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**From:** Paul and Linda Stevens <stevenspl@live.com>  
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**To:** Paul H. Stevens  
**Subject:** CONNECTING: Tom Pendergast dies at 81; AP photojournalism on display; Stop chasing digital ghost; Q&A with Abramson; Disks destroyed; NPR president to NatGeo; F Word in Kids Corner caption; Papers debut; Measuring investigative journalism

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

From Texas comes the sad news of the passing of **Thomas F. Pendergast**, retired AP vice president and former bureau chief who was owner and publisher of The Winnsboro News. He died on Aug. 14 at the age of 81 and services were held this past Saturday.

At the time Tom retired in 1985 after a 29-year career, he had been vice president and director of personnel and labor relations for 10 years. AP President and CEO Lou Boccardi appointed Wick Temple to the newly designated position of director of human resources. "Tom leaves with many accomplishments during a dedicated AP career, and Wick arrives with background in all facets of the AP plus long service in senior news posts," Boccardi said at the time.

Temple, who died in 2003, and Pendergast had been friends and colleagues since 1959, and Temple succeeded Pendergast as correspondent at St. Louis in 1965.

Pendergast, from Newburg, W.Va., joined the AP at Chicago in 1955 and was correspondent at Centralia, Ill., from 1957-58. He was a regional membership executive, based in New Orleans, traveling in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas from 1958-63. He covered the civil rights movement in the Deep South for the AP during those years. Following a two-year assignment at St. Louis as correspondent, Pendergast served as chief of bureau at Richmond, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. He transferred to New York in 1973 as deputy personnel director, and took charge of the department the following year. He was elected as vice president in 1975.

Here is a link to his obituary:

<http://beatyfuneralhome.com/services.asp?locid=1&page=odetail&id=1725#.UhKiUmt5mK0>

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**AP photojournalism on view in exhibits and online** (Shared by Paul Colford)

[http://storify.com/AP\\_CorpComm/ap-journalism-and-photojournalism-on-display?utm\\_source=t.co&utm\\_medium=sfy.co-twitter&utm\\_campaign=&awesm=sfy.co\\_dOdx&utm\\_content=storify-pingback](http://storify.com/AP_CorpComm/ap-journalism-and-photojournalism-on-display?utm_source=t.co&utm_medium=sfy.co-twitter&utm_campaign=&awesm=sfy.co_dOdx&utm_content=storify-pingback)

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**Spitz: Papers can stop chasing 'digital ghost'**

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/newspaper-521642-digital-industry.html>

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**A Q&A With Jill Abramson: The Times' top editor on mean bosses, liberal biases, and the demise of the Washington Post**

<http://www.newrepublic.com/article/114347/interview-jill-abramson-future-new-york-times>

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**Guardian chief: UK had newspaper disks destroyed**

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MjxSX0ci](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MjxSX0ci)

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**NPR President Knell leaving network for National Geographic Society**

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/221567/npr-president-knell-leaving-network-for-national-geographic-society/>

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**Virginia paper apologizes for F-word in 'Kid's Corner' caption (Shared by Ralph Gage)**

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/08/19/gannetts-staunton-va-news-leader-apologizes-for-f-word-in-kids-corner-caption/>

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**Long Beach Register, New Orleans Advocate debut**

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/221508/long-beach-register-new-orleans-advocate-debut/>

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**Why it's time to stop romanticizing & begin measuring investigative journalism's impact**

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/business-news/the-biz-blog/221470/why-its-time-to-stop-romanticizing-and-begin-measuring-the-impact-of-investigative-journalism/>