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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Nov. 12, 2021,

I am sorry to share the news that our colleague **Jeannie Eblen** has died at the age of 77. Her daughter **Courtney Eblen McCain** said her mother died unexpectedly Thursday after a short illness. Jeannie was a good friend and contributed much to Kansas journalism and the University of Kansas. She was the wife of the late **Tom Eblen**, longtime general manager of the University Daily Kansan at KU who died in 2017. The two met while working at The Kansas City Star. Connecting will bring you more Monday.

Saturday Night Live cast member **Cecily Strong** got some rave reviews in [this story](#) by CNN's **Brian Stelter**. Did you know that Strong is the daughter of former AP journalist **Bill Strong**, who was the Springfield Correspondent at the Illinois Statehouse in the mid 1980s and now runs his own [public relations firm](#). Thanks to colleague **Dennis Conrad**, now you know.

Connecting's tribute to veterans Thursday – Veterans Day – got some nice reaction from several colleagues and we bring you their comments in the lead of today's issue.

And finally, those of us lucky enough to count **Andy Lippman** as a friend always knew that he carried a halo over his head - working tirelessly as a volunteer for many causes from his home in South Pasadena in spite of the pain of his rheumatoid arthritis. Well, there indeed is such a halo - literally - for the former LA, Indianapolis and Louisville bureau chief. Read on.

**A final reminder:** If you have written a book in the past year, Connecting would like to feature it in our annual listing of books authored by Connecting colleagues. My intent is to publish it next week. Thanks to those who have responded thus far. Here's an invitation to those who have not to send me the following: Name of book, jpg image of the cover and your headshot, and 300 words on the book including where it can be purchased. Also, if you have a book in the works for near-future publication, include it.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Thoughts on Veterans Day issue

### *Differing on Vietnam*

**Joe Galu (Email)** - I guess this is a day to celebrate the service of other people, but I started my newspaper career in an office filled with World War II vets, who were cheering on our troops in Vietnam, while the young guys (I was young back then) were adamantly opposed to endangering the lives of Americans to support a government that had little or no popular support.

One day, the front-page editor said, "I don't know how you can be anti-Vietnam." I said, "I'm not. I'm pro Vietnam and think we should stop bombing the hell out of them." I think the WWII guy finally understood where I was coming from.

Just a thought. about how the CIA has dragged thousands of Americans to their deaths -- and for what?

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### *Value of a universal service draft*

**Steve Hendren (Email)** - Reading the military backgrounds of some of your readers I once again thought about the value of a universal service draft. Whether one served in combat or not, your readers recalled learning many important life lessons during their time in the military. Perhaps some of our national polarization could be overcome by our high school graduates serving with men and women from all walks of life. No deferments, no excuses. All serve in some way. However, the range of service opportunities would be as diverse as the needs of our country - not just in the military, although that would be an option. Imagine if everyone had a service story to share.

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### *Remembering her WWII veteran dad*

**Martha McCarty (Email)** - I shed a tear with every name you listed in your Veteran's Day tribute. And I cried for a WWII veteran, my dad. He was buried (in 1987) with an

American flag draped on his coffin and the sound of military taps floating in the air.  
One version of a poetic verse is embedded in my memory:

Soldier rest  
Gently pressed  
To the calm  
Mother Earth's  
Waiting breast;  
Duty done  
Like the sun  
Going west.

I send my extreme admiration and heartfelt thanks to all.

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### ***Well-deserved tribute to veterans***

**Ray Newton** ([Email](#)) - Nice tribute to the veterans—and well-deserved for what amounts to centuries of genuine service –military as well as reportorial.

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### ***War still looms large for his 100-year-old grandfather***

**Aron Heller** ([Email](#)) - I thought you may be interested in retransmitting a story of mine that was published Thursday in the Canadian Jewish News marking Remembrance Day. It's about my grandfather, who turned 100 last week and is one of the last surviving Jewish-Canadian vets. I've written about him before in the New York Times Magazine and Tablet magazine and this is a short first-person essay about visiting him for his 100th, and how even after all these years his World War II still looms large.

**Even as he turns 100, RCAF veteran Mickey Heller goes back to memories of the Second World War**



**By ARON HELLER**

For most of his life, my grandfather, Mickey Heller, tried to put the memories of the Second World War behind him. After two years in Europe as a navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he returned home to Toronto in 1944, married his sweetheart, started a family and a business and seemingly never looked back.

