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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning - and here's the first edition of September. I hope your Labor Day holiday was safe and fun.

Our colleague **Reid Miller** is featured in today's edition in our weekly Monday Profile, presented to you on Tuesday because of the holiday.

In his profile, Reid provides a great account of his 43-year career, including advice he got from the AP's Miami bureau chief, **Paul Hansell**, on Reid's first day there as news editor. Over coffee in the Miami News cafeteria, Hansell offered these words of advice: "You can make mistakes of commission and I'll back you," he said, "but one mistake of omission and you're out of here."

Reid returned one day to Miami as bureau chief in a career that took him all over the world. His AP journey: Phoenix to Salt Lake City to Miami to Pittsburgh to Salt Lake City to Miami to Central America to Nairobi to Seoul. And retirement in 1999 in Washington, where his wife **Pauline Jelinek** worked on the AP's Pentagon reporting team.

Were you of draft age during the Vietnam War? If so, got a story to share with your colleagues on how it affected your life?

I ask because my most recent monthly Spotlight in my hometown newspaper, The Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa, focused on twin brothers whose lives were intertwined their first 22 years before they both got draft notices in 1968. One twin decided to accept it and was sent to Vietnam; while not injured, he was exposed to Agent Orange and still suffers its effects. His twin brother did not pass his draft physical and was active in the campus anti-war movement at the same time his brother was in Vietnam. [Click here](#) to read their story.

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I welcome your own memories and experiences. As for me, my draft notice arrived at the same time I was in Air Force basic training in Texas in summer 1968.

Have a great week!

Paul

Connecting Profile

Reid Miller



Reid Miller - In the fall of 1956, just out of the Army after a three-year tour, I walked into the AP bureau in Phoenix looking for a job.

A solitary staffer sat at a desk near the middle of the office, a long, narrow space conveniently located between the newsrooms of The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette. His feet were on the desk and a newspaper held at eye level shielded his face.

I stood by the desk for what seemed an eternity, shifting from foot to foot nervously and occasionally clearing my throat to catch his attention. Finally, the paper came down and Larry Malkin turned in his swivel chair and glared at me.

"Yeah?" he barked, clearly irked at having been interrupted.

"I'm looking for a job," I stuttered, and Malkin's mood improved noticeably. He said the bureau chief was out for lunch but would return soon and that he was looking to hire someone to help with a recently expanded work load.

Arizona had just become the last of the contiguous states to get the broadcast wire with its hourly 10-minute splits for state and regional news. The bureau chief, Carl Bell, was looking for someone to write some of those splits. Although I had no real journalism experience, I was enrolled at Arizona State College (now university) as a sophomore journalism major.

"What do you know about broadcast news writing?" Bell asked.

"Not much," I replied honestly. Nevertheless, Bell took a chance and hired me to a part-time evening position.

Thus began a fascinating, 43-year career.

I spent the next three years working part-time during the school year and fulltime summers as a vacation relief staffer. A year or so after leaving college, I was transferred to Salt Lake City as Intermountain news editor.

Three years later I was offered the news editor's job in Miami. This southern Arizona boy was not fond of Utah's cold winters and leapt at it, despite rumors that the Miami chief, Paul Hansell, had gone through two news editors in a little over a year.

On my first day in Miami, Hansell asked me to join him for coffee in the Miami News cafeteria. After taking our seats at a table, he offered a few brief words of advice.

"You can make mistakes of commission and I'll back you," he said, " but one mistake of omission and you're out of here."

I spent four years in Miami and loved it. There were hurricanes, major crime stories, including the Star of India jewel theft in New York City by a couple of Miami beach bums; Orange and Super bowls; the NASA space program at Cape Canaveral; civil rights marches and demonstrations, some of them violent; the influx of Cuban refugees following Castro's takeover of the island and the endless offbeat Florida oddities

that Miami Herald columnist and author Carl Hiasson has so frequently parodied.

From there it was to Pittsburgh as correspondent for western Pennsylvania and then back to Salt Lake City as COB for Utah, Idaho and eastern Washington.

In Florida I had covered all of the two-man Gemini space flights as an editor. But while in Utah, the NASA lunar program came to a screeching halt with the launch pad explosion of an Apollo rocket that killed three astronauts. After the two-year hiatus that followed, I was called back to be part of what was known as the ex-officio AP space team for the Apollo 11 moon landing.



