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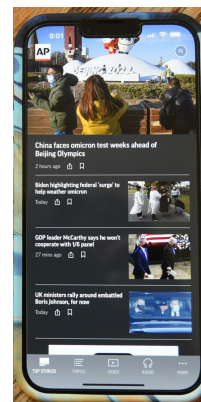
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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on tis Sept. 6, 2022,

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend and got to share it with family and friends.

Today's Connecting shares the sad news of the death of **Subramaniam Harihar**, a lifelong journalist and longtime correspondent in Malaysia for The Associated Press, who has died at the age of 79.

Subramaniam joined The AP in 1970 and retired from the news agency in 1997, having reported on a period of extraordinary economic growth for his country, even as it was overshadowed by regional neighbors buffeted by war and instability.

If you have a favorite memory of working with Subramaniam, please send it along to share.

My Labor Day weekend was spent laboring to

heal. While recuperating at home from my hip fracture 10 days ago, I received a Breaking News alert from colleague [Bill Winter](#) that read:

"Informed sources" have alerted me that your recent hip injury resulted not from a simple trip, but from an unsuccessful, and highly unwise, attempt to display your gymnastics skills by attempting a running double front flip with triple rotation. That third rotation, I am informed, is what brought you crashing to earth. Maybe next time you might attempt just a double rotation? Not to worry. I haven't shared a word of this with anyone else.



Or, I tried on this with my high school buddies who will be meeting in Iowa City this weekend for our annual get-together of 23 years: "It's now official - I'm on Injured Reserve for this weekend's gathering in Iowa City. I'll miss you. I was blindsided by a rookie linebacker in the last scrimmage of Chiefs training camp where I'd been assured a roster spot as backup for Travis Kelce. Broken hip, the team doctors said."

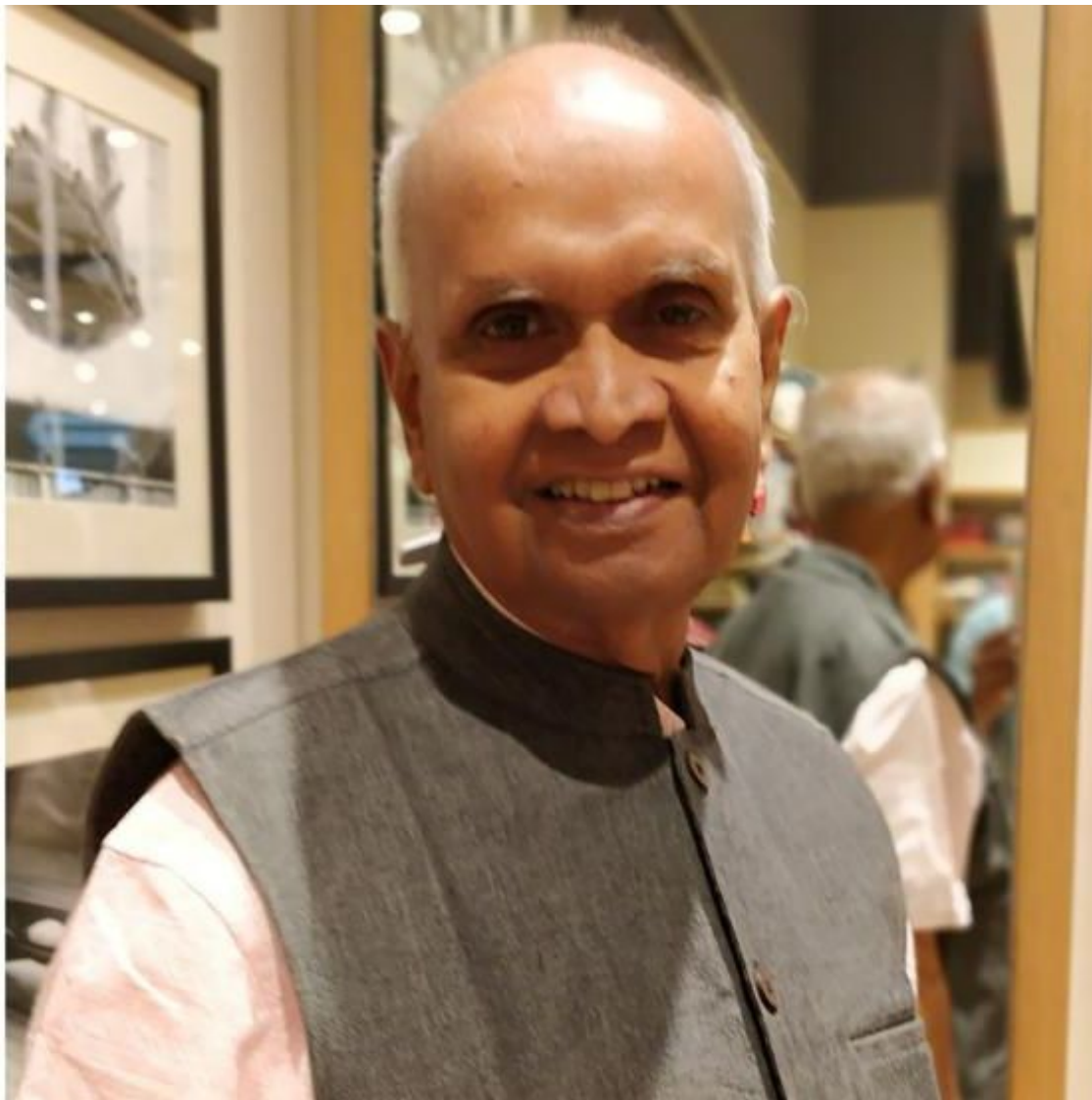
None of them bought it.

