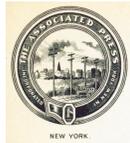

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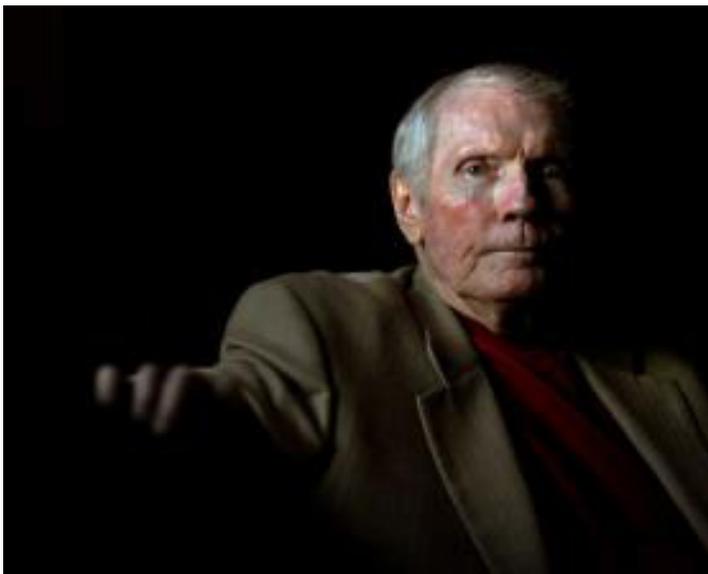
The death of the Rev. Fred Phelps Sr., founder of the Kansas church known for anti-gay protests and pickets at military funerals, was among the top stories of the day Thursday in print, broadcast and particularly the social media - and it elicited some vivid memories from retired Topeka AP correspondent **Lew Ferguson**, who covered Phelps and his family for much of his career.

Phelps, the center of a free speech debate that reached the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled in his favor, died late Wednesday at the age of 84.

Lew remembers:

When I became AP's Statehouse correspondent in 1970, Fred Phelps was already known locally for two things: his crusade against gays who regularly gathered in a city park and sending his children into neighborhoods to sell candy. Two came to our door one night and I declined to buy any candy. A neighbor, an attorney, warned me that turning his kids down brought the potential for vandalism. But we never experienced any.

His picketing at that time was limited to Gage Park, a large city park in northwest Topeka that was a known meeting place for gay men. That soon changed and he and his family members began showing up at two west-side



churches within a mile of his own Westboro Baptist Church. We kept an eye on his activities but did no coverage; nor did the Capital-Journal.

As I became acquainted with Fred's crusade, which he called "street preaching" to warn of impending doom to the United States for its tolerance of gays, I learned he was a civil rights lawyer who had won several prominent cases. That led to his receiving an award from the Kansas City chapter of the National Association of Colored People.

Other lawyers respected his legal expertise (he had received a law degree from Washburn University, Topeka's municipal university). But they also had disdain for his practices, especially his over-use of demand letters. People who thought they had been injured sought out Fred and his growing law firm (four of his children became lawyers and joined the firm). Fred's mode of operation was to send a letter to the company or person who supposedly wronged his aggrieved client, demanding money in a settlement. Some complied to get rid of the litigation.

Fred, who had been a Republican, changed parties and ran for governor, U.S. senator and mayor as a Democrat. He came in third in the 1990 Democratic primary, behind Joan Finney (who was elected governor that fall) and former Gov. John Carlin.

Fred delusionally considered he had won the primary for Mrs. Finney by dropping out late in the campaign and throwing his support to her. When he demanded that she name his eldest son her chief of staff and she refused, he began picketing her at the Capitol.

He also began expanding his anti-gay "street preaching" on Topeka street corners at noon time when more people would see his picketers. That is when the gaudy and some would say obscene picket signs began

showing up. The signs had been relatively tame until then, but now showed silhouettes of gay men engaging in sex, and messages such as "God Hates Fags," and "America is Doomed."

I interviewed Fred probably a half-dozen times, either in person when he was picketing, or by telephone to get reaction to legislative efforts to stop or curb his picketing. Twice I was the only reporter who showed up at news conferences he held -- once at his church in west-central Topeka and once downtown in front of Topeka's First Presbyterian Church.

