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**From:** Paul and Linda Stevens <stevenspl@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 8:50 AM  
**To:** Paul H. Stevens  
**Subject:** CONNECTING: Mears remembers Jack Germond; Grim day for journalists; Lessons from Times web outage; Journalist jobs picking up; AOL chief apology; Names from NY Times past; Media aversion to graphic images

Colleagues,

The world of journalism lost one of its greats Wednesday with the death of **Jack W. Germond**, political columnist and television pundit who died at the age of 85.

Here is a link to the AP story:

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/08/14/us/politics/ap-us-obit-germond.html?hp>

AP's **Walter Mears** was a colleague, competitor and close friend, and he wrote this moving piece for Politico:

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/08/walter-r-mears-jack-germond-loved-his-calling-95548.html#ixzz2bzQuKYI4>

Walter's remembrance was posted on Facebook and other social media, and shared with Connecting by two members of the AP generation that followed him: **Mike Holmes**, who wrote, "It's good to see Walter's byline again," and **Scott Charton**, who noted his favorite part of the remembrance below and added: "In writing and reporting, Walter and Jules Loh were my absolute AP heroes. Did you know I met Jules' brother, Gen. Mike Loh, who flew the first B-2 bomber into Whiteman AFB? He told me some Jules stories, and I know Lew Ferguson had some funny ones re Alf Landon. I hope today's staffers are having similar fun. I hope."

Scott referred to this part of what Walter wrote: *At a legendary lunch in Montgomery, Ala., Jack dined with former Gov. George C. Wallace, the wild card presidential candidate of the time. Along with fine-tuned politics, Jack loved fine food and wine. Wallace's taste ran to ketchup; he doused every meal with the stuff. So when the luncheon steaks arrived, Wallace poured on the ketchup. Germond paused, probably shrugged, and did the same thing. Ever after, Wallace took Germond's calls and answered his questions.*

Here are other stories of interest.

Paul

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**Grim Day for Journalists: 3 Killed in Egypt, 1 Missing in Syria 365 Days Now**

<http://www.thewrap.com/media/column-post/grim-day-journalism-3-journalists-killed-egypt-1-missing-syria-365-days-110861>

AND

**Husband of former Post reporter among journalists killed in Egypt violence** (Shared by Richard Chady)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/husband-of-former-post-reporter-is-killed-in-egypt/2013/08/14/98bc06b0-04f1-11e3-88d6-d5795fab4637\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/husband-of-former-post-reporter-is-killed-in-egypt/2013/08/14/98bc06b0-04f1-11e3-88d6-d5795fab4637_story.html)

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**What we can all learn from the New York Times website outage**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/14/new-york-times-website-outage>

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**Journalist jobs are picking up**

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/08/15/news/economy/journalist-jobs/>

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**AOL chief apologizes for firing of employee during conference call**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/14/business/media/aols-armstrong-apologizes-to-staff-for-firing-of-employee.html?nl=technology&emc=edit\\_tu\\_20130814](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/14/business/media/aols-armstrong-apologizes-to-staff-for-firing-of-employee.html?nl=technology&emc=edit_tu_20130814)

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**Names from The New York Times Past** (Shared by Claude Erbsen)

<http://observer.com/2013/08/names-from-the-new-york-times-past/>

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**What's With the U.S. Media's Aversion to Graphic Images?** (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2013/07/the-gutless-press/309405/>