Please join me in thanks to our colleague **Peg Coughlin** for injury relief work during my week's absence.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Veteran Malaysian journalist Subramaniam Harihar dies at 79



(AP Photo)

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Subramaniam Harihar, a longtime journalist in Malaysia who covered the country's period of extraordinary economic growth for The Associated Press, has died at age 79.

Subramaniam used the byline Hari Subramaniam for his AP stories and was known as Maniam to his friends. He had been in ill health for several years and died on Aug. 21, according to The Star newspaper, where he worked after retiring from the AP in 1997. The cause of death was not announced.

Subramaniam joined the AP in 1970 and covered events including the 1975 hostage-taking by the Japanese Red Army at the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, the 1992 collision of a container ship with the oil tanker Nagasaki Spirit that killed more than 40 people, and the collapse of an apartment building in 1993 that left 48 people dead.

Subramaniam launched his journalism career 62 years ago in 1960 at the age of 17, joining the local Malayan Times three years after the country's independence from Britain. He moved to United Press International and then to The Associated Press.

“Back in the dark days, we ignorant outsiders dispatched from New York had a term for underpaid, underappreciated bureau reporters who connected us to complex realities: ‘locals.’ Anyone who still uses it has never met Hari Subramaniam,” Mort Rosenblum, a retired AP foreign correspondent, recalled Thursday.

“He floated seamlessly among government offices, embassies, British expats at the tight-knit Cricket Club, and late-night street food stalls that perfumed what was still a sleepy colonial backwater,” Rosenblum said. “People with things to hide opened to him, unfailingly, until they detected a relentless hard-ass reporter at work.”

“He knew everything about Malaysia that there was to know,” said Denis Gray, AP’s former bureau chief in Thailand.

Subramaniam was also devoted to Indian music and enjoyed opening his home for concerts by visiting performers.

“It’s a way I can contribute to the community and spread an appreciation for Indian music,” he said.

The Star said his funeral was held on Aug. 22.

