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Subject: CONNECTING: Golf brings memories; New frontier for Bezos; How Post was lost; New math of media deals; NPR report criticized; Nashville City Paper folds; Today's news in centuries-old style; Maine's governor says he was joking

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

It was bad golf for a great cause when the AP Team gathered in Jefferson City, Mo., Friday for the annual Chris Sifford Memorial Golf tournament. The attached photo shows our group, from left: Paul Stevens, Peg Coughlin, Jim Suhr, Connie Farrow and Jim Salter. Proceeds from the tournament went to scholarship funds in the name of Sifford, a campaign adviser to Gov. Mel Carnahan who died in a 2000 plane crash with the governor and his eldest son Randy, the pilot, as they were en route to a campaign stop in Carnahan's bid for the U.S. Senate nomination.



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It was one of the biggest stories in Missouri history and two in our group played critical roles in the AP coverage: Farrow's ties with Sifford's family gave the AP first confirmation that the plane's occupants included the popular governor, who was in a heated battle with incumbent John Ashcroft for the Republican Senate nomination. Salter rushed to the scene of the crash from the St. Louis bureau to gather information. It was a true team effort that included great reporting from Jefferson City Correspondent Scott Charton - but it was to be just the beginning of a much bigger story.

After the crash, and a funeral for Carnahan attended by President Clinton and Vice President Gore and their wives, Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson succeeded Carnahan to fill the governor's office until January 2001. Missouri election law would not allow for Carnahan's name to be removed from the Nov. 7, 2000, ballot, and Jean Carnahan, his widow, unofficially became the Democratic candidate. Wilson promised to appoint her to the seat if it became vacant as a result of Mr. Carnahan's being elected, and the campaign continued using the slogan "I'm Still With Mel." A Senate first, the deceased Carnahan won by a 2% margin. Jean Carnahan was then appointed to the Senate and served until November 2002. After losing to a dead man, Ashcroft months later was appointed by new President George W. Bush as U.S. attorney general and was in that position at the time of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Lots of memories stirred by a round of golf, to be sure. And the teamwork on that story, and many others, is one thing I treasured the most about my AP career.

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It's a frontier foreign to most of us on Connecting - what the Internet has done to the job application process, and I found this piece in The Kansas City Star to be both interesting and depressing:

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/08/09/4400679/cruelty-of-online-job-applications.html>

Paul

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For Jeff Bezos, a new frontier

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/for-bezos-the-post-represents-new-frontier/2013/08/10/ba7cfeb6-013c-11e3-9a3e-916de805f65d_story.html

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How the Post was lost

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/11/opinion/sunday/douthat-how-the-post-was-lost.html?ref=todayspaper>

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The New Math of Media Deals

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/11/business/the-new-math-of-media-deals.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0

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Ombudsman criticizes NPR report on Indian children

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/08/10/3554613/ombudsman-criticizes-npr-report.html#storylink=cpy>

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Nashville City Paper folds (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://nashvillecitypaper.com/content/city-news/editorial-why-nashville-needs-newspapers>

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Today's news in centuries-old style

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-hometown-newspaper-20130811,0,6476658.story>

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Maine's governor says he was joking about blowing up newspaper's building

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/220873/maines-governor-says-he-was-joking-about-blowing-up-newspapers-building/>