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From: Paul and Linda Stevens <stevenspl@live.com>
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Subject: CONNECTING: Salute to TRT; Correspondencies continued; AP Myanmar bureau dedication; AP covers up gaffe; Times not for sale; Post sale not an inside Beltway issue; Onion: Bob Woodward gets new job; Mark Russell out; Sports editor fired

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

News of Terry Taylor's upcoming retirement as AP sports editor in November prompted this from **Steve Elliott**: *Terry was kind enough to have me work the late/early shift at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. I don't think I've ever worked with anyone as organized and unflappable. The latter was key as things developed beyond the events, including the park bombing and subsequent FBI madness. She's one of a kind.*

Welcome to the newest member of Connecting – George Hanna. And here's the story on his addition, from **Ben Brown**:

George and I ended up in Charlotte about the same time in 1957. We not only worked together but were neighbors. George had ran the one-person bureau in Bluefield (of Burl Osborne fame) before coming to Charlotte. A few years later he went back to W.Va. as Huntington correspondent, also a one-person operation. Eventually he left Mother AP for Gannett in Florida and ended up in Tallahassee. We've known each other going on 60 years, I guess. Maybe George can add some memories to the one-person bureau stories you have been getting. Speaking of one person bureaus, I enjoyed Brent (Kallestad's) recollections on converting the Fargo bureau from a three person broadcast operation to a one person bureau. He did a great job – especially being an almost new hire – in showing the Fargo Forum and others they were better off with about four staffers in Bismarck and one in Fargo instead of two in Bismarck and three in Fargo. It took an afternoon at the Fargo Country Club with the long-time editor, John Paulson, to bring the Forum management on board with that idea. And we weren't playing golf! One more thing, and I'll get back to my leisure days, Brent mentioned the North Dakota AP meetings and the Sunday morning "business" sessions. The members often had something to say about the AP's performance. We would get a big wash tub full of beer on ice along with plenty of tomato juice and rolls for morning consumption. My advice to the new people on the AP staff who were attending was to not drink too much beer at the start and listen closely. Once the members had cleared their agendas of concerns about the AP, they started visiting the beer and tomato juice. I told our people to listen for the beer can lids to start popping. The faster the beer cans popped the closer we were to clear sailing. Those were the days.

Lindel Hutson shares: Tulsa had two people, a correspondent and a second staffer who originally worked the four-to-midnight shift. Tulsa was probably one of the last AP operations to have a day-night office. The day being the correspondent who had an office in the PMs Tulsa Tribune, and the night with the AMs Tulsa World. The night staffer worked that shift largely for membership considerations, although he/she was charged with helping out the OKC desk and, more importantly, generating enterprise. But four to midnight in Tulsa wasn't exactly fertile enterprise ground, so to be byline-successful that person had to dig. There were some good people in that second spot: Brett Blackledge, who won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting with

The Birmingham News; Ted Bridis, who made a name for himself with AP Washington; Kelly Kurt, one of AP's best enterprise writers. Kelly moved up to correspondent after Doug Ferguson left Tulsa and became AP's golf writer, a position he still holds. Through a little sleight of hand, we gradually changed the hours so the person could work a day shift and still keep the AMs member happy. The Tribune folded in 1992 when the World wouldn't renew the JOA. The World and Tribune were fiercely competitive, with AP often caught in the middle. `How come you gave them credit and you didn't give it to us?' `Their story was a piece of junk and yet you picked it up?' Etc etc. A good discussion here could be the old AP practice of having day-night offices. I know there were many. Little Rock had a day office in the PMs Arkansas Democrat and a night office in the AMs Arkansas Gazette. They were across town from each other which must have created interesting issues.