He sort of apologized to me after accusing me of never attending his news conferences. I showed him the stories I had done, and he admitted he was mistaken. The few stories we did in those years -- before his high-profile picketing -- were newsworthy accounts of his reactions to litigation or legislation.

I've told people for years that Fred's was a brilliant mind poisoned by his unorthodox religious beliefs. I knew lawyers in Topeka who sought his opinions in earlier years when difficult cases stumped them. He was later disbarred by the Kansas Supreme Court and quit practicing in federal court. He had a sense of humor and would smile when fielding a question he wanted to answer. He also could erupt in denunciation of questions he didn't like.

I was not surprised by the news that he was near death. He had been in failing health for some years and had battled skin cancer, a product of his being in the sun so much picketing. In the latter years, Fred wore a wide-brimmed hat and long-sleeved white shirts with the collar turned up to ward off the sun's rays.

The thing that did surprise me was his being removed from the church he founded. It would be interesting to know the story of the internal power struggle that led to that.

I do not believe the picketing will cease now that Fred is gone. Others from his extended family will carry on.

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AP's West Palm Beach correspondent **Matt Sedensky** did an excellent profile on the Phelps family while a Kansas City newsman in 2006. Sedensky is completing his fellowship at the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Chicago. Click **here** for his story.

And for the most recent AP story, click **here** for AP Topeka Correspondent John Hanna's story on Phelps' death.

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Jim Romenesko interviewed key members of the Topeka Capital-Journal newsroom who covered Phelps. The newspaper has been on the cutting edge of Phelps' developments, and it has been no small challenge, as this email from the Phelps family to the newspaper demonstrates as it was trying to confirm reports of Phelps' death:

From: Media Reply (<mailto:media.reply@godhatesamerica.com>)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 2:55 PM

To: Fry, Steve; Quinn, Tomari; Ireland, Gregg;

publisher@capjournal.com; lance.nixon@capjournal.com

Cc: [Three AP reporters]

Subject: Your story

Hi Steve Fry and Editors of the Topeka Capital Journal-

Your latest 'story' is so inaccurate - the utter lack of journalistic integrity is breathtaking. **/CONTINUES** It appears that your visceral hatred of the Lord's little church has completely clouded your judgment as to putting unsubstantiated rumor as fact. In the interest of ANY SHRED of balanced 'reporting,' please print the brief OFFICIAL response from the church in its entirety (see below).

FYI - we have had contact with many national and international news agencies, such as the AP (several of whose people have been CC'ed on this email), most of whom conduct themselves with an appropriate attention to fact, source, detail and decorum. Your organization seems to be taking a bit more of a 'TMZ - publish now, fact-check never' approach these days. You could learn from your more seasoned professional brethren at AP, CNN, NYTimes, etc.

Here is the church's official response:

FAQ on current items in the media related to WBC

Q: Is Fred Phelps near death?

A: Fred Phelps is a person of advanced age, and such people sometimes have health issues. Fred Phelps has health issues, but the idea that someone would suggest that he is near death, is not only highly speculative, but foolish considering that all such matters are the sole prerogative of God. Consider the scripture:

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." - De 32:39

Q: Has Fred Phelps been 'excluded' from membership at Westboro Baptist Church?

A: Membership issues are private.

Q: Who is the leader of the Westboro Baptist Church?

A: The church has no singular leader - our head is the Lord Jesus Christ. The church currently has 8 male members who have been serving the church in the capacity of 'elders' for several years (this word is synonymous with 'bishop,' 'pastor,' and 'overseer') - all of whom minister to the members of the church, preach, and are involved in doctrine and teaching. These men were unanimously chosen by the members of the church to serve in this capacity, having evidenced the proper scriptural qualifications:

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." - 1Tim. 3:1-7

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." Tit. 1:5-9.

Q: What do any of these issues change?

