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Legislative Workshop

The annual Oklahoma AP Legislative Preview Workshop is scheduled for Thursday. Editors and broadcasters are invited to attend or send one or more of your staff.

Our list of state government leaders who will be there to talk about the upcoming legislative session and take your questions include Gov. Brad Henry, Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, Senate President Pro Tem Mike Morgan and co-Pro Tem Glenn Coffee, and new House Speaker Lance Cargill. We'll provide a box lunch at no charge, but we do need a head count of who will be there.

For a copy of the tentative agenda: www.ap.org/oklahoma. All activities will be in Room 419-C of the Capitol.

Again, there is no charge but it is important that we have a head count. Please email Cara Robertson at crobertson@ap.org or call her at 800-522-3522 or 405-525-2121.



LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW STORIES

A package of stories will move by Thursday looking at the upcoming legislative session. The session starts Feb. 5. The series details important issues lawmakers will deal with including overcrowded prisons, immigration, tort reform, the budget and a Senate that is split evenly between Democrats and Republican.

Meet the staff:



Tulsa Correspondent Justin Juozapavicius

Oklahoma members are by now accustomed to the byline, but may still be stumped on how to pronounce Juozapavicius. So here it is: yoh-zah-PAH'-vitch-us.

At the OSU student newspaper, The Daily O'Collegian, Justin's first story was assigned by editor Carry Aspinwall. Five years later they were married.

Justin held internships at the Tulsa World and the Denver Post and a temporary stint with AP in Oklahoma City before leaving for a Pulliam Fellowship at the Arizona Republic in Phoenix. He eventually landed at the Republic as a full-time reporter.

Justin took the Tulsa AP job this past September, and Cary returned to the Tulsa World as a reporter.

**Member
News...**

**New
Bartlesville
Publisher**



Bartlesville Executives: Jerry Quinn (left) the new publisher of the Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise, is seen here with Managing Editor Chris Rush. Quinn, who became the E-E's advertising manager after leaving the Omulgee Daily News, was named publisher recently following the death of Publisher Joe Edwards.

**Claremore
Daily
Progress**

Dave Story gets a hug from Gloria Fletcher, vice president for the CNHI chain, at his retirement party held at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore. (Photo from Claremore Daily Progress)



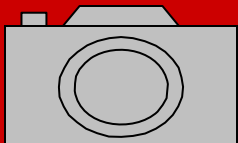
Dave Story, publisher of the Claremore Daily Progress, has retired after 20 years. A native of Mississippi delta cotton country, Story got his first taste of journalism as editor of his high school newspaper. Although he did not pursue a journalism degree, he claims to have never earned a pay check in any other field of work.

The two accomplishments Story says he is most proud of as publisher of the Progress is the construction of its new building on

Will Rogers Boulevard in 1995, and the creation of the newspaper's charitable foundation, "Share the Spirit." He also founded the newspaper's annual "Most Progressive Citizen" award.

**Photos
of the
Month...**

December



Andy Carpenean, *Enid New & Eagle*



Shawn Yorks, *The Guymon Daily Herald*

Member Contributions



Pilot **Mason Dunn of Oklahoma City's KWTW** gained nation attention this month when he used his helicopter's rotor blade to create a draft that pushed a deer to safety on a frozen lake. A small crowd of people had gathered to watch as the deer struggled without success to regain its footing near the shore. The draft from Dunn's rotor was strong enough to push the deer to safety.

Chris Russell of Tulsa's KOTV provided the tip that the missing Texhoma girl had been found. He also had the story when police arrested a woman and her boyfriend for the death of the woman's 9-month old son. And, he had first word that Union High would hire Owasso coach Kirk Fridrich as football coach. Russell also provided the story that authorities in southern Kansas looking for a missing woman were expanding the search into Kay County.



The Oklahoman provided a story about two men on Oklahoma's death row posting pictures and information about themselves on MySpace.com. It also provided a story about the state sending more young people into the U.S. Army on a per capita basis last year than any other state except Arkansas.

The **Tulsa World** had the story that enrollment in Oklahoma's government-sponsored Medicaid health care program for the medically indigent jumping 6.5 percent last year. It also provided a story about hundreds of dead or dying sheep found on a farm in Vinita.

Ken Henson of Oklahoma City's KWTW provided the information that a rollover accident killed a truck driver as the ice storm hit Oklahoma City.

Henson and Steve Johnson of KFOR TV provided information on an emergency landing at Will Rogers World Airport.

From **Tulsa's KTUL**, **Kevin King** reported that a plane with nine passengers skidded off the runway at Jones Riverside Airport. King also had the story that man found his ex-wife stabbed to death in her apartment, and the story of a man who broke into the bedroom of a 6-year-old and tried to rape her.

The Alva Review-Courier contributed a story about an electrical appliance repairman who is near 100 years old and is still installing appliances.



