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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Aug. 26, 2021,

Today's lead story in Stories of Interest is an interesting piece in the Washingtonian that includes background of The Washington Post's search for a new executive editor that resulted in the selection of the AP's executive editor, **Sally Buzbee**.

Although the story said Buzbee was not made available for comment for the story, I think you'll enjoy the many AP references it contains.

Among photos that ran with the Washingtonian story was the one at right, with the caption: *After dinners with four*

*finalists at (Jeff) Bezos's DC home, he and publisher Fred Ryan (right) knew Buzbee was the one. Photograph by Tony Powell.*

Today's Connecting brings you stories on the trust readers place on wire stories, a fond memory of Johannesburg AP photographer **John Parkin** and the death of longtime journalist **Michael Malloy**.



**CORRECTION:** In this photo published Wednesday in Connecting that showed Terry Anderson (left) at the Warwick NY Picnic, the individual with him was incorrectly identified. It was retired AP New York photographer Ed Bailey, also a Connecting colleague. Both live in the tiny village of Greenwood Lake NY. Bailey was at the picnic taking pictures for the local paper, and Anderson was canvassing for the local Democratic Party.



Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Local journalists, do people trust the wire content you publish? (Medium.com)

By Joy Mayer

As local news outlets, what is our role in keeping our communities informed about national events? And how do attitudes toward national coverage affect people's relationships with *\*our\** journalism?

We've gotten the message from our partner journalists over the last few years that audiences are confused about who's responsible for content from wire services or other partners. They tell us that people expect them to independently fact-check wire stories, that their comments sections are full of complaints about national coverage and that they have decreasing staff resources to pay attention to those stories.

So, let's talk about it.

As we kick off our new initiative, A Road to Pluralism, along with our Pluralism Network, we're going to dig into a series of challenging questions that we think are crucial for local journalists to address. We'll talk about five topics that we believe are contributing to the perception that local news is part of the problem in a polarized society, rather than a trusted resource across the political spectrum.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dave Zelio, who lists these highlights from the story:

- Our readers do not understand that we cannot run Fox News content. They want to know why we always run Associated Press or Washington Post stories.
- A wire story might say "Trump crowed" about something, rather than just that he said it. We have to think how that will be perceived by people. If people see those kinds of words, they might reject the whole story and not accept the facts of the story. Stories perceived as biased drive people to news sites that align with their views, where they're going to get more misinformation.
- We delegated an editor on election night to take adverbs and adjectives out of AP stories and make them as straightforward as possible.

## Johannesburg's John Parkin – Glad to have known him as AP colleague, friend

**Tina Susman** ([Email](#)) - John Parkin was one of the first colleagues I met when I joined the AP's Johannesburg bureau, and he's the one who warned me of the existence of Parktown Prawns, huge and hideous bugs that exist within a small area of South Africa and that strike terror in the heart of someone like me, who lives with a phobia of large bugs. Shortly after I'd moved into my first Joburg house, John and I were at a colleague's party at which John began telling Prawn tales, describing their distinctive cricket-like appearance, their habit of leaping high into the air and emitting a foul-smelling inky liquid when confronted by humans, and their (to me) unimaginably massive size. The next morning, I discovered an alien-like creature about 4 inches long lying dead on my shower floor. Of course I called John, who came right over and positively identified it as a Parktown Prawn. He gallantly removed the corpse and gave me some valuable lessons on how to prevent Prawns from getting inside (and what to do if they breached security).



John loved his job and was always itching to get out of the bureau and into the field, the ideal colleague for a correspondent who also couldn't wait to leave the desk for in-person reporting. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work alongside him and to have known him as a friend.

# Journalist Michael T. Malloy dies – worked for UPI, National Observer, WSJ

Mike passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 14. It was the end of a courageous fight with cancer that started late in 2014 with a prognosis of two or three years. We are grateful that he defied pain and frustration so he could be with us so much longer. He spent his last week at home with Terry, Bridget, his two grandsons, Ravi and Aaron, and Linda and Ruth.

He is fondly remembered for his encyclopedic mind, skepticism, sense of humour, love of family, and as a teacher of writing. His love of travel took him around the world. You can learn more about Mike from his wife's memoir under the title *Brightening My Corner* to be published in 2022. A memorial axe-throwing party is being considered.



Mike was born in Chicago in 1936. He started with newspapers as a copyboy for the Chicago Daily News. He learned his trade as a police reporter and then editor with the Chicago News Bureau. He later worked for the U.S. military newspaper *Pacific Stars and Stripes* in Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines.

He was a war correspondent for United Press International in Laos and India, and UPI Bureau Chief during the Vietnam War. He wrote two books and for about ten years, was a reporter and managing editor of the *National Observer* (Washington, D.C.) He was the managing editor of the *Asian Wall Street Journal* based in Hong Kong and the managing editor of the *Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones* operations in Canada. As a Fulbright Fellow from 1994-95, he taught business journalism in Kazakhstan. In 1995-97, he worked on a financial news service for Dow Jones in India.

