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ICE STORM 2007

The lights are on...but not by much. The AP office operated via emergency power from a generator because of the ice storm that knocked out electricity to much of Oklahoma City. Shown working under less-than-perfect conditions are (from left) Ken Miller, broadcast editor, Rick Green, news editor, Larry Hamlin, technician, Sean Murphy, day supervisor, Judi Boland, editorial assistant and Jeff Latzke, sports writer.



Downtown Tulsa in the grip of an ice storm, taken in Tulsa, Okla., on Monday, Dec. 10, 2007. A blast of cold air turned rain into a freezing drizzle Monday, blanketing the state in ice. (AP Photo/Tulsa World, James Gibbard)



Fallen tree limbs cover Britton Road after a Ice storm in eastern Oklahoma County, Monday, Dec. 10, 2007. (AP Photo/The Oklahoman, Jim Beckel)



(Left) Ricky Sanchez, 12, right, and Richard Garcia, 11, use a road closed sign to sled down a hill. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007. (Enid News & Eagle, Jennifer Knight)

(Right) An ice covered tree covers a car in the student housing parking area on the University of Oklahoma campus Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in Norman, Okla. The Oklahoman, Jaconna Aguirre)



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Veteran Lawton television news anchor Jan Stratton is among the four broadcasters elected to the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.

Stratton and Chuck Edwards of Weatherford, Jerry Park of Oklahoma City and Dale Wehba of Oklahoma City will be inducted March 27 at the organization's annual convention.

Stratton has been news director and principal anchor at Lawton's KSWO-TV since 1981. During that time, the station has won numerous awards and the news department has grown from 10 to 35.

Since 1977, Edwards has been the voice of sports at KWEY AM-FM in Weatherford. He has called more than 3,500 play-by-play broadcasts of football, basketball and baseball games and has done daily sports reports that have made him an institution in western Oklahoma sports circles.

For more than 40 years, Park broadcast sports on radio and television. His career started in Texas and in 1974 he became the sports director at KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City, a job he held until 1999.

Wehba is regarded as one of innovators of the rock-n-roll era of radio. He programmed and was music director at three Oklahoma City radio stations that all were No. 1 in the ratings. He also was a top-rated disc jockey at KOCY, KOMA and WKY.

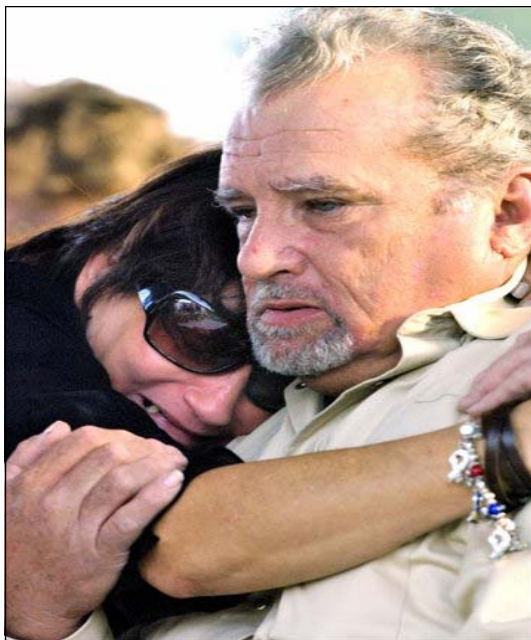
He later was No. 1 in the Detroit and Boston radio markets.

OAPB CONTEST DAY - Friday, December 7, 2007 was the third of five contest days for the categories of Best Early Newscast, Best Evening Newscast and Best Sportscast. OAPB contest rules are posted on the AP Oklahoma Web site: <http://www.ap.org/oklahoma>

OKLAHOMA MEMBER SHOWCASE

NOVEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH WINNERS

1ST PLACE - Percy Jackson, II, Muskogee Phoenix



Darrel Carver, right, consoles his wife Pam Carver while staring at the casket of their son Army Pvt. Cody Carver during graveside services on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Vernon Cemetery in Coweta, Okla. The 19-year-old and two other soldiers were killed Oct. 30 of wounds they received in Salman Pak, Iraq, where they came under attack by enemy forces brandishing small arms and an improvised explosive device.

