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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020,

We lead today's Connecting with a story on the death Sunday of our colleague **Bob Kuesterman**, who worked the Intermountain West overnight shift in the Salt Lake City bureau for most of his 40-year Associated Press career. He died the day before his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thanks to our colleague **David Briscoe** for the story on his longtime friend. David wrote, "Bob did not die of the dreaded COVID-19, but the virus made even more painful the final weeks of his sudden and short battle with pancreatic cancer, especially for his family and those of us who loved and admired him. In the end, like so many, he could only be reached by phone or through a nursing home window ... The virus also stopped one of the last great unselfish acts of Bob's life. He had to give up his daily visits to hang out with a mutual friend and AP colleague, Bill Beecham, who was confined in a care facility with what we thought were even worse diseases. I

worked alongside Kuesterman and Beecham in the Salt Lake Bureau for the better part of a decade through the 1970s and consider them both lifelong dear friends and exemplary colleagues.”

If you would like to share a memory of Bob, please send it along.

**I used to think COVID-19 happened but to others. Then it hit my family.** Our colleague **Mark Neikirk** shares a remarkable story he wrote for the Lexington Herald-Leader on the death of his uncle, **Bill Neikirk**. Mark wrote: “I tell Bill’s story – our family’s story – with the hope that those who want to diminish COVID-19 might pause and listen to families in the pathway of the disease. It is taking something from us.”

**Reminder: NY Radio Rides Again:** Our colleague Jim Hood reminds that the NY Radio Desk Diaspora reconvenes this Sunday, Sept. 20, from 2-4 p.m. ET on Zoom. This virtual reunion will bring together the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rough Riders for an event said by some to be similar to the recent Sturgis, S.D., dust-up, minus the motorcycles, beer and leather vests, though possibly including a tattoo or two. Translation: Onetime AP Broadcast staff who populated the national radio desk when it still occupied its ancestral home will meet to reminisce and issue updates on their adventures and achievements. It will be their first official convocation since that fateful day in 1983 when, after a candlelit dinner at Windows on the World, they dispersed to various far corners of the then-known universe. Anyone who has not yet reserved their Zoom slot should email [jimhood44@gmail.com](mailto:jimhood44@gmail.com) without delay!



**CORRECTION:** In Monday's issue, the correct attribution on the death of Bob Kuesterman should have been to his son in law, Toby Dillon.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

## Bob Kuesterman: The finest and humblest of AP journalists



This shows (l-r) Bob Kuesterman's grandchild Lila, son-in-law Toby Dillon, grandchild Cendan and Bob.

By David Briscoe ([Email](#))

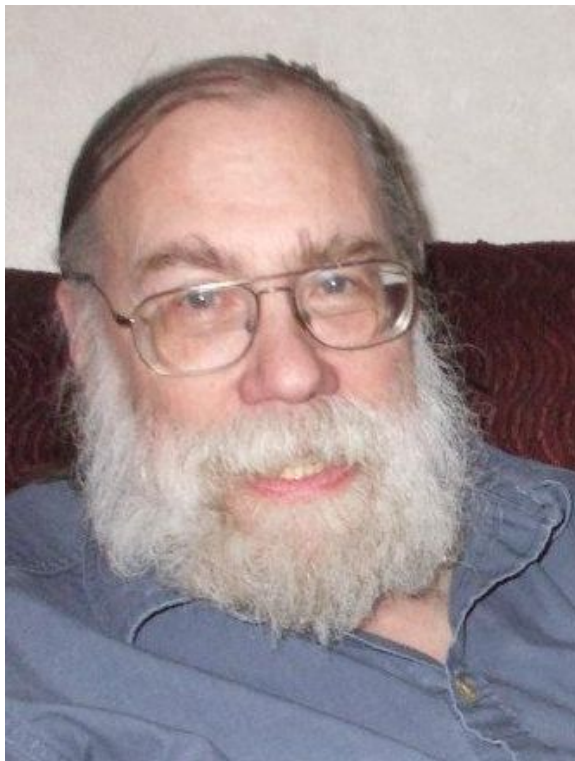
Bob Kuesterman, who worked the Intermountain West overnight shift by choice for most of his 40-year Associated Press career, passed away in West Valley City, Utah, a day before we could celebrate his 76th birthday.

