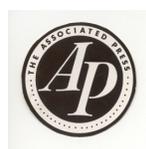
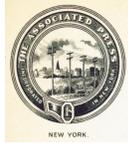


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Good morning!

Legendary court reporter **Linda Deutsch** has had a hectic schedule the past several weeks as she winds up a 48-year career covering some of the biggest stories and trials for The Associated Press. Her distinguished service was recognized last month with a presentation and proclamation by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. She has received many other plaudits, including a tribute at the Golden Mike awards and a freedom of information award from the Radio-Television News Association of Southern California. She is in high demand for local and national interviews.

She has plenty to talk about. During nearly five decades, she covered the assassination of **Bobby Kennedy** in Los Angeles in 1968, trials of the accused killer **Sirhan Sirhan**, court proceedings involving other high-profile names and topics, including **Charles Manson**, **Patty Hearst**, **John De Lorean**, the Pentagon Papers, the Menendez brothers, **Michael Jackson**, the Night Stalker, **Rodney King** and **O.J. Simpson**.

Asked recently [what one change she would make in the news today](#), she responded she "would probably give reporters more time to cover trials. One reason why I'm leaving is that the chance to cover a trial from gavel-to-gavel is becoming more and more rare. News organizations don't have the staff, they don't have the time, and they don't have the money.

"I don't think that today I would be sent to a lot of places I went to cover trials," she continued. "I went to Alaska to cover the Exxon Valdez Trial. I was there for five months. I doubt that anybody would do that now, but they should. And they should have one reporter who has their eyes and ears on the case throughout. Who can give the kind of in-depth coverage that I offered, which was from the viewpoint of someone who saw it all and could compare witnesses and could compare what happened one day with the next. Give it color and look at the trial as a kind of microcosm of history and what was going on in the country at that time.

"I don't think many reporters are given that opportunity now, nor are there reporters who are becoming experts in trials because it's not the most popular specialty. Trial reporters are becoming few and far between. And I would hope that organizations encourage coverage. The justice system is one of the most important features of our democracy and without reporters to cover it there will be no oversight."



AP photographer Nick Ut (l) and Judge Lance Ito with Linda at her "retirement" party



While she has stopped covering trials for AP, she is focusing on new endeavors, including writing a book about her career. "I'm not retiring, I'm re-wiring," she said.

This week, many of her former co-workers, friends and other colleagues gathered to honor her work and help launch her new chapter. There were many tributes, toasts and presentations, including a large hat (pictured above) signed by the entire AP Los Angeles staff. The bond was a strip of photos of the many celebrities she has covered, including Jackson, De Lorean and Simpson.

"I am walking on air after my wonderful colleagues and friends came out to toast me at the AP's retirement party for me," Linda wrote on her Facebook page. "An amazing gathering of journalists, lawyers, AP co-workers past and present and even one judge -- the famous Judge **Lance Ito** -- who has also retired this month. My councilman **Tom LaBonge** came by with a scroll and so did members of the District Attorney's media staff... Two little words -- Thank You -- are not big enough to express my deep gratitude to all."

Mark Mittelstadt



Patriots Coach Bill Belichick kisses his daughter, Amanda, after the Super Bowl. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

Belichick under fire for on-field Super Bowl kiss caught by AP photo

The field at University of Phoenix stadium was a sea of hugs and kisses Sunday night after the New England Patriots pulled off an incredible victory over the Seattle Seahawks. But one of those kisses [has created quite a stir](#). In the photo, 62-year-old Patriots coach **Bill Belichick** is kissing his 30-year-old daughter Amanda. In the split-second smooch, caught on camera by Associated Press photographer **Matt Slocum**, the two are puckering up in a manner that seems almost passionate, and of course the Twitter response came fast and furious. "I hate the Seahawks even more for giving that game away because it prompted Belichick making out with his daughter," wrote @matty_bandziel. "Take a guess. Is this Bill

Belichick's wife or daughter? (HINT: It's his daughter, and he's a creep)," wrote @mflynn32.

In appreciation of your service to AP - II



Nolan Kienitz ([E-mail](#)) - Here are a few images from some of the AP-logo Cross pens I got over the years. Some have lost their logos and those 'badges' are somewhere in my collection of history.

Harry Cabluck ([E-mail](#)) - After serving The AP for more than 40 years in Pittsburgh, Columbus, Dallas and Austin, I still have the two pens, one pin and the beautiful Waterford crystal bowl. The most recently received writing pen -- probably six years ago -- is still used several times a day. It is sturdy as a well-machined U.S. Army tank.

Kevin Noblet ([E-mail](#)) - Used the battery-powered drill AP gave me for years and loved it, but like my time at AP, the life drained out of it eventually. But Joan still wears the watch I got on my 25-year anniversary, so there's that! News Corp./WSJ has a similar program, and last year I ordered the French fryer, which works great. As expected, Joan was appalled.

