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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Sept. 30, 2021,

**A preparedness obituary – have you written one about you?**

Our colleague **Paul Albright** suggested this idea after reading the Jim Sheeler [obituary](#) by The Denver Post that ran in the Sept. 22 Connecting. (Sheeler, Pulitzer Prize winner at the Rocky Mountain News, was an obituary writer who died at 53.)

“I got to thinking,” Albright said, “that perhaps there could be some interesting stories out there among Connecting contributors regarding preparing advance obits or even post-death obits. I know you invite submissions on themes frequently, and I thought this might be one.”

So come ahead with your thoughts about writing your own obituary – including ideas to share with colleagues on how to go about doing so, where would you store it for that day that eventually comes to all of us.

**CONNECTING 90S/80S CLUB:** Connecting publishes quarterly the listing of colleagues in the 90s and 80s Club. The latest update will run in the next couple days. If you entered either age group in the past few months, send me a note so I make sure to include you. We're proud of both groups!

Have a great last day of September – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## The AP Interview: Capitol Police chief sees rising threats



In this Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, photo U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger, who came to the job six months after the Jan. 6 insurrection and attack on the Capitol, answers questions during an interview with The Associated Press, at his office on Capitol Hill in Washington. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **COLLEEN LONG**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newly installed chief of the U.S. Capitol Police says the force, still struggling six months after an insurrection that left its officers battled, bloodied and bruised, “cannot afford to be complacent.” The risk to lawmakers is higher than ever. And the threat from lone-wolf attackers is only growing.

In an interview with The Associated Press, J. Thomas Manger said his force is seeing a historically high number of threats against lawmakers, thousands more than just a few years ago. He predicts authorities will respond to close to 9,000 threats against

members of Congress in 2021 — more than 4,100 had been reported from January to March.

“We have never had the level of threats against members of Congress that we’re seeing today,” Manger said. “Clearly, we’ve got a bigger job in terms of the protection aspect of our responsibilities, we’ve got a bigger job than we used to.”

Manger touted changes that have been made in intelligence gathering after the department was widely criticized for being woefully underprepared to fend off a mob of insurrectionists in January. Officials had compiled intelligence showing white supremacists and other extremists were likely to assemble in Washington on Jan. 6 and that violent disruptions were possible. Police officers were brutally beaten in the insurrection.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting mailbox

### *Spehar obviously was writer for broadcast news where every word counts*

**Mark Thayer** ([Email](#)) - Kudos to Jim Spehar for his lightning-fast summary of events prior to video in the Broadcast department (in Wednesday’s Connecting). He obviously was a writer for broadcast news where every word counts.

One unmentioned element is the high speed APTV wires introduced at an RTNDA convention in Las Vegas in the early 80s. Television News Directors from around the country viewed a brief video and then were introduced to high speed printers spewing paper at roughly ten times the speed of the Model 15 printers in their newsrooms. With APTV the broadcast industry got the AAA wire, State Newspaper wire, sports and the broadcast wire at blistering speed for a premium assessment.

The late Jay Bowles deserves a shout out for his leadership in the Broadcast Department at that time.

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### *It can't be true!*

**Norm Abelson** ([Email](#)) - Lots of emotions surface when one hits 90, as I did last March.

Certainly, there's the feeling that at the big nine-o you're skidding perilously close to the edge of your allotted time. There's a lot of looking back at the what-ifs, the might-have-beens, the youthful

dreams unrealized. And the time for do-overs has pretty much passed.

Nothing though hit me with a bigger whack than reading in Tuesday's Connecting that Brigitte Bardot, the alluring French sex symbol of my earlier years, celebrated her 87th birthday. How can that be? Where the heck did all that time go?

But, listen, I'm not complaining. When all is said and done, I've had a darn fine ride much of the time, and the many good days still sparkle like diamonds in my mind.

So Happy Birthday Brigitte, you with that come-on smile combining innocence with passion. Thanks for the memories.



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## *Connecting sky shot – pre-sunrise at Storm Lake, Iowa*



Shot and shared by Mark Mittelstadt.



## G.K. Hodenfield at Pointe du Hoc



**By Marc Lancaster**  
**WW2 On Deadline**

One of the countless security concerns addressed by the men who planned Operation Overlord involved press correspondents. SHAEF feared that the sudden disappearance of numerous London-based reporters at once might signal to the Germans that invasion was imminent. Their solution was to enact what amounted to a series of dry runs, in which correspondents were phoned and told to report to this or that location in England on short notice throughout the spring. It became part of the routine.