Bob did not die of the dreaded COVID-19, but the virus made even more painful the final weeks of his sudden and short battle with pancreatic cancer, especially for his family and those of us who loved and admired him. In the end, like so many, he could only be reached by phone or through a nursing home window.

Funeral arrangements remain uncertain.

The virus also stopped one of the last great unselfish acts of Bob's life. He had to give up his daily visits to hang out with a mutual friend and AP colleague, Bill Beecham, who was confined in a care facility with what we thought were even worse diseases. I worked alongside Kuesterman and Beecham in the Salt Lake Bureau for the better part of a decade through the 1970s and consider them both lifelong dear friends and exemplary colleagues.

Beecham lost a leg in battling a host of medical problems. He now hangs on while Bob hangs on only in our hearts. Bill first told me of Bob's fatal diagnosis and was deeply shocked to be losing him. On a visit last year to Salt Lake, I shared one of those Kuesterman-Beecham encounters at Bill's bedside. Another friend, former AP photographer Doug Pizak, who now lives in Vancouver, dropped in. The talk of politics, religion and AP lore raised great memories ... and a few not so great.



Bob Kuesterman was the finest and humblest of AP journalists. He worked a job once vital to the news agency that spread news of everywhere literally everywhere. Working during my time alone in a windowless bureau in the backstop of Salt Lake City's two newspapers, his solo act was a little-heralded masterclass in what was initially the most vital part of AP journalism.

It was a midnight-to-dawn job many AP journalists have performed at one time in their careers, but no one made a career of it the way Kuesterman did and I dare say no one did it better. Taking everything from high school football scores to major breaking stories involving horrendous crimes or

the worldwide church we then called Mormon, Bob literally was The AP for Utah and Idaho.

He answered calls with breaking stories, rewrote and often originated stories for literally thousands of newspapers around the world, took dictation from late-working AP reporters, fact-checked on the fly, and prepared news scripts read the next morning by scores of radio stations in Utah and Idaho.

And he always either got it right or fixed it immediately. He was a journalistic one-man band. For me, Bob has always been the epitome of what AP aspired to be — the best and most reliable all-around source for both local and world news.

Unscrupulously honest, meticulously detailed, thoroughly thorough and always polite and patient, Bob was for me the quintessence of what an AP journalist should be. The only thing he lacked was ambition to be anything more in The AP. He thrived on the overnight shift and once threatened to quit if he were given a more prestigious but less demanding assignment. He turned down travel opportunities which are what fed many others who were more traditionally ambitious.

Near the end, Bob's eldest daughter, Carina Kuesterman Dillon, posted a detailed and poignant report on her father's decline (Connecting, Sept. 11). Quite accurately, she called him "incredibly introverted, independent, intelligent, reclusive and stubborn."

But it was his fearless embrace of life as a journalist, self-educated computer programmer, father, grandfather and committed atheist that most inspired me, offering new ways of looking at my own career, relationships, computers and what lies ahead for us all.

Bob was a mentor and friend to a long line of younger journalists who passed through the Salt Lake bureau, many of whom went on to more traditionally, upwardly mobile careers in journalism, publishing and other fields.

Historian-author Lynne Olsen remembers Bob as "a staunch friend and colleague" who helped her move from Utah to San Francisco.

Reporters Mike Carter and Dave Clemens remember Bob as the enduring anchor of the Intermountain West's three operations, in Salt Lake, Boise and Spokane.

"He modeled for me the kind of fact-based, dogged, truth-seeking behavior that a professional journalist should always display," Clemens said in a Facebook post.

Former Salt Lake communications chief Nolan Kienitz and tech Tom Bingham recalled Bob's computer programming skills. He built a program designed to handle the barrage of nightly high school sports scores.

