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**Subject:** CONNECTING: Carroll extols accountability journalism; Is that viral video for real?; AP Explore on Vietnam book; Inadvertent Post release; Best of States

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest, beginning with this from Executive Editor **Kathleen Carroll:**

### **AP executive editor extols accountability journalism**

<http://www.ap.org/Content/Press-Release/2013/AP-executive-editor-extols-accountability-journalism>

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### **Social Media Detectives: Is That Viral Video For Real?** (Shared by Latrice Davis)

[http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2013/10/02/228516555/social-media-detectives-is-that-viral-video-for-real?ft=1&f=1001&utm\\_campaign=nprnews&utm\\_source=npr&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2013/10/02/228516555/social-media-detectives-is-that-viral-video-for-real?ft=1&f=1001&utm_campaign=nprnews&utm_source=npr&utm_medium=twitter)

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### **AP Explore interactive on Vietnam book** (Shared by Paul Colford)

<http://www.ap.org/explore/vietnam-the-real-war/>

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### **Washington Post inadvertently releases names of journalists who received stock-option bonuses**

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/10/02/washington-post-inadvertently-releases-names-of-journalists-who-received-stock-option-bonuses/>

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### **Best of the States**

Buffalo newswoman Carolyn Thompson noticed a small item in the Jamestown, NY, newspaper: Sewer officials frustrated by clogs caused by personal wipes had traced the problem to certain neighborhoods and were going door-to-door to inform residents that their homes could be the source.

Figuring the problem couldn't be unique to upstate New York, she worked the phones and partnered with the News Research Center to locate other places that had problems with wipes and then interviewed officials about the problem and what they were doing about it. That reporting led her to discover that personal wipes – pre-moistened towelettes that often are advertised as flushable -- are causing clogs in sewer systems across the nation that officials are spending millions of dollars a year to clear. The problems is so widespread, in fact, that the wipe industry and sewer officials are starting to work together to come up with "flushability standards" and a universal symbol to be placed on packages to warn people not to flush the wipes.

Thompson's story carried material from Orange County, Calif., to Vancouver, Wash., to Ocean City, Md., and ran with a "What Not To Flush" glance.

Read it here: <http://www.pjstar.com/free/x1155164925/Popular-bathroom-wipes-blamed-for-sewer-clogs>

For discovering a little-known problem that affected many but took reporting to, yes, flush out, Thompson wins this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

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