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Subject: CONNECTING: 'Chilling' effects of DOJ probe; layoffs at Plain Dealer, Oregonian; Beat of the Week; Best of the States

Colleagues,
Paul Stevens is spending a couple days with his father in Iowa. (Of the attached photo, Paul writes: "Family time with dad before catering in pizza for lunch today. He downed three slices along with a Bud.") Here are some items of interest.

Best,
Mark

US seizure of journalist records

AP CEO says government sources won't talk after Justice Department Probe

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/evanmcsan/ap-ceo-details-chilling-effect-after-dept-of-justice-seized>

Government acts chilling reporting sources (shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://f24.my/19Yeo28>

McConnell: IRS targeting of conservatives part of broader attack on free speech

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_MCCONNELL?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2013-06-21-04-07-48

AP buys stake in live video pioneer Bambuser

<http://www.ap.org/Content/Press-Release/2013/AP-buys-stake-in-Bambuser-strengthens-live-UGC-video-capability>

Hastings: Prior to fiery crash, controversial reporter investigating Jill Kelley, DOD, FBI

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-michael-hastings-jill-kelly-case-20130620,0,2559316.story>

Plain Dealer layoffs

<http://fox8.com/2012/12/03/guild-announces-extent-of-the-plain-dealer-layoffs/>

Oregonian to reduce home delivery, lay off staff

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/216516/oregonian-to-reduce-home-delivery-lay-off-staff/>

#WomenEdsWeLove creator: Female editors 'not invisible,' 'not that hard to find'

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/216506/womenedswelove-creator-female-editors-are-not-invisible-theyre-not-that-hard-to-find/>

Chicago Sun-Times rolls out new design to Web site

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/216385/a-much-better-sun-times-sitedebuts-today/>

Howard Kurtz joining Fox News to anchor new version of Fox News Watch (shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://www.mediaite.com/tv/exclusive-fox-news-expected-to-announce-howard-kurtz-will-join-network/>

Oops! WSJ Bloody Mary recipe calls for a little too much vodka

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/regret-the-error/216398/wall-street-journal-calls-for-a-little-too-much-vodka-in-bloody-mary-recipe/>

AP Beat of the Week

Colleagues,

The key to beat reporting is an effective network of sources, some of whom may not deliver anything useful for years. Last March, one of those sources delivered. A retired London pharmacologist who tracks former Nazis as a hobby told chief Germany correspondent David Rising that a man linked to war crimes may be alive and living in Minnesota.

Rising, who has reported on ex-Nazis for 10 years in Germany, wasn't sure of the information. Over the years the source had provided a lot of information that never panned out. Nonetheless, Rising decided it was worth looking into.

Indeed it was. After more than three months of research and reporting in four countries, the tip blossomed into an AP IMPACT that prompted authorities in the U.S. and Europe to begin looking into the 94-year-old retired carpenter, Michael Karkoc.

http://inside.ap.org/Content/Images/BOTW/BOTW_508_with_caption.jpg

Following up on the tip, Rising turned to New York researcher Randy Herschaft, a regular partner in Rising's Nazi-hunting stories and a master at navigating the world of archives and Internet reporting. Herschaft quickly established that someone named Michael Karkoc lived in Minneapolis. But was this the same man who served with an SS-led unit in the war? Herschaft obtained Karkoc's file from the newly opened International Tracing Service archive in Bad Arolsen, Germany, with details on when Karkoc immigrated and where and public record information from the U.S. available on the Minneapolis resident _ and the names and birth dates matched.

At the same time, Herschaft pursued classified material from the National Archives in Washington through a Freedom of Information Act request. The National Archives can be notoriously slow in responding to FOIA requests, but Herschaft used his contacts with the archives staff to speed the process, obtaining material in weeks rather than months.

The archival material showed that Karkoc lied to U.S. authorities when he sought permission to enter the United States, claiming he had never served in the military during the war. That alone has been used in the past as grounds for deportation.

To establish that Karkoc did serve, AP turned to his own words written in his Ukrainian-language memoirs published in 1995. Kiev correspondent Maria Danilova found the book in an online Ukrainian library site and helped with translating it. In the book, Karkoc states that he helped found the Ukrainian Self Defense Legion in 1943 in collaboration with the SS intelligence agency to fight on the side of Germany _ and served as a company commander in the unit, which received orders directly from the SS, through the end of the war.