I remember Bob giving me my first glimpses of what computers could do, even before the AP "wire" turned digital. And my family remembers the many unsolicited video recordings of American TV (mainly Masterpiece Theater) and movies he sent us when I worked in the Philippines.

I considered Bob a deeply honest and spiritual man. Yet, he was a devout atheist and did not believe death would send him to anything like a Christian concept of heaven. So we won't joke now of his duties with some heavenly news service or even how he and his dear departed wife, Kathryn, will be together again the way they were when they met as fellow AP employees.

As a friend, who like Bob's offspring was raised in Mormon Utah, I am sure that his high principles and devotion to science and his quest for truth and honesty in all things will send his spirit to the same place with the holiest of those who preceded him.



It's been an honor to share a good part of this life with such a man.

Bob was hired as an AP full-time temp in Spokane in 1966, rehired in Denver in 1967 and quickly transferred to Salt Lake for the rest of his AP career. There, he met teletype operator Kathryn Henshaw whom he married in 1972. He retired in 2006. Kathryn passed away in 2012 from multiple sclerosis, which she suffered for 29 years.

Bob is survived by daughter Carina (Toby Dillon) of Tooele, Utah, and Lyra (Jesse Fields) of Washington state, and seven grandchildren: Jefferson, Cendan, Dorian, Lillian and Eowyn Dillon and Awen and Inyan Fields.



● SALT LAKE CITY AP BIDS FAREWELL TO LARRY KURTZ as he leaves to become correspondent in charge of the Lansing bureau, where he's responsible for coverage of the Michigan state government. For the past 2½ years he had been news editor at SK. That's Larry, second from left, wearing jacket and admiring his farewell present. To the right of him is his successor as Salt Lake City news editor, Rick Spratling.

Others in picture are: Seated—Operator Cheryl Rickman and Chief of Bureau Reid Miller. Standing—Technician Jay Fristrup, Newsman Steve Montiel, Traffic Bureau Chief Mike Wood, Newsman Bob Kuesterman and Newsman Ward Marchant.

- THE AP STAFF IN SPOKANE—minus 2. Man in charge is Correspondent Burl Osborne, standing at right. Others, L.-R.:  
 Seated—Newsmen Paul Lloyd, John Vivian and Bob Kuesterman.  
 Standing—Maintenanceman Cliff Worth; Ptr.-Atdts. Mildred Seaman and Lynn Valueff; Mech.-Opr. Ed Glowen.  
 Missing—Maintenanceman Barney Devine and Ptr. Attd. Bruce Armstrong; Newsman Evelyn Graeder.



Photos courtesy of AP Corporate Archives

## Your memories of Bob

**Debbie Hummel** ([Email](#)) - Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts about Bob. I worked in the Salt Lake bureau from 2001-2007 and for part of that time was the person who would come in for morning broadcast to relieve him of the night shift.

As a journalist coming from the Salt Lake Tribune the time Bob would take with me at the end of his shift to share a tip or tidbit about the AP was invaluable. He was so kind, funny and incredibly knowledgeable. Some things I will say for the rest of my life because of Bob are: if it snows in late November or early December it's a late FALL snowstorm, not an early winter storm as it is not technically winter until the solstice. Also, it should be Great Salt Lake in all uses, not THE Great Salt Lake. "You don't say The Lake Michigan."

He was a gem. Today I will don a baseball cap and I will remember him well always.