Reid Miller, 1971

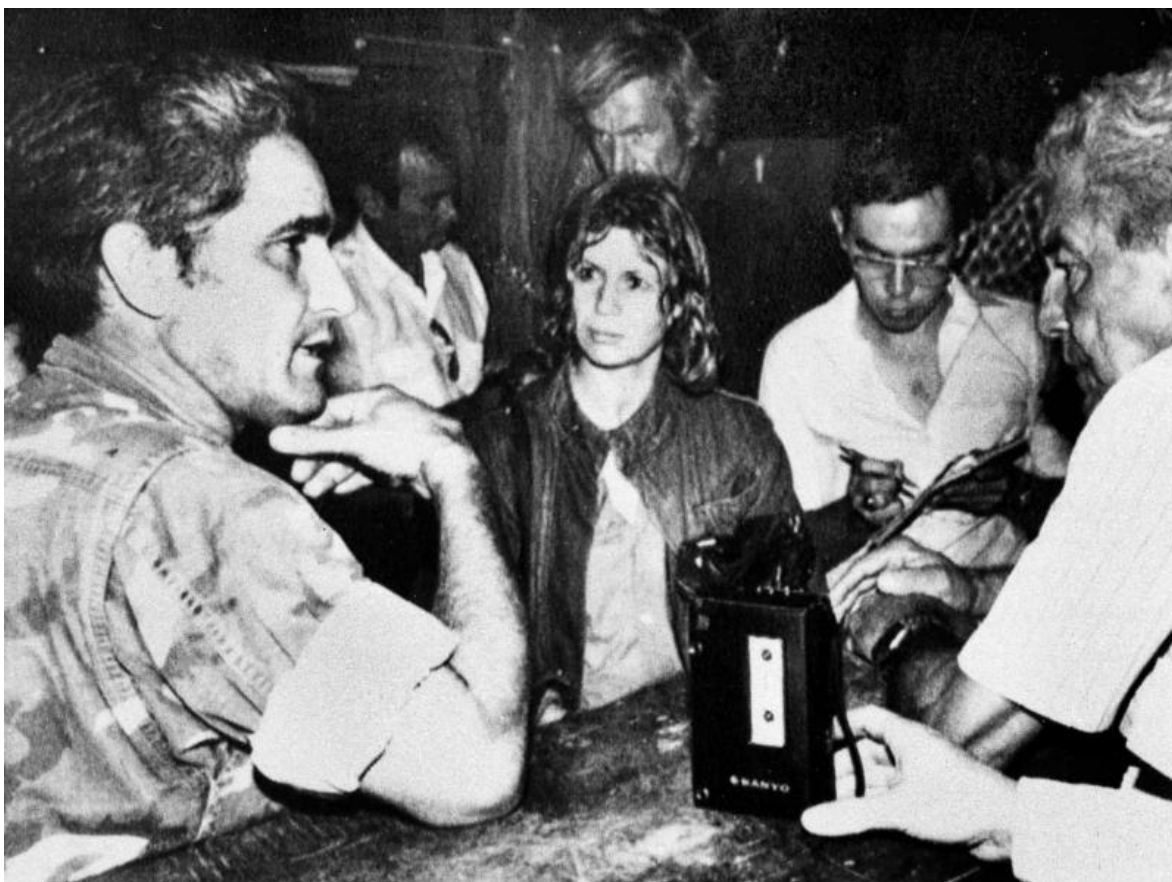
Soon after, I was sent back to Miami to replace the retiring Paul Hansell. It was there, during back-to-back Democratic and Republican national political conventions that I got to know Walter Mears, then our chief political writer.

Walter later recruited me to come to Washington as his No. 2 as assistant chief of bureau, a job that lasted seven years until Wes Gallagher retired as AP president, Lou Boccardi became president and Walter moved (reluctantly) to New York as general news editor. I was told I could not succeed Walter as COB in Washington, but was offered several other COB positions. I turned them down and asked to be sent as a correspondent to Central America, then a focal point of international news for U.S. audiences. I wanted to get back to reporting and writing, which had ignited my love for The AP in the first place.

"We don't have any openings in Central America," said Keith Fuller, then head of the Personnel Department (now Human Resources).

"Then make one," I said.

He did, which is how I came to be roving correspondent for Central America, a title made up entirely out of whole cloth. It was a bit of redundancy because we already had a Central American correspondent, Joe Frazier.



Rebel leader Eden Pastora, left, speaks with newsmen moments before a bomb went off, killing an American journalist and several other people in La Penca, Nicaragua, at a rebel camp, May 30, 1984. Next to Pastora is Susan Morgan of Newsweek magazine who was badly injured. At second from left between Pastora and Morgan is AP staffer Reid Miller, also injured. (AP Photo courtesy Corporate Archives)

With Pauline Jelinek, who I had met in Washington, at my side, I spent five years covering the wars, declared and undeclared, in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras. Got wounded once, in a bomb explosion during a news conference at the jungle camp of a Nicaraguan contra leader. The blast killed the wife of Joe Frazier and several others.