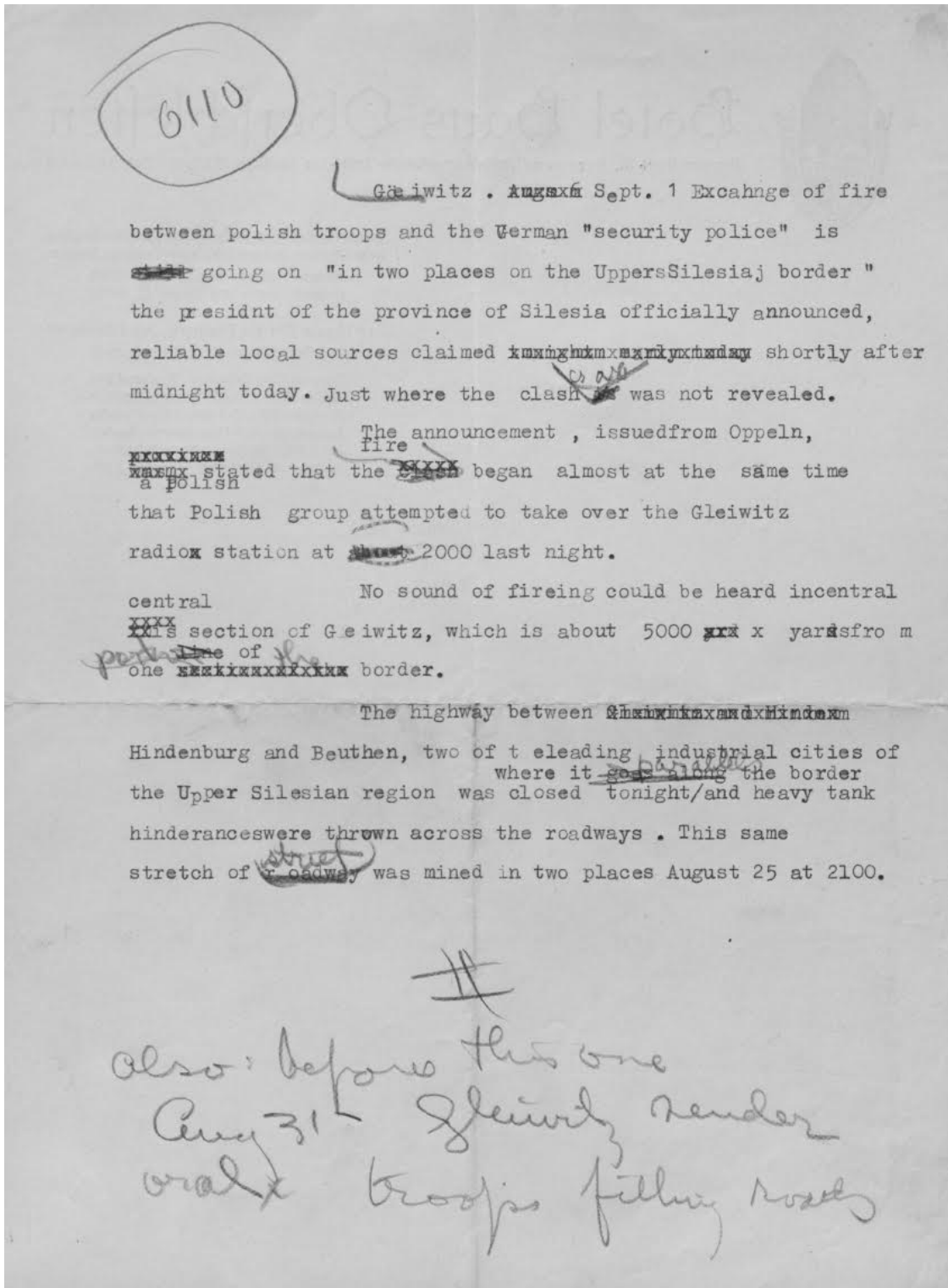
Click [here](#) for link to this story. Shared by Denis Gray.

Click [here](#) to read The Star story.

## Covering Gorby

[Andy Katell](#) - I thought about adding to the story, masterfully assembled by Lynn Berry — Working as a reporter covering Gorby gave us rock star status, like him. Suddenly, relatives and friends in the U.S. wanted to "go behind the Iron Curtain," come and visit the Communist Soviet Union, to see for themselves Gorby's transformations! When they came, we took them to flea markets to buy Gorby wooden nesting dolls. In the West on my home leaves, I bought a Gorby mask which I subsequently wore at Halloween parties.

## On the start of WWII – his dad was there, filing for AP



**Angus M Thuermer Jr.** - My father typed this copy in Gleiwitz, Germany (now Gliwice, Poland,) in 1939, datelining it Sept. 1. He was 22 years old, a reporter for the Associated Press and based in Berlin.

The copy reports the beginning of World War II, "a subject that is shrouded in confusion..." according to the historian Roger Moorhouse. In my father's handwriting at the top of the page there's a note "0110", which could be a stamp reflecting military time.

Angus M Thuermer had been in (Gleiwitz) Gliwice since Aug. 18, reporting about the German buildup: "Fresh German troops in 'large numbers' ..."



On Sept.1, possibly early in the morning, he wrote about reports of border conflicts and a state broadcast about the alleged takeover of the town's radio station by Polish forces the evening before. The German broadcasts spread propaganda about the Nazi's false-flag operations on the border and at a radio tower near Gleiwitz. The faux assaults, made to look real with the planting of the body of murdered Franciszek Honiok, whom Nazis dressed as a Polish irregular, provided Hitler with his excuse to invade Poland.