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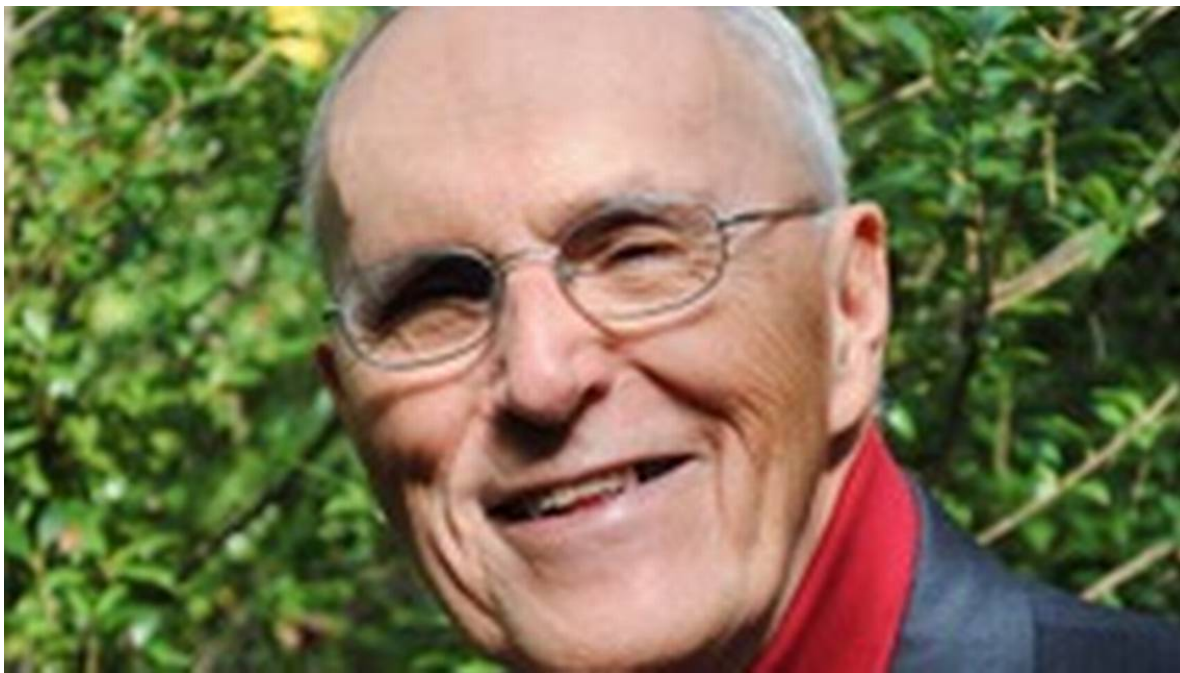
**Doug Pizac (Email)** - For any definition of being a behind the scenes wire service reporter and editor, Bob Kuesterman would be the poster child for it. He and I first met when I transferred from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City in 1994 where he was the overnight editor and we quickly became long-time colleagues and friends.

With him on the overnight desk everyone in the bureau could sleep well knowing that if anything happened it was well covered not only with stories but broadcast copy too. He represented a sense of calm and confidence, letting the day crew start the day fresh without having to scramble to pick up the pieces.

Our friendship continued after our retirements. Retired COB Bill Beecham is still in a nursing facility recuperating from a diabetic ulcer and loss of a lower leg starting nearly two years now. While I visited Bill now and then when I was in Utah and whenever I returned to the state for moving trips and commercial photography jobs, Bob was again the rock spending a couple hours with Bill every single day until his own illness prevented him from visiting our former boss last month.

In my over 30 years with AP, I never knew of another newsman so dedicated and competent in his job on a consistent basis, and committed to his friendships. Rest in peace my friend.

## I used to think COVID-19 happened but to others. Then it hit my family.



William Robert Neikirk, a pioneering journalist in the field of economics reporting, died on the afternoon of Aug. 27.

By **MARK NEIKIRK (Email)**



## For the Lexington Herald-Leader

*Mark Neikirk directs the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement at Northern Kentucky University and is the former managing editor of The Kentucky Post and The Cincinnati Post, newspapers that closed in 2007.*

I was with friends recently, testing the waters of social distancing outside the home, when one asked, “Does any of you know anyone with COVID?”

The subtext was clear: This whole thing is overblown. Well, I told them, I know someone who died, someone whose parents nearly died while on ventilators, and someone my age (60s) who had just tested positive.

Truth be told, though, the pandemic still felt distant. It was happening but to others.

No more. William Robert Neikirk, a pioneering journalist in the field of economics reporting, died on the afternoon of Aug. 27. The cause of death was complications from his long and difficult struggle with dementia coupled with complications from COVID 19. Bill was my uncle.