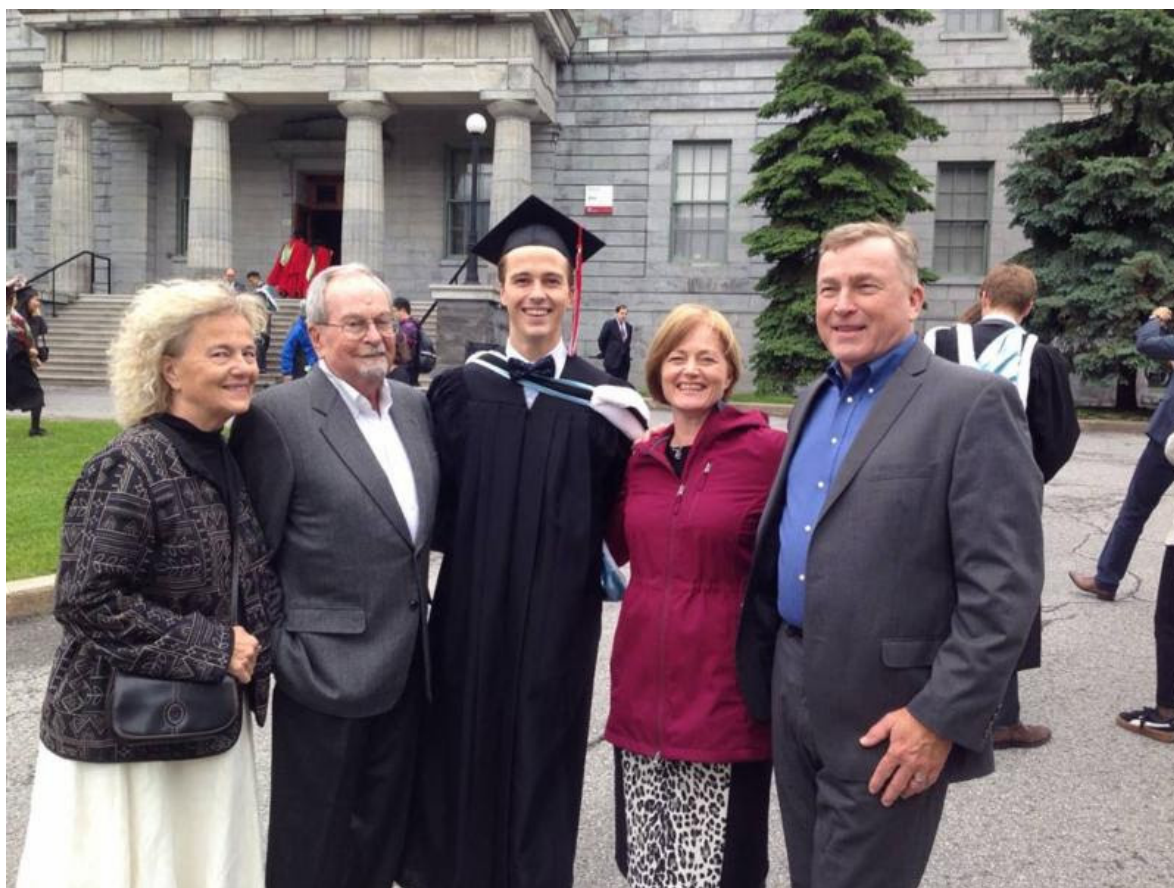
Feeling a bit burned out, I asked for a transfer. I was offered chief of Scandinavian services (too cold), Moscow (not enough language training) and Nairobi, Kenya, as chief for East Africa (nice climate). So Nairobi it was, and I envisioned a less hectic routine writing features about elephant poaching and such. It was not to be.

Instead came the Eritrean-Ethiopian war, the overthrow of the dictators Mengistu in Ethiopia and Siad Barre in Somalia, battles against the Lord's Resistance Army in Sudan, famines in Ethiopia and Somalia. The Somalia famine, accompanied by clan warfare, led to a U.S.-UN troop intervention, which largely ended two years later following the clan shutdown of a U.S helicopter, the Black Hawk Down affair.

Then came the worst story of them all, the Rwandan genocide, in which more than a half million Tutsis and their sympathizers were massacred by Hutus in but 90 days. Our coverage, abetted by dozens of reporters and photographers from as far away as Bangkok and Toronto, won Pulitzer prizes for spot photos and international reporting.

