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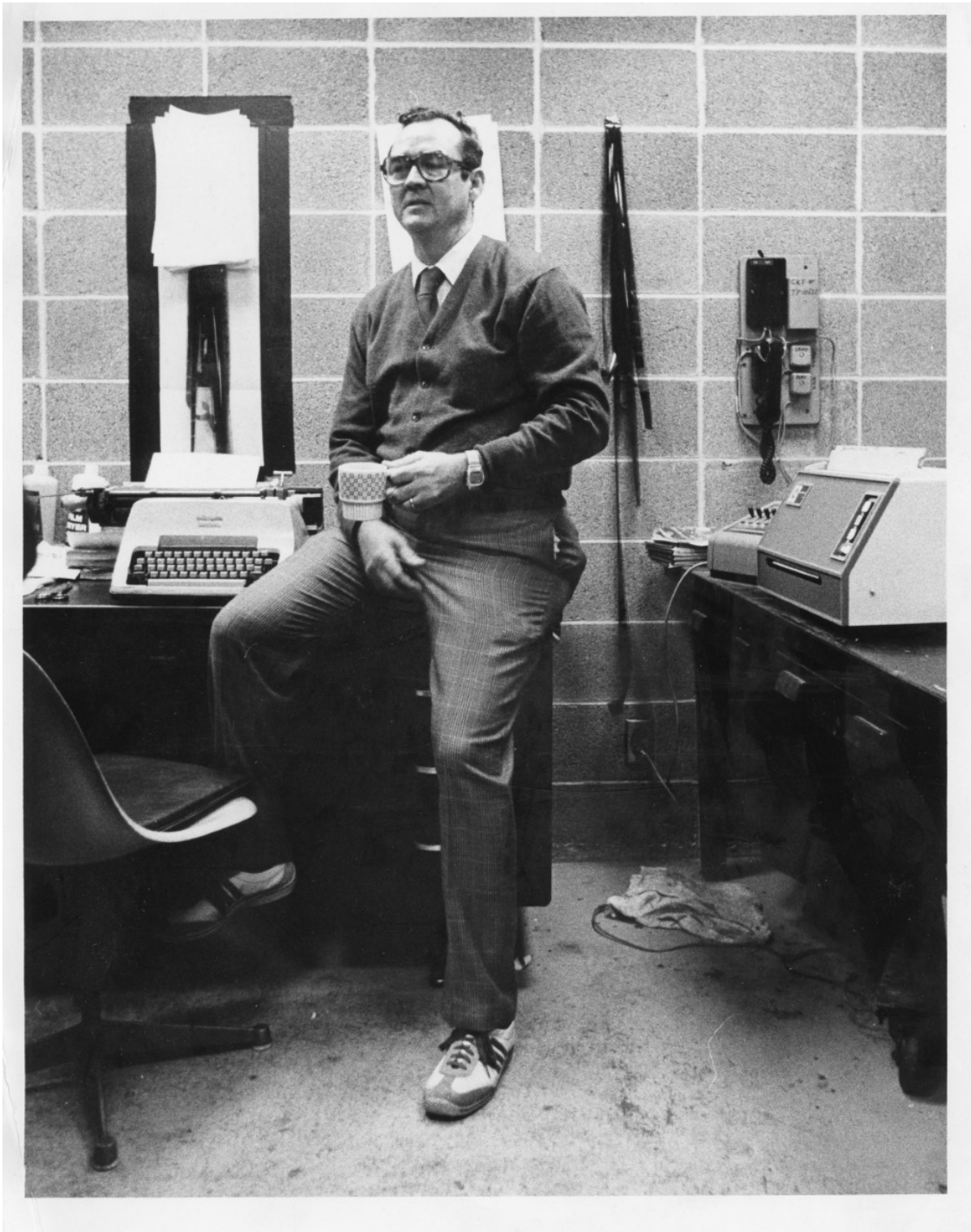
Good Tuesday morning on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021,Rummaging through his photo archives, our colleague **Cliff Schiappa** developed a story for Connecting that leads today's issue.It's about his AP mentor **Fred Waters**, initially a combat photographer in Southeast Asia for the AP before moving to the St. Louis bureau where he continued a great career that resulted in his induction into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

We also bring you some great responses to Monday's call for your Most Hated Office Jargon. Hope it floats your boat...

