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Colleagues,

Ye Olde Connecting Editor has returned from Denver, just ahead of a snow and ice storm.

While in the Mile High City, I got a chance to meet up and visit with fellow Connectors **Jim Clarke**, **Jim Anderson**, **Donna Bryson** and **Neal Ulevich**. Lots of great memories to share.

And, have you ever seen anything like this on the highway?



While en route to Denver, I spotted this truck carrying its unusual load heading west on I-70 around Salina, Kansas. Any of my military peeps care to assure me these are not bombs? Gotta admit, in all my years of driving, I never came up on something like this. (And btw, my hands were on the steering wheel; my wife Linda took the picture.)

Have a great day!

Paul

22 Small Victories That Only Journalists Will Appreciate...Like, When the AP picks up your story

The life of a journalist is hard. We're always on deadline, we work for nearly nothing, and we are trusted less than trial lawyers. So how do we get through the day without strangling ourselves with our lanyards? We survive the day but celebrating the small victories.

Click [here](#) to read more.

How I got my first journalism job continues



George Bria ([Email](#)) - My first paying job was in 1939 with my hometown paper, The Waterbury (CT) Democrat (now defunct). The Guild had just unionized it and reporters punched a clock. Never forgot that - \$17.25 a week and punching a clock.

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Joe Edwards ([Email](#)) - I was a newspaper boy and then worked in the circulation department at my hometown Journal-Review in Crawfordsville, Ind. Word spread to the newsroom that I wanted a career in journalism, and the paper hired me as a summer intern for \$55 a week---a meager sum even in 1966. Ironically, the managing editor was big in APME, and I remember him passing around The AP Log and instructing us to read it and sign our initials. "You never know when someone from AP will come by," he said.

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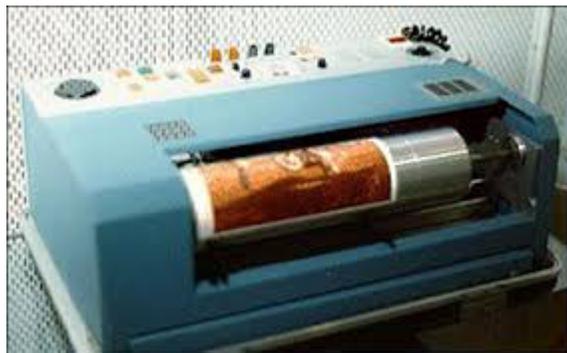
Ruth Gersh ([Email](#)) - My first paid journalism job was on The Town Crier, the weekly newspaper that served Mackinac Island, Mi., a popular summer resort that allowed no cars on the island. You got around on foot, bicycle and horses. A typical weekly newspaper job: report the news; write the stories; take the photos; develop the film; typeset the content (tape-feed Fridens for those of a certain age), paste-up the pages. Also, sell the ads, make up the ads, deliver the newspaper and collect the quarters from the machines. And prepare the mailed editions by running through the Addressograph machine, for which I became expert at repairing) and deliver to the post office. In a little wagon red (see above about no cars.) Making sure none of the papers fell off into the street and the horse droppings. (See above about no cars.)

We had to supply our own typewriters, notebooks, pens. The frugal publisher did, however, did give us copy paper. He owned three weekly newspapers in the area and visited twice a week; once to pick up the paste-up pages to deliver to the printer off Island and once to bring back the papers. We were running low on copy paper and asked him for a re-

supply. He showed up with the end of a paper roll from a print run and told us to tear up into 8 1/2 by 11 sheets.

Journalism skills for the ages.

Connecting mailbox



Larry Hamlin ([Email](#)) - I think I recall you mentioning in a previous Connecting, something about getting a recording of the AP WirePhoto sound. Click [here](#) for a one-minute clip I recorded from one of the old portable transmitters. (Thanks to **Mark Mittelstadt** for formatting for Connecting use.)

AP source: US investigators link North Korea to Sony hacking; official statement could come

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal investigators have now connected the hacking of Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. to North Korea, a U.S. official said Wednesday, though it remained unclear how the federal government would respond to a break-in that exposed sensitive documents and ultimately led to terrorist threats against moviegoers.



