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Visiting D.C. for GAC

Some of the Missourians who attended the National Newspaper Association's annual Government Affairs Conference in March got their picture taken with Postmaster General John Potter, in the center of the top photo. From the left, the Missourians are Doug Crews, executive director of Missouri Press Association, his wife, Tricia; Gary and Judy Beissenherz of Concordia; Jackie and Bill Miller of Washington; and Steve and Linda Oldfield of Adrian. In the photo at right, MPA President John Spaar of Odessa and MPA First Vice President Steve Oldfield pose in front of the U.S. Capitol. Steve Oldfield provided the photos.



We visited congressmen in D.C.

Missouri well represented at NNA's Government Affairs Conference

March was one busy month, full of press activities, trips to the Lake and Washington D.C.

April will be busy too, with a trip to Springfield for the regional conference of the Society of Professional Journalists, and St. Louis for the Missouri Ad Managers Meeting, April 14 and 15.

Many of you will be attending the Southeast Missouri Press Association meeting on April 15 in Cape Girardeau.

Judy and I traveled to the lake to check out the Lodge of Four Seasons for the annual MPA Convention in September. All seems to be in great order.

The Lodge has been updated and remodeled. HK's Steakhouse has been moved into what was the Toledo Room. It's bright and airy. We're going to try a breakfast meeting in the new HK's. Also, the Seachase Room has been totally remodeled, and we will have our hospitality area there.

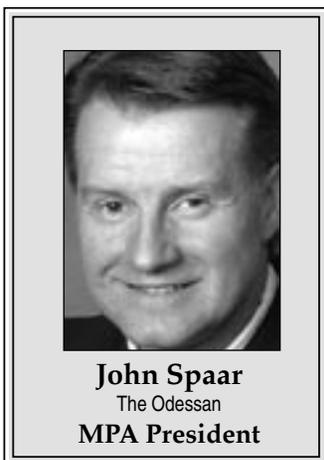
NNA's 54th annual Government Affairs Conference was held in D.C. in mid-March. Our group worked hard on issues relating to newspapers, small business and individuals.

We concentrated on five issues when speaking with our congressmen: fax consent forms, state taxes, shield law, postal reform and health insurance. Needless to say we did not have time to discuss all five, so our number-one priority was the use of faxes from business to business.

We think we had great success with Rep. Ike Skelton, Rep. Sam Graves, and especially Rep. Roy Blunt, who may cosponsor a bill regarding the need to get fax permission forms.

We also visited with Rep. Kenny Hulsoff and Rep. Russ Carnahan during a luncheon at the Library of Congress. The American Indian Museum is the newest Smithsonian Museum, across from the Capitol. Rep. Blunt's office has a beautiful view of the new Museum.

A highlight of the trip for my 9-year-old son, Blanton, was a 45-minute nap at the Greek Embassy. I took a nice picture of him snoozing.



Missouri was well represented at the Government Affairs Conference. We had the second largest registration in attendance — behind Texas — if you don't count the NNA folks from Columbia. Missouri Press members in D.C. were Steve and Linda Oldfield of Adrian and their daughters, Chara and Jill; Doug and Tricia Crews from Columbia; Gary and Judy

Beissenherz of Concordia; James and Nancy Sterling of Columbia; Jeanne Miller Wood, Michael Wood, Bill and Jackie Miller, all of Washington; and my family, wife Judy, mother Betty, daughter Ellen and son Blanton.

Here's hoping that spring brings new advertisers, more readers, and great weather for viewing baseball season.

Rep. Blunt's office has a beautiful view of the new American Indian Museum across from the Capitol.



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Just the facts of SEMO Press

What: Southeast Missouri Press Association Annual Conference

When: Friday, April 15

Where: University Center, Southeast Missouri State University

Time: Registration, 10 a.m.

Who:

• Dawn Kitchell, Missouri Press Association's Newspapers In Education director.

• Laura Johnston, assistant managing editor-features, *Southeast Missourian*, Cape Girardeau.

• Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr., Missouri Supreme Court.

• Louise Bodenheimer, associate professor of art at Southeast Missouri State University.

• Lou Peukert, photography and web consultant.

• Wade Wilson, design and graphics director, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

• Gabe Hartwig, design and graphics editor, *Southeast Missourian*.

• Donna Denson, advertising director, *Southeast Missourian*.

• Gera LeGrand, national advertising director, *Southeast Missourian*.

• Jean Maneke, Missouri Press Association Legal Hotline counselor.

• Dr. Ken Dobbins, President, Southeast Missouri State University.

Cost: \$75 Company Membership in SEMO Press / \$15 Lunch.

How: Fill out and submit the form on the facing page.

Southeast Press will meet April 15 in Cape

Register with form on facing page

A mixed bag of programs awaits guests of the Southeast Missouri Press Association on April 15.

An agenda and registration form grace the facing page. Take a look.

First, after the business meeting, Dawn Kitchell will talk about ways you can use Newspapers In Education at your newspaper. Then Laura Johnston will lead a brainstorming session on new ideas for tired stories.

Judge Stephen Limbaugh Jr. will speak at lunch.

Louise Bodenheimer and Lou Peukert will talk about Photoshop and

web pages, and Wade Wilson and Gabe Hartwig will discuss design in the first group of afternoon concurrent

sessions. A third session will be a discussion on overcoming sales obstacles led by Donna Denson and Gera LeGrand.

A second group of concurrent sessions will offer a repeat of the Photoshop and page design segments, an advertising roundtable and a discussion of open records and open meetings issues with Jean Maneke.

Southeast Missouri State University President Dr. Ken Dobbins will be on hand for a reception at Wildwood to close the conference.



Nominate someone for Wallhausen Award

The Millie Wallhausen Award will be presented at lunch during the SEMO Press meeting.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, call or email Ann Hayes at (573) 651-2552, ahayes@semo.edu.

K.C. postal employee chosen for Missouri Franklin Award

Barry Evans, business mail entry Analyst/Bulk Mail Entry Unit/Kansas City, has won the Missouri Ben Franklin Award. He was nominated by Ginger Lamb of *The Daily Record*, Kansas City.

Awards will be presented by community newspaper publishers from around the country to 18 employees of the United States Postal Service who provided extraordinary service to newspapers in the mail.

The national award winner, Marion

Narcisse, retail sales associate in the Denham Springs, LA, post office, was recognized March 10 in Washington, D.C.