And a postscript from **Richard Pyle**: I think most AP veterans would agree it was an inspired idea to use Elliott Minor's passing, and Marty Thompson's managerial memory, to initiate a report on the one-person correspondencies. The list of those outposts - more than 50, at rough count - represent an important but overlooked slice of American journalism in its heyday, and one of the unique ways that AP itself as always fit into the bigger picture. We see names of people that were always familiar even if we never met them, and of others who gained measures of fame in later AP careers elsewhere. One of the most interesting aspects is how the one-person posts offered us intimate contacts with politicians and other newsmakers in relaxed, conversational and even off-guard mode - as if they welcomed one-on-one contact as an antidote to the chaos of the ``press conference." It also says something about AP's rep for reliable reporting. In my look-back at Ann Arbor, I should have mentioned the late AP Newsfeatures writer John Barbour, one of my predecessors in that assignment, and later a great friend. John had what was probably the biggest story ever to come out of the AO ``bureau" - the University of Michigan medical school's 1955 announcement that its field evaluation tests on the then-new Salk polio vaccine had proved it to be ``safe, effective and potent." It made world headlines and was likely a key reason that John later became APN's go-to guy on medical topics. (I also should note that after John died in retirement in California, his family and several of us former colleagues in NY fulfilled his professed ``last wish" by privately scattering his ashes on a rooftop at 50 Rock.)

Still on the subject of the one-person correspondencies, **Hank Ackerman** assembled the attached spreadsheet showing AP bureaus from 1996 through Dec. 3, 2012. He notes there may have been changes since then. Here it is:

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Hank adds:

Over that time frame, some correspondencies were discontinued, a few were moved from one local to another presumably to accommodate a new staffer's home office or the offer of a friendly newspaper, , a few were created in new areas apparently to meet the flow of news based on changed demographics. Only one state - Delaware -- seems not to have a correspondent/bureau. Only one state now -- California -- has two control bureaus now that Albany was subsumed by New York City. I don't know where Puerto Rico reports to...domestic or international... I highlighted in yellow the correspondencies that I thought were one person bureaus. A number of others need to weigh in on my recollections and we can update it. I highlighted in red, the correspondent bureaus that were discontinued, keeping in mind that some of those were moved to another locale nearby (I explain in a footnote). The spreadsheet can be updated by using the additional columns to get it up to mid 2013. Also, at some point, it could be used to insert names of correspondents over time. That would be a labor of love...but it could be done with good input from our colleagues.

So, send along any updates, corrections or other changes to Hank at ack1942@gmail.com

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AP formally dedicates all-format bureau in Myanmar

<http://www.ap.org/Content/Press-Release/2013/AP-formally-dedicates-all-format-bureau-in-Myanmar>

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AP's Russ Bynum Covers Up Obama's 'Gulf Ports' Gaffe (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/tom-blumer/2013/08/07/aps-russ-bynum-covers-obamas-gulf-ports-gaffe>

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The Times Isn't for Sale, Its Publisher Declares

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/08/business/media/times-co-chairman-declares-paper-not-for-sale.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0

And more on the Post, first the serious: Washington Post sale not an inside-the-Beltway issue

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Washington-Post-sale-not-an-inside-the-Beltway-4711443.php?t=aaa913bc81cefdcb88>

And the not so serious: Bob Woodward Gets New Job (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://www.theonion.com/articles/bob-woodward-gets-new-job,33387/>

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Mark Russell out as editor of Orlando Sentinel (Mittelstadt)

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/08/07/mark-russell-out-as-editor-of-tribune-owned-orlando-sentinel/>

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Iowa City sports editor fired after word leaks about changes in University of Iowa sports coverage (Mittelstadt)

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/08/07/ryan-suchomel-is-out-as-iowa-city-press-citizen-sports-editor/>

U.S. BUREAUS/CORRESPONDENTS

1996 2009 2012

ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM	(205) 251-4221	x	x	X
MONTGOMERY	(334) 262-5947	x	x	X
Mobile		x	x	

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE	(907) 272-7549	x	x	X
JUNEAU	(907) 586-1515	x	x	X

ARIZONA

Tucson		x	x	
Flagstaff			x	
PHOENIX	(602) 258-8934	x	x	X

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK	(501) 225-3668	x	x	X
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CALIFORNIA

San Jose		x	X	
Berkeley		x	X	
Orange County			X	X
SACRAMENTO	(916) 448-9555	x	x	X
FRESNO	(559) 243-9633	x	x	X
LOS ANGELES	(213) 626-1200	x	x	X
SAN DIEGO	(619) 231-9365	x	x	X
SAN FRANCISCO	(415) 495-1708	x	x	X