The Daily Ardmoreite had the story about a BBC documentary that was being done on 44 Oklahoma oil workers who aided British petroleum production efforts in World War II.

From Bartlesville, the **Examiner-Enterprise** reported about the state opening an investigation into the disappearance of pain medication and methamphetamine that were being held as evidence in a drug case.

The Durant Daily Democrat had the story when a former Bryan County sheriff, now a massage therapist, was accused of sexually assaulting women while giving them massages.

The **Guymon Daily Herald** provided a story about groundbreaking being delayed for a massive beef packing plant that is to be built in the Oklahoma Panhandle town of Hooker.

From **Dave Koester of Oklahoma City's KOCO** came word that a woman had been found dead at Liberty Lake near Guthrie.

The **McAlester News-Capital** shared the story of how the city has been overcharging residents for water for more than two years and now owes more than a half-million dollars to customers.

From Stillwater, the **NewsPress** provided a story about a Payne County jury recommending a 200-year prison sentence for a man convicted of distribution of methamphetamine and conspiracy.

John Yates of KNED had early word when ice storm evacuees were allowed to return home. He also reported that the Indian Nation Turnpike had reopened after fire at a McAlester food plant.

From **Oklahoma City's KTOK radio, Melissa Gandall** reported that Oklahoma National Guard would provide helicopters to drop hay to stranded cattle in the Panhandle.



Also from **KTOK, Beth Myers** reported when the state Health Department activated the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps to send volunteer doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to storm-damaged areas of the state.



The Edmond Sun provided a story about a police officer who, for the second time in six months, saved a person from near-drowning.

The **Enid News & Eagle** had the story about the arrest of a man in an alleged murder-for-hire plot.

The Oklahoma City **Journal Record** provided a story about Oklahoma business people who had signed on to a document asking Congress to increase the minimum wage.

Debra Woodall of Tulsa's KRMG radio had the story that churches that canceled services because of the ice storm lost money because they couldn't pass the collection plate.

The Lawton Constitution provided a story about a 50-year-old Texas man spending five days in the frozen wilderness after breaking a leg while hiking on Mount Scott.

The **Muskogee Phoenix** wrote about construction crews erecting shields around bridge supports in the Arkansas River where 14 people died in 2002 after a barge hit a pier holding up a section of Interstate 40.

The Norman Transcript provided a story on how plans to auction the Moore Medical Center were postponed for lack of acceptable bids.

The Shawnee News-Star provided a story about the arrest of a juvenile defense attorney on complaints of lewd acts with a minor.

From the **Woodward News** came a feature about a family that has farmed the same piece of land for more than a century.



From the Staff:

Oklahoma's worst ice storm in years dominated the news in January, and AP's reporters were there.



Boland

Tulsa correspondent **Justin Juozapavicius** went to McAlester and Muskogee to do stories that anchored national coverage of the storm and captured the emotions of residents, businessmen and relief crews caught up in the freezing weather. AP's coverage included dozens of photos, an AP graphic, AP video and AP audio.



Hines

AP had early word that a van had crashed on an icy highway in western Oklahoma, killing seven people. Two days later, Oklahoma City newsman **Sean Murphy** was first to report that those in the van were illegal immigrants being smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

AP's **Ken Miller** also wrote that utility workers tried to restore power to about 95,000 homes and businesses in eastern Oklahoma after the deadly ice storm snapped electrical transmission lines and froze roads.



Evans

When the later storm that was predicted to blanket Oklahoma in snow lost its punch and instead delivered mostly rain, AP's **Murray Evans** did the reporting.

Newswoman **Rochelle Hines** had a story that the new speaker of the Oklahoma House asked fellow legislators to come up with ideas for a "100 Ideas Initiative" to be used as a blueprint for the state's future.



Jenkins

She also had a story detailing a national report indicating the state ranks No. 40 nationally for education policies and socio-economic factors that play a role in a child's chance for academic and financial success.

Juozapavicius also had a national story from Guymon about nine Army buddies who came to the Panhandle to honor a fallen comrade.



Juozapavicius

Murphy was first to report that Gov. Frank Keating, who had been considering making a run for president, had decided not to be a candidate.

Murphy covered the return to Edmond of a soldier's remains that were found buried on a hilltop in Vietnam nearly 40 years after his death.



Latzke

From the Capitol, **Ron Jenkins** had a story that contrasted the smooth transition taking place between the outgoing and incoming lieutenant governor with that of an extremely acrimonious transition taking place in the labor commissioner's office.

Jenkins also had a Sunday analysis piece charting a Texas water district's legal fight for access to Oklahoma water.



Miller

Another Sunday story looked at the 2,000 bills filed for the 2007 legislative session, the fact that most have no chance of passage and the thousands of dollars spent just on the paper used to make all these proposals.

Also from the Capitol, **Tim Talley** was there as former Oklahoma House Speaker Glen Johnson was sworn in as the state's new higher education chancellor. He had a story the next day about a new state-by-state ranking that gives Oklahoma poor marks for the state's economic performance.