The Ben Franklin Award is presented each year to a postal employee nominated by a newspaper for commitment to customer service. The award is named for the first postmaster general, who also was a newspaper publisher, and is sponsored by the National Newspaper Association.

113TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEMOPRESS ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005
UNIVERSITY CENTER, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

10 to 10:45 a.m.

- Registration, board meeting

10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

- **Newspapers in Education:** Dawn Kitchell, NIE coordinator for the Missouri Press Foundation, offers resources for ways to use NIE at your newspaper.
- **Brainstorming new ideas for tired stories:** Led by Laura Johnston, assistant managing editor—features for the Southeast Missourian.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- **Lunch:** Updates from MPA followed by the presentation of the 2005 Millie Wallhausen Award. Nominations for the award are being accepted. Contact Ann Hayes at (573) 651-2552 or ahayes@semo.edu.
- **Keynote address:** Missouri Supreme Court Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr.
- **1:45 to 3:15 p.m. (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**
Limited seating for Photoshop and design sessions. Indicate your first preference on registration form.
 - **Beyond the basics of Photoshop:** Led by Louise Bodenheimer, associate professor of art at Southeast Missouri State University, and Lou Peukert, photography/Web consultant.
 - **Designing good pages fast:** Led

by Wade Wilson, design & graphics director for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Gabe Hartwig, design & graphics editor for the Southeast Missourian. They also will be available to provide critiques of your newspapers. Contact Hartwig at (800) 879-1210, ext. 245 or ghartwig@semissourian.com for information on how to submit newspapers for critiquing in advance of the conference.

- **Overcoming obstacles in ad sales:** Discussion with Donna Denson, advertising director, and Gera LeGrand, national advertising director, both of the Southeast Missourian.

3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

- **(CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**
 - **Repeat of the Photoshop and page-design sessions**
 - **Advertising roundtable**
 - **Missouri's Sunshine Law:** Led by Kansas City lawyer Jean Manek, who spent more than 10 years as a reporter and editor for newspapers and magazines. She provided extensive assistance in the drafting of recent changes to the Sunshine Law.
- **5 p.m.**
 - **Reception:** Southeast Missouri State University president Dr. Ken Dobbins will be on hand for a reception at Wildwood at the north end of the Southeast campus.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this portion of the form, and mail it, along with registration fees, to:

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- Keynote speaker
- Presentation of Wallhausen award

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Coalition to focus on openness

Federal legislation would provide oversight of secrecy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven groups interested in journalism are joining with The Associated Press and other news organizations to promote accessible, accountable and open government.

The Sunshine in Government Initiative seeks to combat what the groups see as increased government secrecy since the 2001 terrorist attacks. The coalition will lobby for legislation and seek to educate the public about First Amendment issues.

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— Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

for accountable government in every jurisdiction.”

The initiative was announced a week ahead of “Sunshine Week,” a campaign that began March 13 for government openness and joined by the AP, Missouri Press Association and more than 50 news outlets, journalism groups, universities and the American Library Association.

A bill sponsored by Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., proposes creation of a 16-member advisory commission that would study how to speed the release of records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the act, agencies must give the public access to government information unless the information falls under certain exemptions. However, the agencies can decide on their own to disclose

the exempted information.

Cornyn was responsible for enforcing open government laws as Texas attorney general. There, government information is public unless specifically exempted by law and must be delivered within specific deadlines. “In Washington there is almost an opposite attitude. You are not entitled to it,” he told members of the National Newspaper Association.

Cornyn also said Washington lacks an independent observer to ensure that government isn’t inflating fees, purposely delaying or using other excuses to withhold information. He said he is mindful of concerns about security following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but said those concerns can be addressed.

“Right now, it’s all in favor of secrecy and hunkering down,” Cornyn said. “I believe the default position should be: It’s open.”

Another bill sponsored by Cornyn and Leahy, called the OPEN Government Act of 2005, seeks to speed release of information sought in FOIA requests, which now can take years.

It’s been endorsed by the Sunshine Initiative and dozens of interest groups in journalism and across the political spectrum, from the liberal American Civil Liberties Union to the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Andy Alexander, chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors’ Freedom of Information Committee, said he was pleased the Senate is taking up the issue.

“One of the reasons that we initiated ‘Sunshine Week’ was to prompt a public discussion on the importance of Freedom of Information,” Alexander said. “The fact that there’s actually a hearing on the subject after decades of congressional silence is a heartening step.”

The seven media organizations involved in the Sunshine Initiative are the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Society of Professional Journalists, Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, National Newspaper Association, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Radio-Television News Directors Association and the Newspaper Association of America.

This notice was one of several prepared by Missouri Press Association for use during Sunshine Week in March. The ads, which are on mopress.com, will be redesigned so they can be used at any time to promote government openness.



Interested in learning more about your right of access to government information? Here are some resources to get you started:

Freedom of Information Center: The University of Missouri’s national center has excellent files on every aspect of FOI.
missouri.edu/~foiwww/

FOI Resource Center: A comprehensive site from the Society of Professional Journalists.
spj.org/foia.asp

Tapping Officials’ Secrets: Comprehensive guides to state laws on public meetings and public records from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.
rcfp.org/tapping/index.cgi



Scott Charton on job with MU president

Columbia Daily Tribune

AP reporter Scott Charton, 43, will work for the next nine months as a consultant evaluating the way the University of Missouri communicates with its various parts and externally. His duties begin April 2 and will pay

him \$50,000.

Charton, a Columbia resident, said his hiring was the idea of UM President Elson Floyd. He said Floyd approached him after learning Charton planned to take a sabbatical from the AP.

Charton said he and Floyd haven't agreed on his specific duties but have done some "brainstorming." Charton emphasized that he will not conduct public relations or serve as a spokesman for the university or its four campuses.

Charton's 21-year career with the AP has included several years of covering Missouri politics. In 2000 he became AP's roving correspondent for Missouri, traveling the state while keeping an office in the *Columbia Daily Tribune's* newsroom.

Charton has participated in many Missouri Press Association activities, often moderating panels of candidates in pre-election forums.

In a statement issued in March, Floyd said Charton developed during

his time with the AP "an unparalleled reputation among both public officials and his peers for journalism of the highest standards. His abilities, his honesty and his arduous work ethic will make him a tremendous asset to my administration."

Charton provided copies of his agreement with the university and descriptions of how and why he was recruited. He also asked to not be paid with taxpayer money.

Jim Clarke, the news editor for the AP in Missouri and Kansas, said Charton will not report on UM when he returns to the news service.