The team then turned to archives in Poland and Germany to verify those claims. Warsaw correspondent Monika Scislowska contacted an acquaintance at the National Remembrance Institute to obtain a fast-track access to files and assistance in locating about 3,000 pages related to the Ukrainian Legion.

Among the documents she found were the Legion's payroll records with Karkoc's handwritten signature. She also found sworn depositions from earlier investigations which contained grisly survivor accounts of atrocities by the Legion in the Polish town of Chlaniow and reports from some Legion members on gunfights with insurgents in Warsaw.

Rising was given access to German-language documents in Poland's state archive in Krakow, which showed that Karkoc was a company commander of the Legion and remained with the unit after it was absorbed into the Nazi SS Galician Division during the final months of the war. AP sent a video-photo team to the site of one of the massacres in the Ukraine, obtaining accounts of murder and arson from villagers. Their footage as well as an on-camera interview with Rising explaining how he got the story formed the basis of AP's video report.

Although the AP never established that Karkoc was personally involved in massacres, reporters matched events mentioned in his memoir with historical documentation to establish that he was present in the area at the time _ opening the possibility of his prosecution for having "command responsibility" of the unit during the atrocities. The evidence was also absolutely clear that his claim to U.S. authorities that he never served in the war was false.

With the documentation solid, it was time to confront Karkoc. AP Minneapolis sent staffers to his modest home to inform him of the findings and ask for comment. Karkoc, who walked to the door unassisted despite his advanced age, refused to talk in detail, saying only: "I don't think I can explain." A follow-up request to the family for an interview was rejected, and AP was told to stay away from the property.

The all-formats story had global impact. The text version scored eight fronts in the AP's domestic play report and was extensively featured in news websites in Poland, Scandinavia, the Netherlands and Switzerland and in Germany's largest circulation daily. ABC and CNN among others produced matchers, citing the AP as the primary source.

Prosecutors in Poland and Germany said they were reviewing their files after the AP report to determine whether Karkoc should face prosecution.

For exposing a Ukrainian immigrant living in the United States as a former commander of a Nazi-led unit accused of atrocities in World War II, Rising, Herschaft and Scislowska win this week's \$500 prize.

Others whose work impressed the judges:

_ Ravi Nessman, chief of bureau, South Asia, for getting exclusive access to engineering surveys that showed many factories in Bangladesh had illegal floors atop columns and foundations unable to support them. He also found out from a garment industry official that his group had shut down 10 percent of the 200 factories it inspected after a factory collapse killed 1,129 workers.

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/sns-bc-as--bangladesh-factory-flaws-20130612,0,6223665.story>

_ Amanda Lee Myers, newswoman, Cincinnati, for documenting the growing controversy over the reliability of bite mark evidence in criminal cases, compiling the most comprehensive count to date of those now exonerated of murder or rape: at least 24 men since 2000.

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/ap/ap/crime/ap-impact-bites-derided-as-unreliable-in-court/nYK2B/>
Glance: <http://tinyurl.com/lcnxhz5>

_ Steve Braun, Anne Flaherty and Jack Gillum, newsmen, Washington, for showing that the government's Prism surveillance program was only a small part of the National Security Administration's effort to tap the Internet's backbone, and for explaining how the secret operation worked. <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/secret-prism-success-even-bigger-data-seizure>

_ Jeri Clausing, newswoman, Albuquerque, N.M., and Matt Daly, newsman, Washington, for being first to report that former five-term congresswoman Heather Wilson collected nearly a half-million dollars in questionable payments from federal labs after leaving office. The revelation was contained in an inspector general report stemming from Clausing's reporting during Wilson's unsuccessful run last year for the U.S. Senate.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/06/11/ig-report-finds-questionable-payments-to-former-us-rep-heather-wilson/>

_ Ramit Plushnick-Masti, newswoman, Houston, for getting the mayor of West, Texas, to send to her alone a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency denying infrastructure disaster aid for his town after a fertilizer plant explosion.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/apnewsbreak-fema-denies-aid-texas-blast-19382982>

