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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 5th day of February 2020,

As an AP bureau chief, **Jodie DeJonge** called on the News-Register of McMinnville, Ore., on a regular basis.



Now, after five years as a journalist in China and Asia - including work as the editor in chief of the Cambodia Daily and most recently, investigations editor at the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, she has returned to the United States and as of Monday, she is the new managing editor of the Oregon twice-weekly.

We lead today's issue with the news of her appointment. Jodie's AP career began in 1990 as a newswoman and business reporter in Milwaukee. She then served as news editor in Albuquerque, news editor in Indianapolis, assistant bureau chief in Philadelphia, and bureau chief in Trenton before she moved to Seattle as bureau chief in 2006. In that role, she was responsible for AP operations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. She left AP in 2014.

Anyone out there who also served a member in an AP capacity and then went to work for that member? Share your story.

I've spared my colleagues the glee of my Kansas City Chiefs winning their first Super Bowl in 50 years (I was serving in the Air Force when they last won). One of my best friends is a 49ers fan and another is a Titans fan (team we beat to get to the Super Bowl).



But as a fan of the Chiefs and of the inimitable Temptations, I just have to share this video of how the two were intertwined. Veteran Chiefs Coach Andy Reid borrowed the formation used by Michigan in the 1948 Rose Bowl game against USC. Click [here](#) to view. Then try out their spin move!

Have a great day!

Paul

AP veteran Jodie DeJonge

News-Register hires new managing editor



Photo/Marcus Larson/News-Register

Jodie DeJonge began work Monday, Feb. 3, as the managing editor of the News-Register.

She replaces Associate Publisher Ossie Bladine, who took over the duties when longtime managing editor Steve Bagwell transitioned to part-time work as editorial page editor.

"We're thrilled to bring Jodie into the newsroom," said Bladine, who will remain involved in news and editorial, but will focus more on sales and marketing duties within the company. "Having a fresh perspective from someone with her level of experience will help solidify the things we do well as a community news organization, but more importantly re-evaluate how and why we cover issues and consider what areas we can improve upon."

Most recently, DeJonge worked as the investigations editor at the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project based in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Prior to that job, she was the managing editor for digital news at the Phnom Penh Post in Cambodia as well as a contributing editor of WikiTribune in Southeast Asia.

She has also served as the editor in chief of the Cambodia Daily and senior copy editor of China Daily.

DeJonge was already familiar with several News-Register newsroom staff members from her more than 20 years of experience directing Associated Press bureau offices in Seattle and Philadelphia.

She was particularly familiar with Bladine and his father, Publisher Jeb Bladine.

"Being with the AP, it was kind of a gift," DeJonge said. "I got to meet all of the AP editors. The reputation of the News-Register and the reputation of the Bladines is really high."

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

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AP Photo of the Day



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California tears her copy of President Donald

Trump's State of the Union address after he delivered it to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020. Vice President Mike Pence is at left. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

A favorite college newspaper memory

Charles Richards ([Email](#)) - My favorite college newspaper memory occurred during my lunch hour in the spring of 1963 when my best friend and I went to the pool hall in the basement of the Texas Tech student union building for our favorite pastime - a few hotly contested games of "bumper pool."

I was editor of the Texas Tech student publication and Max Jennings - my roommate -- was managing editor. We were still locked in battle after 1 p.m. when somebody came over and told me I had a phone call (no cell phones in those days).

Apparently, word was out about where we sometimes spent our lunch hour. Phil Orman, director of student publications, wanted to know why we weren't in the journalism building directing operations for the next morning's issue.

Oops.

I said we were working on what appeared to be a good story: On a couple of nearby tables, a lot of money was being openly bet on pool games - lots of dollar bills were on the tables during play. (That was true; we just weren't planning on doing a story on it until I had to come up with an alibi.)

Fifteen minutes later, our head photographer, Cal Wayne Moore, walked in and began surreptitiously taking pictures - his camera concealed under a jacket draped over one arm.

Another 15 minutes later, campus police - alerted by Orman - poured into the room, and our photographer began taking pictures openly of the gambling raid and arrests of a dozen or so students.

The next morning, our "accidental" story with a double byline was the lead story of "The Toreador," spread across the top of Page One, accompanied by photos in which the faces of those arrested were blacked out.

In residence halls across campus, students had the paper in front of them, reading the story as they ate breakfast. The pool hall raid was the talk of the campus. (What greater thrill is there than seeing "everybody" reading your story?)

The story won second place a few months later in the annual news writing competition of the Southwestern Journalism Congress, comprised of major universities in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Less than a year later, Max and I were working for UPI - he in Cheyenne and me in Albuquerque.

(From 1987 to 1997, Max Jennings was editor of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News. Under his editorship, the paper published an expose of mismanagement in the U.S. military's health-care system. In 1998, just after he retired, the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting was awarded to the reporters on that project, Russell Carollo and Jeff Nesmith.)