That formative experience and everything that went along with it was a conversation he never really wanted to have. Only in his 90s did he finally, and quite reluctantly, cooperate with my decade-long quest to unearth his shadowy past. It was a delicate dance that alternated between his occasional dropping of cryptic clues and enchanting anecdotes and withdrawing back to his ambivalence. The journey culminated in a pair of articles about him and his wartime friends that I wrote in 2019 for The New York Times Magazine and Tablet Magazine. As far as I was concerned, that had finally put the matter to rest.

So, it was telling that, without prompting, my Zaidy decided to devote his 100th birthday celebrations last week to the theme of commemorating the wartime service of Jewish Canadian veterans like himself.

[Read more here.](#)

## Connecting mailbox

***Andy Lippman honored with 2021 HALO Award***



The Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation is pleased to announce the **2021 HALO Award Recipients**, along with their volunteer nominees: Child Development Institute and Martin Fisher, MOSTe and Elba Salazar, Neighborhood Legal Services Los Angeles and Trudy Goldberg, The PLUS Me Project and Cheryl Farrell, PUENTE Learning Center and Andy Lippman, and Union Station Homeless Services and Gerry Rothschild.

The HALO Award began with a desire to reward volunteers doing exemplary work in their communities, and then evolved to include critical capacity building focused on strengthening nonprofit volunteer programs in Greater Los Angeles. The dual purposes of the grant emphasize and celebrate the partnership between individual volunteers and the nonprofits with which they work.

**PUENTE Learning Center**  
**Volunteer: Andy Lippman ([Email](#))**

PUENTE Learning Center (People United to Enrich the Neighborhood Through Education) builds bridges to learning and opportunity for Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and beyond.

Andy Lippman was first introduced to PUENTE Learning Center when he served as a board member in the 1990s. Beginning in 2004, he dedicated one day a week to help students practice English and to provide American History lessons to upper level English as a Second Language (ESL) students. In time, he started an ESL Conversation Lunch Club that met once a week during break. His students loved his stories about the famous people he met as a journalist, and they were hungry to know about US history and culture. In 2016, Mr. Lippman began teaching a one-hour citizenship class once a week to help PUENTE adult students study for the citizenship exam. He brought his own creativity to the class by including music, guest speakers, food and photo books. In the midst of the pandemic, Andy's work has not slowed down. Though he can't meet students in-person, he emails and calls students leading up to the citizenship test providing one-on-one support and words of encouragement. When a student has an interview date, Andy spends hours with them on the phone outside of class to practice until they feel confident and have their answers memorized. In the past 7 years, Andy Lippman has helped 69 immigrants become US citizens. Mr. Lippman remains a friend to all his students, calling them or sending them emails to remind them to vote. Success for Andy is measured by how many students register to vote and vote for the first time. Over the past three decades, Mr. Lippman has accomplished exemplary volunteer service and contributed greatly to PUENTE Learning Center's impact on the community.

(Shared by Dave Butler, Dan Day)

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## ***SCPA announces award for government reporting to honor the late Jim Davenport***



**In this Oct. 26, 2012 file photo, AP reporter Jim Davenport receives The Order of the Palmetto from S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley. Davenport died at 54 in Dec. 2012. (AP Photo/Mary Ann Chastain)**

South Carolina Press Association is excited to announce a new Open Division News Contest award that honors the late Jim Davenport, a tenacious reporter, who was known for his fair and aggressive coverage of state government and political matters.

The Davenport Award for Excellence in Government Reporting is named in memory of Davenport, who during his 13 years with The Associated Press cultivated sources because those he covered respected his ethics, his compassion, his tireless work ethic and his desire to hold those in power accountable for their actions.

Endowed by the AP's Meg Kinnard because of Davenport's profound influence on her career, the first place winner in this contest will be awarded a \$1,000 cash prize.

The gift, given as an endowment to the S.C. Press Association Foundation, will enable the award to be presented for years to come.

