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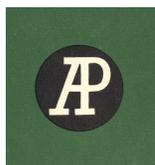
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Here are stories of interest - beginning with our venerable AP Stylebook!

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AP Stylebook adds e-book edition

to digital product suite

The Associated Press Stylebook 2015



a- The rules of **prefixes** apply, but in general no hyphen. Some examples:

achromatic
atonal

AAA Formerly the American Automobile Association. Headquarters is in Heathrow, Florida.

a, an Use the article *a* before consonant sounds: *a historic event*, *a one-year term* (sounds as if it begins with a *w*), *a united stand* (sounds like *you*).

Use the article *an* before vowel sounds: *an energy crisis*, *an honorable man* (the *h* is silent), *an homage* (the *h* is silent), *an NBA record* (sounds like it begins with the letter *e*), *an 1890s celebration*.

A&P Acceptable in all references for *Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Inc.* Headquarters is in Montvale, New Jersey.

AARP Use only the initials for the organization formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons.

abaya Robe-like outer garment worn by Muslim women.

abbreviations and acronyms A few universally recognized abbreviations are required in some circumstances. Some others are accept-

The Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law is available for the first time as an interactive e-book, making the nation's leading resource for newsroom style easier to use.

AP is releasing the 2015 AP Stylebook e-book with Basic Books, a division of The Perseus Books Group, which also publishes the perfect-bound print AP Stylebook sold in retail outlets.

Stylebook fans have asked for an e-book version for years, tweeting AP Stylebook On Twitter to suggest adding an e-book to Stylebook's digital product suite. While AP has offered a digital edition in PDF form on Google Play, Chegg eTextbooks and Follett's BryteWave, this is the first time the AP Stylebook is available as an interactive e-book on platforms including Amazon Kindle, Apple iBooks, Barnes & Noble Nook and Kobo.

At more than 5,000 entries, the 2015 AP Stylebook is the biggest edition in its more than six decades of publication. The e-book makes it faster and easier to find a relevant style rule. Now journalists, students, public relations professionals and other writers and editors will have style guidance at the ready at all times.

The 2015 AP Stylebook includes about 300 new or revised entries. The Sports chapter is updated with terms on baseball, basketball, football, horse racing, soccer and winter sports. An 85-page dynamic index helps users quickly find words and definitions, supplementing the e-book's search with concepts and themes users might look for.

The AP Stylebook, edited by David Minthorn, Sally Jacobsen and Paula Froke, is widely used as a writing and editing reference in newsrooms, classrooms and corporate offices worldwide.

Updated regularly since its initial publication in 1953, the AP Stylebook is a must-have reference for writers, editors, students and professionals. It provides fundamental guidelines for spelling, language, punctuation, usage and journalistic style. It is the definitive resource for journalists.

The AP Stylebook is available in print and multiple digital formats.

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Gimme an E, AP!

By **MATTHEW CROWLEY**

E-reader fans, The Associated Press has heard you and responded. The venerable AP Stylebook is now an e-book.

The AP on Wednesday announced the release of the electronic book version of its 2015 Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law, which will complement the print version; Stylebook Online and Stylebook & Webster's New World Online; a Lingofy checker for Web browsers that combines the Stylebook with Webster's New World College Dictionary; the Styleguard checker for Microsoft Word and Outlook; and the Stylebook application for Apple's iOS operating system.

AP is releasing the new e-book with Basic Books, the Perseus Books Group division that also publishes the perfect bound AP Stylebooks sold in retail shops.

The interactive e-book will work on platforms including Amazon's Kindle, Apple's iBooks, Barnes & Noble's Nook and Kobo and complements digital editions in PDF form on Google Play, Chegg eTextbooks and Follett's BryteWave.

"People have been asking for an e-book for years, so we're very happy to give something they've been asking for," AP stylebook Product Manager Colleen Newvine said in an interview. "This rounds out our product suite."