AP's KC bureau gets new director

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Picht, director of The Associated Press' online state government news and information service, Capitolwire, has been named AP chief of bureau for Kansas and Missouri.

The appointment was announced March 10 by Tom Brettingen, senior vice president of the Newspaper & New Media Markets department.

Picht, 45, joined the AP in Albany, N.Y., in 1983 and worked in bureaus in Rochester, N.Y., and St. Louis. He was selected to help cover the 1992 Winter Olympics in France.



Randy Picht joined the AP in 1983 in Albany, N.Y.

In 1997, he was named AP business editor and directed coverage of global business news. He served as a member of the board of directors for the Society of American Business Editors and Writers and directed the group's "Best in Business" awards contest for four years.

In 2000 he was named director of the AP's stock market table business and helped the newspaper industry handle extended trading on Wall Street and the switch from fractions to decimal points in reporting prices. In January 2003, Picht moved from New York to Harrisburg, Pa., to oversee the Capitolwire operation.

Picht replaces Beth Grace, who resigned from the AP in January.

AP editor promoted

Jim Clarke, news editor for The Associated Press in Kansas City, has been named the AP's chief of bureau for Montana and Wyoming.

Clarke previously served as news editor in the Salt Lake City and Anchorage, Alaska, bureaus.

Newspaper men named to governor's reform panel

Two newspaper executives have been named to Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt's 18-member Government Reform Commission that will examine opportunities to restructure, reduce and eliminate state government functions.

Among the members are Gary Rust of Rust Communications in Cape Girardeau, and Dalton Wright, president and publisher of Lebanon Publishing Co.

The commission will look at each state department in terms of its structure, efficiency and focused goals or duties. The effort of the unpaid members of the commission is to devise ways to make state government more effective, fiscally responsible and service oriented. The commission's recommendations will be submitted no later than one year from its first meeting, which was held March 8.

Steven Bradford of Cape Girardeau

and Warren Erdman of Kansas City are chairmen of the commission. The last time a major review of Missouri government took place was in 1974.

Other commission members are: Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder of Cape Girardeau,

The commission will examine all government departments.

John Fox Arnold of St. Louis, Cynthia Brinkley of St. Louis, Cathy Dean of Kansas City, Ron

Dittemore of St. Joseph, Jerry Hunter of St. Louis, Charles Kruse of Dexter, Charles McClain of Columbia, Dick Moore of Jefferson City, Rob O'Brian of Joplin, Kathleen Osborn of St. Louis, Sharon Rohrbach of St. Louis, CiCi Rojas of Kansas City, Paul Steele of Chillicothe, Ray Wagner of Clayton and Joyce Wood of Bonne Terre.



Pictures of Year chosen at J School

For three weeks judges from around the country gathered on campus at the Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia to choose the best journalism photographs in the world taken in 2004.

More than 1,500 photographers from around the world submitted more than 33,000 images to be judged in the 62nd annual Pictures of the Year International competition.

Four judges each week viewed the slides in Tucker Forum in Gannett Hall. As photographs were projected, the judges debated ethical, access, technical and coverage issues to select the first-, second- and third-place winners in 43 categories.

Students and the public were invited to attend all of the judging sessions, which ran through March 9. Winning images will be posted on the internet at poyi.org.

NIE workshop July 20-22 at UMC

Your newspaper can participate in this summer's Living Textbook course at the University of Missouri-Columbia by sponsoring a local teacher. The course will be held July 20-22 as part of Missouri Press Association's Newspaper In Education program.

Newspapers can help in a number of ways:

- You can promote the program by running provided ads to inform local teachers who might wish to attend.
- You can pay course tuition for one or more local teachers to attend.
- You can pay for the teachers' housing and meals while they are in Columbia.

Sponsoring a teacher can provide a bonus to your newspaper by training a person in the school to be a proponent of Newspaper In Education.

Newspaper staff members also are encouraged to attend the Living Textbook course, which focuses on how newspapers can be used to teach.

Details about this program will be provided soon.

After briefly watching judging of the Pictures of the Year at the School of Journalism, the Photojournalism Hall of Fame Committee visited the lobby of Lee Hills Hall to see an exhibit of photographs of presidents. Attending were: Bill Miller, (back to camera) publisher of the Washington Missourian and originator of the Photojournalism Hall of Fame project; Walt Luther, president and CEO of the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce; Cliff Schiappa, regional photo editor for the Associated Press out of Kansas City; and Richard Oldenberg, community & economic development director for the city of Washington.

Photojournalism Hall of Fame committee discusses progress

Members of the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame Committee met at the MPA office in Columbia on Feb. 24 to discuss progress on developing the Hall of Fame.

Missouri Press Association has endorsed the establishment of a Photojournalism Hall of Fame, which will be in Washington. A building to house the hall is being sought.

At its Feb. 24 meeting, the commit-

tee discussed the search for a building, timing of grant applications, other financing, organizing and attracting exhibits, and other issues. The first members of the Hall of Fame are tentatively scheduled to be inducted on Oct. 20.

Missouri Press Association, the School of Journalism and the AP are expected to be among sources for exhibits for the Hall of Fame.

Sun promotes Jack Ventimiglia

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia, editor of Sun-News Publications of the Northland, Kansas City, has been promoted to editor of Sun Publications. Ventimiglia is responsible for the editorial content of all *Sun* newspapers in Kansas and Missouri.

Ventimiglia, 49, Liberty, has served as editor of the Northland papers since 1998. Prior to joining Sun, Ventimiglia worked for several other newspapers in Missouri and Illinois. He received



Jack Ventimiglia

a Master of Arts degree in mass communication, journalism, from Central Missouri State University in May 1981.

Ventimiglia and his wife, Patricia, have two children, ages 20 and 7.

Portable, digital paper launched

Download EmPRINT, read it like a newspaper

The Columbia Missourian began a field-test March 6 of the world's first Electronic Media Print (EmPRINT) newspaper edition. The Missourian, a community daily newspaper serving the Columbia region, is operated by the Missouri School of Journalism.



Roger Fidler developed the online newspaper called EmPRINT at the School of Journalism.

Roger Fidler, the inaugural Visiting Fellow of the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute, developed the EmPRINT edition. The Institute focuses on advanced studies in journalism and its role in democratic societies.

"We hope people from all over the world will participate in this free trial," said Fidler. "It represents a real opportunity for journalists, citizens and scholars to shape the future of newspapers."

