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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Sept. 16, 2021,

In lieu of putting together anything formal related to her death

That was the headline of an opinion piece in the Arizona Republic by EJ Montini – and I think it will touch a heartstring in each of us who reads it.

When she saw it posted on Facebook, our colleague **Linda Deutsch** commented, “A perfect obituary.”



It begins:

In lieu of a wedding gown she wore blue jeans, a white blouse and a pullover sweater. I had on a corduroy jacket.

There had been no invitations or RSVPs. No rented hall. No church.

In lieu of a minister, we had a mayor.

She did not take my name. She had one of her own.

Unsuspecting friends had been invited to our apartment for pizza and beer.

In lieu of a reception, there was a party.

That was her way.

Her wishes were clear. Her instructions unambiguous.

In lieu of anything formal, there is casual.

Always.

Even now. Especially now.

In lieu of flowers, cacti

So there have been no announcements, no invitations or RSVPs. No rented hall. No church.

No funeral home.

In lieu of a cemetery, there is the desert.

In lieu of a procession, walk the dog.

In lieu of a headstone, there are river rocks or boulders or hollowed-out sandstone.

In lieu of flowers, there are cacti.

Read more [here](#).

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

AP assisting with allowing use of images

NWMI Fundraiser for Afghan Women Journalists



An Afghan walks with balloons for sale in the old city of Kabul, Afghanistan. Dec 4, 2008. Photo courtesy: Rafiq Maqbool/ AP

Network of Women in Media, India

As the world watched with deep concern the rapid Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in early August, the potential adverse impact on hard-won freedoms, particularly for women's rights, freedom of speech and press freedom, became alarmingly clear.

The Network of Women in Media, India, reached out to women journalists in Afghanistan in solidarity and looked for ways to support our beleaguered colleagues trying to survive and tell their stories against immense odds. One of the most urgent needs: money.

Under the banner "Journalists for Afghanistan", the NWMI is organizing a fundraiser from sales of stunning photographs. The Associated Press has generously allowed the use of images from its Afghanistan coverage. This collection brings together photographs by some of AP's bravest and most talented visual journalists. The images are brief glimpses into daily life in Afghanistan over more than two decades. At a time of unimaginable societal and political upheaval in Afghanistan, and even as its people face an uncertain and frightening future, these images challenge us to reflect on the power of resilience and courage in tumultuous times. The NWMI is partnering with the The Media Safety & Solidarity Fund (MSSF) for this fundraiser.

All proceeds of the fundraiser will go towards supporting Afghan women journalists.

The images can also be seen on Instagram. For more details and to buy prints visit: <https://journalistsforafgh.wixsite.com/for-afg>

Click [here](#) for link to this story. Shared by Doug Pizac.

'Remembering David Hawpe' symposium to be held Friday



Al Cross ([Email](#)) – "Remembering David Hawpe: A symposium at the University of Kentucky" will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. ET Friday. Click [here](#) for details. David's first job out of UK was AP bureau reporter in Lexington, and I am sure he had many friends in the Connecting family, as evidence by the July 20 Connecting. My favorite quote was from Bobbie Jo Buel, retired editor of the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson and APME President in 2009: "I always think of David as a man who overflowed with joy and indignation."

We hope for a good crowd to honor David, former editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, who had no funeral service or other public tribute, but will be livestreaming it for those who can't attend. Click [here](#).

Also, I have just been authorized to announce that the College of Communication and Information will create a fund to honor David, thanks to some donors who have already come forward, and our plan is to use it to sponsor research and reporting in Appalachia by UK students. I think it's the sort of thing he would have wanted.

AP and MLB announce new commercial photo agreement



Philadelphia Phillies' Bryce Harper, left, scores past Chicago Cubs catcher Willson Contreras during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Sept. 14, 2021, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

NEW YORK – The Associated Press and Major League Baseball announced today a commercial photo agreement that will make AP a worldwide commercial licensing agent of MLB.

The arrangement will see the vast library of AP-owned photos made available to MLB sponsors and partners for commercial use through AP's commercial photo platform, AP Images.

"We are pleased to work with Major League Baseball to expand the reach of AP photos," said Lloyd Pawlak, AP global director of digital and commercial sales. "As the essential source for millions of images, we look forward to providing MLB sponsors and partners with even more photos to choose from."

"Entering into this new agreement with AP will offer MLB's business and media partners access to the AP's extensive library of baseball images," said Jessica Carroll, senior director, MLB Photos. "We are excited to pair the AP's exceptional photo

coverage with our partners' activations, offering new opportunities for engagement with the sport.”

Baseball-related AP photos are now available to MLB commercial clients.

The Associated Press provides instant access to AP's iconic photographs and adds new content every minute of every day from every corner of the world, making it an essential source of over 48 million photos.

Click [here](#) for link to this story.

