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A sea of blue...Royals fans



This photo was shot by AP freelancer Reed Hoffmann from the top of Liberty Memorial.

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Associated Press journalists covering the largest parade and gathering in Kansas City - and Missouri - history didn't have far to travel to do their work.

The Kansas City Royals' World Series victory parade and rally took place right outside their front door. Since 1984, the building that has been home to the bureau, including the Kansas City Technical Center. It is the brown structure shown at far lower left.

Kansas City Mayor Sly James estimated the crowd at 800,000, and Governor Jay Nixon said it was the largest crowd assembled for one event in Missouri's history.

Paul

Sarah Nordgren becomes executive director of APME

NEW YORK (AP) - Sarah Nordgren, an experienced newsroom leader who has held numerous roles in the editorial and revenue departments of The Associated

Press, has been named executive director of Associated Press Media Editors and director of AP's U.S. news operations. The announcement was made by Brian Carovillano, AP's vice president for U.S. news.

As executive director of APME, Nordgren will lead an industry organization that seeks to foster journalistic excellence and support and train the leaders of today's multimedia newsrooms.

Nordgren will also serve as director of operations for AP's U.S. news team. In that role she will help manage bureaus and regional desks in the 50 states, including staff in every U.S. state capital, and help shepherd key newsroom initiatives. She will report to Carovillano.

"AP and APME are fortunate to have Sarah Nordgren in this critical role," he said. "She is among the smartest journalists and best strategic thinkers I know, and I have learned so much from her over the years about journalism and leadership."



For the past four years, Nordgren has served as AP's director of U.S. content development. In that role, she has been a primary liaison between AP's newsroom and revenue departments and has led efforts to develop a digital publishing business.

Before that, she was deputy managing editor and director of state news, in which she oversaw AP's domestic news bureaus. She has helped develop social media guidelines and led the development of global beat teams. She first joined AP in 1982 and has also served as a reporter and assistant chief of bureau in Chicago.

Nordgren is originally from Omaha and lives in New York City with her husband. She has two children.

"She is very well-respected by her colleagues and those in newsrooms around the country," said Laura Sellers-Earl, president of APME and managing editor of the Daily Astorian in Astoria, Oregon. "We are eager to work with Sarah to move APME even further into the forefront of promoting quality journalism, Freedom of Information, innovation and training exceptional newsroom leaders."

In her APME role, Nordgren succeeds Sally Jacobsen, who retired Friday following a career in which she also served as AP's international editor and as editor of the AP Stylebook.

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

John Lundquist, longtime Minneapolis staffer, dies at 94

Longtime Minneapolis AP staffer John Lundquist has died. He was 94 at the time of his death on October 30, 2015.



Born Nov. 25, 1920, in Minneapolis, John served in the Army Air Corps in World War II in India. He returned to Minneapolis, where he completed his journalism degree at the University of Minnesota.

He began his career as a journalist at the Minot Daily News in North Dakota. He joined the AP in Baltimore in 1950. He transferred to the Minneapolis bureau in 1960 and worked there until his retirement in 1985. After retiring from AP, he spent a decade in an administrative position at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

John is survived by his wife, the former Alice Hansen, and their three children-- Karen Lundquist (Jeryl), Brian Lundquist (Judy), and Alex, Jana Oman (Paul), and Tommy, Kelsey and Emily;

John's funeral will be Thursday at 11:00 AM at Woodlake Lutheran Church, 7525 Oliver Ave. S., Richfield, Minnesota. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Morris Nilsen Chapel, 6527 Portland Ave. S., and one hour prior to service at the church. Private interment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Woodlake Lutheran Church, the Journalism Library at the University of Minnesota or Grace Hospice in Minneapolis.

[Click here](#) for a link to his obituary.

Memories of John Lundquist...

Karren Mills - I am sad to hear of John Lundquist's passing. I worked with John for many years in Minneapolis, from 1968 until his retirement. I always thought of John as "The Happy Whistler." He was always whistling as he worked and he could carry a tune, although at times it could get on your nerves. John was also the most strident union member that I ever worked with. He was always vigilant in looking out for the rights of Wire Service Guild members and working constantly to recruit new members. There was also his quirky sense of humor that always made you laugh.

Martha Malan - John was the heart and soul of the Wire Service Guild in Minneapolis. He was a true gentleman and a dedicated professional. (Also the only man I knew whose expertise included shorthand.) When required to drink for the sake of collegiality, his beverage of choice was orange-flavored vodka. At one such staff party, he was inspired to throw snowballs into the host's living room. Very uncharacteristic, but very funny.