The EmPRINT edition will employ an innovative new format that brings together familiar qualities of printed newspapers with the interactivity of the Web. Unlike other digital editions, which merely replicate a publication's printed pages, EmPRINT editions are designed specifically for downloading and reading offline on contemporary computer screens. Adobe Acrobat Reader and QuickTime Player are the only required software. Both are free and usually pre-installed on computers.

With EmPRINT editions, the contents of publications are repackaged in magazine-size page forms that open in full-screen view to provide a visually rich, comfortable reading experience.

There is no page scrolling and no distracting computer or browser clutter. And there are no annoying pop-ups or intrusive elements. Pages display quickly with none of the long delays

that often occur when reading online digital publications.

The contents of EmPRINT editions are hyperlinked, like the Web, and enhanced to include additional information, as well as to take full advantage of digital media technologies that can add value for readers and advertisers alike, such as video, audio and interactive forms.

Subscriptions are free during the field test. Guest readers initially will need to complete a brief registration form before accessing the EmPRINT edition on the Columbia Missourian EmPRINT Web site. Each week subscribers will be asked to provide feedback about their experiences in reading the EmPRINT edition.

"The only way we can answer questions about the ease of use, design and other important issues is to put the editions in the hands of readers and ask for feedback," Fidler said. "We also want to test new advertising models and to learn how to efficiently integrate the production of EmPRINT editions into the newsroom workflow," he said. Seminars for media professionals about the results of the field test will be scheduled for later this year.

The EmPRINT concept is not limited to newspapers, Fidler noted; it could be adapted for magazines, journals, catalogs and other publications.

OverDrive Inc. is providing internet hosting services during the field test. The Cleveland-based company is a

leading provider of enterprise Digital Rights Management and associated digital media solutions.

Fidler has spent 25 years advancing digital publishing concepts as an executive with Knight Ridder Inc. and most recently as a journalism professor at Kent State University. His research



Here is the front page of the second edition of EmPRINT. You can join the test of the online newspaper by going to the emprint.com and filling out the brief registration form. You then can download each weekly edition of EmPRINT by going to the site and entering your password.

has been sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and Adobe Systems Incorporated. He is internationally recognized as a new media pioneer and visionary. In 2003 and 2004 he was named as a finalist for the prestigious World Technology Award in Media and Journalism. He has published a seminal book on new media and is a frequent speaker at conferences worldwide.



10th anniversary party

The Nodaway News Leader of Maryville began its 10th year of publication on March 3. To note the occasion the weekly held a Chamber Coffee with about 50 people attending. Kay Wilson, left, publisher-owner, received a framed first edition of the paper from the staff represented by Lisa Dalton, advertising manager and a charter employee. (Nodaway News Leader photo)

Porter Fisher Classic June 24 at Osage Beach

MPA's annual golf tournament will be held Friday, June 24, at Sycamore Creek Golf Course, Osage Beach. The event has been held at Sycamore Creek for a number of years.



Two-person teams will compete in a scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. A registration form will be available soon.

Flight winners of this tournament will be eligible to compete against Kansas Press Association in the Little Brown Jug Tournament later in the year.

Another alumni gift

A graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism has donated \$864,800 to the advertising department.

The anonymous gift is the second large gift in a month. In January the estate of alum Paul Synor announced a \$2.5 million gift.

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Civil War vet's remains to be buried in Memphis

The *Memphis Democrat* is joining organizers of the "Bring John Home" ceremony and will publish a commemorative special edition about the Memorial Day weekend event. The *Democrat* is to provide 10,000 copies of the issue, which will be given free to all who attend the Memorial Day weekend activities.

Corp. John P. Byrne, a Union Civil War veteran of the 21st Missouri Infantry Regiment, died in 1920 and was cremated. His sealed urn has languished in a storage mausoleum in California.

After an extensive search by a niece, Byrne's remains were located. They will be buried in Memphis Cemetery beside two of his brothers who also fought for the Union.

A wake and vigil will begin Friday, May 27, the funeral will be May 28.

The commemorative edition will highlight the Civil War history of the region. Readers have been asked to submit articles and photographs.

Letters:

Reader likes financial statement

A reader from Fair Play wrote this letter to the *Bolivar Herald-Free Press* after a story about publication of the county financial statement:

"I see absolutely nothing wrong with making our public officials account not only for what they have accomplished but also how much of our money they have spent and what for. In fact it will promote better government.

"I also feel that a thousand dollars

more or less is not going to make the publishers filthy rich. In fact, \$1,000 more or less is cheap insurance. In my experience I have found that he who protests as much as what appeared in your paper today (March 2, 2005) may be trying to cover up something. Makes me suspicious. It has been well written that "Methinks he protesteth too much."

First-time judge enjoyed participating

M^{PA} I am enclosing the judged entries for the MCMA (Missouri College Media Association) Contest. ...

As a first-time judge, I enjoyed the process immensely. It was exciting reading all the entries. While a few rose to the top after the first read, it was sometimes difficult separating the top three entries. Overall, I was very pleased

with the work these young journalists are doing.

Thanks again for the opportunity. I look forward to judging other contests in the future.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Marty
Publisher/editor
North County Journals

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NNA tour will visit printing plants

Washington, Lebanon, Color Web, Bolivar, Eldon on June 10-11 bus tour

COLUMBIA — The National Newspaper Association is offering a unique learning opportunity for community newspaper publishers and managers.

NNA, in association with Missouri School of Journalism's Missouri Chair in Community Newspaper Management, will host a two-day tour of five Missouri newspapers and printing plants, June 10-11.

Attendees will meet in St. Louis at the Westport Sheraton Plaza on the morning of June 10. From there they will travel by bus to Washington for a tour of the *Washington Missourian*, an award-winning community newspaper.

Publisher Bill Miller Sr. will guide a look inside the workings of The *Missourian* Publishing Co., a family-owned and operated newspaper and publishing company with two production facilities in Washington and satellite offices in Union, St. Clair and Marthasville.

After a lunch hosted by the Washington Chamber of Commerce, attendees will board the bus to continue their trip southwest across the state to the *Lebanon Daily Record*. Group learning discussions will take place on the bus while traveling.

Guest speakers include: Jim Sterling, Missouri School of Journalism professor of Community Journalism Management; Dick Ward of NewsAdz; and Brian Steffens, executive director

for NNA.

Dalton Wright, owner and president of the *Daily Record*, will host the group at his site.

The *Daily Record* and the newspapers that preceded it have served the Lebanon trade area continuously for more

hotel.