The coin tube is full



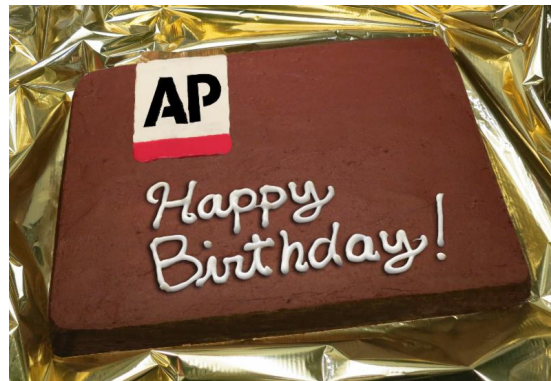
Ed Williams (Email) - Wow, kudos to The Evergreen Courant's Robert Bozeman III and everybody at the paper. The honor system coin tube at CVS is so full of quarters that it can't take anymore! To me this is a sign of a great weekly newspaper.

Connecting sky shot – Montana



Norman Black ([Email](#)) - A quiet afternoon at Bowman Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana, after hiking on 9/14. First trip since pandemic started.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

White House praises Fox for its new Covid policy, encourages network to 'convey to their audience' why it's effective (CNN)

By Oliver Darcy

Fox is earning some rare praise from the White House after essentially admitting on Tuesday that it will follow the protocols pushed by the Biden administration to limit the spread of the coronavirus. In a memo I obtained, Fox Corp. human resources chief Kevin Lord effectively communicated to employees that they all face a choice: Get vaccinated or face a daily Covid-19 test.

Lord told staffers that after the company asked employees to report their vaccination status, more than 90% of full-time Fox staffers "reported that they are fully vaccinated." Lord then explained that "soon" the company will introduce daily testing for the staffers "who are not vaccinated or have not provided their vaccination status." Lord said "additional details about this protocol" would be "shared with the relevant employees in the near future."

In effect, Fox has adopted a more stringent version of the vaccine and testing mandate President Biden announced last week — the mandate that the company's loudest voices have trashed and deemed to be nonsensical and "authoritarian." While Biden pushed a vaccination or weekly testing requirement, Fox is saying it will implement a vaccination or daily testing requirement for unvaccinated staff.

Read more [here](#).

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Richard Krueger is definitely not dead, no matter what his bank said. (Tampa Bay Times)

By Sue Carlton

For the record, Richard J. Krueger is not dead.

Krueger, 70, is in fact living his life in his cheerful-looking mobile home on his plot of land in Thonotosassa east of Tampa. These days, a modest monthly annuity set up by his father and a regular check from the federal government for low-income older or disabled people pay the bills.

As is his habit, Krueger called Bank of America to check his balance when his August electric bill came due. He got a surprise when it said no funds available.

"I had the money in the bank," he said. "But suddenly there was no money."

Why? Because the bank had mysteriously determined Krueger to be dead and froze his account accordingly.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dan Berger.

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This local journalist studied other locally owned newsrooms. Here's what he found. (Poynter)

By: Tony Baranowski

This study has been co-published with the NewStart program at West Virginia University. The author is a 2020-2021 fellow and produced this piece as part of his fellowship. You can view a PDF of the report [here](#).

A confluence of political, economic and journalistic root causes have created a perfect storm for the resurrection of community journalism at the hyper local level, despite the prevailing and oft-perpetuated belief that newspapers are doomed by emergent technology.

While the learning curve has been steep for community papers and has led to the demise of many such publications, some that steadfastly clung to traditional models of serving their communities and partners while simultaneously leveraging new tools to diversify revenue streams illustrate the relative resilience of the local newspaper and provide a blueprint for startups poised to fill the void left by less nimble papers, or those pillaged for profit by media conglomerates.

What follows is an examination of several such examples in the upper Midwest as derived from interviews with publishers, managers and editors of those publications identified by their respective press associations, as well as a survey of more than 50 small newspaper publishers across the United States. The purpose of this study is to help an emerging group of journalism entrepreneurs to better identify strategies, locales and models in an effort to stabilize and rebuild the proud tradition of small-town newspapering in the United States.

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

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Algerian journalist, others detained in growing crackdown (AP)

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algerian authorities arrested a prominent journalist and a Berber linguist this week as part of what appears to be a growing crackdown on dissent in the Kabylie region.

Both are accused of belonging to the Kabyle Autonomy Movement, a group supporting the Kabyle minority that the Algerian government considers a terrorist

organization. They deny the accusations.

They are among dozens of people detained in recent weeks in what activists see as an effort by the authorities to both suppress separatist sentiment and snuff out any remaining opposition stemming from the Hirak pro-democracy movement that helped oust Algeria's long-serving president in 2019.