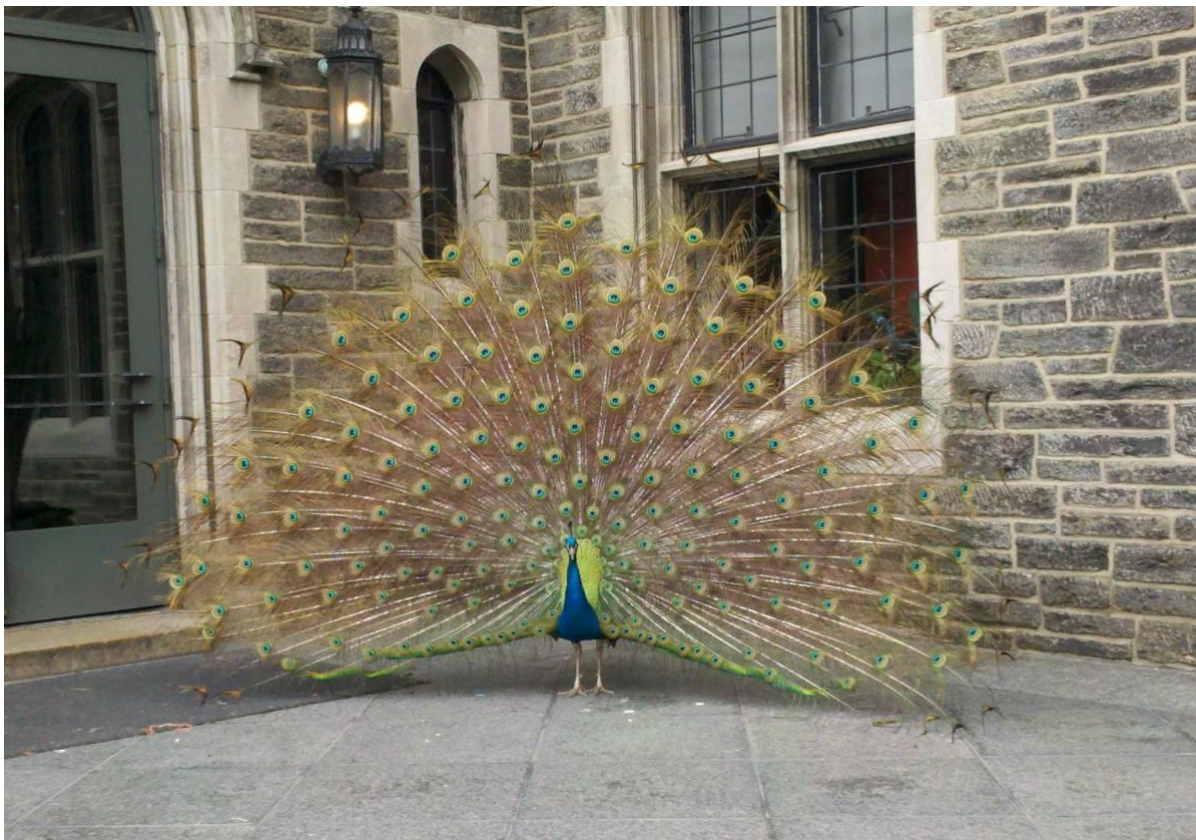
Kinnard said this was necessary to ensure that Davenport's legacy lives on, even when those who personally knew him are no longer around.

This award will be presented to an individual journalist who regularly covers state, federal and/or local government topics in South Carolina.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Fisher, Ralph Gage.

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## *Eric Carvin leaving AP for NBC News*



**Eric Carvin (Email)** – (From Facebook post) - Hello, friends. Some news, as they say: After 21 incredible years at the beating heart of the news industry, I'll be leaving AP later this month. It'll be hard to say goodbye to my work family, and it was a difficult decision to leave such an extraordinary place. But I got an opportunity that was hard to pass up – at another world-class institution that breaks news and tells powerful stories with the best of them.

Starting next month, I'll be the director of social newsgathering at NBC News. I'll be leading a truly impressive team of journalists who find and authenticate eyewitness media and sniff out clues about news, leveraging their expertise to contribute to the success of the shows, digital platforms and streaming





services where NBC News meets its audience. To my AP friends: I'll miss you terribly, but I'm not going far, and I'd like to think that as an NBC employee, I'll still be in the broader AP family. And to my new social newsgathering colleagues: I'm really excited to get to know you, and to learn from you. And in case you're worried about the photo (above), it's all good – I own the copyright.