His career started here, at this newspaper as a sports stringer while attending the University of Kentucky. Those early years produced a favorite assignment – covering a high school basketball game at which Herky Rupp was on the bench. His father, the legendary Adolph, was in the stands and alternated between clinical analysis of the game and paternal frustration: “The thought came to me that the tables were being turned on this famous coach who had many times kept youngsters sitting anxiously on the bench while their fathers watched from the stands. Eventually, though, Herky was sent into the game. Adolph beamed.”

Bill wrote that recollection in 1985 when he was with the Chicago Tribune. It was a respite from covering world trade and monetary policy, but it was also typical of his approach to reporting: find the odd angle, find the humanity. His intent was to make economics relatable to all readers. He once took a guided tour of the Fort Knox vault so he could report on whether the gold was still there, gleaming and real. People were wondering. Maybe the government was lying. He assured them otherwise.

After college, Bill polished his skills at the Associated Press, first in Frankfort in the early 1960s. He moved to Louisiana, where he covered Pistol Pete Maravich one day, the Civil Rights Movement the next. He broke into national affairs in 1968 when AP put him on the team covering the Republican convention that nominated Nixon. There is a great old photo in the AP archives of Bill on press row, phone cradled to his ear and fingers on the typewriter – the very image of the term “working journalist.” Within a year, he moved to AP’s Washington bureau.

Read more [here](#).

# Understanding the election: Why this year is different



Vote-by-mail ballots are shown in a sorting tray at the King County Elections headquarters in Renton, Washington, Aug. 5, 2020. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

By Lauren Easton

The coronavirus pandemic means more Americans than ever before will cast their ballots ahead of Election Day. Deputy Managing Editor for Operations David Scott, who oversees AP's race calling, explains how this may affect when we will know who won the 2020 U.S. presidential election:

## Why is this year's election different than years past?

There are many reasons, but perhaps none bigger than 2020 being the year in which voters truly redefine the meaning of Election Day. For decades, in each passing general election, more Americans than in the previous election cast their ballots before polls opened on Election Day. The coronavirus pandemic has greatly accelerated that trend.

In 10 states, this election will be conducted almost entirely by mail. North Carolina is not one of those states, but by the end of August, more than 500,000 people there had requested a mail ballot – 10 times more than in 2016. In every state, not just those holding an all-mail election, there are ways for voters to make their pick for

president during early voting or with an absentee ballot. Many states have also expanded options for mail and early voting in the wake of the pandemic.

It appears likely this will be the first election in American history in which more than half of the electorate has their ballot in the box before Election Day itself. A year ago, AP's story about the campaign's final day might have read, "Voters cast ballots in Tuesday's elections ..." This year, instead, it will say, "Voting concluded Tuesday for president, U.S. Senate and members of Congress ..."

Amid this historic shift in how and when America votes, it's remarkable that both campaigns are openly raising concerns about the legitimacy of the election. For example, President Donald Trump has focused on baseless accusations of fraud involving mail-in voting, part of an effort former Vice President Joe Biden's campaign says is designed to sow doubt about the results if a winner can't be declared on Election Day. Biden and his allies, meanwhile, are raising concerns about suppression of Democratic voters, including Republicans using poll monitors to intimidate voters.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting mailbox

### *Thanks for engaging look at Stars & Stripes*

**Sylvia Wingfield** ([Email](#)) - Thank you to my friend Perry Flippin for his engaging look at Stars & Stripes — right up to its leadership by my former Dallas AP colleague Terry Leonard. (See Monday's Connecting.) Perry's own news leadership always included supporting the AP staff as well as the Texas communities his newspapers served.

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### *Ralph S. Izard of Athens, Ohio | 1938 - 2020 | Obituary*

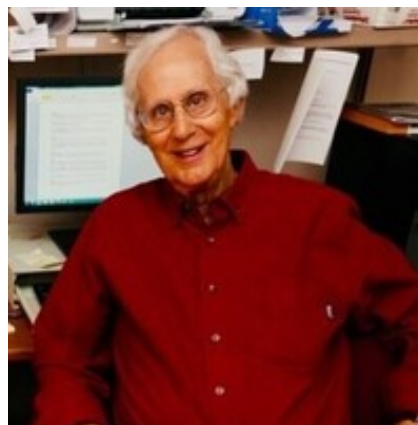
**Brian Friedman** ([Email](#)) - This is [the link](#) to the obituary for Ralph Izard that ran in The Athens Messenger. It was written by Ralph and his daughter, Martha.