The official, who said a more formal statement could come in the near

future, spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to openly discuss an ongoing criminal case.

Until Wednesday, the Obama administration had been saying it was not immediately clear who might have been responsible for the computer break-in. North Korea has publicly denied it was involved.

Click [here](#) to read more.

McCrory launches assault on Associated Press

The day after a wire service reported that North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory received a six-figure stock payout from an online mortgage broker that is regulated by the state, the governor's emphatic reaction to the story nearly eclipsed the news itself.

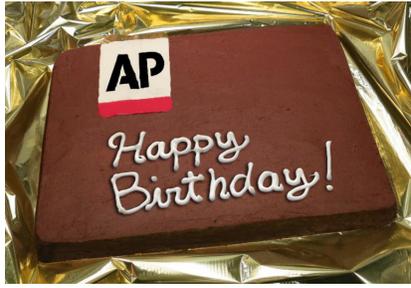


McCrory spent Wednesday denouncing the article, which documented his receipt of early vested restricted stock from Tree.com when he left the company's board of directors soon after taking office in early 2013. The Associated Press reported Tuesday that McCrory didn't disclose on state ethics reports the full extent of payments from the company, the Charlotte-based corporate parent of the website LendingTree.

Paul Colford, director of media relations for The Associated Press, said the wire service stands by its reporting.

Click [here](#) to read more. (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Will Lester ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

[Richard C. Hottelet, the last living member of the famed CBS News "Murrow's Boys," dies at 97](#)

Richard C. Hottelet, the last living member of the famed "Murrow's Boys," whose World War II radio reports for CBS under the direction of Edward R. Murrow set the standard for broadcast journalism, has died. The former CBS News correspondent was 97 and passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home early this morning (17) in Wilton, Conn.



"Richard C. Hottelet was the ultimate CBS News reporter," said Jeff Fager, CBS News chairman and executive producer of 60 MINUTES. "He was one of the true gentleman reporters, a real 'Murrow boy,' an elegant combination of reporter and storyteller."

Hottelet had a distinguished 40-year career on CBS News radio and television contributing countless foreign reports, most as the United Nations correspondent for 25 years. He also covered domestic news, including political conventions, campaigns and elections and the civil rights movement. His status as one of "Murrow's boys" - a clique of World War II broadcast journalists all hired and favored by the legendary CBS newsman - put him in a revered group whose battlefield radio reports formed the template for electronic news reporting.

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[How to improve the reporter-editor relationship](#)

Liz Spayd: The implosion at The New Republic left many of us in wide-eyed amazement. It's rare that you see so many staffers actually quit in protest of their editor being pushed out. But I'm curious, for those still there and for their bosses, how do you go about putting the pieces back together again?

Jill Geisler: It won't happen if owner Chris Hughes and his team treat the situation as a public relations problem and not a leadership failure of their own making. Many staff delivered a vote of "no confidence" by voting with their feet. It's folly to assume that those who remain are wholly supportive. Some may not have had the financial wherewithal to walk out and they're now engaged in a daily "secret ballot," tabulating what they are seeing and hearing to determine whether to trust.

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Columbia announces 14 winners of duPont prizes

NEW YORK (AP) -- Investigative reports, historical series and two documentaries are among the 14 winning entries in this year's Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards honoring work in broadcast, digital and documentary journalism.

Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism announced the winners on Wednesday.

Among the winners is Netflix. The streaming service won for a documentary that examines the tensions between global politics and environmentalism. Other winners include CNN, WNET, WGBH's "Frontline," The Seattle Times, National Public Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, and local investigative television reporting from KPNX 12 News in Phoenix; WFTS-TV in Tampa, Florida; WLTX-TV in Columbia, South Carolina, and WTSP 10 News in Tampa Bay, Florida. An independent documentary about the efforts to prove the existence of the Higgs-Boson particle also won.

The awards will be presented on Jan. 20 at Columbia.

Click [here](#) for a complete list of winners.

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[The year news notifications need to grow up](#)

"News organizations send out notifications with news that they consider

important. The recipients not infrequently disagree."

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[Times cutting more than 100 newsroom jobs](#)

Merry Christmas, you're fired!