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

## Lessons from FOW - Arrive early, be prepared, and edit while I shoot



**Cliff Schiappa** ([Email](#)) - I'm in the process of going through my photo archives (fancy name for boxes and boxes of prints, negatives, transparencies and clips) to create some semblance of order. I've got many thousands of photos since my high school days covering a wide range of subjects, both personal and assigned for numerous publications and AP.

One of the prints I uncovered shows the late AP St. Louis Staff Photographer Fred Waters sitting on the edge of a desk in the AP darkroom at Busch Stadium in St. Louis in the late 70s. He can be seen drinking a cup of coffee and wearing a sweater and tie, so most likely we were covering a St. Louis Cardinals NFL football game. Regardless of the assignment, Fred would always wear a necktie, a nice throwback to earlier decades when it was far more common for news photographers to be better dressed than what was depicted by "Animal" from the Lou Grant Show that was popular at the time.

Black and white film from the day's shoot can be seen hanging from a hook on the wall and a photograph, carrying Fred's unique caption writer's initials of FOW, is just beginning to emerge from the lower portion of the LaserPhoto transmitter at right. Adhesive-backed caption paper is in the manual typewriter at left along with a bottle of liquid film dryer (there's an oxymoron!) and scissors to trim the caption that was affixed directly to the photograph. The photos being transmitted would be numbered with a prefix of STS for St. Louis Stadium.

Fred had a storied career, covering the fall of North Vietnam during the French-Indochina War and was one of the last three newsmen to leave Hanoi before it was overrun by the Vietminh in 1954. He also covered Korea, the Philippines and Cambodia before transferring to St. Louis in the early 1960s where he worked until his retirement in 1984 when he was succeeded by the late and beloved James A. Finley. I met Fred in 1977 when I was attending the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, 126 miles from Kansas City, and 126 miles from St. Louis. As AP's stringer for the middle of the state, I would receive assignments from the Kansas City control bureau including News Editor Kent Zimmerman and Staff Photographer John Filo, but it was Fred who would usually staff MU football along with then-stringer James Finley and myself.



The first of many lessons I learned from Fred was to arrive at assignments early to make sure everything in the darkroom was ready for the mad rush of deadline processing, printing and transmitting that would begin shortly after the start of a game. The second lesson was to shoot and ship one roll of film (with the film leader NOT wound back into the cassette) from the first quarter which forced us to edit while we shot. After all, the processing tank could only hold four rolls of film and we'd have three photographers on the field. In those days, we'd transmit a total of four black-and-white images from a college game, three for AMs editions and one for PMs, taking about 9 minutes to transmit each photo. For an NFL game, we'd up it to six photos. Today, a typical NFL game output is about 150 color photos, each one taking mere seconds to transmit.

Looking at that photo of Fred, he was most likely regaling us with stories, spoken with his clipped southern accent, from his days in Asia, where he was given the nickname

"Mizu," Japanese for water. Interestingly, that name was used by his overseas colleagues, but I don't recall folks in St. Louis calling him by that name.

Reflecting on my career, those lessons from Fred (arrive early, be prepared, and edit while I shoot) may be considered old-school by some, but they have stuck with me to this day and have served those under his tutelage very well indeed. Fred was the first AP photographer to be inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in 2008, followed the next year by James Finley. Fred died in 2013.

As for the analog print of Fred, it is now scanned and saved to an external hard drive. One digitized, thousands to go.