Newvine said the AP worked to give the e-book the feel of its print version, which has been circulating since 1953. For example, although it could have used color inside the book for presentation on color e-readers like the Nook, iPad and Kindle Fire, the AP kept the e-book mostly black and white. There are differences, though. The print version lists A-to-Z as one chunk in its table of contents; the e-book gives each letter a hot link for easy navigation.

On Wednesday, the new e-book, which like the print version was edited by frequent American Copy Editors Society conference speaker David Minthorn, Sally Jacobsen and Paula Froke, was priced at \$9.99 on the Kindle store and \$11.99 on iTunes. Both are cheaper than the print edition, priced at \$20.95 at apstylebook.com.

In a statement announcing the e-book, the AP noted that the 2015 Stylebook is the biggest in six decades of publication, with more than 5,000 entries. On the e-book, the statement said, an 85-page dynamic index will supplement search capabilities to help users find words and definitions quickly.

Although the stylebook's app and checker versions update as changes come throughout the year, the new e-book won't, Newvine said. The AP decided this with colleges in mind; if students buy the e-book as a classroom text, they shouldn't get dinged on quizzes because their version doesn't match the ink-and-paper version, she said.

Newvine said that even in this electronic age, love for ink-on-paper Stylebooks remains strong. Although it has 50,000 subscribers to AP Stylebook online, the AP sells 60,000 print copies annually and the books yield half of the revenue for all stylebook sales. Newvine said that if she's giving away stylebooks at conferences, even tech-oriented events like South by Southwest or Online News Association, people will often choose print copies.

"It'll be interesting to see how this one is received," she said of the e-book.

"I personally really like stylebook online; it suits my usage. But some people really love e-books, and if that's the way they're inclined to go, we want to be there for them."

Even with the e-book niche filled, the AP still has audiences to satisfy, Newvine said. The next project is an app for Google's Android operating system.

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Trump's Falsehoods Pose Challenge to Press and Public (But Apparently Not to His Supporters)

Larry Margasak - I wrote this for The News Literacy Project, to try to explain the Trump phenomenon to high school and middle school students. Hopefully, it's timely for the column the day after the debate.

The story:

Larry Margasak, a retired Associated Press reporter, examines timely news literacy lessons offered by the Donald Trump phenomenon.

During a recent interview with Donald Trump on "On Point," a political talk show on the conservative-leaning One America News cable network, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin praised the businessman, reality TV star and front-runner for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination as "a truth talker." The description was fraught with irony, albeit unintended by the 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee.

In the news media, Trump is widely depicted as anything but a "truth talker." In fact, as Washington Post media reporter Paul Farhi wrote, "it's a full-time job keeping up with his latest outrages, contradictions and misstatements."

Yet to Trump's growing legions of loyalists, this hardly seems to matter.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Connecting mailbox

'I ain't hard of hearing'



Gene Herrick - Sibby Christensen's story about hearing (in Wednesday's Connecting) reminded me of a hearing - and learning - experience I had way back in September 1949. It was hawked as the last meeting of the Southern Confederacy and held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The record says there were four former confederate soldiers, but there were only three there. The attached picture shows the three saluting.

I was invited to go to the room of one of them, the one on the right in the picture, to interview him. Someone told me that I would have to speak somewhat louder as the vet was very hard of hearing. I ventured to his bedside, leaned into his ear, and added a few more decibels to my hello and introduction. He retorted, "What's wrong with you; I ain't hard of hearing." Then he asked the small gathering of friends and relatives, "When's the party going to get started? I'm bored." He also asked for a drink of whisky.

They all gathered and held a moving ceremony.

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Midwest Roots run deep in Zucker family

George Zucker - Sorry, Judi and I won't make the Midwest AP reunion. We don't get around much anymore. But count on us to be there in spirit -- our three children are all Hoosiers, born in the same hospital in Indianapolis. In fact, our family owes its very existence to AP hitches in Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska. Here's a look at how one man's family was abundantly blessed by multiple AP moves.