With the holiday season upon us, New York Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. perfected a very Bah! Humbug! stance as he started handing out pink slips to 21 Newspaper Guild members on Tuesday - and the media desk continued to be hard hit.

After losing veteran TV reporter Bill Carter, ad columnist Stuart Elliott and Christine Haughney, who covered newspapers and magazines, to voluntary buyouts, the Times added beloved 16-year veteran Leslie Kaufman, an involuntary departure who most recently had been covering digital media.

The media department has seen nearly 60 years of experience walk out the door.

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[Wall Street Journal union asks members to help family of missing reporter David Bird](#)



Wall Street Journal reporter David Bird has been missing for nearly a year now and the paper - after keeping him on the payroll for months - has changed his status to "unpaid leave of absence."

"This means that David's wife Nancy, a stay-at-home wife and mother caring for their two children, has no income with which to provide for her family," the Journal's newsroom union tells members. "Imagine the anguish she faces each and every day - not knowing where her husband is

or what happened to him AND wondering how she will manage her financial hardship."

The union is asking members to contribute to the Bird Family Trust.

[The problem with sharing uncredited photos](#)

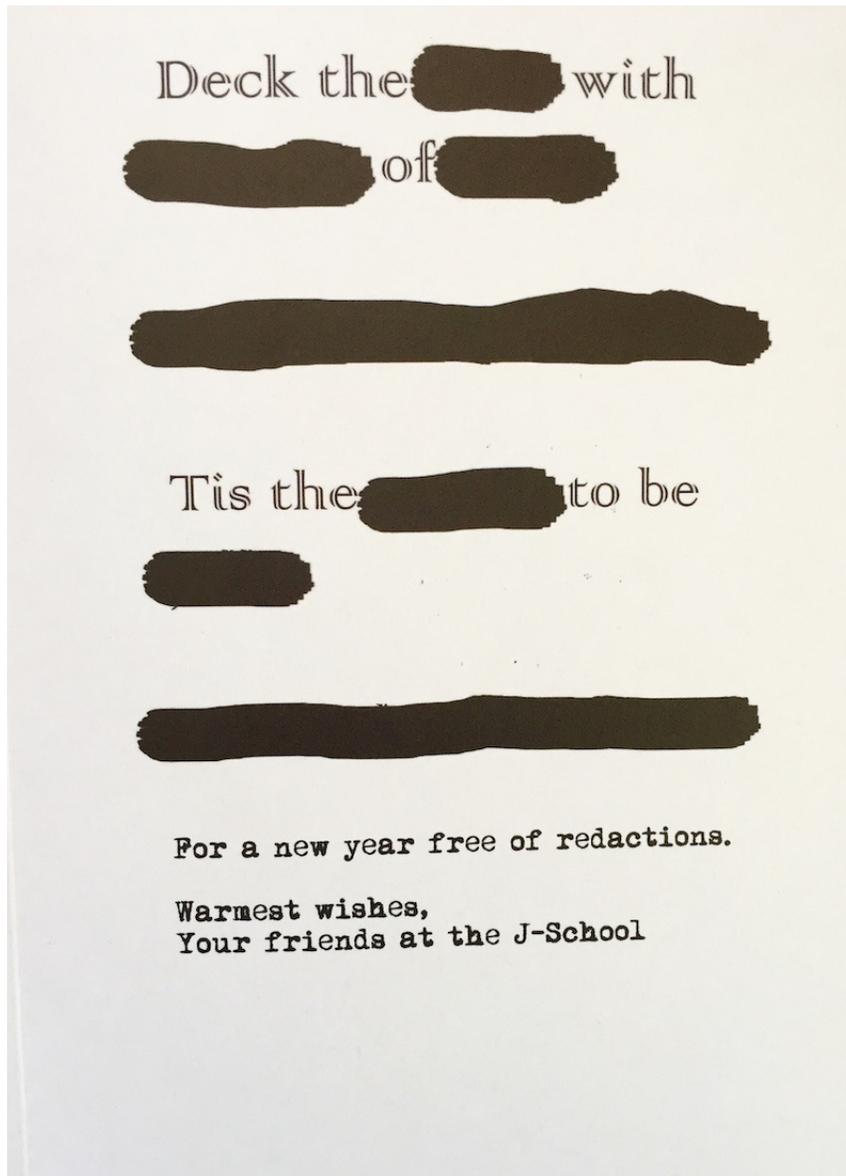
In October 2011, two men wearing George W. Bush masks robbed a bank in Seattle. Christopher Boffoli grabbed a camera and rushed to the scene for West Seattle Blog, a hyperlocal site. The next day, a Huffington Post video flashed a screenshot of his article for its own story. Most reporters covet attention from a larger news organization. Not Boffoli.