When Truth Mattered - Bob Giles' new book on Kent State shootings

Fifty years ago, the guns fired ... and truth changed a nation.

That's the heading for a summary of the book, to be available on Amazon March 30, that continues:

It's just past noon at Kent State University in Ohio. An anti-Vietnam War rally is underway, part of the wave of demonstrations that have played out peacefully for months at the nation's college campuses. But not so peaceful on this day ... at this minute. Young National Guardsmen turn and fire a lethal barrage of more than 60 bullets at demonstrators, shattering the spring air. In just 13 seconds, four innocent students are killed. Nine are wounded. The deadly confrontation changes our country forever.



Bob Giles

When Truth Mattered is the compelling story of how a local newspaper, the Akron Beacon Journal, reported on the shootings and the aftermath, creating a truthful narrative that has endured, unchanged and unchallenged, for 50 years.

Author Robert Giles, the managing editor who directed the newspaper's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage, gives an unforgettable, first-person account of what took place on the Kent State campus and in his newsroom during that fateful time. Just as important, Giles links the meaning of the Beacon Journal's truth-telling at Kent State with important lessons for journalism today—a welcome antidote in this poisonous era of alleged "fake news."

Click [here](#) for more information on the book. Shared by Jeannie Eblen. (Giles is a past president of the then-Associated Press Managing Editors.)

The Crowley boys at the Super Bowl



Connecting colleague Steve Crowley shares this photo from Miami where three generations of Crowley boys gathered Sunday to cheer the Kansas City Chiefs on to a Super Bowl victory over the San Francisco 49ers, They are, from left: Steve's son Jon, grandson Colin, son Webster and "Grampy!"

The AP in action throughout the world



Correspondent Juan Zamorano travels on a boat through the Calovebora River while covering cult killings in El Terron, Panama, Jan. 17, 2020. (AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)



Video journalist Carrie Antfinger covers a campaign event for Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, Feb. 1, 2020, in Oelwein, Iowa. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

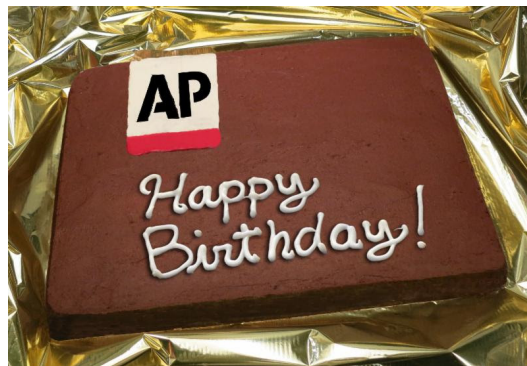


Brussels-based video journalist Mark Carlson films his reflection in the nose of one of NATO's new surveillance drones at Sigonella Air Base in Sicily, Italy, Jan. 17, 2020. (AP Photo/Mark Carlson)



Paris-based video journalist Nicholas Garriga films the White Cliffs of Dover from the rear deck of the Calais Seaways ferry as it steams off to Calais, France, Feb. 1, 2020, just hours after Britain's departure from the European Union. (AP Photo/John Leicester)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Thanks to Trump's Attacks, Journalists Now Have an Official 'Safety Kit' (Daily Beast)

By LLOYD GROVE

For the first time in its four decades of existence, the Committee to Protect Journalists—which usually focuses on the curtailment of press freedoms in authoritarian countries—has just issued a "safety kit" outlining specific physical safeguards for American reporters covering the 2020 presidential election.

Especially reporters who attend campaign rallies staged by President Donald Trump.

"We felt it was a good time to create something specific to the United States," CPJ's Emergencies Director Maria Salazar-Ferro told The Daily Beast. "We've been speaking to journalists who have been to recent rallies, and the rhetoric is coming from people who are participating in the rallies, and there was a lot of aggression around 'fake news' and 'the press is the enemy.' And it's reverberating beyond the actual political event as well as online."

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

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2 top execs leaving newspaper publisher Tribune amid turmoil

By TALI ARBEL

Two top executives at newspaper publisher Tribune are stepping down as the company deals with its largest shareholder, a hedge fund known for cutting newsroom jobs, and grapples with a decline in revenue as the print-ad business shrinks.

The Chicago-based company, which owns the Chicago Tribune, New York Daily News, Baltimore Sun and other major daily papers, said in a Monday statement that CEO Timothy Knight and non-executive chairman David Dreier are both leaving their positions. The company is promoting chief financial officer Terry Jimenez to be the new CEO effective Jan. 31.

In a statement, Knight, who became CEO last January, said that the past year was focused on stabilizing Tribune financially so that the company can invest in quality local journalism, and that the company was in a "solid position to continue its transformation." In a memo to staff, he said the company will need to continue adjusting its costs to "the current revenue reality."