Bill Huntzicker - John Lindquist was both a Republican and a union leader and I was a 22-year-old who naively disagreed with him on both fronts. After leaving the AP, I went to graduate school and worked at the University of Minnesota News Service and learned to know John as a real gentleman on his occasional visits to campus. At lunch once, I expressed frustration at being a slow reader among more productive students. He told me: Reading a book should be like drinking good wine. You need to sip it to appreciate it. Don't drink it all down all at once. I often think about that advice as I continue to read at a sometimes frustratingly slow pace.

Gene Lahammer remembers John as a "solid journalist, the most pro-union person I ever knew and a staunch Republican." He remembers walking down the bureau stairs with John when the strike started at 7 a.m. on a subzero day in January 1969. (John was Midwest strike chairman, Gene his deputy.) Gene also recalled John taking a cab to Anoka, which would have cost a small fortune, to cover the opening of the Ming Sen Shiue trial on federal kidnapping charges in 1981. (An aside: Murderpedia.org has good info on Shiue, who got New York's attention when he attacked his victim with a knife as she testified at his trial--and AP wasn't there. Thereafter, we staffed the trial daily.)

Your pet peeves on misuse of words, phrases - continued

Doug Tucker - Stray bullet. We see and hear this all the time and it is a despicable misuse of the English language. Bullets do not "stray." Dogs stray. Cows stray. Drunken husbands doing the town at the Shriners' convention sometimes stray. But every bullet ever fired followed exactly the path and trajectory that was ordained for it the instant the trigger was pulled. Of course, there are accidental shootings caused by careless or unskilled shooters, often with tragic results, and instances of innocent people getting shot simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

But an independent will is necessary in order to "stray." No bullet ever exercised an independent will.

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David Smyth - Does anyone share my dislike of "normalcy" instead of "normality"? It always looks and sounds like a monstrosity to me. Fear it may be irrational hostility in my case.

Another thing, on TV: These pictures are too graphic to show. All pics are graphic surely. If they are shocking, why not say they are shocking?

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Gordon Sakamoto - How about gave birth to a "BABY" boy/girl?

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Michael Rubin - Beyond annoying when television color commentators repeatedly use the word "football" when they say anything during games. It's never just the ball, it's always "the football," never the game, always "the football game" and always "the football field," never simply the field. Thus "The quarterback throws the football down the football field in this football game and throughout the football season when they play football in this football stadium."

I don't hear the same type of repetitive phrasing during the baseball games and I think the vast majority of viewers clicking on college and NFL games can figure out they're watching football and not water polo.

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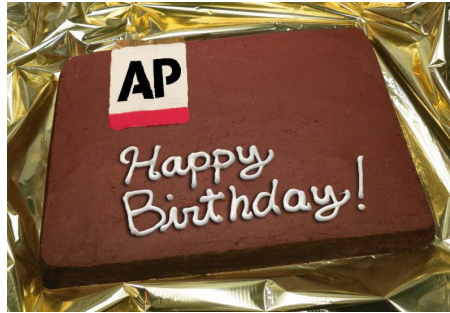
Jim Bagby - 1. Star sportswriters don't know sank from sunk, or swam from swum or a number of other past tenses from past perfect. maybe they have been infected by Hud's "shoulda wents" and "he don't knows." (Colorful is one thing; exposing young listeners to inexcusable grammar from a supposedly professional analyst is disgusting.

2. I can recall encountering only one member of the medical profession, ever -- doctor or nurse - not guilty of instructing me to lay back or lay down. (If I cluck, it only brings a blank look).

3. This is universal, and the most disturbing. I think it originated with the TV talking heads. We are afraid we'll be excluded from the gentry if we use "me" or other objective pronouns. So listen for "Contact Roger or I." "We ordered game 7 tickets for Shirley and I." "It took almost four days for my brother and I to get here." "Alex Smith had a choice between he and the tight end." (OK, Dawson is a Big 10 grad, maybe English is not a requirement...) Me could go on and on.

George Zucker - The car collided with the tree. Only moving bodies collide. And you don't center around. You center on.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Richard Weiss ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

Why we published the name of shooter who killed three

Gary Graham - Thought I'd send a link to yesterday's column about naming the shooter who killed three people on Saturday. The editor, Joanna Bean, is a new friend of mine (courtesy of APME). She's smart and very thoughtful.

By Joanna Bean
Editor, Colorado Springs Gazette



Within hours of the first shots fired near downtown Colorado Springs on Saturday, the questions began: who was the shooter and why wouldn't police release his name? By afternoon, this much was known: a gunman had opened fire on three people near Platte Avenue and Prospect Street, then died in a shootout with police.

