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FORMER WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MATT MURRAY JOINS NEWS ITEMS AS CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Murray Will Recap Major Business and Finance Stories Each Friday for Independent Newsletter *News Items*

SOUTHPORT, Conn., March 4, 2024—Matt Murray, former Editor-in-Chief of *The Wall Street Journal*, is joining independent newsletter [News Items](#) as a contributing editor. The announcement was made today by SmithEllisItems, Inc., the holding company that produces [News Items](#) and [Political Items](#). *News Items* covers "a world in disarray," financial news, advanced technologies and science. *Political Items* covers politics, foreign and domestic.

Mr. Murray will write the new weekly '*Matt Murray's Week in Review*' newsletter, recapping the week's major stories in business and finance every Friday for *News Items* subscribers.

Murray was the Editor-in-Chief of *The Wall Street Journal* and Dow Jones Newswires from June 2018 to February 2023, responsible for all global newsgathering and editorial operations. Prior to that role, Murray served in a number of roles including national editor, deputy managing editor and deputy editor-in-chief. He joined Dow Jones & Company in 1994 as a reporter in the Pittsburgh bureau.

As deputy editor, Murray oversaw the newsroom transformation called WSJ2020, a project to develop a mobile-first strategy, promote multiplatform digital journalism and increase diversity in the Journal's ranks.

He is also the author of ["*The Father and the Son: My Father's Journey into the Monastic Life*,"](#) an account of his father's journey to becoming a monk, and the writer of ["*Strong of Heart*,"](#) a memoir by Thomas Von Essen, former New York City fire commissioner. Murray holds bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern University.

"We are fortunate and delighted to have Matt join us as a contributing editor. His resume speaks for itself. It's not an exaggeration to say that he is one of the best journalists of his generation," said John Ellis, Founder and Editor of *News Items*. "Matt will be doing a Friday newsletter that will sometimes follow the *News Items* format and other times be commentary on a particular topic. We're hoping he'll do some podcasting as well."

“I’ve been a subscriber to *News Items* for years now, and I understand why its subscribers are so devoted to it. It’s a great service, and it’s exciting to be part of such an innovative effort as the industry seeks new ways to serve and engage readers. I want to see if I can help make it even better,” said Murray.

News Items is a daily subscription newsletter covering global politics, financial news, advanced technologies, and science. The independent Substack newsletter features news stories, commentaries, analyses, essays, and research reports that are interesting, important, or both. Since launching, *News Items* quickly gained a loyal, influential readership among politicians, diplomats, academics, and journalists. *News Items* was founded by John Ellis, best known for his work as a journalist and political analyst.

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