

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.



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 and 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 Hiett, a Republican (left), as Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin provides encouragement.

The AP's Ron Jenkins takes notes. Across from him is Randy Ellis of The Oklahoman and behind Randy is Jim Campbell of the OPA's Capitol Bureau



Tulsa's 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.

We currently are planning a day-long session for photographers to be held in conjunction with the banquet. Watch the wire for updated information.

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.



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

The McCurtain Daily Gazette provided first word that Michael Fortier, the prosecution's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, would be released from prison.

The Tulsa World was first to report on its Web site that Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton had received a DUI citation following the crash of his SUV in Stillwater.

Chris Russell at KOTV in Tulsa offered AP the story when 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 Lawton Constitution had the story of the return from Iraq of about 300 soldiers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery.

Mike Smith of KWEY in Oklahoma City had the story when long-time state Sen. Robert Kerr of Altus died.

The 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.

From **Tulsa's KTUL**, **Kevin King** had the story from Lake Hulah when Osage County authorities said a deputy sheriff shot and killed a man.

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

One of many stories from **The Oklahoman** told how former state Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher had listed Gov. Brad Henry and former Gov. Frank Keating as defense witnesses in the bribery case against him.

From **KFOR in Oklahoma City** came the story of a grass fire that apparently was started by an Oklahoma Highway Patrol car in west Oklahoma City.

From the **Miami News-Record** came word about how Ottawa County officials don't believe overcrowding played a role in a fight that resulted in the death of an inmate.

The Oklahoma City 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.

Oklahoma City's **Tim Granahan of KTOK** provided the story of a 20-year-old Oklahoma City man accused of forcing two young girls, including the man's daughter, to perform sex acts.

A story in the **Enid News & Eagle** detailed how the 4,500-resident 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.

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

The 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.

Product News

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. The presentations offer a winning look that readers and advertisers value. 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 Chief of Bureau Lindel Hutson for more information or to sign up for a free test during Spring Training. 1-800-522-3522 or lhutson@ap.org

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 Chief of Bureau Lindel Hutson 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 Chief of Bureau Lindel Hutson with questions or to join the video network.

Company News

Newly acquired papers show AP was born two years earlier than previously thought

The Associated Press came into existence in 1846, two years earlier than previously thought, according to a newly acquired collection of 19th century documents. 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's corporate archives by the descendant of a founder show the world's oldest and largest newsgathering organization was born 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

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