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Oklahoma AP Wins Katies

The Oklahoma AP collected four Katie Awards in the annual Press Club of Dallas competition.

For the second straight year, the Oklahoma AP staff won the award for best series by a wire service. The series detailed the economic changes that make the state less susceptible to petroleum boom and bust cycles.



Last year, the Oklahoma staff won the best series category for its examination of Oklahoma's military bases and how they would fare under Pentagon downsizing plans.

The Katie Awards contest is open to working journalists and public relations professionals in Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

To read 2006 winning stories: <http://www.ap.org/oklahoma>

Bellafato Named Service & Technology Manager



Ron Bellafato has been named Service & Technology manager for the region of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana effective Dec. 3.

He will be moving to New Orleans, but still will maintain contact with Oklahoma as part of his new responsibilities. In his new role, Ron will be responsible for implementing AP's customer service and technology initiatives for the four states.

Ron has been here since 1991. He joined the AP on Sept. 8, 1983 as technician based in East Brunswick and in 1984 he became a computer room technician and later that same year was promoted to Field Engineer.

In 1987 Ron was an Operations Manager at AP Headquarters then in 1988 he was promoted to Technical Service Manager.



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.

OK Top Ten Ballots

Cast your vote for the top news story in Oklahoma. OK Top Ten Ballots will be available Dec. 4 via state wires and email. Ballots must be returned by Dec. 13 via mail or email: crobertson@ap.org. Only one ballot per member please.

Photo of the Month...

Jack Woolslayer, 9, uses a telescope to get a closer look of the planet Mercury as it transits across the face of the sun Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, in Tulsa, Okla. (AP Photo/Tulsa World, Stephen Holman)

November



Member Contributions

Word that OSU legend Eddie Sutton was found semiconscious in his car outside a Stillwater convenience store came from **KWTV's Dean Blevins** in Oklahoma City.

The **Tulsa World** had the story about a federal jury delivering a \$15 million verdict against Ford Motor Co. in a lawsuit brought by the parents of a teenager who died in the crash of a 1995 Ford Explorer Sport. The **World** also provided a story about a judge who set aside a divorce decree. He had made the decree before realizing the two people involved were both women.



The Oklahoman provided a story about the disappearance of computer discs containing the Social Security numbers and other personal information of about 1,400 veterans treated at a McAlester clinic. Another story from **The Oklahoman** detailed the actions of three brothers who were caught in a stolen van with a wanted man during a police chase.

Melissa Gandall of KTOK had the story when Tinker Air Force Base named a building after Air Force Sgt. Jason Norton who was killed in Iraq.

Also from **KTOK**, **Peter J. Rudy** offered the story of an Oklahoma City tattoo shop owner considering a lawsuit over the portion of a new state law legalizing tattooing which requires a \$100,000 bond to operate a tattoo parlor.



From Enid, the **News & Eagle** provided a story about how cotton, which is a drought-tolerant and heat-resistant crop, is making an agricultural comeback.

The **Muskogee Phoenix** provided a story on Nov. 18 about how an arsonist was to blame for a fire that significantly damaged a Baptist church building in Oktaha.

Ken Henson of Oklahoma City's KWTV and Jerry Bohnen of KTOK brought early word that an Oklahoma County assistant district attorney was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs (a prescription pain killer) after a traffic accident.

The Norman Transcript provided a story about the director of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma stepping down to take a position at the Taft Museum of Art in Cincinnati.

From Tulsa's KOTV, Chris Russell offered the story of a 4-year-old Tulsa boy who was reported missing by his father and then was found safe. The father was arrested after admitting he got drunk and forgot where he had left the child.

The Journal-Record in Oklahoma City provided a story about a company that is filling a rising demand for pet funerals.

Kevin King of Tulsa's KTUL offered several stories, including word that two Tulsa County jail employees were among five people arrested in separate cases of smuggling drugs into the jail.

The **McAlester News-Capital** provided a story about a wrongful termination and breach of contract lawsuit filed by the city treasurer.

From Tulsa's KRMG, Debra Woodall offered the story that Jenks police created and are selling a commemorative coin to support charity efforts of the Jenks Fraternal Order of Police.



The Shawnee News-Star provided a profile of a cutting horse trainer.

Mike Smith of KWEY and Paul Shields KTJS provided word to AP when a traffic accident killed Associate District Judge Ellis Cabaniss of Clinton.

The Edmond Sun had the story that actress Shirley Jones, who portrayed Laurey, in the 1955 movie version of the Broadway hit "Oklahoma!," will perform songs from the musical next year as part of Edmond's centennial celebration.

The Lawton Constitution had the story of the return of the 6th Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery from Iraq.

The profile of a man who restores "muscle cars" from the 1960s and 1970s was from **The Daily Ardmoreite**.

The Duncan Banner provided a story about the Stephens County Jail being approved for additional funding that will allow for the hiring of four more jailers.



Evans



Juozapavicius



Jenkins



Murphy



Talley



Good Voice

From the Staff:

The Nov. 7 general election was preceded by stories on each of the key races. On election night, Oklahoma AP was first to report that the state Senate had an equal number of Republican and Democratic members, giving the key tie-breaking vote to the newly elected Democratic lieutenant governor.