Lt. G.K. Hodenfield of Stars and Stripes showed up on the south coast following one of those calls and wearily asked the colonel in charge where they were headed for their

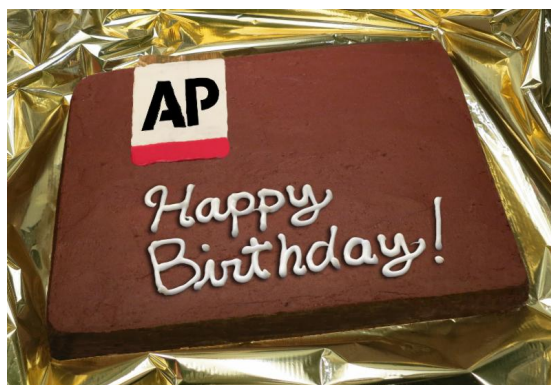
latest training run. The colonel raised an eyebrow and pointed to a spot on a map, but Hodenfield couldn't place it.

"Colonel, I know the south coast of England, but I can't figure it out," he is said to have remarked. "Where is the landing in relation to, say, Plymouth or Bournemouth?"

"Hod," the colonel answered, "that's not the coast of England."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Colford.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### *At police lines, not all journalists are created equal*

(Poynter)

*Below is an excerpt from The Collective, Poynter's newsletter by journalists of color for journalists of color and our allies. Subscribe [here](#) to get it in your inbox the last Wednesday of every month.*

**By: Ben Camacho and Jayrol San Jose**

For a lot of journalism's history, BIPOC experiences have been told through a white lens. Even when photojournalists and writers have come from diverse backgrounds, few decisions in the newsroom have been directed by someone BIPOC.

On one of the first days of Black Lives Matter demonstrations in Los Angeles, where we live, KTLA's headline read, "Protestors block 101 Freeway, smash patrol car

window in downtown L.A. during protest over George Floyd's death.”

MPR News, a news organization based where Floyd lived, had the headline “‘Unbelievable devastation’: 1 dead as Floyd protests boil over again.” Its feature photo depicted buildings and a car hollowed out by fire.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***At Ozy Media, a Star Journalist Quits, and a Key Investor Backs Away*** (New York Times)

By Katie Robertson and Ben Smith

Ozy Media was facing pressure on multiple fronts days after The New York Times reported that a co-founder had apparently impersonated a YouTube executive during a conference call with Goldman Sachs in February.

Ozy lost one of its biggest stars, Katty Kay, a former BBC anchor and correspondent, who announced in a Twitter post on Wednesday that she had left the company. Ms. Kay wrote that she had handed in her resignation on Tuesday morning, adding that “the allegations in The New York Times, which caught me by surprise, are serious and deeply troubling and I had no choice but to end my relationship with the company.”

Ms. Kay had joined Ozy as a senior editor and executive producer in June, after nearly three decades at the BBC. Last year, while still employed by the British media organization, she started hosting a podcast, “When Katty Met Carlos,” with Ozy’s co-founder and chief executive, Carlos Watson.

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

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## ***Nick Oza, Republic photojournalist, documentarian of the immigrant world, dies at age 57*** (AZ Central)

By Richard Ruelas

Nick Oza, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer who produced stark images of resilience and triumph in the face of natural and man-made adversity, has died. He was 57.

Oza, who joined The Arizona Republic's photo staff in 2006, was known for an immersive style of photography, working as a documentarian and following individuals through life-changing events. His signature images captured emotion, often expressed through a subject's eyes or hands.



Though he often was with people as they suffered through trying times — cleaning up a hurricane-ravaged house, anxious about a looming deportation — Oza had a disarming personality that put subjects at ease.

Though he spoke limited Spanish, Oza became well known in the community of Latino immigrants in Phoenix.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Journalist killed in Mexico attack*** (AP)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican journalist has been shot to death in the central state of Morelos, the state prosecutor's office said Wednesday.

Manuel González Reyes was director of the hyper-local news site Portal Morelos Agency. He was shot in Cuernavaca, the state capital, Tuesday afternoon in an area of food stands.

González had run unsuccessfully early this year for mayor of Emiliano Zapata, south of Cuernavaca.

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

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## ***Native American filmmaker and journalist Myron Dewey dies*** (AP)





**In this April 26, 2020 photo Myron Dewey, a filmmaker and member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, speaks out against a proposed expansion of the Fallon Naval Air Station during a public meeting in Fallon, Nev. Dewey, who helped draw worldwide attention to the concerns of Native Americans fighting an oil pipeline near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, after his car crashed in rural Nevada. (Benjamin Spillman/The Reno Gazette-Journal via AP, File)**

**By SAM METZ**

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Myron Dewey, a filmmaker and journalist who helped draw worldwide attention to the concerns of Native Americans fighting an oil pipeline near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, has died.