Robert Daugherty ([E-mail](#)) - Here's a service gift I received. I don't recall the year, but if it was in a photo caption it would need a correction on the 150 logo. We later found it should have read 152 years, since AP's founding was 1846, not 1848.



Brad Martin ([E-mail](#)) - One of the few service gifts I have left is this Kenneth Cole leather briefcase I got 15 years ago this month for my 30th anniversary (I think). I still bring it back and forth to work every day. It's very versatile, you can carry a laptop in it as well all the other assorted paraphernalia that can be used with it (probably accounts for my back woes!). I think somewhere in there is another anniversary gift, an AP embossed ink pen. It doesn't work, but it never did so I kept it anyway. You never know when you might need an emergency writing implement that doesn't work. As for the condition, well let's just say it is embarrassing to take out in public. I'm sure I could dress it up but it's like an old comfortable robe or pair of slippers that you just can't get yourself to part with or replace.



Larry Hamlin ([E-mail](#)) - Here are pictures of my 30 and 40 year gifts. The desk set and lapel pin was for 30 years and the wall clock for 40. Both are Howard Miller clocks and both still work. The pens have gone through a few refills since 1994.

Jack Walker ([E-mail](#)) - My 25th was the belt buckle; the Bulova watch on the right was 40th; the Bulova on the left was somewhere in between, as was the bracelet with AP charm, neither engraved. Of course, I guess a lot of retirees got a silver platter (mine was in 2006)! I also have commemorative pens, lapel pins, keychain attachments, a portable alarm clock with international time selections and and calculator, 150-year watch (in wooden box), paper weight, etc. One my favorite awards was a 4" X 8" marble-based pen and pencil holder with a brass replica of my AP business card on top and a brass front piece naming me "1986 STAFFER OF THE YEAR" in South Carolina.



Mark Mittelstadt ([E-mail](#)) - The two Associated Press items I kept after departing the company were service gifts received at 20 and 25 years. One was a Citizen wrist watch with a navy blue face and stainless steel case and band. I wore it daily to the office but it has been sitting in a dresser drawer most of the past five years. The other item was a Shop-Vac. I already had a shop vacuum and my wife thought my choice impersonal, but it has been handy having one in the garage and the other in the basement. I hook it up to power tools to vacuum chips and dust as I work on wood. My favorite AP gift was an inscribed Nambe plate given me by the Albuquerque staff when I transferred to New Jersey.



John Epperson ([E-mail](#)) - This is my pin from the mid-'80s I think. Someone in New York Photos sent a small bag of them to the Chicago photo chief, **Richard Horwitz**. They were for the photo crew to wear the morning we started transmissions from electronic darkroom computer in New York. I was on duty as Midwest regional monitor, managing the photo wire to our 18 state Midwest region's bureaus and members. As I recall, **Jerry Mosey** was New York monitor and **Paul Harrington** had the Los Angeles desk. I cannot remember who was in Washington photos that eventful morning. **Toby Massey** or **Bobby Daugherty** would probably know.



Connecting readers weigh in...

...Who's next?

George Zucker ([E-mail](#)) - Working in the Los Angeles bureau, you wondered what movie star or forgotten silent-screen queen would die on your watch and if you would have preparedness copy to write a decent obit.

On my first stint as night editor in 1967, I was tipped that the actress **Ann Sheridan** had died in a house fire at age 52. I had no file and CBS was pressing for a story. In those days, our day bureau was at the Los Angeles Examiner and the night bureau was across town at the Los Angeles Times. The night editor would start at the day bureau, then hop a bus to the Times.

The Times' file on Ann Sheridan was not available. All I knew about her was that she had red hair and starred with **Ronald Reagan** (just elected governor of California) in the movie, King's Row. I saw the movie as a boy and hated it.

I called **Bob Thomas** at home. Without pausing to check a file or make a phone call, with nary a hem nor a haw, the veteran Hollywood reporter dictated several hundred quick words from memory that would be widely published across the country. Thomas had it all -- the names and dates of her top movies, even the name of the director who first dubbed her, "The Oomph Girl."

Seven years later I was the the news chief in Nashville and didn't have Bob Thomas to lean on when I got a call that country music legend **Tex Ritter**, 69, dropped dead in the city jail while posting bail for his intoxicated guitar player. Back at the bureau, the lone staffer on duty was leafing through the Country & Western Music Yearbook, trying to write an obit from scratch. After that, I saw that we had preparedness copy on every aging country music star in Nashville.

In 1991, I was bureau chief in Philadelphia when our good preparedness files helped score a major beat on the death of former Mayor **Frank Rizzo**. After hearing Rizzo, 70, had collapsed and was taken to a hospital, I sent a reporter there and readied our prepared obit copy.