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## ***UN Secretary-General António Guterres praises AP***



### **AP CONNECTIONS**

During an interview with the AP at the COP26 U.N. Climate Summit in Glasgow, Scotland, on Thursday, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres praised AP's commitment to fact-based journalism.

“AP really seeks information and does it very professionally,” said Guterres. “I mean in the moment in which some people talk about the end of truth and alternative facts or whatever to have a body with your reach that really reports on facts is very important and you can tell your colleagues that I have a lot of admiration.”

Guterres gave one interview and it was to AP. Watch the [full interview](#) on AP News.

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## ***Denne Freeman and shooting his age***

**Harry Atkins (Email)** - During my years as sports writer in Detroit, I was only a telephone pal with Denne Freeman. Like everyone else, I admired him a lot. Now, after reading he shot his age when he was in his 70s, I admire him even more. I'm now 82 and have never shot my age. Close, but no cigar. You da man, Denne! Cheers.

## More on Vietnamese refugees in Guam



**Carl Robinson, his wife Kim-Dung with children Laura and Alexander on a beach picnic in Guam after the Fall of Saigon.**

**Carl Robinson (Email)** - Wonderful to see our niece Phuong and now-husband Alex meeting up with Linda Deutsch in Southern California and so pleased they've kept in touch all these years while we've continued living down here in Australia. But a couple clarifications. For one, as per the dateline on Sal Veder's picture, it took Linda and my wife Kim-Dung more like one week, and not two, to track down Phuong and Vinh in that vast Vietnamese refugee camp on Guam. Still, must've felt like two ! And that camp was HUGE.

And what'd happened to me and how were we separated? Well, AP NY had ordered the evacuation of all family a week or 10 days before the Fall of Saigon at the end of April 1975 with Kim-Dung and our two kids flying to Bangkok. When I escaped by helicopter from Saigon on the 29th, her family was still stuck in the Mekong Delta, and I grabbed Phuong, whom we'd formally adopted, and KD's younger brother Vinh along. But once aboard the USS Mobile in the South China Sea, all Vietnamese were ordered off to waiting freighters standing further away. When I protested they were American dependents to a terribly officious US Navy officer, he scowled, "All Vietnamese! If you don't like it, you can go with them." (Now, that would've been a good story!) I wrote a note for Vinh with my parents address in Denver and told them to stay where they came ashore, hopefully the Philippines, and that I'd arrive before them.

But as it turned out, we lingered off the coast for another five days as Vietnamese helicopters and then the first Boat People arrived and transferring them to the freighters, and by the time I got to Clark Airbase and then Manila and drove down to the US Navy base at Subic Bay. At the media centre, I was told their ship had arrived but everyone aboard was flown to Guam and collapsed almost immediately with a sharp pain in my lower gut barely arriving back in Manila the next day for an emergency appendectomy.

Meanwhile, Kim-Dung sent our two kids up to my brother in Laos and flew into Manila just as I was going in for surgery and all I could say was, "Go find the kids in Guam." She flew on the next day and met our now life-long friend Linda Deutsch.

After my hospitalisation and getting our two kids out of Laos, before it too fell to the communist Pathet Lao, we were finally all reunited in Guam almost a month after the Fall of Saigon and just as Linda was completing her assignment and heading back to LA. I'd hoped to stay on in Southeast Asia, by AP had other plans -- two years on the World Service Desk at 50 Rockefeller Plaza.

## More from Connecting veterans

(These arrived after Thursday's issue was published.)

**Terry Anderson** ([Email](#)) - USMC 1965-71, Japan, Vietnam as combat correspondent, last year on recruiting duty in Des Moines, Iowa. Became a radio/tv newsman for KRNT-TV, and from there the AP.

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**Bruce Lowitt** ([Email](#)) – I joined the New York National Guard in 1960 shortly before my 18th birthday because, by doing so, I'd have to serve just 2 1/2 of the usual 5 1/2 years of post-active duty reserve time; at that time the guard was desperate for volunteers.

I spent all six months of my active duty in Fort Dix, N.J., and say with pride that at no time during my service was there a Communist insurgency in neighboring Wrightstown.

During basic training I would write home to my parents in Brooklyn, telling them what I was going through. When I wrote that we would be doing gas mask training in a couple of days my father wrote back advising me for the sake of my mother's sanity to write only about what I'd already done.