"I had a problem with it," he said. "If they want to send someone to stand out in the rain for two hours, then they can do that ... I did the work, I should be paid for it."

On the Web, people use and share photographs all the time without permission or attribution, and without paying for them. Boffoli hates this. Ever since his fine art photography went viral in 2011, he's spent hours each month policing Facebook, Twitter, and other sites for his photos. If more photographers and journalists did the same, he figures it might remind the public that someone worked hard to create the content they're sharing. While his own efforts haven't stopped new people from posting his images online, Boffoli is able to make a living from his photography. And he's one of the few photographers to haul the biggest internet companies into court to remind them that photos are not free.

The Final Word





Poynter.org:

UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism has mailed out its Christmas card, and it's a good one.

The idea for the card came from the school's new dean, Edward Wasserman, said Roia Ferrazares, assistant dean. It was designed by a student. The card's free speech theme is a nod to the 50th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement, Ferrazares said. It's meant to be fun, too, and to remind people that journalism is both an important area of study "and important to our democracy."

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2014. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1944, in a pair of related rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Korematsu v. United States*, upheld, 6-3, the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent, including U.S. citizens, from the West Coast (the decision was limited to the exclusion policy, and did not take up the issue of internment), while in *Ex parte Endo*, the justices unanimously agreed that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained. (Both rulings came a day after the U.S. Department of War said it was lifting the internment policy.)

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, "Politics is not an exact science."

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1912, fossil collector Charles Dawson reported to the Geological Society of London his discovery of supposed early human remains at a gravel pit in Piltdown. (More than four decades later, Piltdown Man was exposed as a hoax.)

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

In 1992, Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

Ten years ago: The former Iraqi general known as "Chemical Ali," Ali Hassan al-Majid (ah-LEE' hah-SAHN' ahl mah-ZHEED'), went before a tribunal of judges in the first investigative hearings of former members of Saddam Hussein's regime. (Al-Majid was executed in Jan. 2010.) Former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet (pee-noh-CHET') was hospitalized after suffering a stroke.

Five years ago: The infamous iron sign bearing the Nazis' cynical slogan "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Sets You Free) that spanned the main entrance to the former Auschwitz death camp in Poland was stolen. (The sign was later recovered; six suspects in the theft were later jailed.) Jon and Kate Gosselin officially divorced after 10 years of marriage, eight children and a year of tabloid headlines.

One year ago: A presidential advisory panel released a report recommending sweeping changes to government surveillance programs,

including limiting the bulk collection of Americans' phone records by stripping the National Security Agency of its ability to store that data in its own facilities. Ronnie Biggs, 84, known for his role in Britain's 1963 Great Train Robbery, died in London.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 87. Actor-producer Roger Smith is 82. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 81. Actor Roger Mosley is 76. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 71. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 71. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 68. Blues artist Ron Piazza is 67. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 64. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 64. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 61. Actor Ray Liotta is 59. Comedian Ron White is 58. Actor Brad Pitt is 51. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is 50. Actor Shawn Christian is 49. Actress Rachel Griffiths is 46. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 46. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 44. Rapper DMX is 44. International Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 43. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 42. Pop singer Sia is 39. Country singer Randy Houser is 38. Actor Josh Dallas is 36. Actress Katie Holmes is 36. Singer Christina Aguilera is 34. Christian rock musician Dave Luetkenhoelter (Kutless) is 32. Actress Ashley Benson is 25. Actress-singer Bridgit Mendler is 22. Actress Isabella Cramp (TV: "The Neighbors") is 10.

Thought for Today: "It's a complex fate, being an American." - Henry James, American author (1843-1916).

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