Two of our three children graduated from Midwest colleges, as did two of our five grandchildren. Judi and I began married life in Indy in 1958 and in our eight years there I

switched jobs from WIBC radio to UPI and then to AP. When we were planning our wedding, I was a reporter/deejay at WSGA, a small radio station in Savannah, Ga., my first job after four years in the Air Force as a military journalist.



My boss at WSGA was Fred Heckman, who later became the longtime news director at WIBC, the big 50,000-watt station in Indianapolis. He hired me there in 1958. In 1961, UPI hired me and my move to AP followed in 1964. We bought our first house in Indy, then sold it when AP moved us to Los Angeles in 1966. Indiana Gov. Roger Branigan named me a "Sagamore of the Wabash," the state's highest honor.

It took a dozen years and AP tours in LA, Honolulu, Baltimore and Nashville before my career swung back to the Midwest as COB in Des Moines, responsible for Iowa and Nebraska. (I did not think it was particularly funny when Jack Cappon quipped, "Your career has been in precipitous decline since you left Hawaii!")

Our daughter Peggy graduated from Iowa State where she met her husband and father of two of our five grandchildren -- Dean, a graduate of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, and Hanna, an orthopedic nurse in Omaha and graduate of Creighton University. Our son Lee also has Midwestern chops. He lived in Madison, Wis., for 14 years, earning his degree there at Lakeland University. He's now a new father and a well-traveled technical expert for SAP, the giant German software company based in Newtown Square, Pa.

My move to Philadelphia in 1977 as COB reaped blessings for Susy, our other daughter, who graduated from Pitt and later met her husband and father of our two other grandkids -- Jeffrey, a University of Pennsylvania economics grad who works for Goldman Sachs as a newly minted chartered financial analyst. His sister Becca is a graduate of Millersville (Pa.) University, where she met her fiance. Our fifth grandchild, Eric Lee Zucker, 3, was born on his father's 47th birthday two days after Judi and I moved to Shannondell at Valley Forge, a retirement community about 90 miles from the same hospital in Newark, N.J., where we both were born five years apart.

On rereading this it looks like my lead alluded to a popular soap opera. Don't think Judi and I spend the days of our lives watching soaps. It's just that we're no longer among the young and the restless.

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Connecting members comment on chiefs of bureau

Chris Carola - A list of bureau chiefs since I rejoined AP in Albany in 1988 (I don't have their years as COB). Howard was COB for upstate and NYC:

Lew Wheaton

Robert Naylor
Beth Grace
David Marcus
Hank Ackerman
Howard Goldberg
Sally Hale (also COB of Pa. and NJ)

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Katharine Webster - I worked for, in order:

Pete Mattiace, Charleston, W.Va., 1992-1993

Mike Short, Boston, Mass., 1993-1996

Larry Laughlin, Northern New England (based in Concord, N.H.), 1996-2007

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Larry Hamlin - Here's a list of COBs I remember in Oklahoma City. Sorry, I don't know their years of service. Dan was COB when I started in April, 1964.

Dan Perkes
Carl Rogan
Ken Siner
John Shurr
Robert Shaw
Lindel Hutson

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Dorothy Abernathy - Here's a list of bureau chiefs for Richmond. I'm pretty sure this is a complete list. I don't know the dates that people served, however.

- * Frank Fuller
- * Tom Pendergast
- * Larry McDermott
- * Bob Gallimore
- * Dennis Montgomery
- * Dorothy Abernathy

It's not a very long list. But Frank Fuller was bureau chief for something like 40 years. I was bureau chief for 26 years before the title changed. And, as I recall, Bob Gallimore was bureau chief for a few decades before he retired in 1985.

The Richmond bureau opened in the early 1920s.