With Rwanda behind me, I again asked for a transfer and was sent to Seoul, South Korea, where the people were welcoming, the food was delicious and you could drink the water right out of the tap. The highlight of my time there was working with Charlie Hanley, Sang Hun Choe, Martha Mendoza and Randy Herschaft on their investigation of the killing of several hundred South Korean civilians by U.S. troops at a place called No Gun Ri during the Korean War.

Their stories won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting in 1999.



Reid and Pauline (at left) celebrate the graduation of their son, Clay, from McGill University in Montreal as well as their 25th wedding anniversary in June 2017. Joining them were Bill and Stephanie Talbot, friends from their then hometown of Rockville, Maryland.

I retired at the end of 1999 and Pauline and I returned to Washington, where The AP had a job awaiting her. She spent most of the next 15 years reporting from the Pentagon as a member of a three-person team headed by Bob Burns. She joined

me in retirement four years ago and with our son, Clay, away in college we downsized and moved to Sarasota, FL., where she volunteers with the American Red Cross and I played golf until a few months ago when an old back problem worsened and partially immobilized me.

Would I do it all over again? In a heartbeat.

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Your memories of Bob Barr



Bob Barr in Florence, 2017 (Photos courtesy of Sue Barr)

Ford Burkhart (Email) - Lovely piece by Danica Kirka about Bob Barr (in last Friday's Connecting); two names that exemplify the best in AP foreign desk traditions. (My years were 1969 to 1976.)

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Tom Cohen (Email) - Bob Barr and I overlapped for a couple of weeks in Vienna in the late 1990s, working the overnight shift during the Kosovo conflict. It was a demanding task, but Bob handled it with his trademark calm and expertise to make the experience interesting and even a pleasure. I'll always remember how he loved my mother's homemade strudel, which I brought with me after a recent home leave, and any correspondence with him after that - regardless of topic or urgency - included a reference to the strudel. He was one of the quietly excellent people who made the AP so great.

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Holly Kurtz (Email) - I worked with Robert Barr in the Honolulu bureau in the late 1970s. He was a talented journalist and a good guy. We were the "Famous Four" in Honolulu at the time: Robert, Ron Staton, Bruce Dunford and myself.

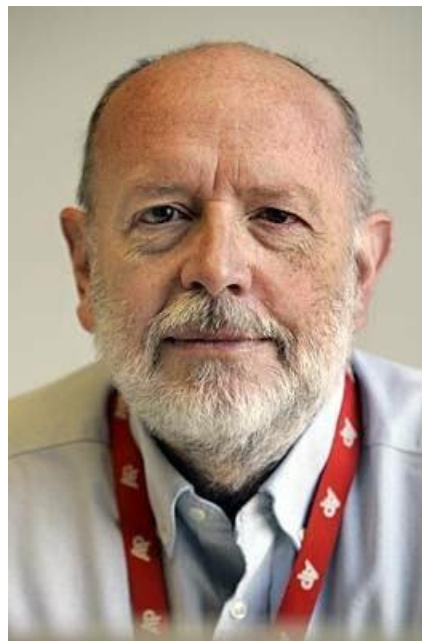
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Chris Sullivan (Email) - Let me join the army of former colleagues who remember Bob Barr as an ultimate role model. He was the regular supervisor on the general desk in New York when I joined it in the early 1980s; on the craziest days, he was the calm center of the storm. The job was about news judgment and instinct, and his were sure and almost always right though sometimes quirky (he'd occasionally put an unexpected `reader' story at the top of the digest ahead of the predictable incremental Big Story and then welcome the challenges he'd get for that decision). Once, when I was what they used to call the national editor for a shift, we had an open line to a reporter in some state (Texas?) to confirm an execution. When the confirmation came, I strangely found myself unable to type the words and push the send command. Seeing me frozen by the weight of the moment, Bob waved me aside, took my seat and the phone, sent the urgent writethru - and never said a word afterward. Beyond this, his writing, as others have said, was a clinic for all of us in smart subject choice and grace of language. Excellence, modesty and a twinkle in the eye (as Friday's Connecting photo showed): That was Bob Barr.

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Steve Wilson (Email) - I was lucky enough to know Bob as a close work colleague and good friend for 25 years. Bob was the News Editor in the London Bureau on Norwich Street when I arrived as European Sports Editor in 1991.