That evening they will enjoy a tour of The American National Fish and Wildlife Museum and a wine reception hosted by the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau. The CVB will also host that evening's dinner at Hemingways Restaurant.

Saturday morning the group will tour the Missouri Color Web Printing plant in Springfield.

From there they will travel to Bolivar for a tour of the *Herald-Free Press*, hosted by Dave Berry, president of Community Publishers of Missouri, Inc.

After lunch the group will depart for Eldon. Dane Vernon, owner of Vernon Publishing Inc., will give a tour of *The Eldon Advertiser*. Vernon Publishing owns and operates five newspapers in the state.

Attendees will then return to St. Louis by bus.

Registration fee is \$295 for the first registrant and \$250 for the second, if you are registering together. The hotel reservation for the first night is included in the registration fee, along with lunch both days and the wine reception and dinner the first evening.

Those who register before May 6 will receive

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For more information contact Terri Loughrey at (573) 882-5800 or terri@nna.org. The registration form is available on NNA's website at nna.org.



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Registration fee \$295 for first registrant; \$250 for second registrant. Hotel reservation the first night is included along with lunch both days and a wine reception and dinner the first evening. Tour starts in St. Louis on June 10 and returns the following day.

For more information, contact Terri Loughrey at (573) 882-5800; terri@nna.org. Or go to www.nna.org to download the registration form.

On the Move

• **Waynesville** — Karen Hood, a member of the *Rolla Daily News* team for the past 18 years, has been named advertising director at the *Waynesville Daily Guide*. Both of the newspapers are owned by Liberty Group Publishing Co.

Hood joined the Rolla newspaper in 1987 as a classified advertising clerk.

• **Rolla** — Josh Hester has joined the *Daily News* as assistant managing editor. For the past three years Hester worked at *The Daily Statesman* in Dexter. He's a 2002 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

• **Springfield** — Richard Jackoway, a native of St. Louis who graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has been named metro editor of the *News-Leader*.

Jackoway, 45, most recently was city editor for the San Luis Obispo, Calif., *Tribune*. He replaces Paul Fleming, who became the capital bureau chief for Gannett's Florida newspapers. Gannett also owns the *News-Leader*.

• **St. Louis** — Marketing consultant Bruce Hoskins has joined the advertising staff of the *St. Louis Business Journal*. He previously was executive director of the Center for Business Growth of the St. Louis County Economic Council.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., Hoskins is a licensed real estate agent and has worked in marketing with a number of firms.

• **New Haven** — Sue Blesi is the new editor of the *Leader*. She replaced Steve Roth, who resigned to take the newly created position of city administrator in New Haven.

Blesi has worked for the *Franklin County Watchman*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *Washington Missourian*.

• **Malden** — Ashley Stone has been named advertising representative at the

Delta News•Citizen. She has worked at the weekly for 3-1/2 years in various capacities. Stone replaced Gloria Moore, who left to pursue other interests.

Lorraine Heiser has been promoted to editor of the *Delta News•Citizen*. She has been associate editor of the paper for two years after transferring to Malden from *The Daily Statesman* in Dexter, where she was a staff writer.

Heiser has worked for the Malden paper off and on since 1982.

• **Nevada** — Julie Righter will succeed Carl Simpson as publisher and part-owner of *The Nevada News*, *Nevada Daily Mail* and the *Fort Scott Tribune*. The papers are part of Rust Communications LLC.

Righter is the youngest daughter of Simpson, who plans to retire in mid-May.

Simpson began his newspaper career at the *Nevada Daily Mail* in 1954. He went to work for *The Nevada News* in 1969 and bought that paper in 1974. The Simpson family operated the paper until selling it to Rust in 1997.

Simpson became publisher of the *Nevada Daily Mail* in 2001 and was named last August as publisher of the *Fort Scott Tribune*.

Righter graduated from Nevada High School in 1983 and earned a communications degree at Southwest Missouri State. She has worked in radio and as director of media communications for the Missouri Hospital Association in Jefferson City. Since the mid-1990s she has been director of community development for Citizens Memorial Healthcare in Bolivar.

University newspaper discloses campus police withheld reports

Webster University's Department of Public Safety did not report 57 incidents to *The Journal*, the student newspaper, during the fall 2004 semester, the newspaper reported in February.

Incidents not reported included four thefts of more than \$500, seven thefts of less than \$500, five harassment reports, three property damage incidents, an assault and a suspected drug overdose.

Public Safety has been reading the crime log to *Journal* reporters for at least three years. The university is required by federal law to keep a crime log physically available for inspection. The *Journal* routinely reports incidents. In the fall 2004 semester and this semester Public Safety officials refused to let reporters see the crime log and left incidents out of their oral reports, the newspaper reported.

UMC student newspaper observes 50th anniversary of its founding

The Maneater, a student newspaper at the University of Missouri-Columbia, celebrated its 50th anniversary in February. In observance of the occasion, adviser Becky Diehl and staff members served green and white cake (the newspaper's colors) to passers-by in Brady Commons, a campus building.

Joel Gold started *The Maneater* in

1955 as a way to revamp *The Missouri Student*, MU's student newspaper at the time.

A reunion of present and past staff members will be held in September during Family Weekend at the university. It will include an open house, campus tours a reception and banquet. A pre-game tailgate party also will be held.

Columbia publisher target of June 10 fund-raising roast

The Alzheimer's Association Mid-Missouri Chapter will roast Columbia's legendary publisher Hank Waters on June 10 to raise money for Alzheimer's awareness, education and programs. Money raised will stay within the 29-county area the Mid-Missouri Chapter serves. Waters is the publisher of the *Columbia Daily Tribune*.

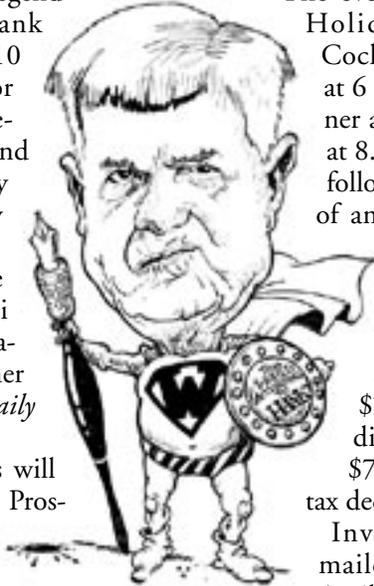
Among roasters will be Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Kevin Crane, State Auditor Claire McCaskill, and *Daily Tribune* columnist Tony Messenger. The emcee will be Vicki

Russell, associate publisher of the newspaper and Waters' wife.