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Robert Shaw - Here is the list of the bureau chiefs in Little Rock as far back as I know of them, but I can't say the order is correct between Starr's leaving and Arnold's arrival. Lindel Hutson may be able to help on that. I've asked longtime News Editor Harry King and he's hazy on the order, too. There also was a CoB in West Virginia who had been in Little Rock in the 1950s, before Fuller (I think) but I can't come up with his name at this time..

The Little Rock list so far, with a little more research pending:

Keith Fuller
Al Dopking
Tom Dygard
John R. Starr
Larry McDermott
Rob Dalton
Dennis Montgomery
Pat Arnold
Kristen Gazlay
Bill Simmons
Robert Shaw
Dale Leach

Lindel Hutson adds: One correction to Robert's LR list. Starr was succeeded by Rob Dalton, who served there for about a year before moving back to NY and the GenDesk and from there to NY broadcast. McDermott for sure succeeded Dalton, but I'm not crystal clear on the progression after that.

News of AP people

AP names Hamilton as new technology editor

NEW YORK (AP) - David Hamilton, a former assistant managing editor of CNET and Wall Street Journal reporter, has been named technology editor for The Associated Press.

Hamilton will lead a team of business reporters covering technology and work with AP staff around the globe on coverage of technology's impact on business and daily life.

"David brings tremendous energy and passion for technology to the AP team," said Lisa Gibbs, AP's business editor. "His understanding of how tech is changing our lives will help AP up its coverage game in a fast-changing environment."

Hamilton, 49, starts Oct. 5 and will be based in San Francisco. He is a senior editor at the



news startup OZY.

He previously managed a team of reporters at the technology news site ReadWrite. During his five-year tenure at CBS Interactive, he managed the CNET news desk and helped launch a business blog network.

Before that, Hamilton spent 14 years as a reporter for the Wall Street Journal in San Francisco and Tokyo, covering biotechnology and the Internet economy, among other beats.

He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

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AP appoints new vice president of sales for Asia

The Associated Press announced today the appointment of YK Chan as its new vice president of sales for Asia. Chan, who has been head of AP's Global Media Services unit for Asia, will succeed Maria Ronson, who will conclude her long tenure as an AP executive at the end of the year.

Asia, a key region for AP, continues to evolve at a fast pace.

"The Asian market is being disrupted by a number of factors," said Daisy Veerasingham, AP's senior vice president for revenue, international. "The digital landscape is becoming ever more prominent and formats are changing - along with consumer demand and viewing habits. The success of this role is critical to the organization and we are confident that Chan will stand up to the challenge and make a real difference in the market."

Chan, a native of Singapore who is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese, joined AP in 2001 as a regional sales executive for Asia. Based in Hong Kong, he worked across different areas of the business before leading GMS in Asia, with a focus on Japan, China and Australia. He has already made a significant contribution to the Chinese market and the growth of customer revenues for AP.



Chan has 22 years' experience in television news and media, and in-depth knowledge of AP's operations, including business and revenue generation, sales and technical production.

"Due to the changing nature of the market we needed to appoint someone who knows the region inside out," said Veerasingham. "Chan has been at AP for many years and worked across different areas of the business, gathering a wide range of experience that will help him drive the role and the region forward. He has exceeded his targets over the years and has significant knowledge of the market, our customers and their challenges. We are delighted to have someone with his experience step into the role."

Since joining AP in 1980, Ronson has been dedicated to putting AP on the map in Asia, using her passion for AP, her background in news and her sense of market trends to generate significant business opportunities and continuously grow AP's presence in the region.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

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AP's Ashley Thomas to be honored by Dow Jones Fund

Princeton, N.J. (Sept. 16, 2015) - Ashley Thomas, BJ '07, is one of six outstanding former participants in the Dow Jones News Fund who will be recognized at organization's first-ever Alumni Awards Reception. The Oct. 9 event in New York City will celebrate journalistic excellence and honor media professionals who break boundaries, promote newsroom innovation, and mentor the next generation.

Also included in the select group of honorees is Mario Garcia, CEO and founder of Garcia Media. He received a Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism in 2011.



