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Industry News



Media coalition pushes back on George Floyd prosecution, asks to livestream trial

A coalition of local and national media companies is arguing that livestreaming the George Floyd trial is the only option to guarantee constitutional rights to a public trial. A motion filed with the court yesterday opposes the prosecution's request to use closed-circuit TV, saying the court's closed-circuit technology offers low-quality video and sound, and would limit the number of people who would be allowed into an overflow courtroom to view the proceedings.

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Austin American-Statesman, community papers announce plans to unionize

A majority of the reporters, photographers, columnists and other employees at the Austin (Texas) American-Statesman and its six community newspapers have joined in asking Gannett to voluntarily recognize the Austin NewsGuild.

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Statesman

The best journalism of 2020: Covering the pandemic



A year has passed since the novel coronavirus first emerged. Even with mass inoculation efforts underway, it continues to rage on, with little sign of abating.

Throughout this year, we've relied on journalism to make sense of it all — especially as the virus' spread frequently outpaced our abilities to comprehend and respond to it. In this article, the Columbia Journalism Review highlights some of the year's most illuminating, hard-hitting and enduring coverage of the pandemic.

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Obituary

The Sumter Item's Hubert Osteen has died at 84

Hubert Duvall Osteen Jr., chairman of Osteen Publishing Co., died at home Sunday, Dec. 13. He was 84.

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Industry appointments



The Journal Gazette announces changes in newsroom management

Julie Inskeep has retired after nearly 24 years as publisher of The Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Editor Sherry Skufca has been named publisher, and a new editor and managing editor also have been appointed.

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Bobby Rice leaves The Tuscaloosa News to take over Boone-owned papers in Alabama and Georgia

Bobby Rice, who has served as general manager of The Tuscaloosa News since December 2018, is returning to his hometown to take over as publisher of The Troy (Alabama) Messenger, which is owned by Tuscaloosa-based Boone Newspapers.

In Troy, Rice will succeed Stacy Graning, who will be returning to her home state of Mississippi to manage the operations of several newspapers there.

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Dimon Kendrick-Holmes named Opelika-Auburn News editor

"I'm excited about the opportunity to lead a talented newsroom as we cover such an interesting and thriving community," the new editor of the Opelika-Auburn News said. "We've got some great stories to tell, and I look forward to talking to the people who live and work here, getting to know the community better and figuring out what those stories are."

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JANET DEGEORGE

Thursday, December 17
1-2 pm CST / 2-3 p.m. EST

What's in store to increase revenue in your CORE classifieds? Is 2021 going to be a tough one or full of promise? Do you need to go out of your comfort zone to bring in the new money? This webinar will talk about stretching beyond and pulling in all the revenue you can from many new sources on top of the tried and true.

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MATT LARSON OF OUR-HOMETOWN

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