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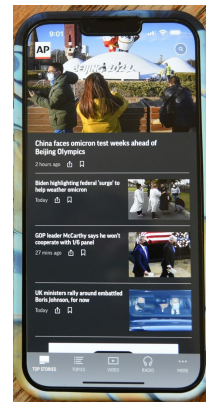
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this April 13, 2022,

The Associated Press and publisher Little, Brown and Company [announced Tuesday](#) the release next week of a deeply reported biography on first lady Jill Biden.

The release continues:

“Jill: A Biography of the First Lady” reveals some of the private sides of a public figure who has often been described as President Joe Biden’s greatest political asset.

Written by **Julie Pace**, AP executive editor and former Washington bureau chief, and AP White House reporter

Darlene Superville, the portrait of Biden centers on her role as a wife, mother and grandmother, but also as a professor who earned a doctorate in educational leadership. Biden is the first to hold a paying job outside the White House as first lady, teaching at Northern Virginia Community College.

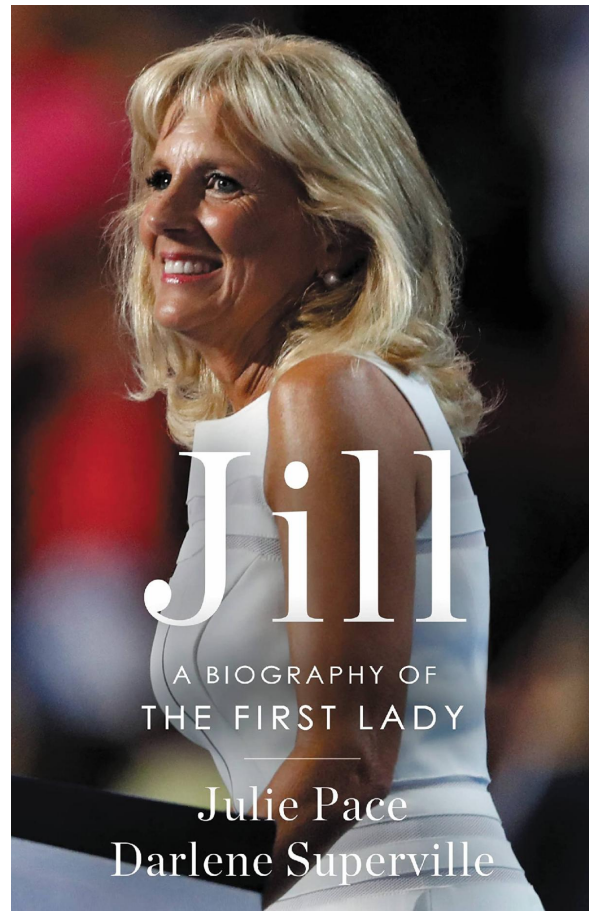
“This profile of first lady Jill Biden puts her personality into focus, helping readers understand how she managed to hold the Biden family together through tragedy and good fortune alike,” said **Peter Costanzo**, AP director of books and podcasts. “We are excited to work with Little, Brown and Company on this informative biography.”

“Little, Brown and Company is proud to publish this definitive biography of First Lady Jill Biden. Despite being in the public eye for decades, many Americans are still getting to know her and to understand why she is so widely popular,” said **Bruce Nichols**, senior vice president and publisher of Little, Brown and Company.

“Jill: A Biography of the First Lady” **will be released on April 19** and is currently available in hardcover, e-book and audio, wherever books are sold.

Have a great day!

Paul



A sweet Teletype cake a highlight of AP's return to offices



Colleen Newvine – Check out this amazing chocolate cake that **Samantha Jach** baked in honor of our return to offices Tuesday!

Samantha is director of business planning and analysis ... and a talented baker.

Thought your readers would appreciate ... she even figured out how to do paper inside the printer!

AP in the movies



Actor Jimmy Stewart appears in a scene for the documentary "Call Northside 777," in an Associated Press wirephoto office in Los Angeles, showing the transmission of a picture which was instrumental in freeing a man who was wrongfully imprisoned, April 1948. From left to right: Maroni Olsen, Joe Forte, Charlie Miller, Stewart, John McIntyre, Dick Ryan, Paul Harvey, and Perry Ivins.

Rick Cooper - Marty Steinberg isn't the only one noticing AP references on Turner Classic Movies. (Tuesday's Connecting)

As memory serves me, the 1948 20th Century Fox film CALL NORTHSIDE 777, starring Jimmy Stewart as a Chicago newspaper reporter, featured the use of AP wirephoto.

Stewart arranges to use the AP Wirephoto network to transmit a photo exonerating a wrongly convicted man from Chicago to Springfield (IL). The scene prominently showed the Wirephoto machine being loaded and transmitting the photo.

Using the word 'miraculously'

Bruce Lowitt - A while back I questioned the use of the phrase "ill-fated" in stories because it suggested that, for example, a plane crash was predestined, which carries with it religious connotations.