Although he studied at Columbia University in a Ford Foundation program for journalists, it wasn't until 2001 that he completed a university degree, a B.A. in Archaeology at the University of Toronto, at the age of 65.

After retiring from journalism, he worked as an archaeologist in Canada. He spent about 10 summers with Wilfrid Laurier University digging on Roman-Nabatean and neolithic sites in Jordan. He also worked on the Queen of Sheba site in Yemen with the American Foundation for the Study of Man. He volunteered at the Royal Ontario Museum and Habitat for Humanity in Toronto.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Lor Malloy and daughter Linda Malloy of Toronto, son Terry "Tierro" Malloy, daughter-in-law Bridget Law, grandsons Aaron and Ravi, and

sister Shawn Gatz in the U.S.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to [APOPO-Hero Rats](#) or the Oncology Department, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto.

Appeared in Toronto Star – click [here](#) for link. Shared by Dodi Fromson,

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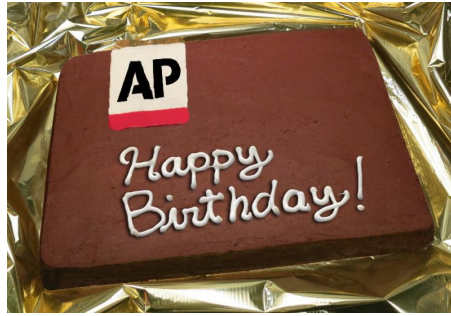


**Andy Lippman** ([Email](#)) - My dog Scout loved the "Final Word" yesterday morning. (Repeated above.)

His only question was if the "links" were "sausage links." If they are, he's not forwarding - they are all his.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday





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## Stories of interest

*Inside the Plan to Make Jeff Bezos's Washington Post the Everything Newspaper* (Washingtonian)



By **ANDREW BEAUJON**

The last round of the tryouts took place over four meals this past spring at Jeff Bezos's Washington home. Each guest of honor was a contender to become the new executive editor of the Washington Post, and their invitation to Bezos's \$23-million Kalorama mansion included a guest. They supped with Bezos and his partner, TV personality and producer Lauren Sanchez; the paper's publisher, Fred Ryan; and his wife, Genevieve McSweeney Ryan, dining off dishes emblazoned with the Post logo



and taking questions from the world's richest man about how they might run his newspaper. The plates weren't the only piece of Post swag Bezos showed off—according to two sources, he also told guests he owns a lock busted by the Watergate burglars.

Almost nothing about the setting—or the paper's circumstances—resembled the last time the Post had gone shopping for a new editor. In 2013, when Bezos paid the Graham family \$250 million for the paper, it was bleeding money. Marty Baron, a laser-focused editor with a reputation for steering hard-hitting city coverage while pinching pennies, had been tapped by the Grahams to winnow ambitions as the business model collapsed.

But then Bezos arrived. He poured rocket fuel on Baron's latent ambitions—investing millions to nearly double the Post's ranks, blow out its technical capabilities, and supersize the editorial vision. The big idea, as Baron once described it: "Why are we taking all of the pain of the internet and not taking the gift that the internet had to offer?" Over the next eight years, the Post transformed itself from a dwindling hometown broadsheet to a national media company with a ballooning readership; profitability; ten Pulitzer Prizes; and more than a little swagger. Now, in a Kalorama mansion grander even than Katharine Graham's former salon, the Post's billionaire owner and his publisher were choosing the first editor of their era.

By this point, the guest list for the dinners had been narrowed via Zoom calls with dozens of people, in-person interviews between Ryan and the first cut, and strategy memos from the most interesting candidates. Bezos and Ryan talked with four finalists before the boss extended them invitations to dinner. Two were internal: longtime managing editor Cameron Barr and Steven Ginsberg, who edits the national section. The other two were women leading other newsrooms: Meredith Artley, editor in chief of CNN Digital Worldwide, and Sally Buzbee, executive editor of the Associated Press.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Myron Belkind, Linda Deutsch.

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## ***How Mexico Helped The Times Get Its Journalists Out of Afghanistan*** (New York Times)

**By Ben Smith**

A group of Afghans who worked for The New York Times, along with their families, touched down safely early Wednesday — not in New York or Washington, but at Benito Juárez International Airport in Mexico City.

The arrival of the 24 families was the latest stop in a harrowing escape from Kabul. And Mexico's role in the rescue of journalists from The Times and, if all goes as planned, The Wall Street Journal offers a disorienting glimpse of the state of the American government as two of the country's most powerful news organizations frantically sought help far from Washington.

