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Subject: CONNECTING: Remembering Greg McGarry; End the White House press briefing; Rise of personal franchise site; Internet accountability; Hispanics and news; Defying wisdom; Mainstream media; Civil War techniques; Vermont success

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest including an anecdote that shows what Connecting is really all about.

Christine McKnight's nice account of the recent Albany bureau reunion prompted this comment from Dave Lubeski:

I saw the photo of the Albany reunion and read with interest that the McKnights wanted to arrange it after the passing of Gregory McGarry. I think you might enjoy this bit of AP history. Shortly after I came to work for the AP at the start of the radio network in 1974, I had an occasion to call Albany. The staffer who answered the phone was Greg McGarry. When I told him who I was, we had our own mini reunion of sorts. His dad, Jim McGarry was a B-17 pilot in World War II and my dad, Tom, was a B-17 bombardier. My dad and Jim lived in the same tent in an olive grove when they were stationed together in Foggia, Italy. They were best friends and frequently flew on missions together.

After the war, Jim McGarry worked in communications for General Electric and lived in Schenectady. My family lived in St. Louis. Jim was transferred to St. Louis for about two years and rented a house down the street from us for a short period of time, so my brother and I were briefly neighborhood pals with Greg and his brother. Greg helped his father write a book about his war experiences. It features a couple of stories about my dad. Greg left the AP shortly after I arrived, but we still exchanged Christmas cards every year. I did not know that he passed away until I read it here in your Connections. Quite a shock. I would be interested in hearing any details. It was nice that he was the inspiration for the reunion. Several BNC colleagues in DC, past and present, meet once a month for lunch in the Virginia suburbs. I was part of the group until I moved here (Topeka) It's good to stay in touch.

Christine forwarded the obituary to Dave; Greg died early this year.

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End the White House Press Briefing! - It's an unholy charade

<http://www.newrepublic.com/article/113949/end-white-house-press-briefing#>

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The rise of the personal franchise site in news

<http://pressthink.org/2013/07/the-rise-of-the-personal-franchise-site-in-news/>

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Creating Internet accountability

http://www.cjr.org/cloud_control/mackinnons_new_project.php

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More Hispanics getting their news online & in English

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/218913/internet-news-consumption-rockets-among-hispanics/>

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California newspaper defies industry wisdom to stay alive – and prospers (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt and Bob Daugherty)

[http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jul/23/california-newspaper-industry-wisdom?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+theguardian/media/rss+\(Media\)](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jul/23/california-newspaper-industry-wisdom?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+theguardian/media/rss+(Media))

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Mainstream media <3 sponsored Tweets (Mittelstadt)

<http://www.digiday.com/publishers/mainstream-media/>

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Photographer-soldier used Civil War-era technique to document troops in Afghanistan (Mittelstadt)

<http://news.yahoo.com/photos/photographer-soldier-used-civil-war-era-technique-to-document-troops-in-afghanistan-slideshow/>

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Vermont free weekly adds copies, distribution to meet demand (Mittelstadt)

<http://www.altweeklies.com/aan/seven-days-increases-circulation-to-36000/Article?oid=7190738>