2ND PLACE - Jennifer Knight Enid News & Eagle



Nate Wilson, sixth grader, plays marbles with some of his classmates as part of a Statehood Day celebration at Monroe Elementary school Friday, November 16, 2007 in Enid, Oklahoma.

3RD PLACE - Matt Strasen The Oklahoman



East Central University's Casi Rawls, left, and Oklahoma State University's Megan Byford go after a loose ball in the first half of a college basketball exhibition game at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007.

Member Contributions

The Oklahoman uncovered an appeals court ruling that city policy prohibiting pit bull terrier adoption from animal shelters violates state law. The paper also had first word of an FBI re-examination of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Chris Russell of Tulsa's KOTV provided first word on the identity of the Little Rock, Ark., police officer who was piloting a plane that crashed and killed his wife and father. He also reported that a Bartlesville police officer was critically injured and his wife killed in a motorcycle crash following the Christian Motorcycle Association Toy Run.

From the **Tulsa World** came the story of an attorney who alleged that former state senator Gene Stipe's health was jeopardized by orders to check into a federal prison hospital for metal competency evaluation. The World also shared the story when manslaughter charges were filed against a woman accused in the deaths of five people.



The Pace and Pena families decided to dress as Pilgrims for their flight to Denver from Will Rogers World Airport, Wednesday, Nov 21, 2007 in Oklahoma City. (The Oklahoman, Jim Beckel)



Reina Greenwood dances the fancy shawl dance during the annual Cheyenne Celebration at Cheyenne Middle School in Edmond. (The Edmond Sun, Drew Harmon)

Ken Henson of Oklahoma City's KWTV had first word on the recovered bodies of two men who drowned in Kaw Lake and a Highway 270 construction zone pileup that killed four people. He also covered a carjacking suspect in a standoff with Oklahoma City police.

Kevin King of Tulsa's KTUL reported final paychecks to former employees of Fox Collision Centers bounced after the company shut down centers. He also had early word that Northeastern State University President Larry Williams retired to recover from a heart attack.

The Edmond Sun delivered information when the director of alumni relations at the University of Central Oklahoma was arrested on a shoplifting complaint.

Debra Woodall of Tulsa's KRMG covered a lounge opening at Tulsa International Airport where returning military members can meet family and get information about return to civilian life

The Enid News & Eagle had details when vandals stole at least two pickup trucks and embarked on a rampage of destruction through Garfield County.

Russell Mills of KJRH in Tulsa supplied information on the attempted abduction of a 13-year-old girl as she was walking to school.

The Journal Record of Oklahoma City featured a local business that makes a product to keep handkerchiefs in the proper shape while worn in the breast pocket of a suit coat.



(A crawler excavator tears through the walls of the last house acquired by Oklahoma State University on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1007, in Stillwater, OK. (Stillwater NewsPress, Mika Matzen)

The Lawton Constitution reported a Thanksgiving weekend traffic accident that killed five people.

Shane Faulkner of **KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City** had the information when an Oklahoma County K-9 deputy hit and killed on I-35 while chasing a suspect.

The Muskogee Phoenix provided the story when the authorities' main suspect in the death of his own 19-year-old step-daughter surrendered.

Dave Koester **KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City** shared first word of a home invasion shooting in northeast Oklahoma City that left one man dead. He also had the story of someone stealing packages from doorsteps in Nichols Hills. Koester shared search details for a missing 18-year-old woman kidnapped after leaving work in southwest Oklahoma City.



Firefighters and rescue personnel work to remove victims from a one-vehicle accident near Medicine Park, Oklahoma. Three adults and two children were killed. (The Lawton Constitution, Jeff Dixon)

The Norman Transcript covered extensive flooding in a mobile home park.

Beth Myers of **Oklahoma City's KTOK** was quick with the story when former state Representative Thad Balkman was named director of the Mitt Romney for President campaign in Oklahoma.

Also from KTOK, Jerry Bohnen had the lead when Duncan police shot and killed a man who took a hostage at knifepoint inside a Braum's.

The Shawnee News-Star featured a man who has invented a stand for polishing shoes.

Mike Smith of **KWEY** was first with word when a drug task force seized nearly 2,000 pounds of marijuana and arrested two men after a I-40 traffic stop near Elk City. Smith also provided election results on a Clinton City Council race and sales tax increase in Caddo County. Smith covered the fire that destroyed an abandoned church Weatherford.