The best moment, so to speak, of my basic training occurred on the rifle range. I was repeatedly missing the targets and terrified of being recycled (or whatever they called it when you had to take basic again). A sergeant sidled up to me and said, "Shoot at the dirt in front of the target." I did. The dirt kicked up by the bullet would hit the target and knock it back. I passed. I'm sure if I'd had to serve in wartime there'd have been a lot of Commies with dirty boots.

I was trained as a company clerk after basic and became one in the weekly Wednesday night meetings at the Brooklyn armory, serving under Capt. Ray Watson. The New York Rangers played many of their home games on Wednesday night. A few times I called the captain and told him I wasn't feeling well and would miss the meeting and he'd say, "Okay. What's the score?" "Bruins, 2-1." Let's say we had an agreement.

I also told him I didn't want to be promoted to private first class, a pain in the ass having to sew a stripe on all my uniform sleeves and, besides, who needed the extra responsibility? He was okay with that. After two years he was gone and the new commander, not knowing our deal, put me in for a promotion. When I told him I didn't want it, he told me he didn't want to be bothered with extra paperwork so shut up and take it. I had to sew a stripe on all my uniform sleeves. Two weeks later I was ordered to supervise a couple of guys older than me working on some Jeeps. They told me they knew what they were doing and to get lost. I came back a short while later and found a sergeant chewing them out for playing cards. He also chewed me out and before the night was over the new commander had busted me back to private. I spent the next night stripping the stripes off all my uniform sleeves. So I was a Pfc. for a couple of weeks and say with pride that at no time during my National Guard weeknights was there a Communist insurgency in Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Myanmar court sentences US journalist to 11 years in jail*** (AP)



This undated photo provided by the family courtesy shows Danny Fenster posing for a photo in Yangon, Myanmar. A court in military-ruled Myanmar on Friday, Nov. 12,

**2021, sentenced detained U.S. journalist Fenster to 11 years in prison after finding him guilty on several charges, including incitement for allegedly spreading false or inflammatory information. (family courtesy photo via AP)**

**By GRANT PECK**

BANGKOK (AP) — A court in military-ruled Myanmar on Friday sentenced detained U.S. journalist Danny Fenster to 11 years in prison with hard labor after finding him guilty on several charges, including incitement for allegedly spreading false or inflammatory information.

Fenster, the managing editor of the online magazine Frontier Myanmar, was also found guilty of contacting illegal organizations and violating visa regulations, lawyer Than Zaw Aung said. He was sentenced to the maximum term on each charge and ordered to pay a 100,000 kyat (\$56) fine.

Than Zaw Aung said Fenster wept in court after hearing the sentence and had not yet decided whether to appeal. He is the only foreign journalist to be convicted of a serious offense since the army seized power in February, ousting the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Fenster has been detained since May. He still faces two additional serious charges in a different court for allegedly violating the counterterrorism law and a statute covering treason and sedition.

“Everyone at Frontier is disappointed and frustrated at this decision. We just want to see Danny released as soon as possible so he can go home to his family,” Editor-in-Chief Thomas Kean said in a statement after the sentencing. “There is absolutely no basis to convict Danny of these charges.”

Fenster was detained at Yangon International Airport on May 24 as he was about to board a flight to go to the Detroit area in the United States to see his family.

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

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***How the media missed a New Jersey senate candidate's racist social media posts — until he'd already won.*** (Washington Post)

**By Paul Farhi**

Edward Durr was such a long-shot candidate in his New Jersey state Senate race that no one seemed to notice something rather striking about him: He had a history of posting bigoted, misogynistic and derogatory comments on social media.

“Mohammed was a pedophile!” he wrote in 2019 in a tweet that also described Islam as “a false religion” and “a cult of hate.” In other online posts since last year, he has

called the coronavirus “the China virus,” blamed an “influx of #illegalAliens” for spreading disease, used the motto of the far-right QAnon conspiracy movement and compared vaccination mandates to the Holocaust. He also denigrated Vice President Harris on Facebook, writing that she had earned her position only as a result of her race and gender.

Yet none of it rated news coverage, even after Durr, a commercial truck driver who had never held office, became the Republican nominee for New Jersey’s 3rd Legislative District in April. According to a search of the Nexis database, which catalogues thousands of news sources, there were no published or broadcast reports about Durr’s posts in the six months leading up to Election Day.