The DJNF offers paid internships to graduate and undergraduate students at national and regional media partners, including The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. The students work as business reporters, digital journalists, and news and sports copy editors.

The Missouri School of Journalism has a strong connection with the DJNF. Hundreds of Missouri students have served as interns. The School also has served as a site for the program's boot camp under the direction of Brian Brooks, professor emeritus and former dean of undergraduate studies. He has been the director of the Missouri boot camp for more than 40 years.

Thomas is East Region Day Supervisor for The Associated Press. She interned at the AP in New York City, and her performance was so impressive she was offered a full-time job with the AP at summer's end. Similarly, she was named an Edward Traves Scholar in 2008, an honor endowed by the O'Toole Family Foundation of Short Hills, New Jersey, named for

the director of the pre-internship training program at Temple. The award is given to the best intern in the DJNF summer internship program.

Thousands of news industry leaders were trained by the News Fund and credit their experiences as pivotal in their careers.

Linda Shockley, Dow Jones News Fund managing director, said, "We're pleased to honor these exceptional alumni. We are starting a tradition of supporting aspiring journalists by celebrating our alumni."

Click [here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Suzette Heiman, University of Missouri School of Journalism.

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AP's Justin Myers named to LinkedIn Next Wave list

Columbia, Mo. (Sept. 14, 2015) - Two Missouri School of Journalism alumni have been named to the LinkedIn Next Wave list, a group of 150 professionals ages 35 and under, who are changing 15 different industries.

Jon Halvorson, BJ '04, and Justin Myers, BJ '11, BS EE '11, were chosen from a network of more than 380 million professionals. Key factors in choosing honorees were their abilities to create ideas, drive management and spark entrepreneurship.

Halvorson is director of global media strategy and entertainment at General Motors. He studied strategic communication at the School. LinkedIn noted the following about his selection in the "Marketing & Advertising" category:

"Halvorson has massive influence through his massive pocketbook. At 33, he's the head of GM's global media strategy, which means that when GM decides to deploy its \$3 billion-plus marketing budget, Halvorson's directing the flow. It's still too soon to know how he'll reshape GM's media message; he joined the company in April after nearly seven years at Starcom Mediavest Group and is still "assessing the opportunity," he tells LinkedIn. For Starcom, he oversaw communications planning, branded entertainment and digital marketing across 40+ markets and with big-brand clients. His work on Mondelez' Oreos and Trident brands racked up awards. Friends are in awe of Halvorson's drive. One recent example: He dropped 100 lbs. and started competing in Ironman competitions."

Myers is the news automation editor at The Associated Press. He was a Walter Williams Scholar and studied print and digital news at the School. LinkedIn said the following about his selection in the "Media" category.



Justin Myers
News automation editor, The AP

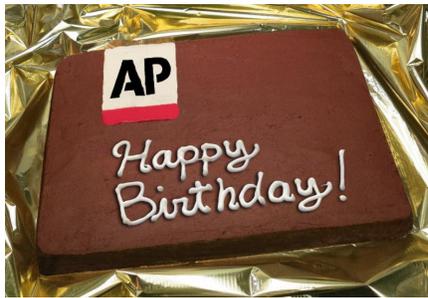
What do you do with undergrad degrees in journalism and electrical engineering from the University of Missouri? Break new...

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"What do you do with undergrad degrees in journalism and electrical engineering from the University of Missouri? Break new ground on automating news production - duh. Myers, 27, helps oversee the more than 3,500 "robot stories" produced each quarter at the AP in business and sports - from corporate earnings to baseball recaps. Extra points to Myers for plying his trade at one of the oldest and biggest news organizations in the world, the kind of place where change doesn't come quickly. Myers may be trying to make the news come faster and more automated, but his interests are decidedly laid back and manual. They include crochet and baking (and, oh, research on cognitive processing)."