Dewey, a citizen of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, passed away Sunday when his car crashed in rural Nevada, the Nye County sheriff said. The 49-year-old had posted footage on Twitter a day earlier from a central Nevada military installation where he and other members of local tribes have long protested the proposed expansion of a U.S. Navy bombing range.

Dewey won acclaim for his live footage of the 2016 demonstrations over the Dakota Access Pipeline near the Standing Rock Reservation, which straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border. His visuals of Native Americans being sprayed with water cannons in freezing weather were viewed by hundreds of thousands after appearing online and in the news.

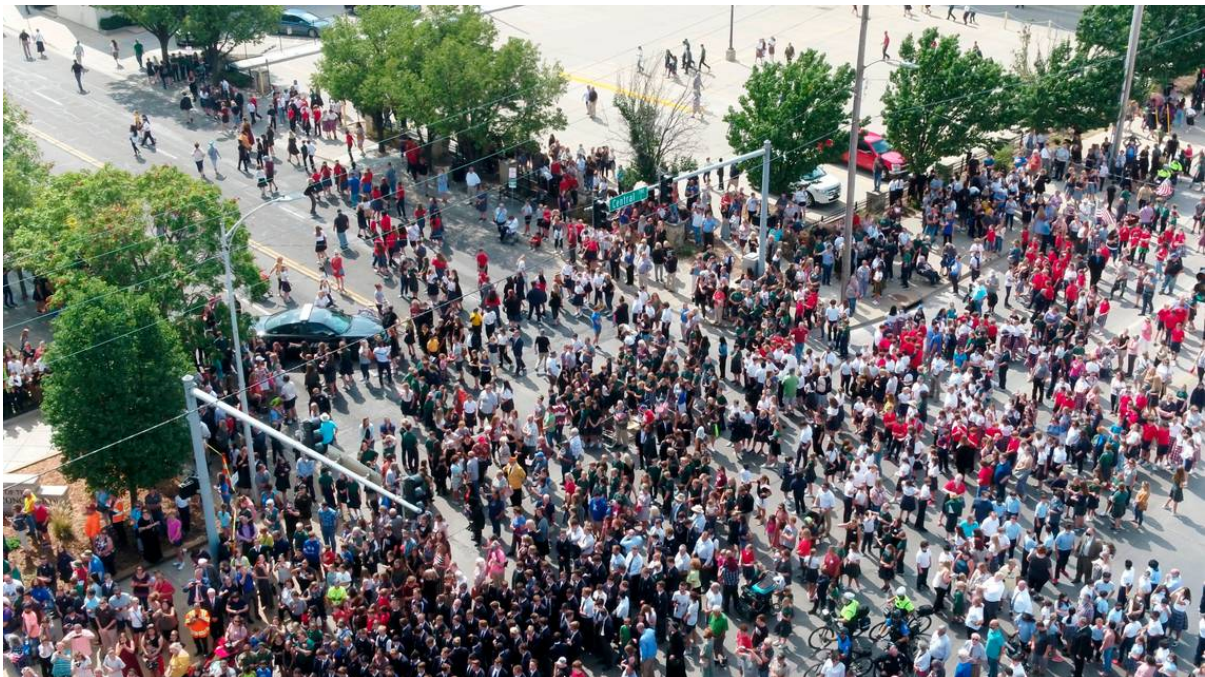
Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

## The Final Word

***Father Emil Kapaun laid to rest in Wichita as thousands pay their respects*** (The Wichita Eagle)



Father Emil Kapaun celebrates Mass using the hood of his jeep as an altar, as his assistant, Patrick J. Schuler, kneels in prayer in Korea on Oct. 7, 1950, less than a month before Kapaun was taken prisoner. Kapaun died in a prisoner of war camp on May 23, 1951, his body wracked by pneumonia and dysentery. On April 11, 2013, former President Barack Obama awarded the legendary chaplain, credited with saving hundreds of soldiers during the Korean War, the Medal of Honor posthumously. (U.S. Army Col. Raymond A. Skeehan)





**A large crowd disperses after watching a horse-drawn caisson carry the body of Father Emil Kapaun to the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in downtown Wichita on Wednesday afternoon. Kapaun, a Medal of Honor recipient, died in a North Korean prisoner of war camp in 1951. His remains were identified earlier this year and today he was finally laid to rest. (September 29, 2021) Jaime Green THE WICHITA EAGLE**



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**BY ROY WENZL AND TRAVIS HEYING**

Those who loved him lay Father Emil Kapaun to rest on Wednesday. Thousands came to Hartman Arena for his Mass of Christian Burial.