A: Nothing. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ does not rise or fall with any man - in fact, the Lord doesn't need ANY of us. This is still a nation and world awash in sin. We will still warn you of this condition, out of our love and fear of the Lord, and out of our love for our neighbors. Here is the message of Westboro Baptist Church: God still hates fags, God still hates fag enablers and any nation that embraces that sin as an 'innocent' lifestyle can expect to incur the wrath of God. Repent or Perish. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." - Ps. 9:17

* [Read the Topeka Capital-Journal's coverage of Fred Phelps' death \(cjonline.com\)](#)

* [Steve Friess on meeting Phelps as a Capital-Journal intern - and freshly out of the closet \(time.com\)](#)

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'More than my dead body!' Journalists react to AP's over/more than change

An announcement by AP Stylebook editors has rocked copy editors to their very cores, writes Poynter's Vicki Krueger, who shared news from the American Copy Editors Society conference that the editors said at a session Thursday that "Over" is fine when referring to a quantity; you don't have to change it to "more than." The news elicited a gasp, Krueger reports.

Here's the explanation from AP Stylebook Editor **Darrell Christian**, via **Erin Madigan White**, AP senior media relations manager:

"We decided on the change because it has become common usage. We're not dictating that people use 'over' - only that they may use it as well as 'more than' to indicate greater numerical value."

Last year AP changed style on underway, a move that caused what's sure to be minor dismay in comparison.

In April of 2012, they loosened up on the use of "hopefully."

Connecting colleague **Mark Mittelstadt** notes that Jill Geisler, a faculty member at Poynter, posted on her Facebook page: This is causing a storm on Twitter. The story has been tweeted OVER/MORE THAN a thousand times as of this moment. The reactions are priceless. Click [here](#) for more. And click [here](#) for UPI's story on the move.

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Embarrassing moments in the work place (continued)

Hal Buell: My first embarrassing moment at AP came early in my career when, after several months general desk work in Chicago, I was assigned to handle the radio splits. That meant I had to produce five minutes of Illinois news ready at the top of each hour.

About 1230pm a hot story turned up in Rockford, IL. A guy caught his wife in a motel room with her lover, shot and killed the two, then shot himself. Even a neophyte like me knew that was NEWS!!

I pulled the story together and got to the puncher (for the younger generation these were operators who transcribed our stories for wire transmission).

"You got too much copy," he said.

" Drop the Peoria Butter and Eggs prices," I said.

"You sure you want to that," he said.

"Yep," I said.

"Okay, kid," he said. The use of "kid "should have been a clue.

The split ended, the Rockford story moved, and literally within minutes the Chicago switchboard lit up. It seemed that every radio station in Illinois was on the line screaming for Peoria Butter Eggs. Then Chief of Bureau al Orton came out of his office to ask what the hell was going on.

Bewildered, I tried to explain about the big NEWS in Rockford. Every farmer in the state catches the 1 o'clock news for the commodity prices...THAT's big news.

To get the Peoria Butter and Eggs out mean that the network configuration had to be altered and that involved NY Communications. Plugs were pulled, and re-plugged elsewhere in NY and Chicago, and the Peoria item went to Illinois, 10 minutes later.

Lesson learned.

Bob Daugherty:

In 43 years behind the camera for AP, there was bound to be several embarrassing moments. I offer a second one.

Last century I was assigned to accompany then Vice President Spiro Agnew on a 32-day around the world goodwill tour. One of our stops was in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. We were housed overnight in a castle-like building. On departure, I decided to duck into a small bathroom before meeting the motorcade to the airport. Leaving the bathroom I found that the doorknob simply spun in my hand and the door stayed secure closed. I could see the other travelers gathering three stories down and across a vast parking lot. There was only a narrow slit window and I could not make them hear my call for help. There were several servants outside the bathroom trying to unlock the door. In desperation, Finally, I braced myself and yanked on the door. The entire assembly and part of the door trim ripped out. I ran from the toilet amid cheers from a handful of very portly dark-skinned servants, barely making the motorcade. By the way, the highlight of this world tour was the fact that Agnew watched two rhinos copulate during a visit to a retreat in Kenya.

Dave Tomlin: I succeeded Byron Yake as Pittsburgh correspondent in 1978, and the following year I found myself in a World Series city as the Pirates got ready to meet the Baltimore Orioles.

One day out of the blue I got a check from Treasury for several thousand dollars, bigger than any financial instrument I had ever seen, at least from AP. I learned it was customary for the home team bureaus to buy blocks of Series tickets for resale to members or other dignitaries in need.

