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Sunshine Week is March 15-21



The match that lit Sunshine Week: Looking back and ahead with Tim Franklin

Just weeks after terrorist planes took down the World Trade Center and slammed into the Pentagon, legislators in Florida rushed to water down, even repeal, some of the state's best-in-the-nation open government laws.

Panic among Florida newspapers about access to information led to Sunshine Sunday ... and what is now known as Sunshine Week.

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Sunshine Week Toolkit

The [Sunshine Week toolkit](#) is a free resource from the News Leaders Association and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

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Available to participants for Sunshine Week 2020:

- [Special reporting package](#) (free stories, photos and a graphic you can publish)
 - [Whistleblower Project](#) - The Society of Professional Journalists and the Government Accountability Project have teamed up with several other whistleblowing and media organizations to inform journalists on how they can safely work with whistleblowers and have created a comprehensive case for why those brave workers who risk everything should be praised and better protected. Visit this [new website](#) to read and listen to the stories of whistleblowers who have helped shed light on corruption, government waste and injustice, as well as the reporters who work with them.
- [Opinion Columns](#)
- [MuckRock's Editorial Package](#)
- Sunshine Week [Logos and Icons](#)
- A [Sample Proclamation](#) for State and Local Governments
- The [Schools and Colleges](#) Page for Students and Educators
- An assortment of [Freedom of Information Resources](#)

Executive Appointments



Katrice Hardy named Indianapolis Star executive editor, USA TODAY Network regional editor

Katrice Hardy, who was executive editor of the Greenville (South Carolina) News, has been named executive editor of the Indianapolis Star and editor of Gannett's Midwest region that includes more than two dozen properties.

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Pam Sander to lead Gannett's Southeast region

Wilmington (North Carolina) StarNews executive editor Pam Sander was named one of Gannett's 12 regional editors on Wednesday, and she will now oversee newsrooms across five Southeast states.

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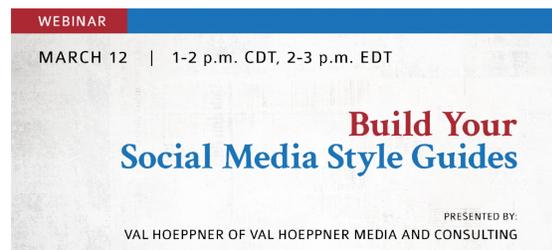
Free webinars from America's Newspapers

Build Your Social Media Style Guides — Thursday, March 12

A social media style guide creates a consistent voice, look and schedule that helps newsrooms engage audiences.

This webinar will help you develop a set of five guidelines, including: defining your voice, grammar and terminology, visual use, hashtags and post formatting.

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Coronavirus FAQs & Legal Updates: Employer Challenges in Preparing for a Potential Pandemic

Three partners from Seyfarth Shaw LLC will update industry executives and managers on the latest information about the new coronavirus (COVID-19), including preparing for outbreaks and a potential pandemic.

This webinar is designed for CEOs, publishers, owners, HR directors and all managers.

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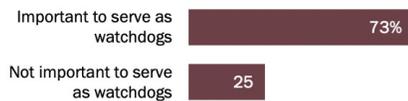
Most say journalists should be watchdogs, but views of how well they fill this role vary by party, media diet

Americans largely agree on the value of media's watchdog role, but a substantial partisan gap exists as to how well journalists are performing that role, according to a new analysis of data from Pew Research Center's Election News Pathways project.

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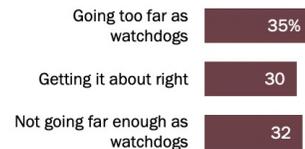
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Thinking beyond the current political environment, do you think that it is important or not important for journalists to serve as watchdogs over elected leaders?



But differ in views of how journalists today are performing that role

And do you think that journalists TODAY are ...



Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 29-Nov. 11, 2019.

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It's 'morning in America' for management

Writing from a recent American Bar Association committee meeting, Mike Zinser outlines some of the key management victories that newspapers have won lately that concern the National Labor Relations Board.

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Free Webinars:

- [Build Your Social Media Style Guides](#) (Thursday, March 12)
- [Coronavirus FAQs and Legal Update](#) (Friday, March 13)
- [The Sales Team of the Future](#) (March 25)
- [Finding New 2020 Revenue Inside the Mountain of Political Spending](#) (April 7)
- [How to Build a Talent Acquisition Program to Attract Sellers Today and Tomorrow](#) (April 9)

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