naturalization Service agent was injured. Details of the injury were not immediately released but the injury is not believed to be life-threatening. Numerous law enforcement officers are on the scene and say about 18 suspected illegal immigrants may be on the loose in the area of a housing addition. The group ran from a van that was stopped by police on eastbound I-40 in western Oklahoma City, just south of Yukon.

**McCurtain Daily Gazette** provided first word on Jan. 17 that Michael Fortier, the prosecution's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing trials, would be released on Jan. 20. Victims of the bombing quickly confirmed they had received a letter from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons about the impending release, a major national story.

**The Lawton Constitution** provided a story about the return from Iraq of about 300 soldiers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, after a one-year deployment.

**Tulsa World** provided a story about major problems ambulance companies have been having in receiving reimbursement from the federal government for services they provided in Texas during Hurricane Rita. The World also provided a story about at least 23 Oklahoma water systems that exceed EPA standards for arsenic.

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**Muskogee Phoenix** provided a story about a lockdown at Muskogee High School and Bacone College after a report of a man with a sawed-off shotgun.

**The Oklahoman** provided a story about how former State Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher had listed Gov. Brad Henry and former Gov. Frank Keating as defense witnesses in a bribery case against him. Another story from the newspaper detailed that out of 600 vehicle pursuits in Oklahoma City, only three were called off despite a policy requiring officers to weigh risk factors during chases.

**Miami News-Record** provided a story about how Ottawa County officials don't believe overcrowding played a role in a fight that resulted in the death of an inmate. The newspaper also provided a story about plans to release maps showing residents how close their homes are to a potential ground collapse.

**The Journal Record** provided a story about emergency rules passed by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission encouraging utilities to buy power and fuel from independent producers in instances when this could lead to cost savings.

**Enid News & Eagle** provided a story about how the 4,500-person town of Watonga may soon have a movie theater for the first time in 20 years.

**The Norman Transcript** provided a story about the death of longtime physician Dr. George Hulse, a former president of the National Wildlife Federation. The newspaper also provided a story about a City Council candidate who said she feared an opponent of her campaign was responsible for sticking a knife in the tire of her sport utility vehicle.

**Sapulpa Daily Herald** provided a story about the arrest of a couple on an accusation they stole \$12,000 in quarters.

**Altus Times** provided a story about a post office clerk who used knowledge gained 15 years ago in a cardiopulmonary resuscitation class to save the life of a 2-week-old boy.

**McAlester News-Capital** provided a story about an audit that found too much was paid out in a leave buyback plan and more than \$3 million in bond money was either used improperly or for unknown purposes.

**Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise** provided a story about how "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" had come to town to build a dream house for a pastor's widow and her children.

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