The responsibility for that much AP property weighed heavily, so I set up a makeshift system for tracking requests and payments. I was eager to get rid of the tix as soon as possible, and in fact they went pretty fast. After every call, I wrote down the order on my list and moved the tickets into a "sold" envelope.

In the middle of this process, one of AP's most admired and respected veteran writers, Will Grimsley, walked into the bureau and introduced himself. He told me he had four friends who needed tickets, and he knew from experience I had some. Thrilled to meet him and eager to please, I told him I'd have them ready whenever he wanted to pick them up.

I was so overcome by the encounter, I forgot to get the order onto my list. I had just moved the last of my tickets to "sold" when Grimsley returned to pick up his set. I was rightly mortified, and he was rightly disgusted.

After he left, I scrutinized my remaining sold-but-undelivered tickets to see who would be better to screw than a member of AP's journalistic nobility. I found victims and phoned Grimsley to tell him the good news.

"No thanks, I'm all set," he said flatly, and hung up. I guess that call made it two embarrassing moments for the price of one.

From the Connecting mailbox

Peggy Walsh: This all reminded me of a conversation I had with my now 92-year-old mother. She was a reporter in the 1940s, covering labor and other non-female page stories when she met my Dad. We were talking about how men used their skills and hobbies (like golf) to get ahead. I told her I used my wit and charm (although some people wouldn't have called it that) to convince members I was "as good as a man" and asked her if she thought that was unfair. She told me, "No, as long as you do it vertically." I almost died laughing and assured her I would always remain vertical. In fact, I've often thought I'd write a book some day, dedicate it to my Mom, and call it "Vertical." Maybe some

day!

Joe McGowan: I enjoyed the stories about the "quake" in Los Angeles. In South America they would call that a "temblor" (tremor).

You may remember that on Sunday, May 31, 1970, a 7.8 quake hit Peru. I was home and when my house quit shaking and my wife and son were ok, I rushed to the bureau. We worked through the night and mid-morning June 1; we had the death toll at 2,500. Then I got a call from a high-ranking civilian who had stayed on with the military government and he informed me two cities in the Andes had been covered up by a gigantic rock, snow, ice slide off Mt. Huascaran. The death toll would be at least 60,000.

That really woke me up after working all night. I questioned him back and forth and finally accepted it was true. I sent a bulletin which went around the world. All of my competition found out about it and called the military government spokesman. He called the report "a lie". So, UPI, Reuters and everyone else went out with new leads (we call it covering your ass), reporting that the death toll climbed steadily to around 2,500. In about the 4th graf they quoted the government spokesman as "denying one report of 60,000 dead". So the pressure was on me. I got cables from 50 Rock to confirm. I knew my job was on the line. Things held that way until noon June 2 when the spokesman called everyone up to his office.

When I walked in, other newsies looked at me like "you're going to get it now". The spokesman started down a list of towns with the numbers of dead. The UPI guy interrupted him and asked if you put the whole list together "how many dead?" His voice dropped so low that later I had to put my tape recorder on max volume. He admitted that the two small cities were covered up and the death toll would be at least 60,000. The place went bananas and everyone ran to their offices to file cables. I walked to the AP bureau and filed an insert that the government confirmed the AP story.

But the government knew I had a source somewhere that made me dangerous. So three weeks later the cabinet filed a decreto-ley (decree law) that I had offended the national dignity and was to be arrested and deported. They took me to the airport. My wife and son got out about two weeks later after packing things up. The World Almanac shows the quake as 10th worst in recorded history and shows 66,000 dead. It used to be the 8th worst until two in China surpassed it later. And that's how I wound up in Indianapolis as COB.

Joe McKnight: Noting Bill Kole's comment and picture of the "AP Fish" sign at end of Thursday's Connecting column: For some time, I've been

reading a genealogy and history web site from Alabama called "Alabama Pioneers," or AP for short. It was started and is run by a retired school teacher, Donna Causey, who I think operates from her home in a small town 30-40 miles south of Birmingham. She could use an editor.

Any potential billionaires still among us?

