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Oklahoma Prison Series



The **Oklahoma City AP** is putting the finishing touches on a multi-part series on Oklahoma's overcrowded prison system, including an overview of the issue, the history of the problem, interviews with guards and inmates, a news-maker interview with the head of the state corrections department and a discussion of approaches that have been suggested to ease the problem. The series, together with photos and sidebars, will move in advance for use beginning Aug. 12.



Matt's Back....

Matt Lane has returned to his position as managing editor of the McAlester News-Capital after medical leave. He spent a month-long convalescence with his parents in California. You can email him at editor@mcalesternews.com

Congratulations to Anadarko's Joe and Carolyn McBride on their 50th wedding anniversary

It's been 50 years since Joe and Carolyn McBride eloped to Liberty, Texas. Joe has been running the Anadarko Daily News since 1967 when he became general manager. He was named publisher in 1972 upon the death of his father. Carolyn joined him at the paper in 1973. Joe is a past president of the Oklahoma Press Association and has been involved in many organizations at the state and national level.



OKLAHOMA MEMBER SHOWCASE

JULY PHOTO OF THE MONTH WINNERS

1ST PLACE - The Oklahoman, John Clanton



Under an overpass on highway 33, Shawn Kincheloe, an employee of the City of Kingfisher's Street Dept., wades in water as he and other employees of ODOT and Kingfisher County dive to try and unplug pumps under the bridges on Highway 33 in Kingfisher, Okla., Monday, July 30, 2007. Storms dumped rain in the area and flooded the low area on the east side of town. (AP Photo/The Oklahoman, John Clanton)

2ND PLACE - The Oklahoman, James Plumlee

Valorie Veitch Sanchez, second from right, puts her head on the shoulder of Anthony Sanchez as Major Gen. Vincent E. Boles presents the American flag that covered the casket of her son, PFC. Jeremiah Veitch, during a funeral service at Dibble Cemetery in Dibble, Okla., Monday, July 2, 2007. Valorie Veitch Sanchez holds the leash to Jeremiah's dog, Brutus. At right is Jeremiah's younger brother, Jacob. Jeremiah was killed while on duty in Baghdad, Iraq on June 21, 2007. (AP Photo/The Oklahoman, James Plumlee)



3RD PLACE - The Oklahoman, Chris Landsberger

Wrangler Dunda, of Midland, Texas, goes face first in the mud as he is thrown from his bull in the first go round of the bull riding event during the International Finals Youth Rodeo at the Shawnee Expo Center on Thursday, July 12, 2007 in Shawnee, Okla. (AP Photo/The Oklahoman, Chris Landsberger)



Member Contributions



Rae Dawn Smith is escorted in handcuffs from a courtroom in Bristow, OK. (The Oklahoman, Jim Beckel)



Jordan Hudson and Dusty Rose play in a downtown Oklahoma City water fountain. (The Journal Record, Jennifer Pitts)



Maria Lynn Wiley, 14, looks around a Payne County courtroom during her preliminary hearing. Wiley is charged as an adult with first-degree murder in the fatal stabbing death of 23-year-old Alecia Rena Dean. (Tulsa World, Sherry Brown)



Commanche County Sheriff Kenny Stradley, right, escorts Joshua Muller into an awaiting car after a manhunt in Lawton, OK. (Tulsa World, James Gibbard)



Madison West, 6, from Purcell, OK, closes her eyes while listening to a concert during a rally supporting U.S. troops in Oklahoma city. (The Oklahoman, Matt Strasen)



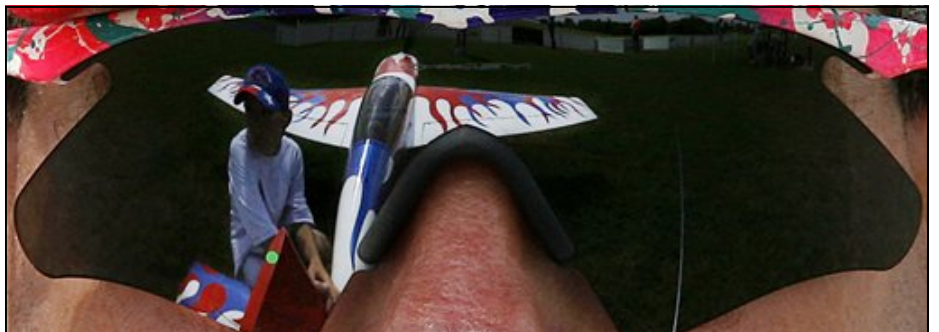
Bryan Maciha, a biology technician at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, OK, plays with children during an afternoon show in the Coral Reef tank. (Tulsa World, Roberts S. Cross)



Atonda Minton, great aunt of 2 year-old murder victim Joshua Minton, is shown following a preliminary hearing in the trial. (Tulsa World, Stephen Holman)



Police detectives examine a body at an apparent double homicide crime scene in Enid, OK. (Enid News & Eagle, Billy Hefton)



Johnathan Jennings of Arlington, TX. is reflected in his dad John Jennings' sunglasses holding a 41 percent scale remote-controlled aircraft during the annual Heat-wave in the Heartland Fly-in. (Tulsa World, Stephen Holman)

From the AP Staff

Tulsa Correspondent Justin Juozapavicius



did profiles on Cherokee chief Chad Smith, whose tribe has voted to end tribal membership for descendants of slaves the tribe once owned, and

on Bill Bartmann, a Tulsa businessman who amassed a billion-dollar fortune only to lose it.