## Most hated office jargon – your responses

The bottom line is... (Buzz Ball)

Having the "bandwidth" to accomplish a task. (Margery Smith Beck)

Circle back. Although synergy for sure means absolutely nothing. (Amir Bibawy)

That's not in my wheelhouse! (Anita Patterson Burr)

Calling human beings "my direct reports." (Betsy Taylor Carson)

"Uniquely qualified" (Kristi Chew)

When it comes to your jargon question, the first phrase that popped into my mind was "break down silos." I have no idea why. I do recall that there was a time at the turn of the century when I kept seeing and hearing it in the AP workplace. (Dennis Conrad)

I'll add this to my daily affirmations of why it's great to be retired! (I think I'll start using these around the house. But most probably wouldn't go over that well in a husband-wife setting.) (Brian Corn)

I'm on deadline...Oh lord, another "Blue Rocket"...Re-write, again? (Rick Cooper)

This year's education slogan..."flying the plane while we build it" (Dawn Barnett Dean)

I don't see "Doing more with less." (John Dowling)

Here is a new one that drives me nuts: Just 17 more sleeps until the NCAA tournament begins. (Bill Draper)

Work smarter, not harder or longer... Spool it up. (Larry Dreiling)

Utilize! Ideation! (Bill Foreman)

Taking something "offline" - when we are all just online all the time. (And when we were in person, using it to mean in another environment. Ugh.) ... This is a new one -

"doubleclicking" on something to mean expanding on a topic. Taking it from what you do on a computer. Double ugh. (Emily Fredrix Goodman)

I don't see trying to put 25 pounds of s into a 20-pound bag. (Rick Green)

It's missing the ultra-stupid "Work smarter, not harder." (Sue Holmes)

"Check all the boxes" is particularly annoying. (Robert Kimball)

Looking out over the hood. (John Kurtz)

Reach out. It's never 'call' someone or 'contact' someone or 'talk' to someone. (Lori Linenberger)

On your plate. (Bruce Lowitt)

Touch base (Diane Udermann McClurg)

I'm sick of "connect the dots" and "close the loop." Among so much other jargon. (Kim Mills)

Towards the end of my tenure this one was growing in popularity (and to me dislike): "going forward." (Mark Mittelstadt)

"They're all horrific! You are missing 'turn the question on its head!'" (Dan Perry)

Every so often the principal used the word "collaborate". (I can't remember...I hope I did:) (Esta Petersen)

Sit down with..." "not yet clear." (Michael Phelps)

Strategic planning (Denise Riedel)

To think I just used "Think outside the box" on another FB post. Yikes! (James Rowley)

I was very surprised to see this hated phrase did not make the list on that survey. Perhaps it's because it's a foregone conclusion now, but back in the day of cutbacks "Doing more with less" was heard way too often and despised by me each time I heard it. Something tells me you'll be hearing from other Connecting correspondents saying something similar. (Cliff Schiappa)

Going forward, we must proactively and transparently address the issue of language perceived as jargon. (Dave Skidmore)

Oh man, where to start. We want a "seamless rollout." And "going forward" let's keep it "laser-focused." (Hal Spencer)

Here are the red notes for today ... (John Taylor)

i can't wait to onboard somebody who can throw jargon overboard. (Angus Thuermer)

Anyone hate YOUR FIRED? (Dan Waggoner)

## Rocking Chair Pharmacy

**Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)) - Rocking in my chair, hoping for spring, I wondered how many pills an old man can take, and what happens to them?

The gods of aging have been extremely nice to this 94.6-old retired AP photographer. And, of course, like an automobile, some parts are not at 100%.