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

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Seth Meyers remembers Norm Macdonald's favorite thing about 'SNL' (Los Angeles Times)

BY CHRISTI CARRASSTAFF WRITER

Late-night TV hosts Jimmy Fallon, James Corden and Seth Meyers all paid tribute Tuesday to fellow comedian Norm Macdonald, who died that morning at age 61 after a long, private battle with cancer.

"We have lost an absolute comedy legend," Corden said on "The Late Late Show." "Norm Macdonald passed away today, far too soon, far too young, after a nine-year battle with cancer — a battle that Norm never told anybody about because all Norm ever wanted to do was to make us laugh.

"And he was absolutely brilliant at it. There was nobody quite like him. I felt privileged any time I got to be in his orbit. He leaves us as one of the all-time great comics — perhaps the single greatest guest in the history of late-night television."

Read more [here](#).



Celebrating AP's 175th

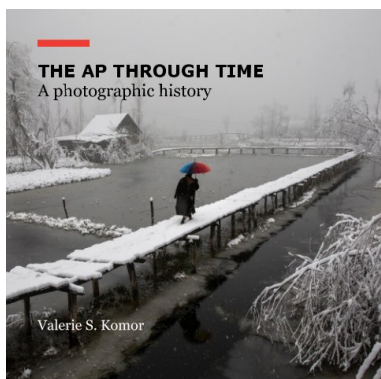
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



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 - Sept. 16, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2021. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 16, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

On this date:

In 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1987, two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

In 2001, President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was "no question" Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would "find them, get them running and hunt them down."

In 2007, contractors for the U.S. security firm Blackwater USA guarding a U.S. State Department convoy in Baghdad opened fire on civilian vehicles, mistakenly believing they were under attack; 14 Iraqis died. O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was released in 2017.)

In 2009, Mary Travers, 72, part of the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, died in Danbury, Connecticut.

In 2012, in appearances on Sunday news shows, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said there was no evidence that the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, was premeditated. But Libya's interim president, Mohammed el-Megarif, told CBS he had no doubt attackers spent months planning the assault and purposely chose the date, September 11.

In 2013, Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 people before being shot dead by police.

In 2014, President Barack Obama declared that the Ebola epidemic in West Africa could threaten security around the world and ordered 3,000 U.S. troops to the region in emergency aid muscle.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed into law a major overhaul of the nation's patent system to ease the way for inventors to bring their products to market. A World War II-era fighter plane plunged into spectators during air races in Reno, Nevada, killing 74-year-old Florida stunt pilot Jimmy Leeward and 10 others. A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying three crew members, including NASA astronaut Ron Garan, from the International Space Station touched down safely in Kazakhstan, but not without rattling nerves after a breakdown in communications.

Five years ago: After five years of promoting a false conspiracy theory about Barack Obama's birthplace, Republican Donald Trump abruptly reversed course, acknowledging that the president was born in America, but then claiming the "birther movement" was begun by his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. (While the question of Obama's birthplace was raised by some backers of Clinton's primary campaign against Obama eight years earlier, Clinton had long denounced it as a "racist lie.") Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee, 88, died in Montauk, New York.

One year ago: College football's Big Ten conference reversed its plan to push fall sports to spring because of the pandemic, and said it would open its football season in

late October; the about-face came after sharp pressure from coaches, players, parents and President Donald Trump. Hurricane Sally lumbered ashore near the Florida-Alabama line with 105 mph winds and rain measured in feet, swamping homes and forcing the rescue of hundreds of people as it pushed inland. Carrie Underwood and Thomas Rhett tied for entertainer of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards, the first time the top prize had been split between two artists.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Janis Paige is 99. Actor George Chakiris is 89. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 86. Movie director Jim McBride is 80. Actor Linda Miller is 79. R&B singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 77. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 73. Actor Susan Ruttan is 73. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 73. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 72. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 71. Actor Mickey Rourke is 69. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 68. Actor Kurt Fuller is 68. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 68. Actor Christopher Rich is 68. TV personality Mark McEwen is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 66. Magician David Copperfield is 65. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 63. Actor Jennifer Tilly is 63. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 63. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum is 62. Actor Jayne Brook is 61. Singer Richard Marx is 58. Comedian Molly Shannon is 57. Singer Marc Anthony is 53. News anchor/talk show host Tamron Hall is 51. Comedian-actor Amy Poehler is 50. Actor Toks Olagundoye (tohks oh-lah-GOON'-doh-yay) is 46. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 46. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sihk) is 44. Actor Michael Mosley is 43. Rapper Flo Rida is 42. Actor Alexis Bledel is 40. Actor Sabrina Bryan is 37. Actor Madeline Zima is 36. Actor Ian Harding is 35. Actor Kyla Pratt is 35. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 34. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 33. Actor-dancer Bailey De Young is 32. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 29. Actor Elena Kampouris 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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