He made me feel at home right and helped show me the ropes as I adjusted to a new country and new job. Any time I needed help, he was ready to offer support. Bob was a consummate professional. He led the newsroom with a calm, confident and seasoned demeanor. I never saw him lose his cool. He was always right to the point. He didn't waste time or waste words. He made sure the news was properly covered and the copy was clean. Bob had the easy presence of a respected elder statesman. He put people at ease with his unpretentious personality and deadpan sense of humor. He and I used to joke about the sensational language and headlines of the British tabloids. He always had the right perspective about the news. Above all, Bob was a true gentleman. I'll always be grateful that I had the chance to work with him.



Barr in London days

Connecting mailbox

John Kiernan retires from AP after distinguished 32-year career in technology



The heart and soul of AP technology in NY through the 1990's: In front, Lou Procida,

Network Engineer (left) and Walter Rastetter, Business Continuity Manager. Standing, from left: former staffer Jon Whitney; Rick Knudson, Network Engineer; former staffers Egon Kardum and Vince Heether; John Kiernan, Director of Global Facilities, Networks and Telcom; former staffer Frank Tantillo; Calvin Raynor, Senior Telcom Engineer, and Jerry Gluck, Systems Engineer.

Brad Martin (Email) - After 32 accomplished years at AP, John Kiernan, Director Global Facilities, Networks & Telcom has retired. John and his wife Mary were feted in the Cranbury, NJ facility last Thursday evening hosted by VP Technology Kurt Rossi, coordinated by NYC Administrative Assistant Neketa Morris and attended by many current and former AP employees who were happy to send John off in the style and heartfelt wishes befitting such a long and distinguished career.



John and wife Mary

In recent years John has been the man in charge of technology issues associated with large office moves such as New York headquarters, Washington, DC and AP's data centers; no small task and extremely complicated in most cases. John had a remarkable track record of success and was depended on heavily by senior management as well as office staff. In other words, from the biggest detail down to the most minute. He will be sorely missed but fondly remembered.

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From left: Brad Martin, senior manager, Global Network Operations Center; former AP staffer Egon Kardum; Senior Telcom Engineer Calvin Raynor, and former staffer Frank Tantillo.

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Mark Thayer's story on '68 Chicago convention was riveting reading

Marty Thompson ([Email](#)) - My compliments to Mark Thayer for his detailed and colorful account of AP at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. It made riveting reading. (See last Friday's Connecting.)

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Cindy McCain's final farewell to her husband



Connecting colleague **David Hume Kennerly** took this striking photo of Cindy McCain as she lays her head on the casket of her husband, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., during a burial service at the cemetery at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland., on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018. (David Hume Kennerly/McCain Family via AP)

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AP names Morgan, Danborn to leadership roles in eastern US



Peter Morgan



Joe Danborn

NEW YORK (AP) - The Associated Press has named an experienced photo manager and a longtime news editor to leadership roles guiding its coverage of the northeastern United States.

Peter Morgan, the photo editor for New York and New Jersey, will take over as AP's East Region deputy news director for storytelling and photos. Joe Danborn, AP's news editor for the Rockies, will serve as the region's deputy news director for newsgathering.

The promotions were announced Monday by Sara Gillesby, the East Region news director.

The AP is merging the management of its text, photo, video and interactive journalism at its regional publishing centers around the world. Each region will be overseen by a management team in which every format is represented and will include multimedia journalists and an integrated editing desk that emphasizes video, photos and social media.

Danborn and Morgan will work with Gillesby to lead a group of journalists in 10 states stretching from Ohio to Maine. They will be based at AP's headquarters, following the move of the East Region's publishing center from Philadelphia to New York in early September.

Read more [here](#).

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AP's Ryan Foley gets under congressman's skin

Randy Evans ([Email](#)) - AP's Iowa City Correspondent Ryan Foley has gotten under the skin of Congressman Rod Blum with a couple of investigative pieces.



Ryan Foley

[Click here](#) for a report on the latest one, which begins:

BY JOHN BOWDEN, The Hill

A Republican congressman from Iowa tweeted a screenshot of an email sent by a journalist for The Associated Press on Friday that appeared to contain the journalist's cell phone number.

Rep. Rod Blum tweeted a screenshot of an email sent from AP reporter Ryan Foley late Friday after Foley emailed a press aide in Blum's office about whether the congressman was a member of the Facebook group "Tea Party," which a Democratic-aligned group found hosted racist posts and messages.

According the Democratic group, American Bridge, Blum remains a member of the Facebook group despite Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) exiting the group after his membership was reported earlier this week.