It begins:

Ralph S. Izard, 81, of Athens, Ohio, former director of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University, died of prostate cancer on Thursday,

September 3, 2020 at his home. He was born November 12, 1938.

He and his wife Janet came to Athens in 1966, he as an assistant professor of journalism and she as an adjunct instructor of home economics. Their daughter, Martha, a fourth-grade teacher at Morrison-Gordon Elementary School, was born in Athens in 1975.



Izard was author or editor of seven books and published articles in many of the nation's leading journalism/mass communication journals. His most recent book, *The Scripps School: Its Stories, People, and Legacy*, was published in 2018 by the Ohio University Press. His early years as a teacher primarily involved journalistic writing and editing, but he later branched into journalism ethics, diversity and the First Amendment.

He became the school's director in 1986, serving until 1998 when he retired from Ohio University after 32 years of service.

It later states: A memorial service will be held at a later time. Contributions may be made to the Ralph Izard/Post Endowed Scholarship, Ohio University Foundation, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701. Please share a memory, a note of condolence or sign the online register at [www.jagersfuneralhome.com](http://www.jagersfuneralhome.com).

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## *Pandemic newspaper reader*





A man lines his bench with the Sunday New York Times before sitting down as he reads other sections outside The Muny theater in Forest Park in St. Louis on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020. Photo by Robert Cohen, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [rcohen@post-dispatch.com](mailto:rcohen@post-dispatch.com)

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## ***Retirement hasn't stopped Nick Ut from chasing stories***

**Cecilia White** ([Email](#)) - Bravo to Nick Ut for his great photo of two fire-fighting helicopters in Monday's (9/14) "Connecting." Obviously, retirement hasn't stopped you from chasing news stories, Nick. I know it's like breathing for you. I can still recall you and the other intrepid photographers in the AP/LA bureau returning from fire assignments. I could smell the smoke on your clothing before even seeing you.

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## ***Pandemic pets: Watch out for those hummingbirds, Fenway!***





**Michael Weinfeld (Email)** - Since the virus hit, I've been spending more time on our deck overlooking Mt. Herman and Monument Lake in Monument, Colorado. Our dog, Fenway (yes, I'm a lifelong Red Sox fan), keeps me company. This summer, as always, we've been swarmed by hummingbirds who are attracted to our numerous feeders. They often dive-bomb whomever's sitting in their way, as hummingbirds do, but this particular day, they took an interest in Fenway. They flew all around her, coming extremely close to her head. Fenway looked at them with curiosity, but didn't seem to mind the attention. Eventually, they continued their quest for food, leaving a nonplussed Fenway to return to her nap.

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## *A masterpiece of a lead - By ROB MAADDI, AP Pro Football Writer*

Ron Fournier replied

 **Jon Green** @\_Jon\_Green · 17h

AP writers don't get many opportunities to have a sense of humor

Associated Press 4:42 PM ET

LANDOVER, Md. -- The Washington Football Team played like a group of guys determined to make a name for themselves.

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Shared by Bob Reid.

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## *On the importance of good typesetting and layout*

Robert Graham 🤪, provocateur Retweeted

 **Nicholas A. Christakis** ✓ @NACHristakis · 4h

On the importance of good typesetting and layout.



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Shared by Steve Graham.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



to

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Connie Farrow - [connie@conniefarrow.com](mailto:connie@conniefarrow.com)

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# Stories of interest

***Journalism prof calls for end to objectivity*** (World Net Daily)

By WND STAFF

A highly acclaimed Stanford University journalism professor says it's time for reporters to abandon objectivity and become warriors for "social justice."

"Journalists need to be overt and candid advocates for social justice, and it's hard to do that under the constraints of objectivity," Ted Glasser, professor emeritus in the Department of Communication at Stanford, told the Stanford Daily.