My sisters and I gave this and other documents my father saved to AP archives.

In the Alexandrian collection of WWII literature are some accounts of these days, including 'The Day Before the War,' by former AP reporter Dennis Whitehead; 'First to Fight: The Polish War 1939,' by Roger Moorhouse; and 'Of Fortunes and War: Clare Hollingworth, first of the female war correspondents,' by Patrick Garrett.

## Connecting series: Injuries recalled



**Former Kansas City AP staffer Cliff Schiappa lays in bed wearing a cooling vest hours after shoulder surgery in June, 2017. The glazed/unfocused eyes can be attributed to the pain meds.**

**Cliff Schiappa** - Ye Olde Tall/Fall Editor and I share something in common. We both have had our broken parts repaired at Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute (KCOI).

While visiting Chicago over Memorial Day weekend in 2017, I was jogging to dinner. Along the route there was a section of sidewalk that had raised up 1 ¼" and my foot caught on it. Suddenly my world switched to slow motion as I started falling forward and I envisioned my face smacking into the approaching concrete. I raised up my arms to break my fall, planting my hands on the sidewalk, with my right shoulder absorbing all the energy. Laying in the drizzling rain, nobody around, I stood up and realized my arm was dangling and my shoulder had dislocated. So I twisted it around and popped it back into the socket (ouch!). I returned to my hotel room, changed into dry clothes, and in the process, the shoulder dislocated again so I laid on the bed and squirmed around until I could pop it back in (ouch again!).

Took a cab to the E.R. at Northwestern which had a backlog of incoming wounded and sick including one guy in handcuffs with police escort. Ninety minutes later I was taken to x-ray where the technician asked me to raise my arm, which caused the shoulder to dislocate again. He said "good! I can take pictures of that!" I tried to pop it back in without success, and in pain, I was walked back to the examination room, but not without first collapsing onto the hallway floor.

The doctor and an intern entered and I became a lesson in how to pop a dislocated shoulder back into its socket (ouch a third time!). Diagnosis from the x-rays: Dislocated shoulder, all five points of the rotator cuff were torn away, and the socket bone was broken. I was fitted with a sling and returned to my hotel room at 1 a.m., where I decided to cut my trip short. The next morning I shipped my luggage home, caught a train to St. Louis, and then drove one handed to Kansas City. The next evening I was at my best friend Dan White's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration ([www.danwhite.com](http://www.danwhite.com) to be visually amazed) and some of his guests were surgeons from KCOI, including the one who replaced both of his hips. So I asked who their best shoulder guy was and made note of the recommendation.

Two weeks later the surgery went well, I had a nurse/friend assist me at home and the healing process began with P.T. starting the day after surgery. A good friend was my physical therapist and I credit him, along with the surgeon, with allowing me to return to normal within a few months.

Lessons learned:

- DO YOUR P.T. When the Mayor of Kansas City saw me in the sling unique to rotator cuff surgery, his first words were "Make sure you do your P.T., no skimping on it!"
- Those dinky little two-pound dumbbells at the gym serve a purpose!
- Generally, the public is nice to people in slings. They open doors, start conversations and commiserate with you.
- My attorney said 80% of his injury clients don't do their P.T. and they don't heal properly.

- And finally, if you're going to trip on a sidewalk in Chicago, make sure you find a spot where it's raised up at least 1 ½", anything less and the city will not consider reimbursing any medical expenses.

## A Membership Visit Gone Awry

Michael Doan - When I was AP's Las Vegas correspondent in the late 1960s, was asked to make a "membership visit" to one of our only local broadcast members. The news director was a former national radio network newsmen who drove me mercilessly while he tended to his horse ranch. If I took a day off, at this one-man bureau, he became hysterical. He had nothing local for his lengthy newscast, which was entirely "rip and read."

At my membership visit, we went to his home after dinner. Too many drinks later, he told me, "I am going to show you the influence I have in Las Vegas." He called up the publicity director of a major hotel, who I think was in bed, and swore at him and called him names. The hotel pulled all of its ads from the station. Some membership visit!

## Serving on juries ... at 17

Dave Lubeski - I was 17 years old when I served on my first and only jury. It was part of an experiment in Houston, Texas. Teen juries heard cases of teen driving infractions and decided the fate of the alleged offender. My church group was asked to participate in one of the sessions. There were several cases before us and we were permitted to ask questions of the "accused" during the proceedings.