I want to offer some insight to readers who are curious about - and critical of - our decisions in covering this difficult and heartrending story. And I'd like to address the growing movement that urges the media to never use the names of shooters, suggesting that to do so gives them notoriety and may encourage copy cats. The trend has grown as the number of mass shootings around the country has grown - so much so that it has its own Twitter hashtags: #forgettheshooter and #nonotriety, among others.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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Layoffs at National Geographic

Journalists at National Geographic are learning whether they still have jobs today, Jim Romenesko reported on Tuesday. Romenesko published a memo from

National Geographic CEO Gary Knell that read, in part, "Please watch your inbox for important information about your employment status tomorrow."

After very careful and serious consideration, we are ready to communicate how our restructuring and transformation will affect each employee at National Geographic. To that end, please make every effort to be available tomorrow, November 3rd, either in your regular work location, and/or by phone.

In September, National Geographic announced that the magazine and its assets had been sold to 21st Century Fox. The Washington Post's Paul Farhi reported that the Rupert Murdoch-owned Fox would hold a 73 percent stake in the company.

[Click here](#) to read more. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Today in History - October 4, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 4, the 308th day of 2015. There are 57 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 4, 1955, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Cy Young died in Newcomerstown, Ohio, at age 88.

On this date:

In 1884, Democrat Grover Cleveland was elected to his first term as president, defeating Republican James G. Blaine.

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge, who'd succeeded the late President Warren G. Harding, was elected to a full term of office; Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming was elected the nation's first female governor to serve out the remaining term of her late husband, William B. Ross.

In 1939, the United States modified its neutrality stance in World War II, allowing "cash and carry" purchases of arms by belligerents, a policy favoring Britain and France.

In 1942, during World War II, Axis forces retreated from El Alamein in North Africa in a major victory for British forces commanded by Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

In 1952, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson. The highly secretive National Security Agency came into existence.

In 1964, comedian Lenny Bruce was convicted by a three-judge panel in New York of obscenity charges stemming from his performances at the Cafe Au Go Go in Greenwich Village. (Bruce received a posthumous pardon in 2003 from New York Gov. [George Pataki](#).)

In 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; for some of them, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

In 1980, Republican Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Jimmy Carter by a strong margin.

In 1991, Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, California; in attendance were President George H.W. Bush and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard Nixon - the first-ever gathering of five past and present U.S. chief executives.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally. Retired professor Morris Schwartz of "Tuesdays with Morrie" fame died in Newton, Massachusetts, at age 78.

In 2008, Democrat Barack Obama was elected the first black president of the United States, defeating Republican [John McCain](#).

Ten years ago: Violent anti-U.S. protests broke out in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, where President George W. Bush was promoting free trade at the Summit of the Americas. Jewish Defense League activist Earl Krugel, imprisoned for his role in a bomb plot, died after being assaulted in a federal prison in Phoenix; he was 62. Actress Sheree North, 73, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Australian airline Qantas grounded all six of its Airbus A380 superjumbo jets after one of them blew out an engine over Indonesia; the plane made a safe emergency return to Singapore with 469 people aboard. An AeroCaribbean ATR 72 crashed in a mountainous area of Cuba, killing all 68 people on board. Hall of Fame baseball team manager Sparky Anderson died in Thousand Oaks, California, at age 76.

One year ago: Riding a powerful wave of voter discontent, resurgent Republicans captured control of the Senate and tightened their grip on the House during the 2014 elections. A Russian member of the Taliban made his first appearance in a federal court in Richmond, Virginia, marking the first time a military detainee from Afghanistan had been brought to the U.S. for trial. (In August 2015, a federal jury convicted Irek Hamidullin of planning and leading a Taliban attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan.) Actor Richard Schaal, 86, died in Woodland Hills, California. S. Donald Stookey, 99, the inventor of CorningWare, died in Rochester, New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Doris Roberts is 85. Actress Loretta Swit is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harry Elston (Friends of Distinction) is 77. Blues singer Delbert McClinton is 75. Former first lady Laura Bush is 69. Actress Ivonne Coll (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 68. Actress Markie Post is 65. Rock singer-musician Chris Difford (Squeeze) is 61. Country singer Kim Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 55. Actress-comedian Kathy Griffin is 55. Actor Ralph Macchio is 54. "Survivor" host Jeff Probst is 54. Actor [Matthew McConaughey](#) is 46. Rapper-producer Sean "Puffy" Combs is 46. Talk show host Bethenny Frankel is 45. Actor Anthony Ruivivar is 45. Soul/jazz singer Gregory Porter is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Shawn Rivera (Az Yet) is 44. Celebrity chef Curtis Stone is 40. Actress Heather Tom is 40. Rhythm-and-blues/gospel singer George Huff is 35. Actress Emme Rylan is 35. Actress Gillian Zinser is 30.

Thought for Today: "A boy becomes an adult three years before his parents think he does, and about two years after he thinks he does." - Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director (1893-1977).

Got a story to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"My boo boos - A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.



- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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