Now I bring to your attention this from Today in History (italics mine): "A Navy F18 Hornet jet whose pilots were forced to eject crashed in a spectacular fireball into a big apartment complex in Virginia Beach, Virginia; *miraculously*, no one died." This, too, has religious overtones (although I doubt Al Michaels was thinking in those terms when he shouted "Do you believe in miracles? *Yes?*" at the end of the 1980 USA-Soviet Union Olympic hockey game). Miracles usually suggest God's intervention. I think "remarkably" or even "amazingly" might be a better word in such situations.

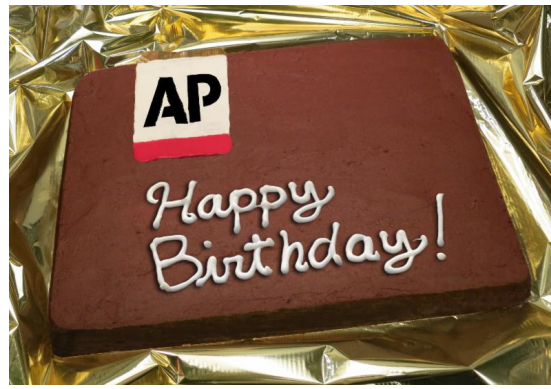
Just a thought.

A mini-AP reunion in Kansas City



Diana and Paul Heidgerd were in Kansas City last weekend to attend a wedding – so why not gather together some AP friends ahead of the event? That's just what they did on a sunny day at the Country Club Plaza. Pictured, from left: Linda and Paul Stevens, Diana and Paul Heidgerd, Peg Coughlin, Mike Holmes, Kia and Rod Richardson.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Marcus Kabel

Stories of interest

Washington Post contributor arrested in Moscow after criticizing Putin (Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi and Robyn Dixon

Russian authorities on Monday arrested Vladimir Kara-Murza — a prominent Kremlin critic who has written columns for The Washington Post protesting Russia’s war in Ukraine and violations of human rights.

Kara-Murza was arrested outside his home in Moscow, the same day CNN published an interview in which he called Vladimir Putin’s government “a regime of murderers” and predicted that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine would lead to the Russian president’s downfall.

The 40-year-old Putin critic survived two poisonings, in 2015 and 2017, that he said were orchestrated by the Kremlin in retaliation for his advocacy of Western sanctions against the Russian government.

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

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Newspapers keep eliminating print days. They say it’s for the best. (Washington Post)

By Elahe Izadi

When she was a child, Sandy Auburn’s father read the comics to her; eventually, she learned to read them to him. As an adult, she developed another newsprint ritual with her husband, swapping sections of her local Ohio newspaper back and forth with him over breakfast. She especially enjoyed a recent series on Black-owned businesses in town.

But now the local paper is throwing a wrench into her rhythms. After more than 100 years of publication, Ohio's Akron Beacon Journal has stopped printing on Mondays, when it instead offers readers a digital version of the newspaper.

"Your first thought is, as our aunt would have said, 'Oh, good grief,'" Auburn said. "It's a change, and for some of us, the paper has been a part of our lives."

For more than two decades, industry sages have been predicting the death of the printed newspaper. Now, a growing number of local publishers are cutting back on their print editions, pointing to rising costs and arguing consumers will prefer the immediacy and convenience of online news.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Harry Dunphy, Mark Mittelstadt.

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Psaki rumors, Mulvaney hire at CBS News trouble journalists (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The hiring of non-journalists as contributors to television news organizations isn't new. Far less common is seeing pushback to such decisions from journalists working there, as has happened recently at CBS and NBC News.

Discontent emerged over CBS' hiring of former Trump administration official Mick Mulvaney as a commentator and discussions about current White House press secretary Jen Psaki working at MSNBC when her time in the Biden administration is through.

In both cases, journalists have been quiet publicly about their concerns over the decisions. Because of concern about Psaki — which has raised ethical issues for the press secretary — NBC News President Noah Oppenheim was compelled to address the discussions in a phone meeting with Washington-based staff, first reported by CNN.

While both cases are different, the fact that these internal complaints surfaced illustrates some of the pressures many journalists feel under, said Mark Whitaker, a former executive at NBC News, CNN and Newsweek. They already work in a hyper-partisan time and face accusations of promoting "fake news," he said.

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

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Top American newspaper and magazine trade associations have tentatively agreed to merge (Poynter)

By: Rick Edmonds

The News Media Alliance will absorb the MPA – The Association of Magazine Media under a merger agreement awaiting NMA member approval.

The partnership will put together the historically distinct cultures of two arms of the legacy print industry with a particular emphasis on shared lobbying goals, including postal regulations and dealing with the big platform companies.

Terms of the agreement were emailed Monday to the full membership of NMA, who will be asked to ratify it at a Zoom meeting May 6.