My recollection of that experiment was that the jurors were not very easy going on their fellow teens who were on trial. One offender had accumulated \$390 in tickets, all unpaid. He may have been looking for a break from his fellow teens, but the verdict was guilty and his fine was rounded up to an even \$400.

Another smart alec was cited by a motorcycle patrolman for speeding. I asked him if he was clocked by the cop by being followed, or was he caught on radar. He got a laugh from the room when he sarcastically replied that there were no speed detection radar devices on motorcycles. It was his first offense and he was looking for a little leniency, but we didn't like his attitude. We found him guilty and responsible for the full amount of the fine.

I did a cursory search online, but found nothing on the Houston teen traffic juries of the late 1960s, but I did find stories of current teen courts for minor infractions in several locations around the country.

## Connecting photo shots

### *Burger Stop in Wyoming*





[Neal Ulevich](#) - On a recent road trip from Denver to Tacoma to see my new twin grandchildren, I stopped in Rock Springs, WY and found the Broadway Burger Station, where friendly staff treated me like an old and regular customer. I found the wait staff's T-shirts...interesting.

## *Kayaking Clouds*



Ronald Lizik - A combination of cumulus and cirrus clouds over North Pond of Lake Chargoggagogmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg in Webster, Mass. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 while out in my kayak.

## *Newspapers in art – Lithuania*



[Kevin Walsh](#) - From Vilnius, Lithuania...Both paintings titled "Still Life with a Newspaper." Romanas Vilkauskas, 1981.

*Best of the Week - 1st Winner*

**Months of prep, source work propel AP to dominance on student loan forgiveness**



How President Joe Biden would deliver on his campaign promise to forgive student loan debt was one of the most closely watched decisions coming out of Washington this summer.

As anticipation built, White House reporters Seung Min Kim and Zeke Miller, along with lead Justice Department reporter Mike Balsamo, worked sources inside and outside the administration. Sixteen hours before the announcement — and a full news cycle before AP's closest competitor — their tireless work meant AP alone had the details confirmed: Biden would cancel \$10,000 in debt for those earning under \$125,000, and extend a pause on repayments through the end of the year.

Amid the race to own the search traffic the night before the announcement, AP's scoop earned an anchor spot on the Google News carousel, resulting in 460,000 views on AP News

Read more [here](#).

*Best of the Week - 2nd Winner*

**AP package brings to light Black August, a commemoration of radical Black activism**

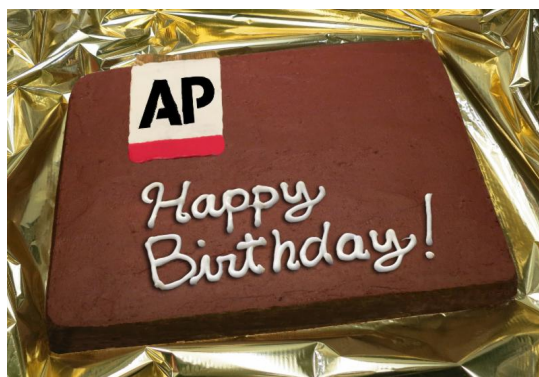


The seed for this story was planted at an open mic night where Washington, D.C.-based video news intern Almaz Abedje came across a Black August commemoration of Black freedom fighters, revolutionaries, radicals and political prisoners. The monthlong observance dates back more than 40 years but is not widely known to the general public.

Abedje initially made a video pitch to Deputy Washington Bureau Chief Jack Auresto, proposing to document Black August, and consulted with Race and Ethnicity editor Andale Gross. Both encouraged her to tell a broader story in all formats.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Albert Habhab](#)

[Carl Robinson](#)

[Cliff Schiappa](#)

[Karen Testa Wong](#)

## Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list at the beginning of each month. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note. Please let me know of any errors.)