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A Mittelstadt wedding in Guatemala



Mark Mittelstadt (Email) - We've been in Guatemala the past week for the wedding Saturday of our oldest son, Matt, to a woman he met two years ago while attending Spanish language school to improve his skills. She was his instructor. The ceremony and reception took place on the balcony of a private home in the village of San Pedro La Laguna on the shores of volcanic Lake Atitlan, in western Guatemala. The ceremony featured Mayan wear for the wedding party and traditional music. After the ceremony, the couple changed into dress clothing for the reception. From left, son Brent, of Oxford in the UK, me and my wife Mary from Tucson, Az, Matt, of Tucson, his new wife Maria, her son from a previous marriage, Moises, and her mother Josefina Cruz.

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The Inside Story of a Trump Volunteer Blocking a Photographer at a Rally



A Trump campaign volunteer blocks a camera as a photojournalist attempts to take a photo of a protester during a campaign rally at the Ford Center, in Evansville, Ind, August 30, 2018. Evan Vucci-AP/Shutterstock

By **GINA MARTINEZ**, Time

The image of a Trump campaign volunteer blocking the lens of a news photographer's camera at a rally Thursday went viral overnight.

Even by the standards of a rally by President Donald Trump - who frequently points out journalists covering his events and calls them "enemy of the people" and "fake news" - this was out of the ordinary, says the photographer who captured the moment in Evansville, Indiana.

"We're all just trying to do our job, which is to be fair and accurately document the President. When someone impedes you from doing your job, that's something to be upset about," Associated Press photographer Evan Vucci tells TIME.

Vucci says he made the picture as a fellow photojournalist Kevin Lamarque of Reuters tried to photograph Trump supporters pointing out a protestor in the crowd. In a flash, a campaign volunteer put his hand in front of Lamarque's lens to stop him. Lamarque managed to get a shot anyway - plus a photo of the hand blocking his lens.

Lamarque tells TIME that the volunteer was Nick Barbknecht, who was assigned to help journalists covering the event.

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



AP Exclusives: National Enquirer's secret safe, Cohen subpoenaed on Trump Foundation



David Pecker, left, chairman and CEO of American Media Inc., addresses a 2014 Super Bowl party in New York. AMI's National Enquirer kept a safe containing documents on hush-money payments and other damaging stories it killed as part of its cozy relationship with Donald Trump leading up to 2016 presidential election, people familiar

with the arrangement told the AP. The AP also reported exclusively that New York state investigators subpoenaed Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, right, as part of their probe into the Trump Foundation. Cohen is shown leaving federal court after reaching a plea agreement in New York, Aug. 21, 2018. Marion Curtis via AP (Pecker); AP PHOTO / CRAIG RUTTLE (COHEN)

"What's in the safe?"

The headline on the cover of the New York Post editions on Aug. 23 spoke volumes about the impact, power and reach of AP reporting on the legal chaos surrounding President Donald Trump.

Washington investigative reporter Jeff Horwitz exclusively reported that the National Enquirer kept a safe containing documents on hush money payments and other damaging stories it killed as part of its cozy relationship with Trump leading up to the 2016 presidential election. Horwitz's story quickly went to No. 1 on AP Mobile and led websites around the world.

It was one of two AP exclusives touching on Trump's former personal attorney Michael Cohen that seized the nation's attention last week. In addition to Horwitz, Albany statehouse reporter David Klepper was first to report that New York state investigators issued a subpoena to Cohen as part of their probe into the Trump Foundation. With the president's legal woes mounting, Klepper reported that Cohen could potentially be a significant source of information for state investigators looking into whether Trump or his charity broke state law or lied about their tax liability.

For their exclusives, Horwitz and Klepper win the Beat of the Week.

The Horwitz story added to the intrigue after word spread that National Enquirer chief David Pecker had been granted immunity by prosecutors in the Cohen investigation. Horwitz had been reporting for more than a year on Enquirer parent American Media Inc., and had sources hinting at the existence of such a safe.

After Cohen pleaded guilty to campaign finance charges related to hush-money payments, Horwitz redoubled his efforts, calling his sources to nail down not only the existence of the safe but how the material in it was handled. In the end, he got five people familiar with the arrangement to talk about it on condition of anonymity because they had signed non-disclosure agreements. In a nutshell, the National Enquirer gathered up damaging material that they would not publish.

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Horwitz's reporting said the safe with Trump stories became a source of power for Pecker, but that it also became a liability after news reports surfaced just before the 2016 election of a deal with Playboy model Karen McDougal.

In addition to the story making the New York Post cover, Horwitz went on MSNBC's Rachel Maddow show to talk about his scoop. The story was also featured prominently in newspapers and on evening nightly news shows.