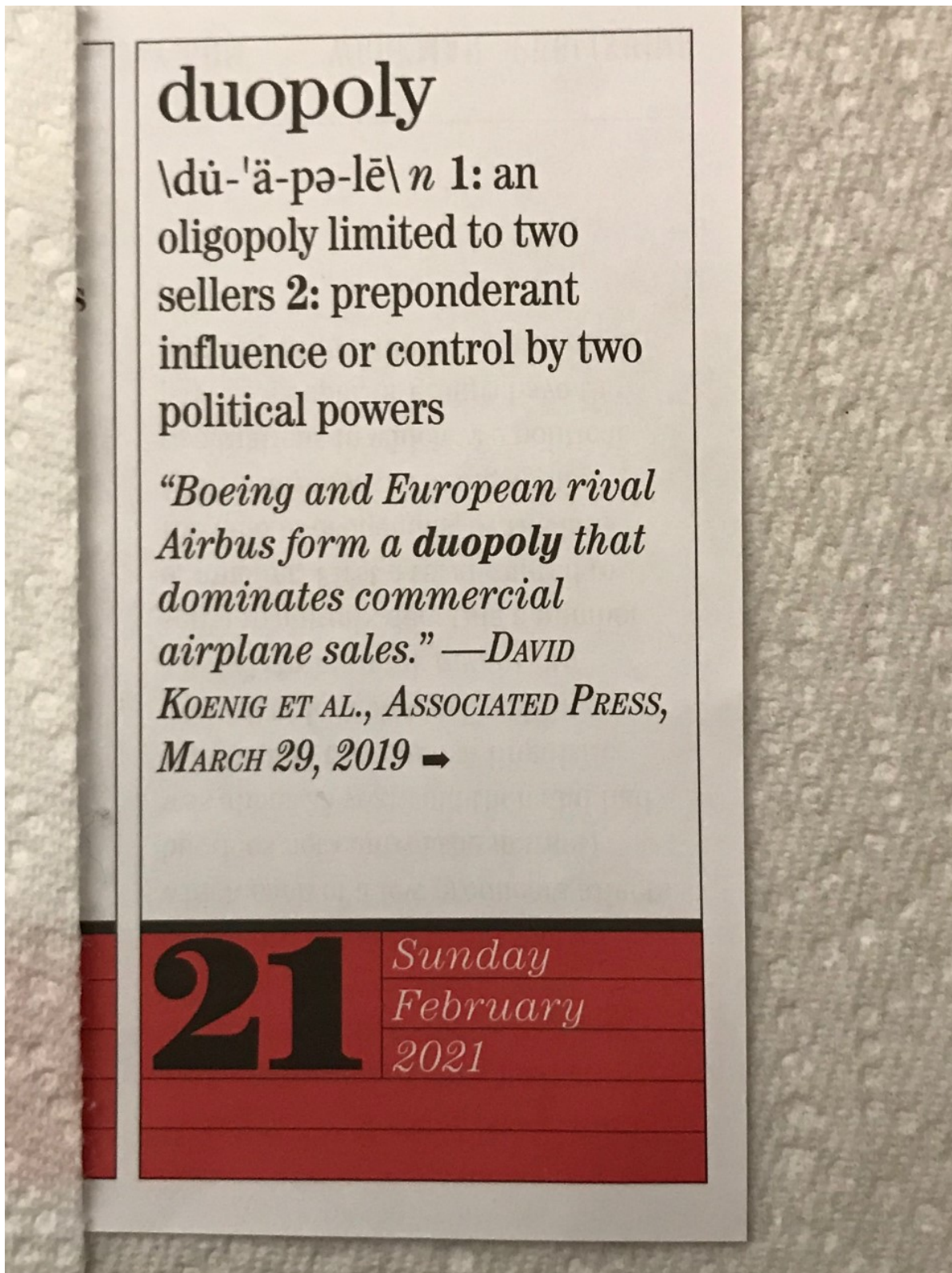
Every morning it seems it takes me hours to open each container of pharmaceuticals and supplements, and put them in a pill container for the day's use. This morning I decided to count the number of each. I take 12 pills of vitamins and other supplements; and 22 pills of pharmaceuticals. All of this plus a drink mixture of iron supplement.

That leaves little time to eat, wash dishes, take out the trash, body care, vacuum, check computer, dress, watch the birds and squirrels eat, write, and cautiously watch the stupid television news.

But, in addition to those things, I spend some time wondering where all of those pills go once they hit my stomach? One pill to another: "Where in the hell are you headed?" Two other pills are fighting to get ahead of the pack. Some of the pills go racing to various parts of the body. Sometimes they must get derailed and go to the wrong place. I understand two of the heart pills accidentally went to the kidneys. Wow, what do you think happened there? I've often wondered what caused me to have diarrhea. Did the Iron capsule go to the colon instead of throughout my body?