### 90s:

Norm Abelson  
Henry Bradsher  
Hal Buell  
Albert Habhab  
George Hanna  
Hoyt Harwell  
Gene Herrick  
Joe McGowan  
Sam Montello  
Charlie Monzella  
Jack Pace  
Bob Petsche  
Arlon Southall  
Sal Veder  
Doris Webster  
Arnold Zeitlin

### 80s:

Paul Albright  
Peter Arnett  
Harry Atkins  
Malcolm Barr  
Myron Belkind  
Ed Bell

**Dan Berger**  
**Adolphe Bernotas**  
**Brian Bland**  
**Lou Boccardi**  
**Hal Bock**  
**William Roy Bolch Jr.**  
**Ben Brown**  
**Charles Bruce**  
**Ford Burkhart**  
**Harry Cabluck**  
**Sibby Christensen**  
**Shirley Christian**  
**Steve Crowley**  
**Don Dashiell**  
**Bob Daugherty**  
**Don Deibler**  
**Mike Doan**  
**Bob Dobkin**  
**Otto Doelling**  
**Phil Dopoulos**  
**John Eagan**  
**Claude Erbsen**  
**Mike Feinsilber**  
**Dodi Fromson**  
**Joe Galu**  
**Bill Gillen**  
**Steve Graham**  
**Bob Greene**  
**Chick Harrity**  
**Lee Jones**  
**Doug Kienitz**  
**Dean Lee**  
**Pierce Lehmbeck**  
**Warren Lerude**  
**Gene LaHammer**  
**Carl Leubsdorf**  
**Bruce Lowitt**

David Liu  
Jim Luther  
John Marlow  
Dave Mazzarella  
Chuck McFadden  
Yvette Mercourt  
Reid Miller  
Harry Moskos  
Ray Newton  
Greg Nokes  
Lyle Price  
Charles Richards  
Bruce Richardson  
Denis Searles  
Richard Shafer  
Mike Short  
Rick Spratling  
Ed Staats  
Karol Stonger  
Marty Thompson  
Hilmi Toros  
Kernan Turner  
Jack Walker  
Mike Waller  
Bob Walsh  
Dean Wariner  
Jeff Williams  
Johnny Yost  
Kent Zimmerman

## Stories of interest

*Police: Las Vegas journalist dies in stabbing outside home* (AP)





Jeff German, host of "Mobbed Up," poses with Planet Hollywood, formerly the Aladdin, in the background on the Strip in Las Vegas, Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Authorities say German, a Las Vegas investigative reporter has been stabbed to death outside his home and police are searching for a suspect. The Las Vegas Review-Journal says officers found journalist German dead with stab wounds around 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, after authorities received a 911 call. (K.M. Cannon/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP)

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Las Vegas investigative reporter was stabbed to death outside his home and police are looking for a suspect, authorities said.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police officers found journalist Jeff German, 69, dead with stab wounds around 10:30 a.m. Saturday after authorities received a 911 call, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

German died of "multiple sharp force injuries" in a homicide, the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner said Sunday.

It appears German was in an altercation with another person that led to the stabbing, which is believed to be an isolated incident, police said.

"We believe the altercation took place outside of the home," Capt. Dori Koren, a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department spokesman, said at a news conference. "We do have some leads. We are pursuing a suspect but the suspect is outstanding."

Glenn Cook, the Review-Journal's executive editor, said German had not communicated any concerns about his personal safety or any threats made against him to anyone in the newspaper's leadership.

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

Click [here](#) for Review-Journal story. Shared by Paul Albright, Mike Feinsilber, Doug Pizac, Steve Graham.

Comment from [Robert Macy](#):

When I moved to Las Vegas as AP Correspondent in November 1981, Jeff German was well-known as a Vegas investigative reporter. Our paths crossed many times during the next 19 years, until my retirement. In those years, Vegas was fertile grounds for an investigative reporter, and Jeff was one of the best. He was found stabbed to death Saturday morning in a confrontation at his Las Vegas home.

One special Jeff German memory: the late Tony “The Ant” Spilotro was a famous Chicago crime family member who saw Vegas as his crime farm club and the FBI was trying for a shutout. The Feds were focused on Tony’s younger brother, Michael, facing criminal charges in Vegas Federal Court. The theory was that Tony might do something stupid to protect younger brother Michael.

During a break in a Vegas Federal Court hearing I was covering for AP, Tony, the Ant sauntered out to the courthouse hallway. German, who was covering the hearing as well, was sitting on a hallway bench. Tony walked over to German and focused an icy glare on the reporter sitting just feet away. German did not respond. I was standing just a few feet away. The icy confrontation seemed to take forever, until the hearing resumed.

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## ***Israeli army: ‘High probability’ soldier killed reporter***

(AP)

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military on Monday announced the long-awaited results of its investigation into the deadly shooting of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, saying there was a “high probability” an Israeli soldier had mistakenly killed her during a raid in the occupied West Bank last May.