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

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The end comes for another local newspaper, 165 years after it began (Washington Post)



A recent copy of the Montgomery Sentinel and a reproduction of its first edition from 1855. (Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi

They're closing up the office now, with its musty odor of moldering newsprint and decrepit bound copies stacked neck-high. On Thursday, the last Montgomery Sentinel rolled off a press, 165 years after its birth.

The newspaper once carried ads for slaves and chronicled the news from both the Civil War and the civil rights movement. It survived the Great Depression and muddled through the Great Recession. But the paper, with editions serving Maryland's two largest counties, Montgomery and Prince George's, couldn't survive Facebook and Google and Instagram. And so now it is gone, the latest to fall in America's vast newspaper famine.

The story has become humdrum, so routine that newspapers barely stir themselves to report on all the deaths in their family. The civic commemorations are brief, too, if they happen at all. The numbers are dry: More than 1 in 5 newspapers, mostly weeklies like the Sentinel, have dropped dead over the past 15 years.

Read more [here](#).

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Tennessee county destroys records sought by reporter

By TRAVIS LOLLER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Officials in a Tennessee county have destroyed public records that were being sought by a newspaper.

Chattanooga Times Free Press reporter Sarah Grace Taylor was trying to see whether the Hamilton County attorney's office was denying public records requests without a good reason, she said. To that end, she asked in August to see all incoming records requests for the past year along with the office's responses.

Taylor suspected the office might be unlawfully denying requests after Dana Beltramo, the records coordinator for the attorney's office, told her that all communications with that office were privileged and off-limits, Taylor said.

"I wanted to see if they were really denying all requests," she said, adding that before she could find out, the office destroyed many of the records.

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

Today in History - Feb. 5, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2020. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 2001, four disciples of Osama bin Laden went on trial in New York in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. (The four were convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

On this date:

In 1811, George, the Prince of Wales, was named Prince Regent due to the mental illness of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1917, Mexico's present constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Santiago de Queretaro. The U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration.

In 1918, during World War I, the Cunard liner SS Tuscania, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations

that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon (lee-OHN'), France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison - he died in 1991.)

In 1988, the Arizona House impeached Republican Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'-kuhm), setting the stage for his trial in the state Senate, where he was convicted of obstructing justice and misusing state funds allegedly funneled to his Pontiac dealership.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Mississippi, of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001 at age 80.)

In 1999, Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sentenced in Rockville, Md., to a year in jail for assaulting two motorists following a traffic accident (he ended up serving 3 1/2 months).

In 2002, A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted John Walker Lindh on ten charges, alleging he was trained by Osama bin Laden's network and then conspired with the Taliban to kill Americans. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison. He was released in May 2019 after serving more than 17 years.)

In 2009, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer.

Ten years ago: Toyota's president, Akio Toyoda, emerged from seclusion to apologize and address criticism that the automaker had mishandled a crisis over sticking gas pedals.

Five years ago: Jordan stepped up its air attacks on Islamic State facilities in Syria and expanded its airstrikes into Iraq for the first time after a captured Jordanian pilot was burned to death by the militant group. At the National Prayer Breakfast, President Barack Obama called the Islamic State group a "death cult" and condemned those who seek to use religion as a rationale for violence. RadioShack filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would sell up to 2,400 stores.

One year ago: In his State of the Union address, President Donald Trump called on Washington to end what he called "ridiculous partisan investigation" and cast aside "revenge, resistance and retribution;" Trump accepted no blame for the rancorous atmosphere and refused to yield on the hard-line immigration policies that had infuriated Democrats and forced a government shutdown. In the Democratic response, Stacey Abrams, who had lost her bid in Georgia to become America's first black woman governor, accused Trump of abandoning working Americans and bringing partisan and cultural discord. Chanting for yet another title, hundreds of thousands of fans jammed downtown Boston for a parade celebrating the New England Patriots' sixth Super Bowl victory.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron is 86. Actor Stuart Damon is 83. Tony-winning playwright John Guare (gwayr) is 82. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 81. Actor David Selby is 79. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 79. Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach is 78. Movie director Michael Mann is 77. Rock singer Al Kooper is 76. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 74. Racing Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip is 73. Actress Barbara Hershey is 72. Actor Christopher Guest is 72. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 72. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 59. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 58. Actress Laura Linney is 56. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 56. World Golf Hall of Famer Jose Maria Olazabal is 54. Actor-comedian Chris Parnell is 53. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 52. Singer Bobby Brown is 51. Actor Michael Sheen is 51. Actor David Chisum is 50. Country singer Sara Evans is 49. Country singer Tyler Farr is 36. Neo-soul musician Mark Shusterman (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 35. Actor-singer Darren Criss is 33. Actor Alex Brightman is 33. Actor Henry Golding is 33. Rock musician Kyle Simmons (Bastille) is 32. Actor Jeremy Sumpter is 31. Drummer Graham Sierota (Echosmith) is 21.

Thought for Today: "Men do not desire to be rich, but to be richer than other men." [-] John Stuart Mill, English philosopher and economist (1806-1873).

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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