Many later lined Central Avenue in Wichita as his casket rolled past, drawn by a four-horse military honors caisson with a trailing horse and an empty saddle coming behind.

Hundreds of the people were Catholic schoolchildren, who knelt on the pavement and bricks, row after row of them, in the heat of the day, holding steady on those knees for a good 20 minutes. They looked upon him so that they will never forget.

An American flag covered the casket. The ride had started, after the Mass, near a section of the Veterans Memorial Park that honors 36,000 Americans who died in the Korean War, including him.

Read more [here](#).



## Celebrating AP's 175th

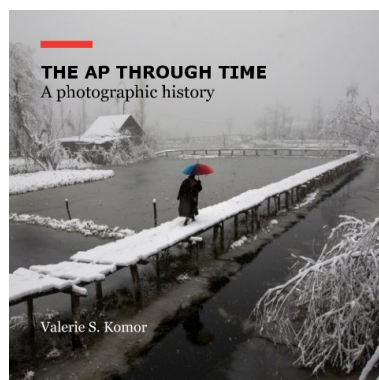
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



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.

## Today in History - Sept. 30, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2021. There are 92 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1962, James Meredith, a Black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

### On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1947, the World Series was broadcast on television for the first time; the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-3 in Game 1 (the Yankees went on to win the Series four games to three).

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1972, Roberto Clemente hit a double against Jon Matlack of the New York Mets during Pittsburgh's 5-0 victory at Three Rivers Stadium; the hit was the 3,000th and last for the Pirates star.

In 1984, the mystery series "Murder, She Wrote," starring Angela Lansbury, premiered on CBS.

In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

In 2001, under threat of U.S. military strikes, Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers said explicitly for the first time that Osama bin Laden was still in the country and that they knew where his hideout was located.

In 2014, the first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S. was confirmed in a patient who had recently traveled from Liberia to Dallas. California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic bags at grocery and convenience stores.

In 2017, Monty Hall, the long-running host of TV's "Let's Make a Deal," died of heart failure at his home in Beverly Hills at the age of 96.

Ten years ago: A U.S. drone airstrike in Yemen killed two American members of al-Qaida, cleric Anwar al-Awlaki and recruiting magazine editor Samir Khan.

Five years ago: Alabama's Court of the Judiciary permanently suspended state Chief Justice Roy Moore for defying federal court rulings on gay marriage, saying he had violated judicial ethics. Scottish boxer Mike Towell, 25, died after suffering severe bleeding and swelling to his brain during a televised fight against Dale Evans in Glasgow.

One year ago: Authorities in California said they had arrested and charged a man in connection with the shooting earlier in the month that wounded two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies as they sat in their squad car. (Deonte Lee Murray has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and other charges.) Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves announced he was ending a statewide mask mandate, but the Republican governor said he would still require people to wear masks in school to curb the spread of novel coronavirus. A court approved a settlement totaling \$800 million from casino company MGM Resorts International and its insurers to more than 4,400 relatives and victims of the 2017 Las Vegas Strip shooting that left 58 people dead. Serena Williams' latest bid for a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title ended when she was unable to play a second-round match at the French Open because of an injury.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Angie Dickinson is 90. Singer Cissy Houston is 88. Singer Johnny Mathis is 86. Actor Len Cariou is 82. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 78. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 76. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 75. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 71. Actor Victoria Tennant is 71. Actor John Finn is 69. Rock musician John Lombardo is 69. Singer Deborah Allen is 68. Actor Calvin Levels is 67.

Actor Barry Williams is 67. Singer Patrice Rushen is 67. Actor Fran Drescher is 64. Country singer Marty Stuart is 63. Actor Debrah Farentino is 62. Former Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., is 61. Actor Crystal Bernard is 60. Actor Eric Stoltz is 60. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 59. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 58. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 57. Actor Monica Bellucci is 57. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 57. Actor Lisa Thornhill is 55. Actor Andrea Roth is 54. Actor Amy Landecker is 52. Actor Silas Weir Mitchell is 52. Actor Tony Hale is 51. Actor Jenna Elfman is 50. Actor Ashley Hamilton is 47. Actor Marion Cotillard is 46. Actor Christopher Jackson is 46. Actor Stark Sands is 43. Actor Mike Damus is 42. Actor Toni Trucks is 41. Former tennis player Martina Hingis is 41. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 40. Actor Lacey Chabert is 39. Actor Kieran Culkin is 39. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 37.

## 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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