Click [here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Suzette Heiman, University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Rod Richardson (Email)

Stories of interest

Why the Best War Reporter in a Generation Had to Suddenly Stop (Esquire)



The forces of Libyan president Muammar Qaddafi had been firing high-explosive ordnance into the city of Misurata for weeks-they'd been shooting tank rounds and they'd been firing rockets. Barrage after barrage. And lots of mortars. And among the 120mm mortars they had been firing were Spanish-made rounds that were a clustering munition that had never been seen in combat before. This was a serious problem, because we now know that the Spaniards had sold the mortars to the Qaddafi government just as Spain was preparing to join the international convention that banned them.

We know this because of the work of C.J. Chivers of The New York Times, also a frequent contributor to Esquire, whose expertise in ballistics and battlefield tactics-and nearly unprecedented experience reporting from war zones-has made him the most important war correspondent of his time. Chivers suspected that Qaddafi was using the Spanish mortars, and it was when he went to prove it that a NATO jet on a bombing run tried to kill him.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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What it's actually like to be a Black employee at a tech company

(Medium.com)

My fingertips danced with delight as I frantically typed away at my computer. "I just saw a new Black person! Does anyone know who it is?" I circulated the email to the "Blackbirds," Twitter's internal group for Black employees. In my three years as Manager of Journalism and News at the company, I was always thrilled whenever a new hire of color joined our ranks. By the end of the day, the Blackbirds were buzzing amongst ourselves. We lavished the new employee with our customary welcome to Twitter's vibrant workplace.

Weeks after our new colleague's induction, I had to break the news to the group that I would soon leave the company I loved. Witnessing firsthand the lack of faces of color instilled in me the desire to apply my technology skills toward the visibility of Blacks in

media.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Voices: My return to a very different Capitol (USA Today)

By PAUL SINGER

WASHINGTON - I've been having flashbacks the past few days.

Last week, I moved into USA TODAY's desk in the Senate Press Gallery, less than 10 feet from the desk I occupied for United Press International in March 2000.

The Press Gallery looks much like it looked then - a regal marble and tile corridor full of wood cubicles where reporters from dozens of news outlets camp out while covering the U.S. Congress. A set of doors opens onto the Senate chamber; reporters can sit in the rows of bar stools above the Senate floor and watch the proceedings below, but we rarely do. We mostly watch on the hundreds of screens in the gallery. The bulk of our work is nagging sources on the phones, over email and in the halls of the Capitol.

My new job is a lot like the job I took 15 years ago - producing and overseeing congressional coverage for a large, general-interest news organization.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Hillary Clinton Is Stuck In A Poll-Deflating Feedback Loop (fivethirtyeight.com)

It's the candidates who play the long game, and play by the establishment's rules, who usually win presidential nominations. Political parties have lots of ways to influence the race in favor of these candidates, from how they appoint superdelegates to how they schedule debates. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on advertising, meanwhile, and the bulk usually favors establishment candidates. And voters have a lot of time to make their decisions and can amend them as they go along - an insurgent candidate who wins Iowa or New Hampshire won't necessarily have staying power if they've failed to build a broad coalition of support.

The short run is different. The short run can be crazy. Feedback loops can produce self-reinforcing (but usually temporary) booms and busts of support. For instance, a candidate who has some initial spark of success, such as by doing well in a debate, can receive more favorable media coverage. That, in turn, can beget more success as voters jump on the bandwagon and his poll numbers go up further.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Robert Weller.

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What happened after 7 news sites got rid of reader comments (Nieman)

Recode, Reuters, Popular Science, The Week, Mic, The Verge, and USA Today's FTW have all shut off reader comments in the past year. Here's how they're all using social media to encourage reader discussion.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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N&O reporter wins award for courage in journalism

News & Observer reporter Dan Kane has won the Frank McCulloch Award for Courage in Journalism for his dogged coverage of the athletic and academic scandal at the University of North Carolina.



The award was announced Wednesday by the Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno.