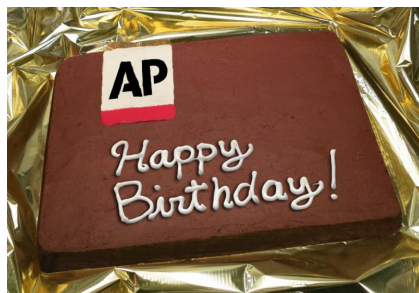
These are some serious questions.

## AP sighting – Page a Day calendar



**Gerald Bodlander** ([Email](#)) - This AP sighting is from the Page a Day calendar (sorry this is a little late) which features a word each day and provides a definition and the use of the word in a sentence. The back of the page includes the origin of the word. My wife gives these calendars as holiday gifts and they are always a hit.

**Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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## Stories of interest

### ***Washington Post publisher says Biden is giving MBS a 'one free murder' pass*** (The Week)

The publisher of The Washington Post is slamming President Biden for not directly punishing Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, saying he's "falling far short" of fulfilling a campaign promise.

In a Monday opinion piece, Fred Ryan, publisher of The Washington Post, was highly critical of Biden for sanctioning Saudi operatives but not Mohammed bin Salman after declassifying a report that found the Saudi crown prince "approved an operation" to "capture or kill" the late Post journalist.

Ryan notes Biden vowed to make the crown prince's regime "pay the price" during his presidential campaign. Now, Ryan writes, the president is "facing his first major test of a campaign promise and, it appears, he's about to fail it."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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### ***Former New York Times reporter breaks silence after being ousted amid racial slur controversy*** (CNN)

By Oliver Darcy

New York (CNN Business) Donald G. McNeil Jr., the star New York Times reporter who resigned amid uproar over his 2019 use of a racial slur, broke his silence on Monday,



leveling criticism against some of the newspaper's top brass and offering his own explanation for the events that ended his decades-long career at the outlet.

McNeil, who was the newspaper's top health and science reporter, departed The Times in February, two weeks after a story in The Daily Beast revealed complaints regarding his conduct while serving as an expert guide for students during a 2019 junket to Peru. Among the complaints, the most serious was that McNeil had used the n-word while aiming to clarify a student's question that concerned the language.

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

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## ***Florida state senator proposes making assault on a media member a hate crime*** (The Hill)

BY CELINE CASTRONUOVO

A Florida state senator on Tuesday filed a bill seeking to include members of the press as a protected group in existing hate crime laws in the state in response to recent threats and attacks against journalists.

State Sen. Janet Cruz (D) announced the proposed measure in a press release, writing that the legislation will allow for heightened penalties for threats and violence against members of the media, treating them as a protected class alongside race, religion and sexual orientation.

"It is a dark reality that members of the press in our country are facing a heightened risk of violent attacks as a result of irresponsible leadership throughout our country," the press release stated.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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## ***Irv Cross, First Black Network TV Sports Analyst, Dies at 81*** (New York Times)

By Richard Sandomir

Irv Cross, a Pro Bowl defensive back with two N.F.L. teams who later made history as the first Black full-time television analyst for a network television sports show, died on Sunday in a hospice in North Oaks, Minn. He was 81.

The cause was ischemic cardiomyopathy, a heart disease, said his wife, Liz Cross. He also had dementia, which he believed had been caused by concussions he endured in his playing days. He had arranged to donate his brain to the Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Center.

By 1975, after nine seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Los Angeles Rams and four years as a game analyst for CBS Sports, the network hired Mr. Cross to join the cast of its pregame show, "The NFL Today," beginning a 15-year run as a high-profile commentator. He, Brent Musburger and Phyllis George — and, starting a year later, the betting maven Jimmy Snyder, who was known as the Greek — previewed and analyzed the day's coming games and gave half-time scores.