It was the closest that Israel has come to accepting responsibility for the shooting. But in a report that seemed to raise as many questions as it sought to answer, the military revealed no new evidence to back its claim that the Palestinian-American journalist might have been killed by Palestinian gunmen during a battle with Israel troops and Palestinian gunmen. It also said that no one would be punished for the shooting.

The conclusions were unlikely to put to rest an issue that has worsened what already were badly strained relations between Israel and the Palestinians. Both Palestinian officials and Abu Akleh’s family accused the army of evading responsibility for her killing.

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

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## ***AJC plans to discontinue daily print editions, but will keep a Sunday/weekend newspaper*** (Saporta Report)

By Maria Saporta and John Ruch

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution will discontinue its daily print edition and go to a weekend print edition, but it will continue its digital news operation seven days a week, according to interviews with a half dozen people close to the newspaper.

The time frame to implement the discontinuation of the daily print edition has not yet been decided, but sources say it likely would happen sometime in 2023 — most likely within a year from now.

Senior editors were told of the decision during a zoom meeting on Sept. 1. The meeting was led by Kevin Riley, editor of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and Shawn McIntosh, the newspaper's managing editor.

During the meeting, the editors were told there were no immediate plans to lay off newsroom employees, according to people familiar with the meeting.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ed Williams.

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## ***Israeli army: 'High possibility' soldier killed reporter*** (AP)

By TIA GOLDENBERG and ILAN BEN ZION

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli army said Monday there was a “high possibility” that a soldier killed a well-known Al Jazeera journalist in the occupied West Bank last May, as it announced the results of its investigation into the killing.

In a briefing to reporters, a senior military official said a soldier opened fire after mistakenly identifying Shireen Abu Akleh as a militant. But he provided no evidence to back up the Israeli claim that Palestinian gunmen were present in the area and said no one would be punished. He also did not address video evidence showing the area to be quiet before Abu Akleh was shot.

The conclusions were the closest Israel has come to taking responsibility for her death and followed a series of investigations by media organizations and the United States that concluded Israel either fired, or most likely had fired, the deadly shot. But they were unlikely to put the matter to rest.

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

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## ***Correspondent abruptly leaves CNN after calling Trump a ‘demagogue’*** (Guardian)

**By Ramon Antonio Vargas**

A White House correspondent for CNN – whose new leader wants the channel to adopt what he considers a more politically neutral voice to its coverage – has departed the network after calling Donald Trump “a dishonest demagogue” on the air.

John Harwood announced his exit from CNN on his Twitter account Friday, a day after he spoke favorably of a nationally televised speech by Joe Biden in which the president said that Republican forces loyal to his Oval Office predecessor, Trump, imperiled American democracy.

“The core point [Biden] made in that political speech about a threat to democracy is true,” Harwood said on CNN after the address, which was in primetime. “Now that is something that is not easy for us as journalists to say.”

He continued: “We’re brought up to believe there’s two different political parties with different points of view, and we don’t take sides in honest disagreements between them. But that’s not what we are talking about. These are honest disagreements. The Republican party right now is led by a dishonest demagogue.”

Read more [here](#).

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## ***News Anchor Stumbles Over Her Words, Leaves Mid-Broadcast After Suffering ‘Beginnings of a Stroke’*** (Mediaite)

**By Kipp Jones**

A morning news anchor in Oklahoma is in the hospital after she suffered what her doctors called the “beginnings of a stroke” live on the air over the weekend.

Julie Chin of Tulsa’s NBC affiliate KJRH was reporting on NASA’s now-canceled Artemis I launch at 8:45 a.m. CT Saturday morning. She became visibly confused and was unable to read the words on the teleprompter.

In spite of multiple attempts to start over and continue the report, Chin surrendered something was not right.

“I’m sorry, something is going on with me this morning and I apologize to everybody,” she said. “Let’s just go ahead and send it on to meteorologist Annie Brown.

Brown took over and finished the newscast. Chin did not return to air.

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

## Today in History – Sept. 6, 2022



Today is Tuesday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2022. There are 116 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)

### On this date:

In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent a telegram from Indian Harbor, Labrador, announcing that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1949, Howard Unruh, a resident of Camden, New Jersey, shot and killed 13 of his neighbors. (Found to have paranoid schizophrenia, Unruh was confined for the rest of his life; he died in a Trenton nursing home in 2009 at age 88.)

