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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Your comments on cities with names similar to the news media continue to arrive in the Connecting mailbox, and we lead with them in today's issue.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

About those unusual, media-related datelines

John Epperson ([Email](#)) - I am but a few miles north of Media, Pennsylvania. Following your report on the road from Agate, Colorado, I am reminded of several newspapers with the word "nugget" in the masthead. My favorite is the Nome Nugget. Alaska's oldest and coldest newspaper. Recent story lead was about a musk ox goring and killing a second sled dog.

As I write I guess I could have just finished my morning Washington Post while listening to a recording of the Washington Post March. The newspaper has a room in their building named for the composer, John Phillip Sousa, Director of United States Marine Corps band.

Next weekend we may go up to Reading, Pennsylvania.

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John Henry ([Email](#)) - Here's one with some notoriety - Media, Pa., seat of government for Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

(This is where anti-war activists broke into a two-man FBI office in 1971 and stole files that lifted the veil of secrecy around the agency's domestic spying operation called COINTELPRO and fueled calls for an investigation by the Church committee.)

Also, there's a little, unincorporated town in Delta County, Texas, called Jot-Em-Down. It's NE of Dallas and also is known as Bagley, Mohegan or Muddig Prairie. (According to The Texas Almanac)

Others: Correctionville, Iowa; Enterprise in Wisconsin and Mississippi; and Alert, Nunavut, Canada.

And if you talk about the 5 Ws, you have to mention Why, An unincorporated town in Pima County, Arizona.

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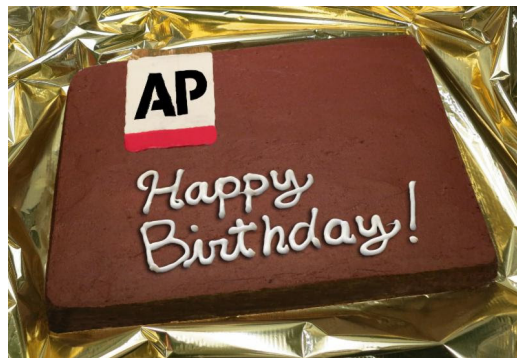
Neal Ulevich (Email) - The thread of odd and newsie datelines made me think of sister city relationships which town fathers never seem to tire of. My favorites are Hurley, Wisconsin, and Burley, Idaho. Also Bend, Oregon, and Dover, Delaware. When passing through Burley some years ago I made the pitch at city hall for a Hurley-Burley sister city connection. I was graciously invited to leave.

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John Wylie (Email) - Loved Agate, Colo.

Not sure whether it qualifies definitively as journalism-related, but I'd nominate Hooker, Okla. The term and profession sure played a role in the early versions of movies like The Front Page. The town of about 1,900 is in the Panhandle and one of only three communities big enough to make the map in the roughly 50 miles from Guymon to Liberal, Kan. Actually a very friendly community where people have a sense of humor--which you'd have to when the answer to "Where ya from and whatcha do?" starts with "Hooker and..."

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



On Sunday to...

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Stories of interest

Trump's Tariffs on Canadian Newsprint Hasten Local Newspapers' Demise (New York Times)

By Catie Edmondson and Jaclyn Peiser

WASHINGTON - The Trump administration's decision to impose tariffs on Canadian newsprint is hastening the demise of local newspapers across the country, forcing already-struggling publications to cut staff, reduce the number of days they print and, in at least one case, shutter entirely.

Surging newsprint costs are beginning to hurt publications like The Gazette in Janesville, Wis., the hometown paper of the House speaker, Paul D. Ryan, which has long felt a mandate to punch above its weight. The paper, with a newsroom staff of 22, was the first to publish the news in 2016 that Mr. Ryan would support the presidential candidacy of Donald J. Trump. And while its editorial board has endorsed Mr. Ryan countless times, the paper made national news when it chided him for refusing to hold town halls with his constituents.