The cast was unlike others in N.F.L. television programming, with Mr. Cross in a job that no other Black sports journalist had held before, and Ms. George, a former Miss America, becoming one of the first female sportscasters. With entertaining banter and byplay, the combination of personalities proved extremely popular.

Read more [here](#).

## The Final Word

*Nebraska may be home to the country's only newspaper/liquor store* (Omaha World-Herald)



In the back rooms of the Stapleton Enterprise, Kendra Cutler, left, and Marcia Hora have created a side business, a liquor store called Herbie's Speakeasy. CREATIVE PRINTERS

By PAUL HAMMEL

If you've ever needed a stiff drink after reading the news, a Stapleton newspaper publisher has a solution for you.

In the backrooms of the Stapleton Enterprise, owner Marcia Hora has opened a liquor store, a stylish place to obtain wines and spirits after grabbing the headlines in the Sand Hills village, 30 miles northeast of North Platte.

It's called Herbie's Speakeasy because Hora is a big fan of Herbie Husker, and because you have to walk through the newspaper office and ask "Where's the liquor store?" to get there.

Hora, who has worked at the Enterprise since 1976, said the unique side business — perhaps a one-of-a-kind among newspapers nationally — grew out of an effort to keep local residents shopping in Stapleton instead of driving off somewhere else.

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

## Today in History - March 2, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2021. There are 304 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

### On this date:

In 1867, Howard University, a historically Black school of higher learning in Washington, D.C., was founded. Congress passed, over President Andrew Johnson's veto, the first of four Reconstruction Acts.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (puh-CHEL'-ee) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. (Georgia and Connecticut soon followed.)

In 1943, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

In 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

In 1965, the movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

In 1990, more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers.)

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 8-1, that a grieving father's pain over mocking protests at his Marine son's funeral had to yield to First Amendment protections for free speech in a decision favoring the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas. A man armed with a handgun attacked a bus carrying U.S. Air Force troops at Frankfurt airport, killing two airmen before being taken into custody. (Arid Uka, an Islamic extremist, was later sentenced to life in prison.)

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved the toughest sanctions against North Korea in two decades, reflecting growing anger at Pyongyang's latest nuclear test and rocket launch in defiance of a ban on all nuclear-

related activity. After nearly a year aboard the international space station, NASA astronaut Scott Kelly and Russia's Mikhail Kornienko returned to earth aboard a Soyuz capsule.

One year ago: Health officials in Washington state, where a cluster of coronavirus cases had surfaced at a nursing home near Seattle, said four more people had died from the virus. The director-general of the World Health Organization said there was still time to stop the COVID-19 epidemic, saying "containment is feasible." Vice President Mike Pence said the coronavirus risk to Americans remained low, but that "we're ready for anything." The Dow Jones Industrial Average soared nearly 1,300 points as stocks roared back from a seven-day rout on hopes of action from central banks. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar ended her Democratic presidential campaign and endorsed Joe Biden. Longtime MSNBC host Chris Matthews abruptly retired from his "Hardball" show after apologizing for making inappropriate comments about women. The Recording Academy said it had fired Deborah Dugan, its former president who had questioned the integrity of the Grammy Awards nominations process and complained of sexual harassment. James Lipton, longtime host of "Inside the Actors Studio," died at his New York home; he was 93.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 91. Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 90. Actor Barbara Luna is 82. Author John Irving is 79. Actor Cassie Yates is 70. Actor Laraine Newman is 69. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 68. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 66. Singer Jay Osmond is 66. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 65. Former tennis player Kevin Curren is 63. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 62. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 59. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 58. Actor Daniel Craig is 53. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 49. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 44. Actor Heather McComb is 44. Actor Rebel Wilson is 41. Actor Bryce Dallas Howard is 40. NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 39. NHL goalie Henrik Lundqvist is 39. Musician Mike "McDuck" Olson (Lake Street Dive) is 38. Actor Robert Iler is 36. Actor Nathalie Emmanuel is 32. Country singer Luke Combs is 31. Singer-rapper-actor Becky G is 24.

## 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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