_ Staff, Tehran, Iran, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for offering first word that reform-backed candidate Hasan Rowhani had steamrolled to victory in Iran's presidential election. Hours before the official results, the AP was able to cite credible ballot-counting sources to report that Rowhani had a significant lead, which held up. A series of all-format AP enterprise pieces before the election had laid the groundwork, showing that contrary to reporting by others, it was a wide-open race leaning toward Rowhani and the mayor of Tehran.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/jun/14/early-vote-count-in-iran-gives-rowhani-wide-lead/>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/15/hassan-rouhani-wins-election-iran-president_n_3446945.html

_ Thanyarat Dokson, newswoman, Bangkok, and Chris Brummitt, chief of bureau, Hanoi, Vietnam, for breaking the news that the British government had issued an alert to airlines worldwide telling them not to allow Edward Snowden on board any flight to the U.K. A contact of Dokson saw the alert at a check-in counter, took a photo of it with his phone and posted it on Facebook. Brummitt got a British diplomat to confirm the alert, and Dokson obtained permission to use the photo.

www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/britain-tells-airlines-nsa-leaker-snowden-not-welcome-should-not-be-allowed-on-flights-to-uk/2013/06/14/6f3e6162-d4bc-11e2-b3a2-3bf5eb37b9d0_story.html

_ Chris Carola, newsman, Albany, N.Y., for reporting charges of sexual abuse in a high-profile New York Air National Guard wing. Carola obtained a copy of a letter from a retired officer who handled claims of sexual assault in the unit, claiming a culture of sexual misconduct in which offenders, including high-ranking officers, had been transferred or promoted instead of being punished. Carola also confirmed that the unit, which had conducted a daring Antarctic rescue of an ailing scientist, was under investigation for "officer misconduct." http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/13/air-national-guard-investigation_n_3438226.html

Entries are now welcome for the current week. Find out more about the Beat of the Week contest, including eligibility requirements and previous winners, at the Contests and Awards page on <http://inside.ap.org>.

Mike Oreskes

AP Best of the States: Amanda Myers

Cincinnati's Amanda Myers became fascinated by the reliability of bite mark evidence in criminal cases after covering the story of a former Ohio police captain who spent nearly 15 years in prison, largely because of a bite mark found on his ex-wife's blood-soaked body. The former captain was released in January after DNA test results proved his innocence. So, while juggling other assignments, Myers spent four months reviewing decades of court records, archives, news reports and filings by the Innocence Project to document the growing controversy over the reliability of bite mark evidence, compiling the most comprehensive count to date of those exonerated of murder or rape – a staggering 24 men since 2000. More at: www.apme.com

AP Impact: What kind of college degree best prepares students?

AP sent the following advisory to member editors this week:

The Associated Press series "The Great Reset," a year-long, multiformat project exploring major changes wrought by the Great Recession, continues with a package of stories, photos and video examining the global impact on higher education.

AP reporting found a global debate underway over the kind of college degree that will best prepare students for the workplace and help countries recover from hard times. In the United States, the traditional liberal arts degree has come under attack by those who think the priority should be to prepare students for their first job. Elsewhere in the world, a tradition of narrow, technical training is beginning to give way to the broad-based approach. Advocates say mastering the "soft skills" of communication and critical thinking will prepare graduates to be job-creators, not just job-fillers.

Text stories in the latest installment will move in advance on Thursday, June 20, for print release Tuesday, June 25 and thereafter. All photos will also move in advance on June 20. An abridged version of the mainbar will move Monday, June 24.

AP IMPACT: THE GREAT RESET-HIGHER EDUCATION

CHONGQING, China - Determined to learn their way out of the Great Recession, unprecedented millions of people have enrolled in colleges and universities around the world in the past five years. What they're finding is an educational landscape turning upside down. In the United States _ where top schools have long championed a liberal style of learning and broad education before specialization _ higher education's focus is shifting to getting students that first job in a still-shaky economy. Tuition is so high and the lingering economic distress so great that an education not directly tied to an occupation is increasingly seen as a luxury. Elsewhere in the world, there is a growing emphasis on broader learning as an economic necessity. Advocates hear employers demanding the "soft skills" _ communication, critical thinking, and working with diverse groups _ that broad-based learning more effectively instills. They want to graduate job-creators, not just job-fillers. By Justin Pope and Didi Tang. Embargoed for use Tuesday, June 25 and thereafter. With AP Photos. With:

GREAT RESET-WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT - They can get good grades, earn a diploma and breeze through that campus rite of spring, the job interview. But college graduates still might not land a decent job. The world's top employers are pickier than ever. They want to see more than high marks and the right degree. They want graduates with so-called soft skills _ those who can work well in teams, write and speak with clarity, adapt quickly to changes in technology and business conditions and interact with colleagues from different countries and cultures. By Business Writer Paul Wiseman. Embargoed for use Tuesday, June 25 and thereafter. With AP Photos.