In 1972, the Summer Olympics resumed in Munich, West Germany, a day after the deadly hostage crisis that left eleven Israelis and five Arab abductors dead.

In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States.

In 1991, the Soviet Union recognized the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris. In Calcutta, India, weeping masses gathered to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.

In 2001, in a dramatic shift, the Bush administration abandoned the Clinton-era effort to break up Microsoft.

In 2002, meeting outside Washington, D.C. for only the second time since 1800, Congress convened in New York to pay homage to the victims and heroes of September 11.

In 2006, President George W. Bush acknowledged for the first time that the CIA was running secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation had forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies.

In 2007, opera star Luciano Pavarotti died in Modena, Italy, at the age of 71.

In 2018, the agent for actor Burt Reynolds confirmed that Reynolds, known for his roles in "Deliverance," "The Cannonball Run" and "Smokey and the Bandit," had died at the age of 82.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama conceded only halting progress toward solving the nation's economic woes, but vowed in a Democratic National Convention finale, "Our problems can be solved, our challenges can be met." Drew Peterson, the former Illinois police officer who gained notoriety after his much-younger wife, Stacy, vanished in 2007, was convicted of murdering a previous wife, Kathleen Savio. (Peterson was later sentenced to 38 years in prison.)

Five years ago: Hurricane Irma, the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic, pounded Puerto Rico with heavy rain and powerful winds; authorities said more than 900,000 people were without power. A California parole panel recommended parole for Leslie Van Houten, who at 19 was the youngest of Charles Manson's murderous followers in 1969. (California Gov. Jerry Brown later blocked her release.) Pope Francis was welcomed by jubilant crowds along the road from the airport into Bogota, Colombia, where he encouraged Colombians to reconcile after five decades of armed rebellion. Two French companies among the world's biggest makers of luxury goods, including the owners of brands like Dior and Gucci, agreed to stop working with fashion models who were unhealthily thin.

One year ago: Support programs for Americans still being hit hard financially by the pandemic expired, including one that provided jobless aid to self-employed and gig workers; the Biden administration's \$300 weekly supplemental unemployment benefit also ended. The Taliban said they had seized the last Afghan province that hadn't been in their control after their blitz through the country in August. Actor Michael K. Williams, best known for his role on "The Wire," was found dead in his New York apartment; he was 54. (A medical examiner found that Williams had died of acute drug intoxication.) A lawyer for actor Jean-Paul Belmondo confirmed that the actor, star of the French New Wave film "Breathless," had died at 88.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 86. Country singer David Allan Coe is 83. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 79. Actor Swoosie Kurtz is 78. Comedian-actor Jane Curtin is 75. Rock musician Mick Mashbir is 74. Country singer-songwriter Buddy Miller is 70. Actor James Martin Kelly is 68. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 65. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 64. Actor-comedian

Michael Winslow is 64. Rock musician Perry Bamonte is 62. Actor Steven Eckholdt is 61. Rock musician Scott Travis (Judas Priest) is 61. Pop musician Pal Waaktaar (a-ha) is 61. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is 60. Television journalist Elizabeth Vargas is 60. Country singer Mark Chesnutt is 59. Actor Betsy Russell is 59. Actor Rosie Perez is 58. R&B singer Macy Gray is 55. Country songwriter Lee Thomas Miller (Songs: "The Impossible" "You're Gonna Miss This") is 54. Singer CeCe Peniston is 53. Actor Daniele Gaither is 52. Actor Dylan Bruno is 50. Actor Idris Elba is 50. Actor Justina Machado is 50. Actor Anika Noni (ah-NEE'-kuh NOH'-nee) Rose is 50. Rock singer Nina Persson (The Cardigans) is 48. Actor Justin Whalin is 48. Actor Naomie Harris is 46. Rapper Noreaga is 45. Actor Natalia Cigliuti is 44. Rapper Foxy Brown is 44. Actor Howard Charles is 39. Actor/singer Deborah Joy Winans is 39. Actor Lauren Lapkus is 37. Rock singer Max George (The Wanted) is 34.

## 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.

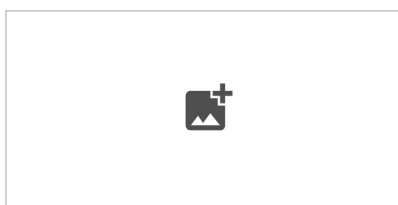
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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