Our reporter called from the hospital, saying something strange was going on. "The reporters have been herded into a waiting area. They're not telling us anything," she said. "A lot of uniformed cops are arriving and what looks like Rizzo's family. Everyone looks pretty grim."

I told the desk to write a bulletin that Rizzo had died, but not to file it until we had a named source. Moments later, the bureau phone rang. It was Mayor **Wilson Goode's** press secretary. She said, "I have a statement from the mayor on the death of Frank Rizzo." The desk immediately filed the death bulletin, followed by the prepared obit copy.

Within minutes, our reporter at the hospital called back. "What's going on? Everyone here is getting calls from their editors that AP says Rizzo died. They want to know how we know that."

"Tell them we got it from the mayor's office," I said.

... Punxsutawney Phil

Ted Anthony ([E-mail](#)) - Greetings from Thailand. I'd offer this rejoinder to **Kelly Kissel's** Groundhog Day story (Tuesday's Connecting):

After serving as Kelly's college stringer at Penn State in 1990, I was working for The Patriot-News of Harrisburg in early 1992 when Groundhog Day came around. I was dispatched. It was, I was told by veterans, the coldest one ever.

It was the day after Kelly's freezing excursion, and my feet were just starting to get numb when I spotted **Bill Murray** huddled to one side, incognito in a white baseball hat. He was watching the proceedings as "research" for his then-upcoming, now-classic movie about a television reporter's phantasmagorical trip to Punxsutawney.

I sidled up to Mr. Murray and identified myself as a reporter. He smiled wanly. "I'm not doing interviews, just watching," he said, though he made no effort to move away.

But I had an angle. "I understand you're here doing research for a movie about a reporter covering Groundhog Day," I said. "Don't you want to talk to an actual reporter covering Groundhog Day? I volunteer."

He smiled, this time broadly - as broadly, at least, as Bill Murray can muster. "Nice try," he said, "but no."

I retreated, took in the proceedings and then filed this lede, which made it into print the following morning, much to my continuing surprise more than half a lifetime later:

PUNXSUTAWNEY_ Once upon a frosty morning, they paused to hear a rodent's warning of a wintry future cold and bleak - in this strange tradition tongue-in-cheek.

There he is: He looks quite meek. Sees his shadow - just one peek.

Quoth the groundhog: six more weeks.

Mr. Kissel (whose groundhog lede the following year, if memory serves, began somewhat tententiously: "Punxsutawney Phil, dragged from his burrow at dawn ...") can verify that my Edgar Allen Poem actually made it into print. Sitting here in sweaty Bangkok this week, part of me longs for the days when my feet were numbed by the February frigidity of Jefferson County, Pa.

... on Unipresser Al Webb

Jack Limpert ([E-mail](#)) - You AP guys have some impact.

Al Webb died Jan. 25 in England. A couple of ex-UPI people -- **Tom Foty** was the writer -- put together an obit on Al. On Sunday, Foty sent it to **Mike Feinsilber** (25 years UPI, 25 years AP). Mike writes often for my editing-writing blog and he forwarded it to me,

suggesting we might post it.

On Sunday night, I Googled "Al Webb UPI" and there was nothing on the internet about him.

On Monday morning, I posted the Foty obit at jacklimpert.com and sent out a couple of tweets about it. I also sent it to Connecting. Late Monday, I Googled "Al Webb UPI" and the only thing listed -- and it was buried -- was the Foty obit that Mike and I had posted.

Then (Tuesday) morning you ran the Al Webb obit on Connecting and if you Google "Al Webb UPI" now on Tuesday afternoon, the list of news outlets that wrote something about Webb goes on and on.

Al Webb deserved it, and he'd probably smile at the fact that his death got almost no notice until a newsletter for former AP people posted it and lots of others then followed.

Nice of you guys to do it.

(Editor's Note: The author worked for UPI in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Detroit from 1960 to 1964. In his words - "Not much money but the competition was a lot of fun.")

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Stories of interest

[Gannett exploring sale of Tysons headquarters](#)

Gracia C. Martore, chief executive of Gannett, told



employees Tuesday that she was exploring the sale of the company's Tysons Corner headquarters and relocating. Gannett's headquarters comprise two Tysons Corner office towers it owns at 7960 Jones Branch Dr., a total of about 785,000 square feet. A possible move comes as Gannett prepares to split itself in two to better focus one company on digital and broadcasting businesses and the other on the flagship newspaper.

[Justice Department drops probe of Murdoch's News Corp](#)

Rupert Murdoch's company News Corp. will not be prosecuted in the United States over the phone-hacking scandal that engulfed the media giant in the U.K. U.S. officials were looking into whether alleged payments to British police by journalists meant that News Corp., a U.S. company, broke anti-corruption laws. But the Department of Justice said on Monday it was not pursuing charges and was closing its investigation.