Evans also worked up the story that OSU President David Schmidly was one of five finalists to become the president of the University of New Mexico.

One of the first stories of the new year was a look back at the old. AP's **Judi Boland** wrote that Oklahoma's top story of 2006 was wildfires that burned across hundreds of thousands of acres.



Murphy

Oklahoma's trip to the Fiesta Bowl was reported from start to finish by **Jeff Latzke**. The bowl game was one of many of Latzke's sports stories in January, including the start of basketball season for the state's universities and the continuing saga of the NBA's Hornets in Oklahoma.



Talley

AP Product News

Newspapers Online

AP Online Video Options expand

AP is launching Phase 2 of the Online Video Network this spring to include local video and advertising. We've made other improvements since last January's launch as well. It's 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 website'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.

Photos AP Photo Services



Flat fee subscription service offers new way to access AP archive photos

The Flat Fee Photo Archive offers a new pricing approach for AP archival images. Members get unlimited access to millions of AP archival photographs for one price.

Benefits include:

Unlimited downloads of AP-owned photos 14 days and older with license to use photos in print, both in the member's newspaper and niche publications, and on the member's Web site.

A predictable, fixed fee that maximizes value and helps manage costs and budgets.

Access to other premium editorial content including graphics and photos from partners such as Jennifer Graylock, Women's Wear Daily, VII and others. (Note: Photographs from image partners and graphics will continue to be offered on an a la carte basis for \$35 per image or at partner-specific pricing.)

Flat Fee Photo Archive offers members unparalleled access to the millions of images available in the archive. For some members, the flat fee service offers significant savings over what they currently spend on a la carte archival photos.

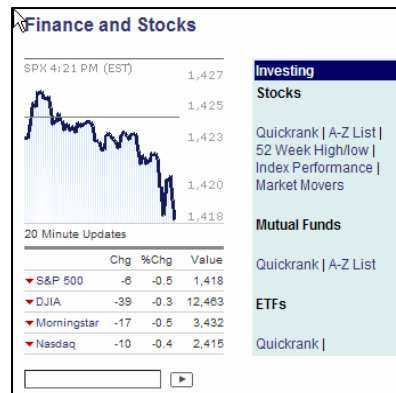
A screenshot of the AP Images website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Account, Lightboxes, Preferences, Contact, Feedback, and Help. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'Any Time'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'History' with 'Selected Items (0)', 'Recent Searches', and 'My Account'; 'Showcases' featuring three image thumbnails with captions: '(48) Saddam Hussein', '(66) Gerald R. Ford 1913-2006', and '(26) Golden Globe Nominations'; and 'Sports' featuring three image thumbnails with captions: '(48) Giants Eagles Football', '(39) QATAR TENNIS', and '(52) PORTUGAL DAKAR RALLY'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Hide Navigation' button and a list of featured items with counts.

AP Money & Markets



AP Money & Markets provides fresh approach to business news

The markets bounced back in 2006, prompting renewed interest from readers in their investments, 401k plans and mutual funds holdings. AP provides a fresh way to bring readers and advertisers to your news pages, in print and online, with AP Money & Markets. It's analytic and forward. It's modular, so you can use just as much as you want, in any part of your newspaper or Web site. For more information about AP Money & Markets print and online, check out www.ap.org/markets, or contact your chief of bureau.



Iraq chosen as top story of 2006 in AP annual vote

Iraq has been chosen as the top story of 2006 by U.S. editors and news directors in The Associated Press' annual vote. The war received 176 first-place votes out of 242 ballots cast. It was followed closely by the U.S. election in which debate over Iraq played a pivotal role. The election, in which Democrats seized control of Congress, received 46 first-place votes and was the overwhelming pick for the No. 2 story. See details about the rest of the stories chosen for the Top Ten in David Crary's AP story at http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_122006a.html in the "What's New" section on the corporate Internet site.

Tax Package Special Edition

A 13-part series on taxes is available on Jan. 30. The package will cover::

What's New - Telephone customers, energy-savvy homeowners and parents of older teens should pay special attention at tax time. Many changes affecting 2006 tax returns are aimed squarely at you. On balance, the news is good.

Charitable Deductions - Clean out the attic. Donate the junk to charity. Take a tax deduction? Not so fast. Congress passed new rules for deducting household goods and clothing donations in 2006.

Kiddie Tax - A nasty surprise for many taxpayers is masquerading under the harmless-sounding moniker "kiddie tax." Beware, it may pack a wallop.

Energy - Did you install an energy-efficient water heater or furnace in 2006? How about a solar panel, storm door or insulation? You may reap a reward at tax time.

Medical Deductions - What do doctors' visits, Navajo healing ceremonies and clarinet lessons have in common? All can qualify, under the right circumstances, as tax-deductible medical expenses.

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