Now, with newsprint tariffs increasing annual printing costs by \$740,000, The Gazette has made several cuts to its staff and is using narrower paper, reducing the number of stories published every day.

"We're all paying a huge price," Skip Bliss, the publisher of The Gazette, said of the tariffs' effect on the industry. "I fear it's going to be a very difficult time. I think there's probably going to be some casualties."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen, Doug Pizac.

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\$3.9B buyout of Tribune by Sinclair ends in acrimony

NEW YORK (AP) - The \$3.9 billion buyout of Tribune Media by Sinclair collapsed Thursday, ending a bid to create a massive media juggernaut that could have rivaled the reach of Fox News.

Tribune Media Co. said Thursday that it is suing Sinclair for breach of contract and at least \$1 billion in damages, according to its complaint.

Sinclair used "unnecessarily aggressive and protracted negotiations" with the Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission over regulatory requirements, the Chicago company said, and it refused to sell the stations it needed to in order to gain regulatory approval.

Sinclair Broadcast Group wanted the Chicago company's 42 TV stations and had initially agreed to dump almost two dozen of its own to score approval by the FCC.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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Online photos can't simply be re-published, EU court rules (Politico)

By JANOSCH DELCKER

Internet users must ask for a photographer's permission before publishing their images, even if the photos were already freely accessible elsewhere online, the European Court of Justice ruled Tuesday.

"The posting on a website of a photograph that was freely accessible on another website with the consent of the author requires a new authorisation by that author," the EU's top court said in a statement.

The court had been asked to decide on a case in Germany, in which a secondary school student downloaded and used a photo that had been freely accessible on a travel website for a school project. The photo was later posted on the school's website as well.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Shane.

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Ex-Hearst Newspaper chief Robert Danzig dies at 85



In this July 22, 2004, file photo Bob Danzig, chief executive officer of Hearst Newspaper Group, holds the hand of one of the newest New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) caseworkers, as he gives the 130 new DYFS hires a pep talk in Trenton,

N.J. Danzig, who overcame difficult beginnings as a foster child during the Great Depression to become the head of Hearst Newspapers, has died at age 85, the company said. Danzig died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Cape Cod, Mass., after a long illness. (AP Photo/Daniel Hulshizer, File)

By ALEXANDRA OLSON

NEW YORK (AP) - Robert J. Danzig, who overcame difficult beginnings as a foster child during the Great Depression to become the head of Hearst Newspapers, has died, the company said. He was 85.

Danzig led the newspaper division at Hearst from 1977 to 1997, overseeing its growth to become the seventh largest newspaper company in the United States, the company said. He died Wednesday in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, after a long illness.

Under Danzig's leadership, Hearst acquired the Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News and several community newspapers. It gained a daily circulation of more than 1.3 million and a Sunday circulation of more than 2.5 million, the company said.

"Bob Danzig played a pivotal role in the dramatic growth of Hearst's newspaper operations in a career that spanned more than 50 years," Hearst President and CEO Steven R. Swartz said. "He was the rarest of executive talent, with equal measures of pragmatism and warmth, and his leadership lessons are part of Hearst's DNA."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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Warren Buffett Doesn't Know How to Revive Newspapers (Bloomberg Businessweek)

Warren Buffett loves newspapers. He delivered papers as a teenager and bought a lot of them for his Berkshire Hathaway Inc. conglomerate. But now the billionaire wants an outside company to manage most of them. He's struck a deal for

newspaper chain Lee Enterprises Inc. to help oversee a news empire that stretches from New Jersey to Texas and includes Buffett's hometown Omaha World-Herald.

Lee will get a \$5 million annual fee plus a share of profits above certain benchmarks. That Buffett has gone from avidly buying media properties to seeking a business partner for them may not seem so surprising, given the industry's troubles. But it's left some current and former employees puzzled. In recent years, billionaires have snatched up prestigious but ailing papers-see Jeff Bezos and the Washington Post or Patrick Soon-Shiong, new owner of the Los Angeles Times. Why is the world's third-richest man not willing to pour more money into his papers?