The Daily Ardmoreite provided information about a white supremacist charged in the death of his friend.



David Bradley of **Lawton's KSWO-TV** had the story of a homeowner who shot and killed a man he found inside his home.

The Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise disclosed the arraignment of a retired Bartlesville police officer charged with stealing seized drugs from the police evidence room.

(left) Hugh Scott fires a gun to reenact the announcement of statehood in Guthrie, OK. (Tulsa World, Mike Simons)

(right) Oklahoma running back Demarco Murray, top, flips over Texas A&M's Devin Gregg for a touchdown. (The Norman Transcript, Kevin Ellis)



From the AP Staff



Murray Evans had a story about Oklahoma's horse racing industry hoping the success of a stallion named Kip

Deville would provide a major boost to the state's breeding industry.

Murphy had early word that the Environmental Protection Agency had levied more than \$7 million in fines and mandated environmental improvements against companies operating in Oklahoma over the last year.



Newsman Sean Murphy had a nationally budgeted story about a well-known death penalty defense attorney who committed

suicide at what should have been a momentous point in her career. The U.S. Supreme Court had just agreed to hear a case about problems with the lethal injection process.

Murphy also had a national story about a Marine stationed in Iraq witnessing the birth of his daughter through a video conference link.



From the Capitol, Ron Jenkins



had a Sunday analysis story about churches opposing Oklahoma's new anti-illegal-immigration law.

Jenkins had a Sunday story on the eve of Oklahoma's centennial discussing natural disasters and natural resources that had so much to do with the state's first 100 years of history.

He had another Sunday piece about the story that dominated the headlines 100 years ago when Oklahoma became a state: New laws cracking down on consumption of liquor.

Jenkins also had a story about the thousands of suggestions, including ending public education and making divorce illegal, that have come in under House Speaker Lance Car-gill's yearlong efforts to get the public's ideas.



For a story on a University of Oklahoma 47-game winning streak that ended 50 years ago, **Sports Writer Jeff Latzke** found

some Sooner athletes of that era who still get teary-eyed when talking about Bud Wilkinson, the coach who was the architect of that incredible record.

Tulsa's Justin Juozapavicius had a



national news feature about Russian Poet Yevgeny, who is considered by many to be the world's greatest living Russian poet. Yevgeny resides in Tulsa and dreams

that his latest poem may contribute to peace efforts in the Middle East. The story included a multimedia portion with digital audio of the poet reading his latest poem.

Juozapavicius has been busy working the scandal at Oral Roberts University. He was first with word that Richard Roberts had resigned as president of ORU and had early word that a senior accountant for the university said Roberts ordered him to "cook the books" to hide financial wrongdoing.

Newsman Tim Talley reported that oil



prices nearing \$100 a barrel had decimated Oklahoma's road and bridge maintenance budget.

Talley also had a story detailing the attorney general's dual role in the debate over Oklahoma's tough, new immigration law _ defending the new law in court, while being called on by a group of legislators for a legal opinion on the constitutionality of the law.

He also had a story about complaints from retailers and employers that Oklahoma's new anti-illegal-immigration law was hurting business and making it harder to find workers.

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With the Iowa Caucus and the New Hampshire Primary a month away, now is the time to sign up for the AP's election services. Don't wait to get on board. If members sign up now, they can take advantage of online content that allows them to drive traffic to their Web sites and analytical tools their reports can use today. For the first time, we are offering an all presidential primaries service that provides members with access to all primaries and caucuses and delegate tracking throughout the presidential primary season.

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AP services make it easier to keep your Web site fresh

The Associated Press offers two services to save you production work and time to keep your Web site up-to-date. When severe weather hits, OPENS, the Organizations, Places and Events Notification System, lets you collect and distribute information without missing a beat. It keeps up with the rapidly changing school closings and event cancellations without diverting your resources from news coverage. (AP Photo/Warren Westura)

AP SNAPfeed offers a quick and easy way to add video breaking news to your Web site. SNAPfeed enables video journalists to send broadcast optimized video from the field to the newsroom over satellite phone, wireless broadband, Internet, or dial-up phone line. SNAPfeed is also capable of providing quick live video remotely without a satellite truck.