The event will be at the Holiday Inn Select. Cocktail hour begins at 6 followed by a dinner at 7 with the roast at 8. The Roast will be followed by an auction of an original illustration by John Darkow of the *Daily Tribune*.

Sponsorships are available from \$750 to \$2,500. Individual tickets are \$75, of which \$50 is tax deductible.

Invitations will be mailed at the end of April. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, call 573-443-8665 or 800-693-8665.



'Vexatious' legislative proposal would dim statutory sunshine

Prompted by complaints from the trustees of Brownington, a village near his hometown, Rep. Shannon Cooper, R-Clinton, has introduced a statute that would protect small communities from being "bankrupted" by "vexatious" requests for public records.

Well, fine, Rep. Cooper has satisfied his officeholder constituents, but in his bones somewhere he must know that the residents of his district — who have a legal right to the village documents, which belong to the public — are his most important constituency, not the people who happen to be in office at any given moment.

The state Open Meetings and Records Law lays out procedures and fees for making such records available. Judges and the state office of the attorney general can help parties decide whether a disputed request is legally supportable based on the detailed provisions of the law. Requiring judges to evaluate whether requests are "vexatious" is off the wall.

Let Rep. Cooper's foray lead off into the wilderness somewhere, never to be noticed again.

—Hank Waters III, *Columbia Daily Tribune*

UMC students flock to 'tabloid' website

By Jeff Daniel
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Scholastic Shocker: Campus Rocked by Invasion of the Student Body-Snatchers! How else to explain the fact that enrollees at the University of Missouri at Columbia are listed as the top visitors to the *Weekly World News* website (weeklyworldnews.com)?

Not familiar with the *Weekly World News*? The black-and-white tabloid version is a supermarket checkout staple, and its colorful "news" stories manage to put the *National Enquirer* on par with *The Wall Street Journal*.

When it comes down to it, the site is just as funny and occasionally as clever as the *Onion*, which may account for the large number of collegiate admirers (Michigan, Maryland, MIT and Stanford are with Mizzou in the top five.)

The exclamation point gets quite a workout at the WWN. So, let's jump on board and shout out a self-congratulatory "We're No. 1!" in honor of Mizzou's finest.

It shouldn't be overlooked that MU claims the world's first journalism school. Which makes us wonder: Is the WWN exposure having an effect on the J-School's daily paper, the *Columbia Missourian*? Probably not. A recent headline declared "Senate Committee Advances Measure Against Cloning" rather than opting for "Government Conspiracy Halts Quin Snyder Plan for New Breed of Cyborg Point Guards!"

To the late Walter Williams, founder of the School of Journalism, we say: Rest in peace!

2 from Post-Dispatch win Headliner Awards

Robert Cohen and John G. Carlton of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* were among the winners of the 71st annual National Headliner Awards, sponsored by The Press Club of Atlantic City, N.J.

Cohen won first place in Feature Photography and third place in Photography Portfolio. Carlton won third place in Editorial Writing.

Sun shining brighter in Bolivar

Polk County commissioners plan to make changes to follow Missouri's open meetings law more closely, the *Bolivar Herald-Free Press* reported in February.

The commissioners said they will post an agenda on the bulletin board on the first floor of the courthouse for each day they are in session.

The Sunshine Law requires governmental bodies to post the time and place of meetings 24 hours in advance and to provide an agenda of what will be discussed.

The commissioners also may have a secretary attend all meetings to record minutes.

One of the commissioners said the changes were being considered before editorial comments in the *Herald-Free Press* by publisher Dave Berry.

"It was a result of things that were discussed at our training session," the commissioner said.

All three commissioners attended the training session in Jefferson City Feb. 2-4 presented by the Missouri Association of Counties.

St. Louis legal journal begins 7-day publication

Beginning on Jan. 31, the *St. Louis Daily Record*, the *St. Louis Countian* and the *St. Charles County Business Record* began publishing seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The Friday, Saturday and Sunday issues of all three publications will be dedicated to real estate on Friday, state business and legal news on Saturday and national business and legal news on Sunday.

Legal Communications Corp., publisher of the newspapers, recently launched a website — thedailyrecord.com — featuring news, notices, meetings and events, court opinion summaries and a news archive.

Crash kills valued Piedmont employee

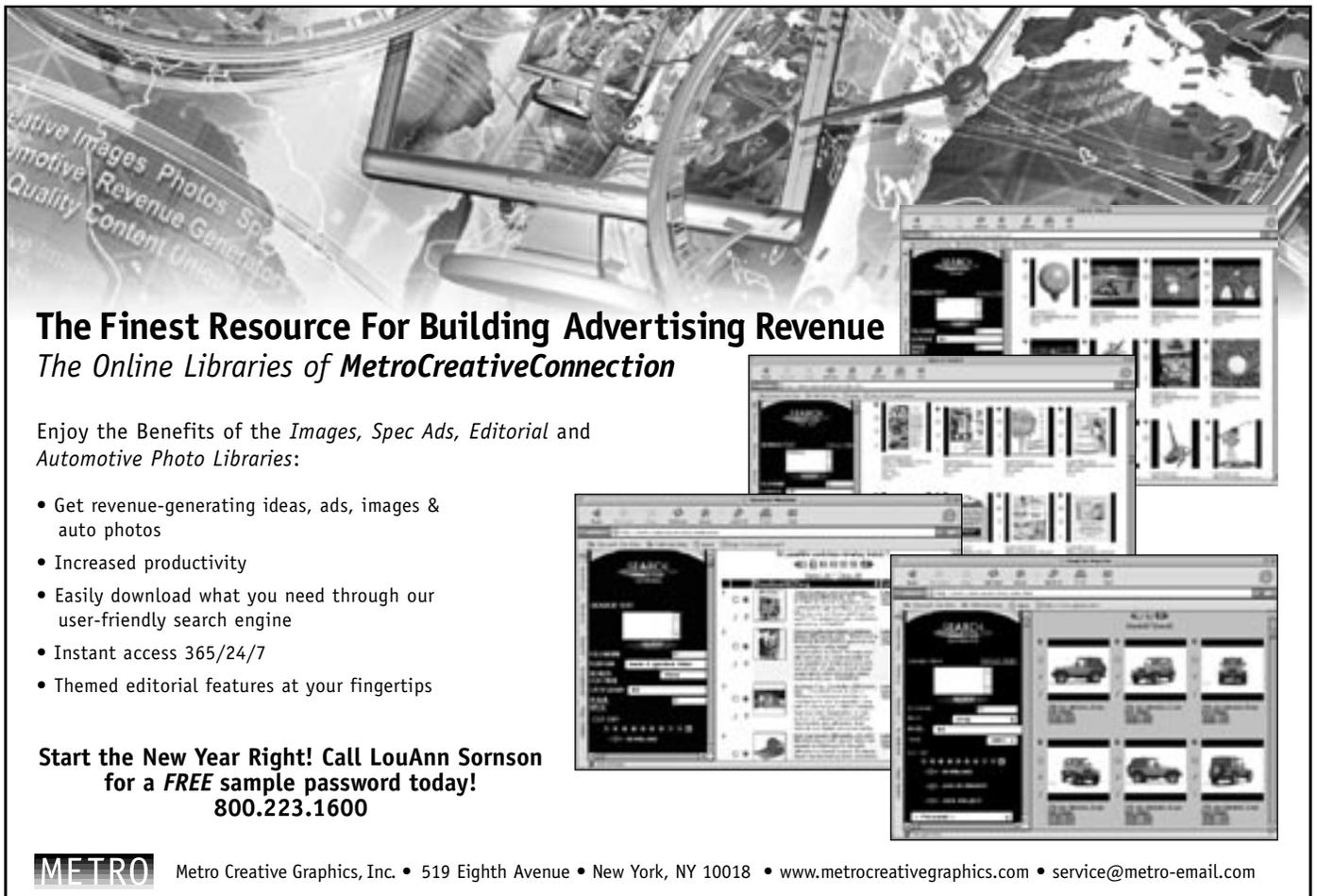
The circulation manager for the *Wayne County Journal-Banner* in Piedmont was killed Feb. 21 in a traffic accident on her way to work.