Journalism, he said in the Aug. 20 interview, should "free itself from this notion of objectivity to develop a sense of social justice."

Glasser is the author of several books on journalism, including "Normative Theories of the Media; Journalism in Democratic Societies." He's a recipient of the Frank Luther Mott-Kappa Tau Alpha Award for books on journalism. His writings have appeared in Journalism Studies, Journal of Communication, Journal of Media Ethics and other journals. He served as president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He was on the board of The Stanford Daily Publishing Corporation and was a member of the program committee of the John S. Knight Fellowships program for journalists. He currently serves on the editorial board for a number of academic journals.

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

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***Joe Biden's security breached while boarding campaign plane*** (CBS News)

By BO ERICKSON

Johnstown, Pa. — An unidentified photographer breached Joe Biden's Secret Service perimeter this afternoon as the candidate boarded his charter plane in Pennsylvania.

The Democratic presidential nominee and his wife, Jill, were walking up the plane staircase from their motorcade at the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport when a man with a camera made his way onto the small airport tarmac, around the plane's rear

and under its left wing to join the group of credentialed press corps traveling with Biden who were watching the couple board.

Soon after reaching the area under the plane wing, the man was intercepted by a Secret Service agent and physically removed. The man flashed an orange pass around his neck, declared himself a photographer, and initially resisted the agent trying to pull him away.

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

## Today in History - September 15, 2020



### By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 15, the 259th day of 2020. There are 107 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On September 15, 1963, four Black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

#### On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1890, English mystery writer Agatha Christie was born in Torquay.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

In 1942, during World War II, the aircraft carrier USS Wasp was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; the U.S. Navy ended up sinking the badly damaged vessel.

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1982, the first edition of USA Today was published.

In 1985, Nike began selling its "Air Jordan 1" sneaker.

In 2001, President George W. Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the Sept. 11 attack. Beleaguered Afghans streamed out of Kabul, fearing a U.S. military strike against Taliban rulers harboring Osama bin Laden.

In 2008, on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 504.48, or 4.42 percent, to 10,917.51 while oil closed below \$100 a barrel for the first time in six months amid upheaval in the financial industry as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection and Merrill Lynch & Co. was sold to Bank of America.

Ten years ago: A mortar attack by Palestinian militants and airstrikes by Israel provided a grim backdrop as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ended their latest round of peace talks still divided on major issues.

Five years ago: Hungary sealed off its border with Serbia with massive coils of barbed wire and began detaining migrants trying to use the country as a gateway to Western Europe, harsh new measures that left thousands of frustrated asylum-seekers piled up on the Serbian side of the border. Malcolm Turnbull was sworn in as the new prime minister of Australia after his conservative Liberal Party colleagues voted for him to replace Tony Abbott as the nation's leader.

One year ago: Purdue Pharma, the company that made billions selling the prescription painkiller OxyContin, filed for bankruptcy in White Plains, New York, days after reaching a tentative settlement with many of the state and local governments that had sued the company over the toll of opioids. Ric Ocasek, the 75-year-old frontman for the rock band The Cars, died in New York of heart disease worsened by



emphysema. Veteran Broadway actress Phyllis Newman, who was the first woman to host "The Tonight Show," died in New York at the age of 86.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Norm Crosby is 93. Actor Henry Darrow is 87. Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry is 82. Actor Carmen Maura is 75. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 75. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 74. Movie director Oliver Stone is 74. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (KAY'-gee) (Night Ranger) is 68. Actor Barry Shabaka Henley is 66. Director Pawel Pawlikowski is 63. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 60. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 59. Actor Danny Nucci is 52. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 51. Actor Josh Charles is 49. Singer Ivette (EE'-veht) Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 44. Actor Tom Hardy is 43. Actor Marisa Ramirez is 43. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 42. Actor Dave Annable is 41. Actor Amy Davidson is 41. Britain's Prince Harry is 36. TV personality Heidi Montag is 34. Actor Kate Mansi is 33.

## 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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