From this morning's Mike Allen Politico Playbook:

BRACKETOLOGY BLINK - "NCAA upsets mark first full day of NCAA tournament," by AP Basketball Writer John Marshall in San Diego:

"There are still 47 games left, 16 of those [today, a]fter one of the wildest opening days in NCAA tournament history, one that cost millions their shot at \$1 billion ... Forty minutes into the first full day of the tournament, roughly 83 percent of the would-be billionaires [in the Buffett-Quicken contest] were done after Dayton, the No. 11 seed in the South Regional, toppled sixth-seeded Ohio State 60-59 ... No. 12 East seed Harvard started a how-can-that-be run of games in Spokane, Wash., by knocking off fifth-seeded Cincinnati 60-59 [and raising] the number of blemished brackets up to about 95 percent.

"The day of dead pools continued in Spokane, where No. 12 West seed North Dakota outlasted fifth-seeded Oklahoma 80-75. Thanks for playing everyone. Less than 1 percent of you are still in it. It was a 9.2 quintillion-to-1 pipe dream to begin with, and Buffett has to like his chances even more after a day like this. Bracketers in contests by ESPN and CBSSports.com suffered similar fates ... The opening day of the 64-team bracket included four overtime games, a record. ... At CBSSports.com, Dayton took out 81 percent of the poolers in the bracket challenge. By the time the Bison roamed over the Sooners, ... 0.4 percent of the brackets were still perfect.

"Of the 11 million brackets in ESPN's Tournament Challenge, over 80 percent had Ohio State advancing ... That's about 8.8 million brackets with a blemish after one game. And to the 2.2 percent that had the Buckeyes going all the way to the Final Four: Oops! Through 12 games, there were 41,315 perfect brackets out of the original 11 million - or about 0.3 percent. ... A year ago, not a single person of the 11 million who entered on ESPN's website was perfect after a first day filled with upsets. Just four got 15 out of 16 right." <http://goo.gl/H4gswj>
<http://www.bigstory.ap.org/article/ncaa-upsets-mark-first-full-day-ncaa-tournament>



Dudley welcomes the newest member of Connecting:

Amanda (Davis) St. Armand - After spending nine glorious years with the AP in Kansas City (as newswoman in 1988-95) and Phoenix (as news editor

in 1995-97), I moved on to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where I have been political editor, columnist and currently as continuous news editor -- using all sorts of AP content in all sorts of fun ways on the various digital platforms.



**Connecting wishes Happy Birthday
to
Les Weatherford**

Stories of interest...

For a dying wordsmith, some lovingly crafted lines (Paul Simon, Andy Lippman)

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AP WAS THERE: Exxon Valdez Runs Aground in 1989

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AFP reporter Sardar Ahmad killed in Kabul hotel attack

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Microsoft Admits to Searching Blogger's Emails

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Tribune Company Built a Robot That Reads You The News (Bob Daugherty)

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Phoenix reporter retracts Carney story

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Bloomberg chair questions articles on China

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AP among media organizations stand with Patch in confidential source case

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Windows newsletter: Comcast-Time Warner is all about owning media content and the pipes to deliver it

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Star reporter wins national writing award

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Butch Ward: Managers, make "we can be better" more than empty words

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Consumer Reports' advocacy arm calls Comcast-Time Warner merger "recipe for disaster," urges readers to petition FCC, DOJ

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Rieder: Team Obama needs to let the sunshine in

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The Dolan Company will file for Chapter 11 reorganization (Dave Pyle)

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Reporters held to four minutes with Obama by countdown clock, looming aide, standing

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NBC News 'Doubling Down' On David Gregory As 'Meet The Press' Expands Online

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Clear Channel boss renovates office with "mist tunnel"

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Best of the States

Colleagues,

Absent a looming deadline, there are endless ways politicians can tease out hints about whether they will or won't run for a particular office. There are many, self-interested reasons to drag out it out, and only a few ways for us to pin them down before they announce their plans on their own schedule.

That was the challenge for **Steve Peoples**, political writer in Boston, in trying to smoke out former Republican Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown on his plans for the future. To overcome it, Peoples locked in on to a tried-and-true method to deliver his exclusive on Brown's ambitions in neighboring New Hampshire.

For months, Brown had dangled the possibility of a run in New Hampshire. It's a bit of a habit with him. After winning an upset Senate victory to win the late Ted Kennedy's seat in heavily Democratic Massachusetts in 2010, Brown was defeated in 2012. Later, for weeks on end, he hinted to reporters and fellow Republicans that he would seek the state's other Senate seat, the one vacated by newly installed Secretary of State John Kerry. At the last minute, Brown declined to run again in Massachusetts.