Teresa Hutson, 42, also did ad scheduling for the *Reynolds County Courier* in Ellington. She had worked at the

newspaper about two years.

Hutson's vehicle was hit head-on by a semi tractor at about 7:45 a.m. A witness reported he swerved his vehicle to get out of the way of the truck, which veered into his lane. Hutson's vehicle was behind the witness's.

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Keep momentum going after success of 'A Hunter's Heart'

In January we organized a statewide reading project, "Reading Across Missouri," and encouraged MPA newspapers to publish the serialized historical fiction story, "A Hunter's Heart," in unison.

The response was tremendous. At last tally 128 newspapers participated and nearly 50 percent of those were newspapers that hadn't yet been involved in our efforts to reach young readers.

Of course our goal was to give the wagon a push to get more youth programs going across the state. And in many instances, it's working. I've had several calls from newspapers asking how to keep the momentum going.

The easiest course is to continue publishing serial stories. If "A Hunter's Heart" was your first Missouri Press Foundation serial, you can continue publishing the 16 others weekly for two and a half years before you'll run out!

And Kay Hively has written seven new stories that the Foundation will begin releasing over the next year.

A visit to our website gives you descriptions on all stories available as well as sample chapters and contracts to order stories. To get there, visit mopress.com and link to Newspaper In Education and then to "Serialized Stories."

We're updating our printed brochure and we'll make sure everyone gets a copy.

Another option is to publish some of the many free youth features MPA creates for you. I highlighted many of these last month in this column, and you can find them on the Newspaper In Education web pages under "Newspaper Features."

In August we'll release the MPA Newspaper In Education calendar

listing features for next school year. Consider promoting these features in your back-to-school section.

And having your own Newspaper In Education coordinator may be easier than you think.

This July 20-22, MPA will host an NIE training session at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The 16-hour "Living Textbook" course can be taken for graduate credit or as a seminar.

This course was established to help Missouri newspapers train teachers to serve as ambassadors for their youth efforts.

Newspapers are asked to sponsor teachers from their communities. After the course, the teachers give Newspaper In Education workshops back home on behalf of their sponsoring

newspapers.

In the most successful partnerships, the teacher continues to help the newspaper build relationships with young readers.

MPA provides ads to promote the course, including space to solicit a teacher in your community. The ads and information on participating in this project will be available in a few weeks.

Several newspapers also have used the



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NIE opportunities

A number of opportunities approach for you to learn about Newspaper In Education or to expand your horizons.

April 15 — Dawn Kitchell will have an NIE session at the Southeast Missouri Press Association meeting in Cape Girardeau.

June 22-24 — Central States Newspaper In Education conference, Catoosa, Okla.

July 20-22 — Living Textbook NIE course, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Sept. 24 — NIE session during the annual MPA Convention at The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark.

Dawn Kitchell can provide details about all of these activities.

course as an opportunity to train newspaper staff, so consider that as well.

The course will be held in Columbia from noon to 4:30 July 20, from 8:30 to 4:30 on July 21 and from 8:30 to noon July 23. Thursday's program includes a plant tour and lunch at the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, and we're planning a casual evening event for this year's workshop.

And finally, assistance in building youth readership is only a phone call or an e-mail away. I'd really like to help you keep young readers engaged in their community newspaper.

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Scrapbook

• **Bolivar** — The *Herald-Free Press* is giving school children in Polk County the opportunity to have their work published in the April 15 issue of the paper. The first Kids' Showcase will print the best editorials and hometown drawings.

• **Washington** — *The Missourian's* annual Family Reading Night was held March 4 at Washington Middle School. This was the fifth year for the free, family-centered celebration of reading.

Community members read more than 30 books throughout the night. Children colored, cut and pasted to create works of art at the reading activity centers.

Song writer and author Steve Seskin closed the celebration with a family concert. His song "Don't Laugh at Me" was published as a book and was an October 2002 Book Buzz Pick in *The Missourian*.

• **Washington** — The Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars presented The Missourian Publishing Co. with an award of appreciation for donating more than 200 boxes to the VFW's Support the Troops program.

• **Cape Girardeau** — In February the building of the *Southeast Missourian* was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic preservation. The building, which features Spanish-inspired architecture, was completed in 1925.

• **Excelsior Springs** — The *Standard* launched its website — excelsiorsprings-standard.com — on March 1.

• **St. Louis** — Inland Press Association has named the *St. Louis American* the third best non-daily newspaper in the nation. The announcement was made Feb. 7 after Inland's annual Non-Daily Newspaper contest, which was open to newspapers from all over the country.