He also reported that a proposal for a \$200 million beef plant in the Oklahoma Panhandle appears to be going nowhere months after groundbreaking was first planned.

In a story that moved nationally, Juozapavicius reported that after nearly a year of legal battles, a judge had decided Oklahoma State University can acquire through eminent domain the final piece of property it needs for a \$316 million athletic village.



Newsman Sean Murphy reported that an annual survey showed that 21 percent of Oklahoma's children were living in poverty.

Murphy also covered flooding around the state and reported that Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores has settled a federal lawsuit filed on behalf of a cashier who claimed she was discriminated against.



In the latest of a series of stories **Capitol Correspondent Ron Jenkins** has done on lobbyists this year, he analyzed

ethics commission reports and wrote about gifts elected officials received in the first six months of 2007, including watches, cash, expensive meals and concert and game tickets.

Jenkins followed up with a story about how some lobbyists use vague terms in their reports, such as "event" instead of "Billy Joel concert," seemingly to cover up the specific gift given to the lawmaker.

Jenkins did a Sunday analysis piece on concerns that blue-collar families are being priced out of attending college in Oklahoma because of tuition raises.

Jenkins had a scoop about a program that gives intense attention to serious offenders before they are released from prison. The program is aimed at reducing the recidivism rate. The story resulted from a newsmaker interview with the head of the state corrections department.

Jenkins reported that an investigation into an embezzlement case at the Oklahoma Tax Commission had expanded, with the attorney general's office requesting an investigation for criminal misconduct.

Newsman Jeff Latzke



reported that authorities raided a horse racing operation suspected of running illegal races just north of the Oklahoma-Texas

border, arresting 100 people. He also reported from Stillwater on the improvements being made to Boone Pickens Stadium. He also covered the World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City.

Newsman Murray Evans



was on top of the coverage of the NCAA ruling that the University of Oklahoma must erase its wins from the 2005 season and lose two scholarships for breaking NCAA rules.

Newsman Tim Talley



went to far northeastern Oklahoma and carried the national byline on stories about severe flooding throughout the region. He also

was first to report that new laws approved by the state Legislature would add 900 prisoners to the population of inmates in Oklahoma's already-crowded prisons. The story was carried with his byline in Oklahoma's two largest members, The Oklahoman and the Tulsa World.

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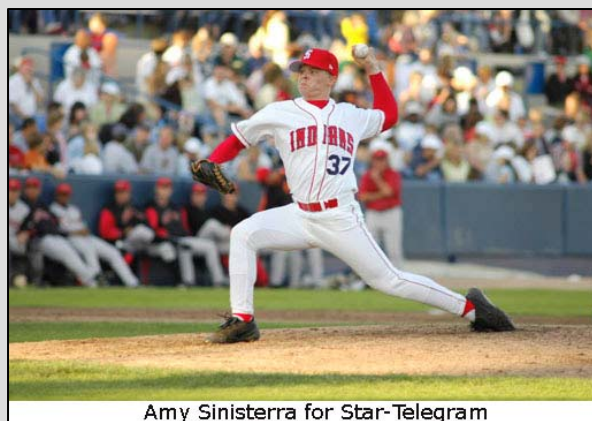
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Editors: Please forward the following letter to your Ad managers:

Dear advertising professional,

The Associated Press would like your guidance on how to serve your publication, your readers and your advertisers better.

In recent months, we have heard from newspaper ad managers that they would like more editorial content online to allow them to sell more ad space in key verticals such as health, fitness, auto and homes. They tell us they have more ad demand than they have ad space, and they need more content to take advantage of that revenue potential.

Below are links to two online surveys -- one is intended for print and online ad professionals at individual newspapers, and the second is for those working at a newspaper group level. Could you please take about 10-15 minutes to tell us more about your needs and how AP might help you?

Individual newspaper ad manager survey: <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB2262U45DMZ4>

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We appreciate your help gauging content/inventory needs in your market, both on your main Web site and any associated niche sites. We hope you will participate before our deadline, Aug. 17, and that you will forward this request to anyone else in your organization you think should offer input.

If you have any questions, I invite you to contact me or Brenna Sniderman, research manager in AP's strategic planning department: bsniderman@ap.org.

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