GREAT RESET-CHANGES - More urgent. More crowded. More expensive. But also more flexible and accessible to millions. That is how higher education has changed around the world in the wake of the global financial crisis that struck five years ago. A look at four trends whose origins predate the Great Recession, but have been unmistakably fueled by it. By Education Writer Justin Pope. Embargoed for use Tuesday, June 25 and thereafter. With AP Photos.

AP Video: A look at massive open online courses, or MOOCs, taught by elite universities for students worldwide.

AP Photos: A look at surprising contrasts and changes in educational environments worldwide. From students playing the guitar in a communist Chinese university to Americans students learning how to work in a factory.

AP Interactive: A data visualization showing college enrollment trends globally and unemployment and income by field of study.

The AP

Editors In the News

Mark Baker, photographer and acting bureau chief for The Associated Press in Kuala Lumpur, has been promoted to chief of bureau for Malaysia and Singapore. The appointment was announced by Brian Carovillano, the AP's Asia-Pacific news director. Baker joined the AP in 2003 in Sydney as chief photographer responsible for photo coverage for Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. He moved to Kuala Lumpur in early 2009 and has expanded his work to include editing and managing major sports events within Asia and further afield. In his new role, Baker will be responsible for coverage in photos, text and television. He also will continue to shoot photos and organize coverage of sports events. Baker, 52, started his career at his family's community newspaper in New Zealand, followed by stints with various daily newspapers before moving to Australia in 1987. Before joining the AP, he worked for Reuters news agency in Australia for 14 years, rising to the position of chief photographer in Sydney. In 1996, Baker won Australia's premier photo award, the Walkley News

Photo of the Year award for his coverage of the anti-nuclear riots in Tahiti. He has also twice been named the New Zealand sports photographer of the year. A native of Matamata, New Zealand, Baker has covered major news stories in Indonesia, Japan, East Timor, New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific as well as five Summer Olympics and four Winter Olympics, plus a host of major international sporting events around the world.

In Memoriam

Helen Brush Jenkins, a pioneering photojournalist who made Life magazine when she snapped a photo of her child moments after giving birth, has died. She was 94.

Her daughter, Genji Leclair, tells the [Los Angeles Times](http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-helen-brush-jenkins-20130617,0,5323475.story) that Jenkins died at her home in Chicago, days after suffering a stroke. Jenkins became a photographer for the now-defunct Daily News in Los Angeles in the 1940s at a time when few women held such jobs. Over more than a dozen years, she snapped first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, President Harry Truman and stars such as Charlie Chaplin, Clark Gable and John Wayne. In 1953, Life magazine printed a photo Jenkins took of her newborn son, Gilmer, just after giving birth. <http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-helen-brush-jenkins-20130617,0,5323475.story>

John Watson, the former editor and publisher of Pittston's Sunday Dispatch, has died, his brother, Bill Watson, said. Watson, 57, who was living in Seattle for the past several years, retired in 1999 from the weekly paper founded by his grandfather. He orchestrated the sale of the paper to the parent company of the Times Leader in 1990 and remained with the company for nine years after that. <http://timesleader.com/news/local-news/605028/Former-Dispatch-editor/publisher-dies>

Kathleen McClain was an award-winning reporter at the Memphis Press-Scimitar and The Commercial Appeal, but the most memorable story she left behind was the example of a life lived to the fullest despite daunting odds. Elegant and good-humored yet tough, Ms. McClain battled cancer much of her adult life, apparently beating the disease time and again and, before her retirement in 2001, rarely letting it interfere with a career that included work on a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation of Jerry Falwell, or with travels that took her to Italy, her favorite country, 16 times. Ms. McClain, 60, died Thursday of congestive heart failure in hospice. <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2013/jun/14/journalist-kathleen-mcclain-dies-at-60/>

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And Finally....

If there was any doubt about the company of the CEO speaking to the National Press Club Wednesday, here is a photo of cupcakes on the dessert platter. https://twitter.com/AP_CorpComm/status/347392891179651073/photo/1



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