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Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

An AP family - The Hamricks

When Dan Hamrick recently joined Connecting, he joined his son Mark, also a former AP staffer, on our newsletter mailing list.

The list of two-generation AP families is short: among them, the Blakeslees – Alton, Howard and Sandra; the Temples, Wick and his father R.W. Temple; and two people in our Connecting newsletter family - Dan and Mark Hamrick. **(If you know of others, please let me know.)**

Dan is the proud father of two journalist sons – Mark and Craig, both of whom became journalists. Craig died in 2006 of cancer and Mark left AP early this year to join Bankrate.com. Dan said, “ It always has seemed to me that it is just an amazing coincidence that Mark and I both worked for The AP, and that Mark's brother, Craig, also was a journalist, a good writer and editor, though his field tended to be books and magazines.”

I asked Dan and Mark for a recount of their careers. And I am attaching a photo – slugged Hamricks - taken at the 2011 inaugural for Mark's year as president of the National Press Club. It shows, from left: Dan, Mark and Mark's son Christopher. In relaying the photo, Mark noted: “My father taught me the need to focus on writing and to be a strong advocate for those who cannot ask questions of our leaders and other officials themselves. I'm grateful for his excellent example as a journalist.” I am also attaching a photo of Dan with son Craig – slugged craiganddan



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Dan, who attended West Virginia University, began his journalism career working at The Morgantown (WV) Dominion News as a junior at WVU and moved on to the Clarksburg Exponent.

He joined the AP in Huntington in 1959, covering southwest West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky and doing broadcast news for Ohio and West Virginia. He moved to Charleston seven months later, then Baltimore and was named Topeka correspondent in 1967. He was promoted to St. Louis correspondent in 1970.

Dan left the AP in 1978 to become editor of the Coffeyville (KS) Journal and eventually became publisher of the small daily, then one of the finest in the state. He later became editor and assistant general manager of the Winchester (VA) Star, a daily owned by former Sen. Harry Byrd, before moving back to Coffeyville to start a magazine for the Arabian horse industry. Dan published it for six years before suffering a disabling heart attack in 1990.

When Mark was in high school in Coffeyville, his father suggested he get a job down the road from their rural home picking peaches and decided instead, at the age of 14, to volunteer at the local radio station, KGGF. Mark loved the job and went to the University of Kansas to study broadcast news, worked at KANU in Lawrence and covering the legislature as an intern.

He left KU to become anchor at a public, all-news radio station in Buffalo and in 1986 was offered a reporter/anchor position in the AP's Dallas bureau. He recalled it was then called the "Sunbelt" bureau of AP Radio. He moved a year later to AP Broadcast's headquarters in Washington, where he anchored hourly newscasts for AP Radio. In 1994, Mark became business editor for Broadcast, leading a team that produced text and radio content.

In 2006, he began to provide business and economic content for the burgeoning AP Online Video operation, while continuing to write for the broadcast wire and produce on-air business material for radio. In 2009, he was moved into the Online Video unit, which is where he remained until he became Washington bureau chief for Bankrate.com in January 2013. Bankrate is the Web's leading aggregator of financial rate information. Mark was elected National Press Club president in 2011 and continues to serve on the board of the club's Journalism Institute (a non-profit dedicated to journalism training). His NPC inaugural was themed "We're Not In Kansas Anymore".

Craig Hamrick was an author and editor in New York City, and died of colon cancer in 2006.

He began work in journalism at age 15 as a photographer and reporter for his father's local newspaper, majored in journalism at Kansas State University and in the early 1990s was managing editor of two magazines: International Exotic Livestock & Wildlife, and Arabian Horse Express. He moved to New York City in 1994 where he worked in advertising and publishing. He also served as managing editor of special technology editions of Fortune Magazine. Craig wrote five books and in 1997 produced "As If We Never Said Goodbye...", a musical.

And...speaking of newspaper fathers

Speaking of fathers and sons in the news business, my dad – Walter Stevens – began his newspaper career 80 years ago this summer, fresh out of high school, when he started as a 16-year-old reporter for the Cedar County News in his hometown of Hartington, Nebraska, where he met and worked with my mom. Dad moved up to managing editor, then to newspapers in Brainerd Minn., (World War II service), Excelsior Springs, Mo., Fort Madison, Iowa, and, in 1954, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Dad is retired and lives in a nursing home, mom is gone, but the News is going strong - a fine weekly - and counts as a loyal subscriber – see attached - a certain editor emeritus of The Messenger in Fort Dodge. I am blessed to be his son.



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Nieman: This Week in Review: The backlash against Greenwald and Snowden, and RSS's new wave

<http://www.niemanlab.org/2013/06/this-week-in-review-the-backlash-against-greenwald-and-snowden-and-rsss-new-wave/>

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John L. Dotson Jr., Publisher of Beacon Journal, Dies at 76

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/26/business/media/john-l-dotson-jr-publisher-of-beacon-journal-dies-at-76.html?emc=eta1&_r=0

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Profit at L.A. Times owner Tribune Co. plummets 41%

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-tribune-quarterly-results-20130628,0,2749161.story>

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Obama Visits Press Aboard Air Force 1; No Questions About Scandals, SCOTUS, Immigration (Shared by Doug Tucker)

http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/obama-visits-press-aboard-air-force-1-no-questions-about-scandals-scotus-immigration_738079.html

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'Don't abandon us: Mexican journalists are war reporters in their own country

<http://ire.org/conferences/ire-2013/keynote/>

2013 Casey Medals for meritorious journalism

<http://journalismcenter.org/content/2013-press-release>

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Sun-Times, Tribune Stanley Cup Covers Side By Side After Sun-Times Photo Staff Layoffs (PHOTO)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/27/sun-times-tribune-stanley-cup-covers_n_3512090.html