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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

## Remembering when...

From the Connecting memory book comes this photo shared by colleague [Joe McKnight](#).

It shows the AP's Atlanta staff in the early 1950s, and Connecting invites you to help identify those in the photo. Send me a note if you know anyone pictured.



## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday

To

[Ike Flores](#)

[Cecelia](#) and [Connie](#) White

## Stories of interest

### [U.S. lawmakers: Egypt's 'descent toward despotism' risks U.S. aid](#)

Senior U.S. lawmakers said on Tuesday they were rethinking the more than \$1 billion in military aid Washington sends to Cairo after Egyptian courts handed out mass death sentences to opposition



figures and long prison terms for journalists.

The chairman of the U.S. Senate subcommittee that oversees foreign aid said further funds should be withheld until Egypt's leaders demonstrate a commitment to human rights, and a senior member of the equivalent House of Representatives panel offered legislation to redistribute some of the U.S. money.

**AND**

### Jailed journalists: diplomacy vs condemnation

Egypt's President says he will not interfere with a judicial verdict that sentenced three Al Jazeera journalists to lengthy jail terms.



Mohamed Fahmy, Baher Mohamed and Peter Greste were jailed for between seven and 10 years on Monday for what the Egyptian government described as spreading false news and aiding a terrorist organisation.

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### 2014 Recipients of the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism Announced

The Missouri School of Journalism will award the prestigious Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism to a total of seven individuals and media organizations in print, digital and electronic journalism, photojournalism and advertising.

Following are the 2014 medalists:

- \*Byron E. Calame, one of journalism's most respected editors.
- \*Audie Cornish, co-host of the long-running, award-winning All Things Considered show on NPR.
- \*The Guardian, a 193-year-old newspaper with the third-largest English-speaking newspaper website in the world.
- \*Steve Kopcha, one of advertising's most notable creative leaders.
- \*The Staff of the Kyiv Post, Ukraine's leading English-language newspaper since 1995.
- \*Eugene Richards, an acclaimed documentary photographer, filmmaker and writer.
- \*WIRED, the outlet that illuminates how technology is changing peoples' lives.

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### [Top Green Beret Officer Forced to Resign Over Affair With WaPo Reporter](#)

A legendary Special Forces commander was quietly forced to leave the U.S. Army after he admitted to a love affair with a Washington Post war correspondent, who quit her job to secretly live with him for almost a year in one of the most dangerous combat outposts in Afghanistan.



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### [After shuttering bureaus, news organizations revisit Iraq](#)

When New York Times reporter Tim Arango arrived in Iraq in 2010, the eight-bedroom bureau was so crowded that he had to sleep on the couch.

But about two years later, he frequently found himself wandering the halls alone. Occasionally, journalists would come in and share the house, making Arango, by then the Times' Baghdad bureau chief, feel "kind of like a bed and breakfast owner."

The Associated Press has long had a bureau in Iraq and continued to maintain it since the war ended, said Paul Colford, the AP's director of media relations.

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### [Advance digital makeover of its newspapers - five years in and no turning back](#)

It seems like only yesterday, but we are closing in on five years since Advance Publications shook up the newspaper business by stopping daily publication of the Ann Arbor News, dissolving the company and reincorporating as a web-dominant enterprise.

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### [Tribune Publishing targets Aug. 4 for spinoff](#)

Tribune Publishing has set Aug. 4 as the target date for spinning off from Tribune Co., according to sources familiar with the situation.

The spinoff date was included in a presentation for lenders conducted by Tribune Publishing June 17 in New York, according to sources. Tribune Publishing is seeking to

raise \$350 million in conjunction with its planned spinoff from Tribune Co.

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### [Yahoo hires digital editor to build breaking news desk](#)

Yahoo has been poaching talent from legacy media outlets for much of the past year, and in its latest landgrab, the massive online portal turned content producer took a dip into New York's tabloid pool.

Daily News digital editorial director Lauren Johnston has been hired as a managing editor to build out a breaking news desk for the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Internet company, which is in the midst of a newsroom expansion that marks Yahoo's latest attempt, over the past five years or so, to become a significant journalistic player.

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### [Professors' work for responsible media coverage of sex trafficking honored with AEJMC feminist advocacy award](#)

UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication professors Barbara Friedman and Anne Johnston won the Donna Allen Award for Feminist Advocacy for The Irina Project, which they co-direct, and its advocacy for the responsible and accurate reporting of sex trafficking.

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### [An Employee Dies, and the Company Collects the Insurance](#) (Bob Daugherty)

Employees at The Orange County Register received an unsettling email from corporate headquarters this year. The owner of the newspaper, Freedom Communications, was writing to request workers' consent to take out life insurance policies on them. But the beneficiary of each policy would not be the survivors or estate of the insured employee, but the Freedom Communications pension plan. Reporters and editors resisted, uncomfortable with the notion that the company might profit from their deaths.

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### [Ex-CBS News star reveals why media still cover for Obama](#) (Doug Tucker)

The Obama administration has been awash with scandals - some that have been said to surpass Watergate - and yet America's mainstream press has apparently forgotten its role as watchdog, claims Fox Business News' Lou Dobbs, and his award-winning journalist guest has a theory as to why.

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