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Semissourian rolls out new policy for "delisting" some crime stories after 6 years

The Southeast Missourian is implementing a new policy today that governs how archived crime reports and stories are made available to search engines like Google, Bing, Yahoo and others. A draft of the policy was previously explained by publisher Jon K. Rust in a column on Wed., July 25. Rust invited feedback until Aug. 8 about the proposed changes, which came in unanimously positive.

As Rust previously wrote: "The new policy seeks to strike a balance between the Southeast Missourian keeping the public informed and recognizing, sympathetically, that in today's world of instant digital search, long-past minor indiscretions can play a disproportionate role in a person's online identity."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

The Final Word, er...Splash!



Paul Stevens - A highlight of our Colorado trip last weekend was rafting on the Upper Colorado River - and kids from 5 to 71 took part. No children or adults were lost in the making of this memory. Ye Olde Connecting Editor is the guy next to the guide bringing up the rear.

Today in History - August 10, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2018. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 10, 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEE'-luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

On this date:

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1861, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, New York, accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman who killed six people and wounded seven others in the New York City area. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive 25-years-to-life sentences.)

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned by their government during World War II.

In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teen-agers were later arrested; one was sentenced to life in prison, while the

other received 281 years.)

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2006, British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage.

Ten years ago: At the Beijing Olympics, Michael Phelps began his long march toward eight gold medals by winning the 400-meter individual medley in 4:03.84 - smashing his own world record. The U.S. women's 400-meter freestyle relay team, anchored by 41-year-old Dara Torres, took the silver behind the Netherlands. Stephanie Rice of Australia won the gold in the women's 400-meter individual medley in a world record time of 4:29.45. Padraig Harrington rallied from three shots behind to win the PGA Championship in Bloomfield Township, Mich. Soul crooner Isaac Hayes, 65, died in Memphis, Tenn.

Five years ago: In an address at the Disabled American Veterans' convention in Orlando, Florida, President Barack Obama assured disabled veterans that his administration was making progress on reducing a backlog of disability claims. A harrowing weeklong search for a missing California teenager ended when FBI agents rescued 16-year-old Hannah Anderson and shot and killed 40-year-old James Lee DiMaggio at a campsite deep in the Idaho wilderness. (Authorities say in addition to kidnapping Hannah, DiMaggio killed her brother and mother at his home east of San Diego.) Singer Edyie Gorme, 84, died in Las Vegas.

One year ago: President Donald Trump, continuing his criticism of Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell following the failed effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, suggested that McConnell might have to rethink his future as majority leader unless he could deliver on Trump's legislative priorities on health care, taxes and infrastructure. North Korea's military described as a "load of nonsense" Trump's warning that the North would face "fire and fury" if it threatened the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rhonda Fleming is 95. Singer Ronnie Spector is 75. Actor James Reynolds is 72. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 71. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 69. Singer Patti Austin is 68. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 66. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 64. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 59. Actor Antonio Banderas is 58. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 57. Singer Julia Fordham is 56. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 55. Actor Chris Caldovino is 55. Singer Neneh Cherry is 54. Singer Aaron Hall is 54. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 51. Actor Sean Blakemore is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 51. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 50. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 47. Actress Angie Harmon is 46. Country singer Jennifer

Hanson is 45. Actor-turned-lawyer Craig Kirkwood is 44. Actress JoAnna Garcia Swisher is 39. Singer Cary Ann Hearst (Shovels & Rope) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 38. Actor Aaron Staton is 38. Actor Ryan Eggold is 34. Actor Charley Koontz is 31. Actor Lucas Till is 28. Reality TV star Kylie Jenner is 21.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig." - George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).

Got a story or photos 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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.

- **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.

- **"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.



- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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