COLORADO

Grand Junction		x		
DENVER	(303) 825-0123			

CONNECTICUT

Stamford		x	x	
HARTFORD	(860) 246-6876	x	x	X
NEW HAVEN	(203) 964-9270	x	x	X

DELAWARE

Dover		x		
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA / Mid Atlantic

WASHINGTON	(202) 641-9000	x	x	X
McLean				X

FLORIDA

Jacksonville		x	x	
Tampa		x	x	
Pensacola		x	x	
CAPE CANAVERAL	(212) 621-1699	x	x	X
ORLANDO	(407) 425-4547	x	x	X

TALLHASSEE	(850) 224-1211	x	x	X
ST. PETERSBURG	(727) 823-4821	x	x	X
WEST PALM BEACH	(305) 594-5825	x	x	X
MIAMI	(305) 594-5825	x	x	X
GEORGIA				
Savannah			X	
Albany		x	X	
ATLANTA	(404) 653-8460	x	x	X
HAWAII				
HONOLULU	(808) 536-5510	x	x	X
IDAHO				
BOISE	(208) 343-1894	x	x	X
ILLINOIS				
Carbondale - Southern IL		x	x	
Champaign		x	x	
Peoria		x	TBA	
SPRINGFIELD	(217) 789-2700	x	x	X
CHICAGO	(312) 781-0500	x	x	X
INDIANA				
INDIANAPOLIS	(317) 639-5501	x	x	X
Evansville (IN and KY)		x		
SOUTH BEND	(574) 288-1649	x	x	X
IOWA				
DES MOINES	(515) 243-3281	x	x	X
IOWA CITY	(319) 337-5615	x	x	X
KANSAS				
TOPEKA	(785) 234-5654	x	x	X
WICHITA	(316) 263-4601	x	x	X
KENTUCKY				
Pikeville		x	x	
Lexington		x	x	
FRANKFORT	(502) 227-2410	x	x	X
LOUISVILLE	(502) 583-7718	x	x	X
LOUISIANA				
BATON ROUGE	(225) 343-1325	x	x	X
NEW ORLEANS	(504) 523-3931	x	x	X
MAINE				
AUGUSTA	(207) 622-3018	x	x	X
PORTLAND	(207) 772-4157	x	x	X
MARYLAND				

Annapolis		X	X	
Hagerstown		X	X	
BALTIMORE	(410) 837-8315	X	X	X

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON	(617) 357-8100			X X
Springfield		X	X	

MICHIGAN

LANSING	(517) 482-8011	X	X	X
TRAVERSE CITY	(231) 929-4180	X	X	X
DETROIT	(313) 259-0650	X	X	X
Grand Rapids		X	X	

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS	(612) 332-2727	X	X	X
ST. PAUL	(651) 222-4821	X	X	X

MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON	(601) 948-5897	X	X	X X
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MISSOURI

Springfield		X	X	
COLUMBIA	(573) 884-9934		X	X
JEFFERSON CITY	(573) 636-9415	X	X	X
ST. LOUIS	(314) 241-2496	X	X	X
KANSAS CITY	(816) 421 4844	X	X	X

MONTANA

BILLINGS	(406) 896-1528	X	X	X
HELENA	(406) 442-7440	X	X	X

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN	(402) 476-2525	X	X	X
OMAHA	(402) 391-0031	X	X	X

NEVADA

CARSON CITY	(775) 322-3639	X	X	X
LAS VEGAS	(702) 382-7440	X	X	X
RENO	(775) 322-3639	X	X	X

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD	(603) 224-3327	X	X	X X
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NEW JERSEY

Woodbury		X		
Mt. Laurel			X	
NEWARK	(973) 642-0151	X	X	X
ATLANTIC CITY	(609) 645-2063	X	X	X
TRENTON	(609) 392-3622	X	X	X

NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe		X	X	
ALBUQUERQUE	(505) 822-9022	X	X	X
NEW YORK				
NEW YORK	(212) 621-1500	X	X	X
ALBANY	(518) 458-7821	X	X	X
Garden City			X	X
Rochester		X	X	
Syracuse		X	X	
Minneola		X		
White Plains- Westchester			X	X
BUFFALO	(716) 852-1051			X
NORTH CAROLINA				
CHARLOTTE	(704) 334-4624	X	X	X
RALEIGH	(919) 510-8937	X	X	X
NORTH DAKOTA				
BISMARCK	(701) 223-8450	X	X	X
FARGO	(701) 235-1908	X	X	X
OHIO				
CINCINNATI	(513) 241-2386	X	X	X
CLEVELAND	(216) 771-2172	X	X	X
COLUMBUS	(614) 885-2727	X	X	X
TOLEDO	(419) 255-7113	X	X	X
Dayton		X	X	
OKLAHOMA				
OKLAHOMA CITY	(405) 525-2121	X	X	X
TULSA	(918) 584-4346	X	X	X
OREGON				
Salem		X	X	
PORTLAND	(503) 228-2169	X	X	X
Grants Pass		X	X	
PENNSYLVANIA				
ALLENTOWN	(610) 207-9297			X
HARRISBURG	(717) 238-9413	X	X	X
PHILADELPHIA	(215) 561-1133	X	X	X
PITTSBURGH	(412) 281-3747	X	X	X
STATE COLLEGE	(814) 238-3649	X	X	X
PUERTO RICO				
GUAYNABO	(787) 793-5833			X
RHODE ISLAND				
PROVIDENCE	(401) 274-2270	X	X	X
SOUTH CAROLINA				
CHARLESTON	(843) 722-1660	X	X	X
COLUMBIA	(803) 799-5510	X	X	X

SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE	(605) 224-7811	x	x	X
SIOUX FALLS	(605) 332-3111	x	x	X

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga		x	x	
Knoxville		x	x	
Johnson City				X
MEMPHIS	(865) 522-3963	x	x	X
NASHVILLE	(615) 373-9988	x	x	X

TEXAS

McCallen			x	
Harlingen		x		
AUSTIN	(512) 472-4004	x	x	X
DALLAS	(972) 991-2100	x	x	X
EL PASO	(915) 532-1939	x	x	X
FORT WORTH	(817) 348-0367	x	x	X
LUBBOCK	(806) 765-0394	x	x	X
SAN ANTONIO	(210) 222-2713	x	x	X
HOUSTON	(281) 872-8900	x	x	X

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY	(801) 322-3405	x	x	X
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VERMONT

MONTPELIER	(802) 229-0577	x	x	X
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VIRGINIA

RICHMOND	(804) 643-6646	x	x	X
MCLEAN (Mid Atlantic Bur)	(703) 761-0187			X
NORFOLK	(757) 625-2047	x	x	X
Roanoke				

WASHINGTON

OLYMPIA	(360) 753-7222	x	x	X
SEATTLE	(206) 682-1812	x	x	X
SPOKANE	(800) 300-8340	x	x	X
YAKIMA	(509) 453-1951	x	x	X

WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON	(304) 346-0897	x	x	X
Huntington		x	x	
MORGANTOWN	(304) 291-6161	x	x	X
				X

WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE	(414) 225-3580	x	x	X
MADISON	(608) 255-3679	x	x	X
Wausau		x	x	

WYOMING

CHEYENNE	(307) 632-9351	x	x	X
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YELLOW = ONE PERSON CORRESPONDENT BUREAUS (Please update)

RED = Bureaus Discontinued

Sources: 1996 and (Jan.) 2009 AP Phone Directories & Chart from 12/3/2012

Some correspondent bureaus were discontinued in one city but moved to a nearby city

NY	Minneola	Garden City	
TX	Harlingen	McCallen	
		St.	
FL	Tampa	Petersburg	
IL	Carbondale	St. Louis	
NJ	Woodbury	Mt. Laurel	?

Some bureaus drifted out of being a one person correspondent bureau

NY Syracuse

This chart prepared 8-7-13 by Hank Ackerman

Latest data was from December 3, 2012, so there may have been other changes since then.