Mexican officials, unlike their counterparts in the United States, were able to cut through the red tape of their immigration system to quickly provide documents that, in turn, allowed the Afghans to fly from Kabul's embattled airport to Doha, Qatar. The documents promised that the Afghans would receive temporary humanitarian protection in Mexico while they explored further options in the United States or elsewhere.

Read more [here](#).

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## *The view from the White House* (Politico)

By ANITA KUMAR

Here are a few observations:

More women are covering the White House, so many that we often make up more than half the journalists in the room. Women now lead White House coverage at ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN. In January, when briefings were subject to pandemic restrictions, female journalists — me included — made headlines for filling nearly every seat.

Yet the press corps has been predominantly white — while the America that relies on their coverage is about 40 percent people of color, the people around me were a much less diverse group. When I joined the White House Correspondents' Association board in 2018, I made history as the first Indian American elected in a century. The press corps is starting to become a little less white. And that impacts the questions that are asked. Reporters of color — not all, but many — tend to ask more pressing questions about racial inequities.

Read more [here](#).



## Celebrating AP's 175th

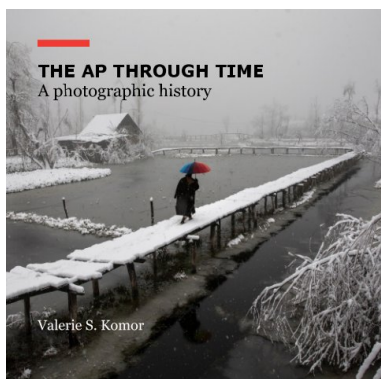
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP's most historic logos.

Click [here](#).

## AP Through Time: A Photographic History



AP Through Time: A Photographic History" - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP's 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP's development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

## AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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## Today in History - Aug. 26, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2021. There are 127 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

### On this date:

In 1817, the University of Michigan was founded.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)



In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago; the four-day event that resulted in the nomination of Hubert H. Humphrey for president was marked by a bloody police crackdown on antiwar protesters in the streets.

In 1972, the summer Olympics opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1985, 13-year-old AIDS patient Ryan White began "attending" classes at Western Middle School in Kokomo, Indiana, via a telephone hook-up at his home -- school officials had barred Ryan from attending classes in person.

In 2004, the nation's supply of vaccine for the impending flu season took a big hit when Chiron Corp. announced it had found tainted doses in its factory, and would hold up shipment of about 50 million shots.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.)

In 2015, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, were shot to death during a live broadcast by a disgruntled former station employee who fatally shot himself while being pursued by police.

In 2018, a gunman opened fire on fellow gamers at a video game tournament in Jacksonville, Fla., killing two men and wounding 10 others before taking his own life. Playwright Neil Simon, whose comedies included "The Odd Couple" and "Barefoot in the Park," died at the age of 91.

Ten years ago: More than 2 million people along the Eastern Seaboard were ordered to move to safer ground as Hurricane Irene approached the coast. A Boko Haram sect member detonated a car loaded with explosives at the United Nations headquarters in Nigeria's capital Abuja, killing 25 people and wounding more than 100 others.

Five years ago: San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick remained seated on the team's bench rather than standing for the national anthem before the Niners played host to the Green Bay Packers in an exhibition game, saying he believed the United States was oppressing African Americans and other minorities.

One year ago: Seventeen-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was arrested in Illinois in the shooting deaths of two people and the wounding of another during a third night of protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake. (Rittenhouse, who said he was defending himself after the three men attacked him, is awaiting trial on charges including two homicide counts.) On the third night of their convention, Republicans led by Vice President Mike Pence aggressively defended law enforcement; the convention unfolded amid new protests against racial injustice. The

U.N. children's agency said at least a third of children around the world couldn't access remote learning when the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools. All three scheduled NBA playoff games were postponed, with players choosing to boycott in their strongest statement yet against racial injustice. (The games resumed three days later, after players and owners agreed to expand initiatives, many tied to increased voting awareness and opportunities.)

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Vic Dana is 81. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 76. R&B singer Valerie Simpson is 76. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 72. Broadcast journalist Bill Whitaker is 70. Actor Brett Cullen is 65. Former NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 62. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 61. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 60. Actor Chris Burke is 56. Actor-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 55. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crows) is 55. TV writer-actor Riley Weston is 55. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 52. Actor Melissa McCarthy is 51. Latin pop singer Thalía is 50. Actor Meredith Eaton is 47. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 46. Actor Mike Colter is 45. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 41. Actor Chris Pine is 41. Comedian/actor/writer John Mulaney is 39. Actor Johnny Ray Gill is 37. Country singer Brian Kelley (Florida Georgia Line) is 36. R&B singer Cassie (AKA Cassie Ventura) is 35. Actor Evan Ross is 33. Actor Danielle Savre is 33. Actor Dylan O'Brien is 30. Actor Keke Palmer is 28.

## 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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