So when Peoples broke the news in a deeply sourced story last week that Brown was seeking to hire workers for a New Hampshire Senate campaign, it was a big get.

The key was finding operatives who had been offered positions, and Peoples did. Working more sources, Peoples was able to report that Brown had told state Republican leaders that he would be announcing a formal exploratory committee.

The developments (<http://goo.gl/X6Zqj0>), reported exclusively for hours by the AP, have implications, both locally, for the 2014 Senate race, and nationally, in the battle for control of Congress. Brown's bid puts New Hampshire in play as a state where Republicans could take a seat away from the Democrats and take control of the Senate and the entire Congress the last two years of Barack Obama's presidency. Brown's camp did not want Peoples to break the news. Major political stories in New Hampshire are almost exclusively leaked to the Manchester Union Leader or statewide TV station WMUR, the state's largest media outlets. But Peoples, who had been following Brown's flirtations with office-seeking for three years since joining the AP, had interviewed several sources who told him about Brown seeking a campaign staff. He then tracked down people who were offered positions, even though Brown's camp told him there had been no such outreach.

Broadening the circle with more calls and with help from Concord statehouse reporter Norma Love and correspondent Rik Stevens who contacted GOP legislative leaders, Peoples got high-level Republicans to confirm on background that Brown had told them we would form an exploratory committee.

More sources were sought -- Brown, after all, had teased the media before with his will he-won't he routine. Finally a source involved in planning Brown's announcement for the following day confirmed the exploratory committee. By then, there were a half dozen good sources confirming it. Brown himself would not confirm it until nearly 24 hours later, but by then it was old news.

Politico, ABC, CBS and Fox (where Brown was still working as a commentator) all credited AP with breaking the story. The New York Times and the Washington Post both posted Peoples' story for hours. For providing our customers with an only-from-AP newsbreak on a big state political story with likely ramifications for the national political scene, Peoples is awarded this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

Brian Carovillano

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ASNE-APME conference registration opens: See you in Chicago!

Registration is open for the ASNE-APME joint conference Sept. 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency in the heart of downtown Chicago.

This will be the first joint conference of the nation's top editors.

Our theme: ASNE/APME 2014: Fast Forward

An early bird registration fee of \$199 is available to members of APME and ASNE till Friday, April 4.

The conference will run from midday Monday, Sept. 15, to mid-afternoon Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lively and topical conference sessions will explore key issues newsroom leaders are tackling, showcase innovations and provide practical takeaways in such areas as improving content on mobile, increasing audience engagement and reach, and developing partnerships for greater impact.

Other highlights:

* We will celebrate winners of the APME Journalism Excellence Awards and ASNE Awards at a special lunch Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will meet again for lunch with a keynote speaker. Tickets to both lunches can be purchased at registration.

* We'll party together Monday night at the opening reception and auction at the historic Tribune Tower, sponsored by the Chicago Tribune. The silent and live auctions will offer sports tickets, vacation retreats, jewelry, autographed books and much more.

Two entertainment events are offered Tuesday night. You can:

* Cruise the Chicago River and enjoy the beautiful skyline at a reception on the Mystic Blue, sponsored by the Illinois Press Association and the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors.

* Or take in a baseball game with other editors and see the Chicago Cubs play the Cincinnati Reds at Wrigley Field.

We are working on organizing pre-conference workshops Monday morning, Sept. 15, and post-conference workshops Thursday, Sept. 18. Details to come.

Register now: An early bird registration fee of \$199 for members of APME and ASNE is available for two weeks. Register by Friday, April 4, for the special rate. After that, the registration fee will be \$250 for members of APME and ASNE and \$350 for nonmembers. There are special rates for APME's Regents, retired editors, spouses and students. Click: <http://www.apme.com/event/2014convention>.

Book your hotel room: A block of rooms are reserved at the Hyatt Regency until Aug. 29 for only \$189 per night. Make a reservation online: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/10816539/owner/2135/home>

Or call the hotel directly at 312-565-1234 and mention the block of rooms reserved for APME and ASNE.

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