During the past four years, Kane wrote a series of investigative stories that led to the exposure of bogus classes for athletes at UNC-Chapel Hill. In naming Kane one of the most influential people in higher education in 2014, The Chronicle of Higher Education called him "the quiet force" behind the information revealed in the October report by former federal prosecutor Kenneth Wainstein, who documented 18 years of bogus classes that helped keep athletes eligible to play for the university.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Richard Chady.

Today in History - September 17, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, September 17, the 260th day of 2015. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and

signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam (an-TEE'-tum) in Maryland.

In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside Washington D.C.

In 1937, the likeness of President Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

In 1955, Tennessee Ernie Ford recorded "Sixteen Tons" by Merle Travis for Capitol Records in Hollywood.

In 1964, the James Bond movie "Goldfinger," starring [Sean Connery](#), premiered in London. The fantasy sitcom "Bewitched," starring Elizabeth Montgomery, debuted on ABC-TV.

In 1971, citing health reasons, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, 85, retired. (Black, who was succeeded by Lewis F. Powell Jr., died eight days after making his announcement.)

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1984, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

In 1994, Heather Whitestone of Alabama was crowned the first deaf Miss America.

In 2011, a demonstration calling itself Occupy Wall Street began in New York, prompting similar protests around the U.S. and the world.

Ten years ago: Two passengers were killed, more than 100 people hurt when a Chicago Metra commuter train derailed while changing tracks at high speed. Insurgents assassinated a Kurdish member of parliament, his brother and their driver in an ambush north of Baghdad.

Five years ago: Thousands of cheering Catholic schoolchildren feted Pope Benedict XVI on his second day in Britain, offering a boisterous welcome, as the pontiff urged their teachers to make sure to provide a trusting, safe environment. A scientist and his wife who once worked at a top-secret U.S. nuclear laboratory were arrested after an FBI sting operation and charged with conspiring to help develop a nuclear weapon for Venezuela. (After pleading guilty, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni was sentenced to five years in federal prison while his wife, Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, received a year and a day; the U.S. government has never alleged that Venezuela or anyone actually working for it had sought U.S. secrets.)

One year ago: The Republican-controlled House voted grudgingly to give the administration authority to train and arm Syrian rebels as President Barack Obama emphasized anew that American forces "do not and will not have a combat mission" in the struggle against Islamic State militants in either Iraq or Syria. [George Hamilton IV](#), 77, a Grand Ole Opry member who was one of country music's first international ambassadors, died in Nashville.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Huddleston is 85. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 82. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 76. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 80. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 72. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is 70. Singer Fee Waybill is 65. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 64. Comedian Rita Rudner is 62. Muppeteer Kevin Clash (former voice of Elmo on "Sesame Street") is 55. Director-actor Paul Feig is 53. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 53. Singer BeBe Winans is 53. TV personality /businessman Robert Herjavec (TV: "Shark Tank") is 52. Actor Kyle Chandler is 50. Director-producer Bryan Singer is 50. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 49. Actor Malik Yoba is 48. Rock musician Keith Flint (Prodigy) is 46. Actor Matthew Settle is 46. Rapper Vinnie (Naughty By Nature) is 45. Actor Felix Solis is 44. Rock singer Anastacia is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 42. Actress-singer Nona Gaye is 41. Singer-actor Constantine Maroulis is 40. NASCAR driver [Jimmie Johnson](#) is 40. Pop singer Maile (MY'-lee) Misajon (Eden's Crush) is 39. Country singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran is 36. Rock musician Chuck Comeau (Simple Plan) is 36. Actor Billy Miller is 36. Country singer Desi Wasdin (3 of Hearts) is 32. Rock musician Jon Walker is 30. Actress

Danielle Brooks (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 26. Actress-singer Denyse Tontz is 21.

Thought for Today: "We must not say every mistake is a foolish one." - Cicero, Roman scholar (106-43 B.C.).

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