David Chavern, president and CEO of the NMA, confirmed that merger discussions are underway but declined to discuss details. In an email, Chavern said, “News and magazine publishers are the greatest creators of original, high-quality journalism in the media landscape. Joining forces could expand opportunities for the members of both associations and consumers.”

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Excerpted from *The Imposter’s War*

POISON, ADULTERY, SCANDAL, AND MURDER: THE WILD LIVES OF JOURNALISTS IN 1890'S SAN FRANCISCO

BY MARK ARSENAULT

The young woman, still new to San Francisco, descended onto Market Street with a dangerous shopping list.

She was slim and very pretty, with a long neck, wide cheekbones, and a sharp chin. She likely would have been dressed in a frilled blouse with a high neckline, a meticulously tailored coat, and a long flowing skirt that just cleared the ground, like most of the women shopping along the busiest commercial street in the city. Her hair would have been pinned up and tucked under a brimmed hat trimmed with flowers or bows.

She came from a distinguished family, was educated at pricy schools, and carried herself with an easy grace, though on the inside she was heartsick, anxious, and desperate.

It was 1899. At this time John Rathom was still an ace reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle. San Francisco was thriving, still seven years from the great earthquake.

Market Street slashed across the city through a wide canyon of distinguished granite and marble buildings, packed with stores and restaurants on the street level and offices above. At the far end of the canyon the tall outline of the clock tower on the Union Ferry Depot marked the edge of San Francisco Bay. It could seem everyone in the city had crowded into Market Street at the same time, in a loud, smoky, barely controlled chaos. Men in dark suits and bowler hats jumped out of the way of streetcars. Horse buggies, motorcars, and delivery trucks weaved around each other like they were making braids. People pedaled in every direction on bicycles, swerving around those on foot.

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

Today in History - April 13, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2022. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1953, "Casino Royale," Ian Fleming's first book as well as the first James Bond novel, was published in London by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

In 1999, right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Michigan, to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

In 2005, a defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks in back-to-back court appearances in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta.

In 2009, music producer Phil Spector was found guilty by a Los Angeles jury of second-degree murder in the shooting of actor Lana Clarkson (he was later sentenced to 19 years to life in prison; he died in prison in January 2021).

In 2011, ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters. A federal jury in San Francisco convicted baseball slugger Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice, but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he'd knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it. (Bonds' conviction for obstruction was ultimately overturned.)

In 2016, the Golden State Warriors became the NBA's first 73-win team by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 125-104, breaking the 1996 72-win record of the Chicago Bulls. Kobe Bryant of the Lakers scored 60 points in his final game, wrapping up 20 years in the NBA.

In 2020, Charles Thacker Jr., a crew member on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, died at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam, becoming the first active-duty military member to die from the coronavirus. Bernie Sanders urged his progressive supporters to rally behind Joe Biden's presidential campaign.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Cartagena, Colombia, to attend the Summit of the Americas; however, the visit was overshadowed by a prostitution scandal involving a group of Secret Service agents and officers who had gone to Cartagena to prepare for the president's trip. North Korea's much-touted satellite launch ended in a nearly \$1 billion failure. (The North succeeded in launching a satellite eight months later.) Jennifer Capriati was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: Pentagon officials said U.S. forces in Afghanistan had struck an Islamic State tunnel complex in eastern Afghanistan with "the mother of all bombs," the largest non-nuclear weapon ever used in combat by the U.S. military.

One year ago: U.S. health officials recommended a “pause” in use of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of rare but potentially dangerous blood clots, setting off a chain reaction worldwide and dealing a setback to the global vaccination campaign. (Officials lifted the pause on vaccinations 11 days later.)

Today’s Birthdays: Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 89. Actor Edward Fox is 85. Actor Paul Sorvino is 83. R&B singer Lester Chambers is 82. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 80. Rock musician Jack Casady is 78. Actor Tony Dow is 77. Singer Al Green is 76. Actor Ron Perlman is 72. Actor William Sadler is 72. Singer Peabo Bryson is 71. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 71. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 70. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 68. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 65. Actor Sandra Santiago is 65. Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa., is 62. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 59. Actor Page Hannah is 58. Actor-comedian Caroline Rhea (RAY) is 58. Rock musician Marc Ford is 56. Reggae singer Capleton is 55. Actor Ricky Schroder is 52. Rock singer Aaron Lewis (Staind) is 50. Actor Bokeem Woodbine is 49. Singer Lou Bega is 47. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 46. Actor Kyle Howard is 44. Actor Kelli Giddish is 42. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 41. Pop singer Nellie McKay (mih-KY’) is 40. Rapper/singer Ty Dolla \$ign is 40. Actor Allison Williams is 34. Actor Hannah Marks is 29.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

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:

- **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.

- **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?

- **Most unusual place a story assignment took you.**

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