Klepper's separate scoop came about because he had been staying in regular contact with state prosecutors looking into alleged improprieties at the Trump Foundation. He got a tip from a source that Cohen had received a subpoena in that state investigation after he pleaded guilty to the federal charge. Klepper followed up with the detail that Cohen himself had reached out to state officials just hours after receiving the subpoena. He made clear that he was ready and willing to talk with them.

For their dogged reporting efforts breaking news around the Trump-Cohen story and what it could mean for Trump's presidency, Horwitz and Klepper share the Beat of the Week award.



Cristhian Bahena Rivera, charged with first-degree murder in the death of college

student Mollie Tibbetts, is escorted into the county courthouse for his initial court appearance, Aug. 22, 2018, in Montezuma, Iowa. Rivera is suspected of entering the country illegally; he had been living and working on farmland linked to a major Republican Party fundraiser, the AP reported. AP Photo / Charlie Neibergall

Tibbetts murder suspect lived, worked on land linked to GOP fundraiser

Within hours of the news that the man charged with killing Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts was a Mexican citizen believed to be in the United States illegally, Republican leaders from President Donald Trump to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds injected the case into the political debate, blaming lax immigration policies for allowing the man into the community in the first place.

Noting Tibbetts' death at a rally in West Virginia, Trump said, "The immigration laws are such a disgrace. We're getting them changed, but we have to get more Republicans. We have to get 'em."

Amid such comments, Iowa City correspondent Ryan J. Foley was reporting on the Tibbetts case from the central Iowa city of Brooklyn when he heard an explosive tip from two longtime Republican Party sources. You won't believe the rumor about who is part of the farm family that employed and housed the suspect, they said. It's one of our party's best fundraisers, Nicole Schlinger.

Foley was determined to discover whether what he was told about Schlinger was true, especially after learning she was the state GOP's most prolific fundraiser in history and president of what she calls the "best conservative call center in America."

Foley obtained property records showing she and her husband owned the farm trailer where Rivera had lived, and her husband was president of the farm. Foley eventually got a farm spokeswoman to confirm that Rivera and other workers lived there rent-free as a benefit of their employment. He then got confirmation from Schlinger, who had avoided his questions for days.

A check of state and federal campaign finance records revealed that Schlinger's client list not only included Reynolds but many other anti-illegal-immigration hard-liners, including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Virginia Senate candidate Corey Stewart and even the Stop Sanctuary Cities PAC.

Foley's story was used extensively by Iowa newspapers and was a big online hit, with postings by 356 members and social influencers as well as 40,000 Facebook interactions.

For scooping local and national competitors on a high-interest topic even as he reported on spot developments, Ryan Foley wins this week's Best of the States award.

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Stories of interest

Myanmar court sentences Reuters reporters to 7 years in jail



In this image made from two photos, Reuters journalists Kyaw Soe Oo, left, and Wa Lone, are handcuffed as they are escorted by police out of the court Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in Yangon, Myanmar. The court sentenced the two journalists to seven years in prison Monday for illegal possession of official documents, a ruling that comes as international criticism mounts over the military's alleged human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims. (AP Photo/Thein Zaw)

By VICTORIA MILKO and AUNG NAING SOE

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) - A Myanmar court sentenced two Reuters journalists to seven years in prison Monday on charges of illegal possession of official documents, a ruling met with international condemnation that will add to outrage over the military's human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims.

Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo had been reporting on the brutal crackdown on the Rohingya when they were arrested and charged with violating the colonial-era Official Secrets Act, punishable by up to 14 years in prison. They had pleaded not guilty, contending that they were framed by police.

"Today is a sad day for Myanmar, Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, and the press everywhere," Stephen J. Adler, Reuters editor-in-chief, said in a statement. He said the charges were "designed to silence their reporting and intimidate the press."

The case has drawn worldwide attention as an example of how democratic reforms in long-isolated Myanmar have stalled under the civilian government of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, which took power in 2016. Though the military, which ruled the country for a half-century, maintains control of several key ministries, Suu Kyi's rise to government had raised hopes for an accelerated transition to full democracy and her stance on the Rohingya crisis has disappointed many former admirers.

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

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The Village Voice, a New York Icon, Closes (New York Times)



The storied independent publication, which made its debut in 1955, dropped its print edition in 2015 and has not had an editor since May. CreditCreditMark Lennihan/Associated Press

By Tyler Pager and Jaclyn Peiser

When Peter D. Barbey bought The Village Voice in 2015, he vowed to invest in the storied alternative weekly, saying it would "survive and prosper." But last August he shuttered the print edition, and on Friday he closed the operation altogether.