First place went to *The Western Star* in Lebanon, Ohio. *The Herald* in Puyallup, Wash., placed second.

• **Columbia** — *Daily Tribune* columnist Tony Messenger has another gig. He's now also a talk radio host for the evening show on KFRU radio in Columbia.

The *Tribune* held its first annual Advertising Excellence Awards Banquet on Feb. 15. Teresa Nelson received the Hank Waters Advertising Excellence Award for display advertising. Ruby Wheeler received the Hank Waters Excellence Award for classified advertising.

• **Forsyth** — *Taney County Times* managing editor Linda Morgan was named Woman of the Year 2005 by the Forsyth Beta Sigma Phi in February.

• **Cape Girardeau** — A series of stories by Callie Clark Miller, education writer for the *Southeast Missourian*, has won a national award from the Education Writers Association.

Miller's stories about the trials of first-year teacher Jason Bandermann received a third place/special citation in a category for newspapers under 100,000 circulation.

• **Marshall** — Susan Duvall has taken over management of the *Marshall Messenger*, which was acquired by the *Marshall Democrat-News* last year. Jack Williams founded the publication, which now is a shopper, in 1933.

• **Lebanon** — The *Daily Record* has installed a computer-to-plate system and new software to improve color resolution and picture quality in its production department.

The paper anticipates using color on more of its pages in the near future.

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Rules will change on access to juvenile court proceedings

Reporters should be aware that beginning next January the Missouri Supreme Court will change some of its rules regarding access to juvenile hearings and records. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, hearings involving juveniles who are age 17 or hearings involving termination of parental rights will be open to the public, as will court records on those matters.

The court may, however, still exclude the public from such hearings during the testimony of any juvenile or victim. And parties to the hearing (except for the juvenile office) may request that the entire hearing or a portion of the hearing be closed. If such a request is made, the court will hear arguments on the issue and then make written findings in the record detailing the specific reasons for closing a hearing.

To close such a hearing the court must find that closure is in the best interest of the juvenile, that it will protect the physical or emotional well-being of the juvenile or safety of any other person, promote the integrity of the fact-finding process or protect the privacy of a party involved in the proceeding.

Further, the new rule allows the court on its own motion to exclude for good cause shown or for exceptional circumstances any person from the hearing, again requiring the court to make findings on the record as to why the person has been excluded. And the court specifically states that foster parents, adoptive parents, foster care institutions and other persons involved with the court proceeding may not give audio or video recordings concerning the juvenile or permit photographing or videotaping of the juvenile.

This last provision in the rule may have significant impact on some reporters doing stories about children in the juvenile system. The court is basically saying that if you are subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court because of your role in such a case, that you give up some of your First Amendment rights to talk about the case.

While the rule discusses audio and video recordings, it does not say that a person within the system may not be interviewed to discuss the child, only that no recordings may be made of the interview. However, it does prohibit the photographing of a child in foster care.

The court also notes that the juvenile office will be permitted, in connection with hearings as set out above, to provide information concerning the

style of the case (name of the parties), the nature of the case (ie: whether it is abuse or neglect), the hearing date, the outcome of the hearing and the next hearing date.

Similarly, a new rule 122.02 has been enacted, effective Jan. 1, 2006, that makes accessible to the public all pleadings and orders of the court in cases involving 17-year-olds and involving termination of parental rights, but only for cases opened after Jan. 1, 2006.

These records will have some information redacted, including, for example, the names of foster or adoptive parents or foster care institutions and the names of any person who reported child abuse. This rule will not, however, make available to the public any written reports, social records and other documents presented to the court for review at any hearing.

It is interesting to compare this announcement regarding this rule change to another recent rule change made by the Supreme Court. This change was

announced March 9 and is not effective until next January.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 1, 2005, the court made effective changes to the rule governing public access to general court records. Supposedly it was announced Nov. 17, 2004, but no notice of that announcement was on the Supreme Court's web page earlier this year and those changes came in very quietly.

These changes to what is called Operating Rule 2 are equally significant to the media and to many members of the public. First, the rule provides that internal e-mail is not considered a public record. While Operating Rule 2 includes in its provisions that records which are considered closed under the Missouri Sunshine Law will be considered closed under Operating Rule 2, but does not reciprocally state that records which would be open under the Sunshine Law are also considered open under Operating Rule 2.

The rule provides that compiled records for the judiciary are not open to the public unless they would otherwise be open records under this rule and specifically states that there is no obligation for the courts to compile information from court records.

Finally, and most importantly, the new rule prohibits bulk distribution of court records for commercial gain, meaning that while perhaps a member of the media may be granted access to bulk distribution of court records for certain approved purposes, a member of the public may not access this information for non-media purposes.

These changes are greatly troubling. Like records of public bodies, court records are records compiled through the use of public funds. The courts depend on tax dollars to operate. (In fact, the Supreme Court recently spent significant time with the Missouri legislature ensuring that courts funding was not slashed by 25 percent in the state budget this year.)

At the same time, the Court is making its records less accessible to the public. Somehow these two facts do not seem to go together. Closure of public information is never in the public's best interest.



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CALENDAR

April

- 1-2 — SPJ Region 7 Conference, Springfield
- 8-9 — Missouri College Media Association conference, Kansas City
- 14-15 — Missouri Advertising Managers' Association meeting, Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet, St. Louis
- 15 — Southeast Missouri Press Association meeting

May

- 5 — Missouri Press Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 1 p.m., MPA Building, Columbia
- 5 — Past Presidents and Spouses Dinner, Governor's Mansion

June

- 10-11 — NNA On the Road bus tour of printing plants
- 22-24 — Central States NIE Conference, Catoosa, Okla.
- 23 — MPA/MPS Board meeting, Holiday Inn, Lake Ozark
- 24 — MPA Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. Sycamore Creek
- 24-25 — Show-Me Press, Holiday Inn, Lake Ozark

July

- 20-22 — Living Textbook NIE course, University of Missouri, Columbia

September

- 22-24 — 139th Annual MPA Convention & Trade Show, The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark
- 28-Oct. 1 — NNA Convention, Milwaukee

— Obituaries —

Columbia — Forrest Rose

Forrest Rose, 48, a columnist for the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, died March 20, 2005, during a band trip in Arizona.

Mr. Rose was a graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism and a former reporter and editor for the *Tribune* and for the *Columbia Missourian*. He most recently was an information specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

He played bass and was well known in the Columbia area music scene for many years, having played with a number of music groups.

Survivors include a son and his parents.



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