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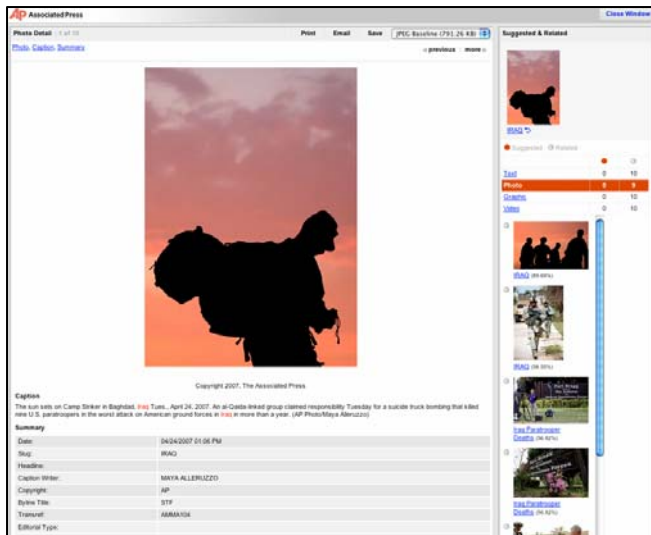
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AP Exchange

AP Exchange offers new features, and training on how to use them better



Many editors have started working with AP Exchange in the past few weeks. As with any new system, a learning curve is necessary and we'd like to help with this as much as possible. Searching for news is one thing, but putting AP Exchange to work for members is what we really hope to be able to do. AP offers online AP Exchange training for your newsroom to teach some of these enhanced features. Additionally, AP Channels are a powerful new source of subject-specific news from the AP. Available only in AP Exchange, AP Channels scour the entire AP report for news on specific topics. It's content beyond what members have ever had access to. The most popular AP Channel is Education.

Editors who have access to this Channel receive all education stories from all AP state wires and English international wires. For education reporters, this Education Channel provides a rich source of news for print and online. Other popular Channels include Kids and Family, Environment, Health, Energy and Crime. Lastly, members are now able to search for news by concept in

AP Exchange. A number of concept searches have been organized based on issues most newsrooms cover today. A concept search is a time saver. Editors can gather all news on a specific issue with one quick search in AP Exchange.

To run a concept search, preface the search with *subject name=* and then add the concept. For example, to find all news on women's health, type *subject name="women's health"*. If the concept name contains two or more words, enclose the concept in quotation marks (" "). Concepts that are now live include architecture, children's health, economy and performing arts.

To get the full details on AP Exchange training or AP Channels, contact your chief of bureau. For more information on concept searches, visit the AP Exchange blog at <http://apexchange.ning.com>.

Special Editions for December:

The final Special Edition of the year is Weddings.

Additionally, editors can access Special Editions content in AP Exchange by typing "SPE" into the search field.



Tom Curley Keynote Speaker at ACAP

AP President and CEO Tom Curley served as keynote speaker for an international publishers conference on protection and licensing of content rights. The conference, held at New York headquarters Nov. 29, unveiled the ACAP (Automated Content Access Protocol) proposal, a new, nonproprietary open standard and an initiative of the World Association of Newspapers, the European Publishers Council and the International Publishers Association.

It was showcased at the conference following a 12-month pilot project between a group of publishers and search engines. Starting in December, publishers of content on the Web will be encouraged to implement ACAP and to express their individual access and use policies in a language that search engine robots and similar automated tools can read and understand.

Read Tom Curley's full keynote address on AP's corporate site at http://www.ap.org/pages/about/pressreleases/pr_111607a.html.

U.S. Military to Submit Evidence Dec. 9 Against Bilal Hussein

The U.S. military has set Dec. 9 as the date on which it will submit evidence against an Associated Press photographer to the Iraqi judiciary system, an American official says. The move would be the first legal step in initiating formal charges against photographer Bilal Hussein, who was seized in Ramadi on April 12, 2006. Hussein has been imprisoned without charge ever since. Navy Capt. Brian J. Bill informed AP counsel Paul Gardephe of the December date in a Nov. 29 e-mail. A public affairs officer had notified the AP last week that the military intended to submit a written complaint against Hussein as early as Nov. 29. There was no explanation for the change in the date. The AP's own inquiry has found no support for the U.S. military's claims.

Read more about the detention of Bilal Hussein on the corporate Internet site at <http://www.ap.org/bilalhussein/>.