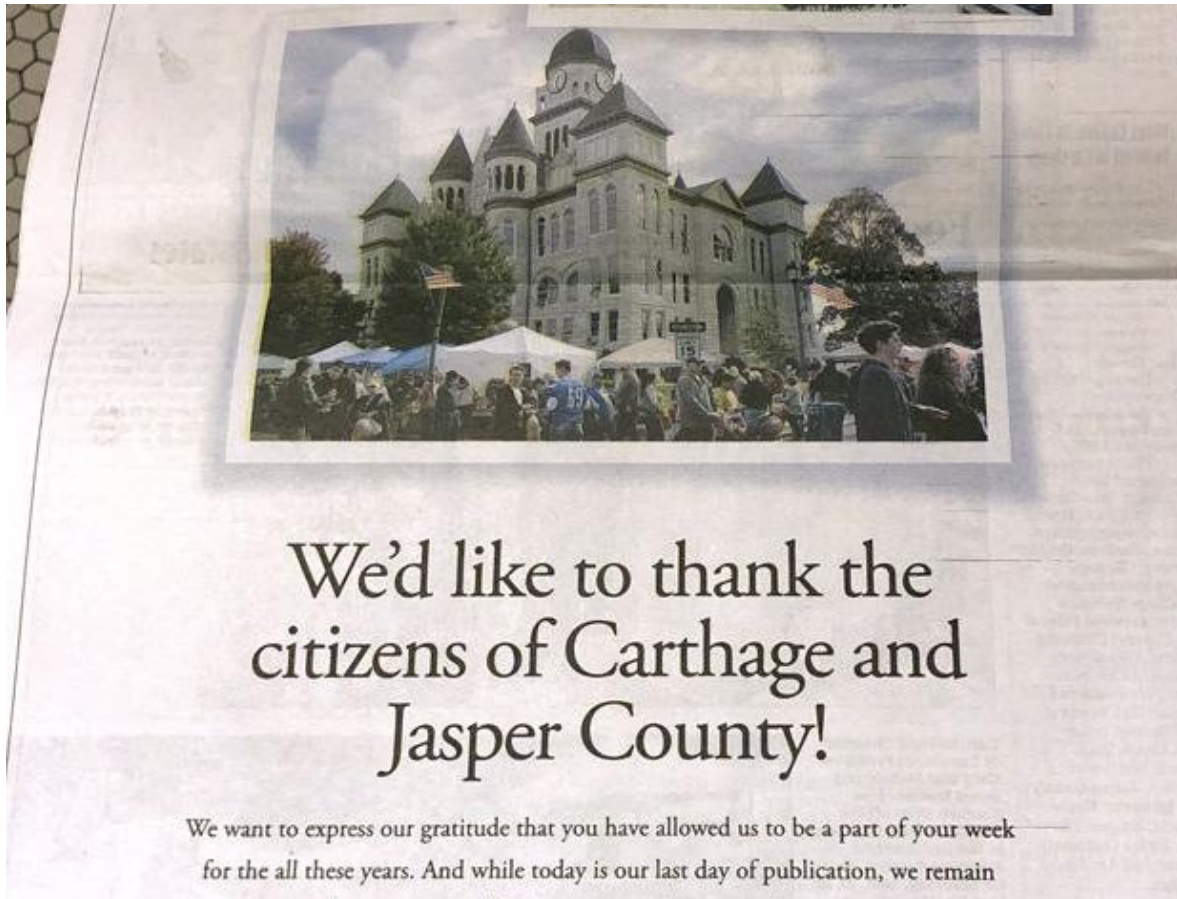
The end of the left-leaning independent publication was an anticlimax, given the many empty red plastic Village Voice boxes that have been scattered like debris across the sidewalks of Manhattan in recent years.

"This is a sad day for The Village Voice and for millions of readers," Mr. Barbey said. "The Voice has been a key element of New York City journalism and is read around the world. As the first modern alternative newspaper, it literally defined a new genre of publishing."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Feinsilber.

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Carthage Press to close after 134 years of operation (Joplin Globe)



By Tyler Wornell

CARTHAGE, Mo. - The Carthage Press is no more.

In a letter to readers in today's print publication, the Carthage Press announced that today's (August 29) was its final publication.

"As Southwest Missouri's oldest daily newspaper, it's been a privilege serving the Carthage communities for all these years," Joseph Leong, senior group publisher, said in the letter. "While we transition our focus, we remain committed to serving neighboring communities."