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

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## ***Philanthropies planning a nonprofit newsroom in Cleveland*** (AP)

By HALELUYA HADERO

A coalition of philanthropies announced plans Tuesday to launch a nonprofit newsroom that will provide coverage of Cleveland, kicking off an effort to help fill a void left by the shrinking of news organizations in Ohio.

The donors say theirs will be one of the largest local nonprofit news startups in the country. The American Journalism Project, one of the funders, has launched three other nonprofit newsroom startups and supported 26 others across the country.

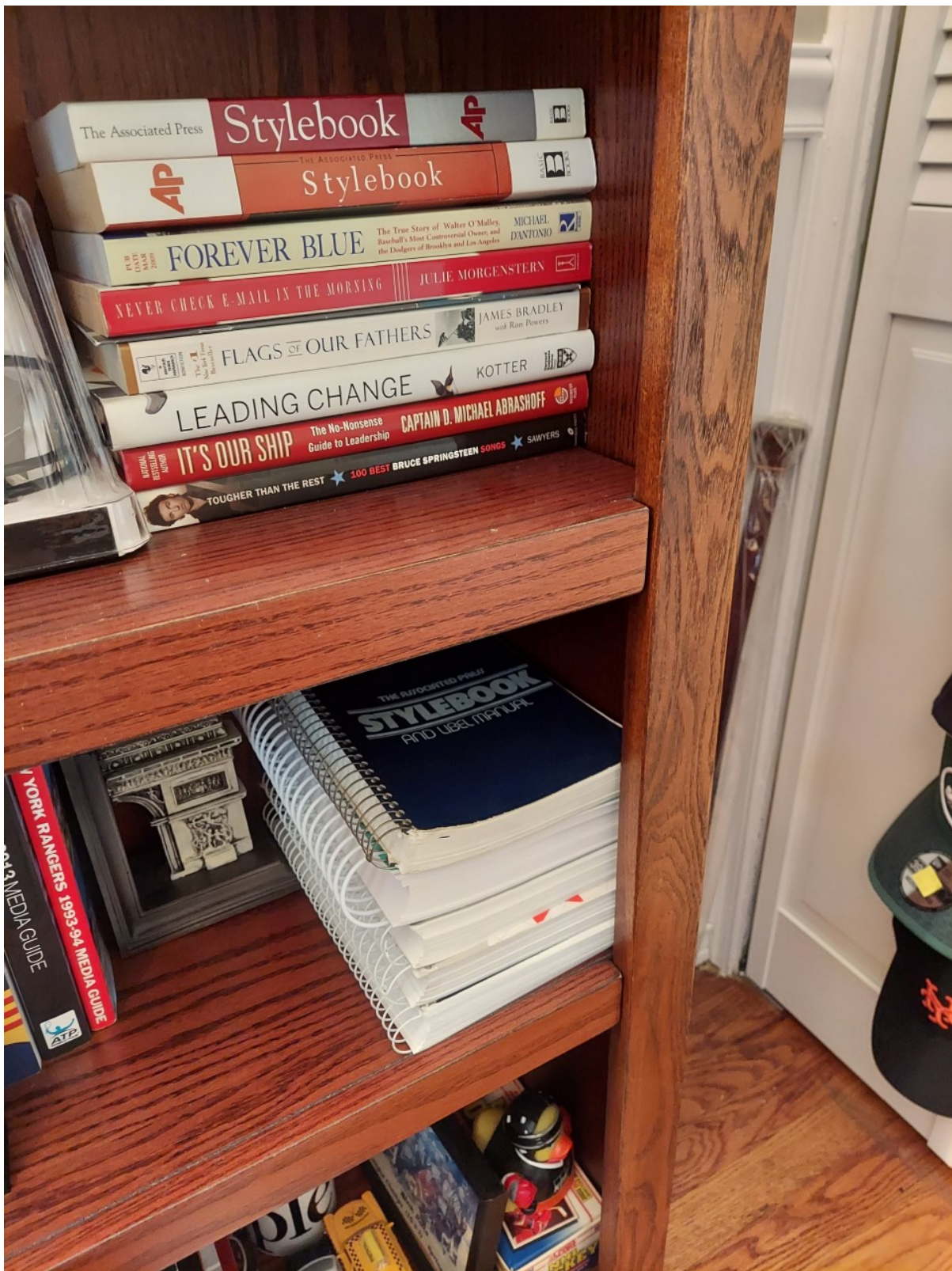
A broader effort, called the Ohio Local News Initiative, is set to establish a network of nonprofit newsrooms across the state that would share a back-office infrastructure, with each community having a newsroom to serve local needs, said Sarabeth Berman, CEO of the American Journalism Project.

