

December 2006

Merry Christmas



Let it snow....

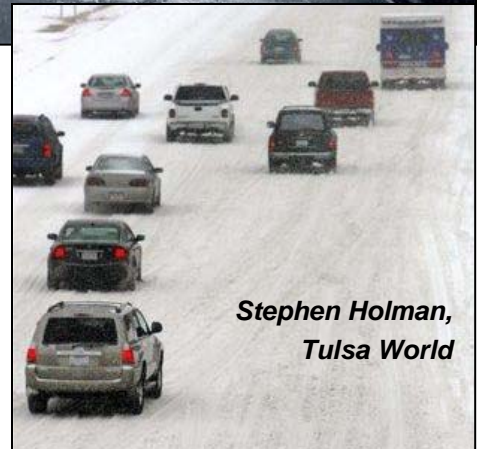


Andy Carpenean, The Enid News & Eagle

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Brandi Simons, AP Stringer



Stephen Holman, Tulsa World

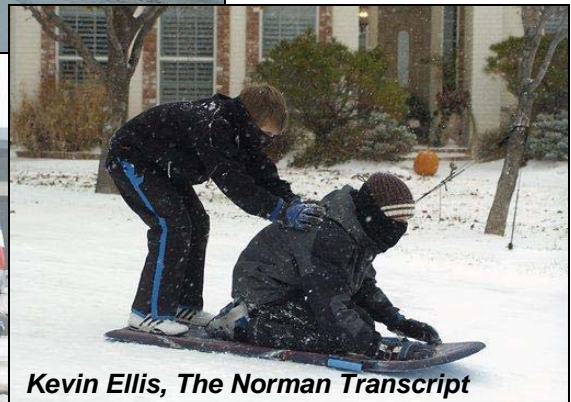
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Rolf Clements, The Ponca City News



Michael Wyke, Tulsa World



Kevin Ellis, The Norman Transcript

AP/ONE Contest Entries Due

2006 AP/ONE Carl Rogan Awards Program contest rules and labels are available on the Oklahoma AP Web site: <http://www.ap.org/oklahoma>. All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. Jan. 8, 2007. 2006 contest dates for the General Excellence category were Nov. 8, 9 and 10. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the annual AP/ONE awards banquet March 31, 2007 in Oklahoma City.

Top Ten OK Stories

Here's a preview of the 2006 top ten Oklahoma stories as voted by members. The complete list will run on the wire 12/28/06 for release 12/30/06.



1. Grass fires consume thousands of acres despite statewide burn ban.



2. Drought conditions cause sell off of cattle and reduced wheat harvest.



3. Kelvin Sampson leaves Oklahoma to coach basketball at Indiana and Jeff Capel is hired.



4. Increased gas and oil drilling in state causes economic boom.

5. Special session needed due to legislators not passing appropriation's bills.

6. Biggest tax cut in Oklahoma history is passed by state Legislators.

7. Tulsan Jennifer Berry is named Miss America.

8. Announcement of the closing of the Dayton Tire plant in Oklahoma City.

9. Billionaire alumnus Boone Pickens donates \$165 million to help Oklahoma State toward its goal of creating an athletic village north of the football stadium that already bears his name.



10. Governor Brad Henry re-elected to a second term.

OAPB Contest Dates



Tuesday, Dec. 19, and Friday, Dec. 22, are the final 2006 OAPB contest days. Record your newscasts on these days for competition in the categories of Best Early Newscast, Best Evening Newscast and Best Sportscast. The first three contest days for 2006 were Sep. 21, Oct. 27 and Nov. 15.

Contest rules and forms will be mailed December 27 and posted on the Oklahoma AP Web site: www.ap.org/oklahoma. Any station in Oklahoma that receives the Oklahoma AP broadcast wire is eligible to enter. All entries must be received no later than Monday, February 5, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

From the Staff:



Staff members enjoyed a chili luncheon for Christmas and gave donations to a local family.

Left to right: ...Chief of Bureau Lindel Hutson, broadcast editor Ken Miller (partially hidden), editorial assistant Judi Boland, photographer Sue Ogrocki and technician Larry Hamlin.



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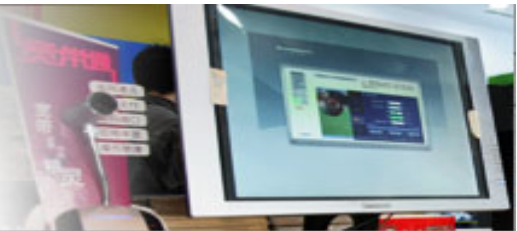
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asap continues to win recognition for innovative news stories and innovative packaging, style and delivery.

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AP Money & Markets



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The Money & Markets team has begun sending a daily digest describing the key enterprise modules for that day. It generally moves before 1 p.m. ET. Find it by searching for BC-AP Money & Markets Digest.

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2007 AP Special Editions Calendar

Jan. 9
Love
and Romance



Jan. 30
Taxes



March 6

Home



April 10

Mother's and
Father's Day



May 2 - Summer



June 5



Weddings

July 10
Back to School



and
Garden

Aug. 7

Sept. 11—Cars



Oct. 2



Parenting



Nov. 6 - Holidays



Dec. 4