Newsman **Murray Evans** wrote a story about a quirky Oklahoma City business that sells human skeletons. The story moved on the national business wire and ended up being one of the most e-mailed stories on Yahoo.com.

Tulsa correspondent **Justin Juozapavicius** did a national religion story about an organization that seeks to form church groups at public schools across the country.

He also was the first to report that the state police had determined a Highway Patrol trooper was largely to blame for a traffic accident in which he and a trucker died. The story came after state police had defended the trooper for weeks.

Juozapavicius had a close-to-the-news feature explaining why an unseasonably hot June and the ongoing drought had contributed to the deadliest West Nile season ever in Oklahoma.

Ron Jenkins did a Sunday story about how the pace of Oklahoma executions has slowed, five years after the state had more executions than any other state.

Sean Murphy reported that a crackdown on sexual offenders seems to be having an unintended consequence - fewer offenders are registering.

Newsman **Tim Talley** had a weekend story about how the state is considering a major upgrade to its statewide vote-counting system.

Newswoman **Christina Good Voice** reported that the Osage nation had passed a law cracking down on meth crimes.

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AP Money & Markets

AP Money & Markets has launched, offering newspapers a new look and new options for financial data in print and online. We're "thinking outside the box" to find innovative, consumer-friendly ways to provide financial data to readers. Money & Markets offers readers what they need to know fast, with a concise mix of data, text and graphics.

Nearly 30 papers are either running the new print service or are testing it while another 30 or so newspaper Web sites are adding it to their sites, including The Commercial Appeal (www.commercialappeal.com) and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (www.stltoday.com).

See examples of all the print and online options for AP Money & Markets at www.ap.org/markets. Get general information about this new service, and see detailed descriptions and samples of all the modules the service offers.



AP covers more than 6,000 midterm races on election night

On Nov. 7, with the balance of Congress on the line, The Associated Press covered more than 6,000 midterm races. Throughout the night, from the moment the polls closed, the AP reported on movements in the battle to control the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, as well as statehouses, legislatures and scores of other state and district offices.

You can learn more about how AP covered the vote count, called the winners and provided comprehensive reporting and analysis of the 2006 Midterm Elections on AP.org. <http://www.ap.org/elections2006/index.html>

Travel Online helps readers plan their next holiday trip



AIRLINE	FLIGHT	DESTINATION	TIME	GATE
RYANAIR	104	LONDON-STN	BOARDING	29
DELTA	134	NEWYORK-JFK	11:35	7
CONTINENTAL	25	NEWYORK-EWR	11:40	
AER LINGUS	125	DUBLIN	13:10	
AMERICAN AI	7977	DUBLIN	13:10	
		CHICAGO		
		CHICAGO		
BRITISH AIR	0175	LONDON-LGH	13:20	
AER LINGUS	5465	LONDON-LGA	13:20	
AER LINGUS	376	LONDON-LHR	13:35	

AP Travel Online offers expanded coverage of destinations, trends and travel news. Offered as a hosted service or an XML feed, AP Travel Online delivers a comprehensive suite of travel resources.

Travel Online takes a global focus with an emphasis on timely features, plus columns on subjects from travel with kids to adventure travel that appeal to a variety of reader demographics.



Other features: Weekly Web-only feature on travel guidebooks called "By the Book;" a reader-interactive blog about traveling with kids called "Are We There Yet?" and a Web-only travelogue called "Dispatches" on quirky events around the world.

For more information, contact your AP chief of bureau.

AP calls attention to the ongoing detention of photographer Bilal Hussein

AP International Editor John Daniszewski told a gathering of the Associated Press Managing Editors that the U.S. military's indefinite detention of an Associated Press photographer in Iraq, without charges, is an outrage and should be seen as such by the journalistic community. The full text of Daniszewski's remarks and additional information about Bilal Hussein are available online: http://www.ap.org/response/response_092006a.html.

Newspapers Online

Check out Online Newspaper services. We've created a page devoted to AP's Online Newspaper services: www.ap.org/newspapers. Find out about online services, see links to sites using the services, and find links and contact information to the Online Newspaper team.

Online Video Network wins AP's 2006 Chairman's Prize

The team responsible for creating AP's new Online Video Network has won The Associated Press' 2006 Chairman's Prize. The service, which was brought to the market earlier this year, features unique content with video packages specifically designed for the Web. The Chairman's Prize was created in 2004 to stimulate staff innovation that advances AP and journalism. The prize is named after the current chairman and past chairs Frank Batten, Frank Daniels, William Keating and Donald Newhouse. Details: http://www.ap.org/pages/about/whatsnew/wn_102606a.html

2007 AP Special Editions Calendar

<p>Jan. 9 <i>Love and Romance</i></p>  <p>Jan. 30 <i>Taxes</i></p> 	<p>March 6</p>  <p><i>Home</i></p>	<p>April 10 <i>Mother's and Father's Day</i></p> 	 <p>May 2 <i>Summer</i></p>	 <p>June 5 <i>Weddings</i></p> 	
<p>July 10 <i>Back to School</i></p> 	 <p><i>and Garden</i></p> <p>Aug. 7</p>	<p>Sept. 11 <i>Cars</i></p> 	<p>Oct. 2 <i>Parenting</i></p> 	 <p>Nov. 6 <i>Holidays</i></p>	<p>Dec. 4</p> 

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