To date, \$5.8 million has been raised for the Cleveland newsroom from seven donors. In addition to the journalism project, the donors include the journalism funder Knight Foundation and the Cleveland Foundation, which holds \$2.8 billion in assets. Berman says the journalism project is in talks to expand the initiative to other parts of the state and expects a flow of further donations.

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

## **The Final Word**

***Lot of history in this bookcase***



**Christopher Bacey** ([Email](#)) - Lot of history there - as well as a few AP Stylebooks -- and "The Word" by Rene J. Cappon. Had the honor of running into/passing by both he and Norm Goldstein the hallways at 50 Rock.





## Celebrating AP's 175th

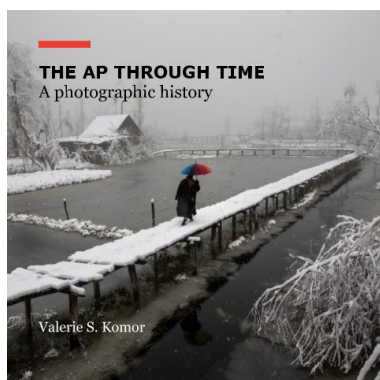
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



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 - Nov. 12, 2021



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2021. There are 49 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

### On this date:

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1969, news of the My Lai (mee ly) Massacre carried out by U.S. forces in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired because of failing health, ending a record 36-year term.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf) was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was HIV-positive.

In 1996, a Saudi Boeing 747 jetliner collided shortly after takeoff from New Delhi, India, with a Kazak Ilyushin (il-YOO'-shin)-76 cargo plane, killing 349 people.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

In 2009, Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan (nih-DAHL' mah-LEEK' hah-SAHN') was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting rampage. (Hasan was later convicted and sentenced to death; no execution date has been set.)

In 2019, Venice saw its worst flooding in more than 50 years, with the water reaching 6.14 feet above average sea level; damage was estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama met separately with the leaders of Russia and China on the sidelines of a Pacific Rim economic summit in his native Hawaii. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi resigned, ending a political era and setting in motion a transition aimed at bringing the country back from the brink of economic crisis. In a surprisingly sharp move, the Arab League voted to suspend Syria over the country's bloody crackdown on protesters and stepped up calls on the army to stop killing civilians.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of people marched in streets across the United States, staging the fourth day of protests against Donald Trump's surprise victory as president. Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of Seoul (sohl), South Korea, demanding the resignation of President Park Geun-hye (goon-hay) amid an explosive political scandal.

One year ago: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, a broad coalition of top government and industry officials, rejected President Donald Trump's claims of election fraud, saying that the election was "the most secure in American history" and that there was "no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised." Federal health officials reached an agreement with pharmacies across the U.S. to distribute free coronavirus vaccines once the vaccines were approved and available. Atlanta Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman easily won the National League MVP award, while Chicago White Sox slugger José Abreu was chosen as the AL MVP.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Brian Hyland is 78. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 78. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 77. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 77. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 76. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 74. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., is 72. Country/gospel singer Barbara

Fairchild is 71. Actor Megan Mullally is 63. Actor Vincent Irizarry is 62. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci (koh-muh-NEECH') is 60. Rock musician David Ellefson is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Sammy Sosa is 53. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 51. Actor Rebecca Wisocky is 50. Actor Radha Mitchell is 48. Actor Lourdes Benedicto is 47. Actor Tamala Jones is 47. Actor Angela Watson is 47. Singer Tevin Campbell is 45. Actor Ashley Williams is 43. Actor Cote de Pablo is 42. Actor Ryan Gosling is 41. Contemporary Christian musician Chris Huffman is 41. Actor Anne Hathaway is 39. Pop singer Omarion is 37. NBA All-Star Russell Westbrook is 33. Folk-rock musician Griffin Goldsmith (Dawes) is 31. Actor Macey Cruthird is 29.

## 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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