['To Kill A Mockingbird' author to publish second novel](#)



Harper Lee

Harper Lee, the reclusive author of the beloved bestselling novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," will publish a second recently discovered novel in July, her publisher announced Tuesday. The novel, titled, "Go Set a Watchman," was completed in the mid-1950s, in the midst of the civil rights movement. It takes place 20 years after "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Though it's effectively a sequel, Ms. Lee actually wrote "Go Set a Watchman" first. The 304-page novel takes place in the same fictional town, Maycomb, Ala., and unfolds as **Scout Finch**, the feisty child heroine of "To Kill a Mockingbird," returns to visit her father, Atticus.

[Reporter fights to air diary of James Brown's wife](#) (shared by Sibby Christensen)

The South Carolina State Supreme Court on Monday agreed to take up a case that has put reporter **Sue Summer** in the cross hairs of a powerful judge and lawyers who have been squabbling over the estate of **James Brown**, the Godfather of Soul, since his death on Christmas Day 2006. On Friday, advised by her lawyers, Summer published the contents of a court-sealed diary written by a woman who last month was recognized as Mr. Brown's wife. Mrs. Summer did so as part of her continuing coverage of the dispute over the Brown estate, valued at as much as \$100 million. She has kept the diary entries posted on her Facebook page despite an order last week from District Court Judge **Doyet Early III**, who first sealed the document in 2008.



Sue Summer (New York Times photo)

[Huffington: HuffPo needs more happy stories for Facebook](#)

On Friday afternoon, Huffington Post editor-in-chief **Arianna Huffington** sent a memo to her employees. The gist of the cloyingly adroit missive: Facebook's proprietary news algorithm currently privileges "stories of people and communities doing amazing things," so HuffPost needs to publish more of those stories. The global initiative will be called "What's Working."

[HBO writer John Oliver bulking up on staff with news experience](#)

John Oliver says that he's hired three new researchers to help with what has become his HBO show's signature, a long-form take on a newsy subject where it's often hard to figure out where he will find the comedy. Oliver's show, "Last Week Tonight," returns Sunday after being on hiatus since November. He'll make 35 new episodes between now and November 2015.



[DNC Chair: MSNBC, CNN, broadcast media biased against Israel](#)

Democratic National Committee Chairwoman **Debbie Wasserman Schultz** accused the mainstream media of presenting a biased account of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an audio recording of a private meeting last week. Speaking to a group of Jewish Americans in South Florida, Wasserman Schultz suggested that MSNBC, CNN and even the broadcast media portrayed Palestinians as victims while ignoring the plight of Jews.

[Winding up visit to the U.K., Gov. Chris Christie bails on the press](#)

New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie** canceled two scheduled press availabilities and a set of prepared remarks outside No. 10 Downing St. on Tuesday as he concluded a trip to the United Kingdom. "We just decided we're not going to have availabilities today," a Christie spokesperson told Star-Ledger reporter **Matt Arco** on the last day of Christie's three-day trade mission to the U.K.

[Why are construction workers the happiest employees?](#)

If you think you're content toiling away at your desk, crunching data, or hammering out the details of a grand design, try asking a construction worker or facility service employee if they ever whistle while they work. The answer will change your perspective about getting excited for work everyday. According to [TINYpulse's 2015 Best Industry Ranking report](#), gathered from its anonymous one-question feedback surveys from over 30,000 employees across more than 500 organizations, among 12 distinct industries, construction and facility service workers are the happiest employees. Media and entertainment ranked seventh while manufacturing ranked last. Surveys revealed the top three issues standing in the way of employee happiness:

1. Managers who aren't supportive.
2. Not having the tools to succeed.
3. No opportunity for professional growth.

[Instagram is hiring journalists](#)

Can you find the hidden meaning in a photo of a hedgehog? Do you long to tell the story of **Jen Selter's** latest gym selfie? Maybe you simply must tackle the complexities of closeup shots of food. If any of this sounds like you, you're in luck. Instagram is hiring journalists to cover its "most interesting users." Before you get excited, this is not a job for just anyone. That's right. You must be extremely qualified to write 300 words about a 13 year old who enjoys pictures of clouds.

[Vogue, New Yorker take top magazine awards](#)

Vogue, The New Yorker and New York Magazine cleaned up at the National Magazine Awards on Monday evening. Vogue was named Magazine of the Year. The New Yorker won for General Excellence among general interest magazines and tied with New York Magazine for the most awards, with three each. The Hollywood Reporter took its first NMA home for General Excellence in the special interests category, as did Vice News for its video series on the Islamic State.

[Why the media doesn't want to remember Gary Hart](#)

Expectations were high this past fall for **Matt Bai's** book "All the Truth Is Out: The Week Politics Went Tabloid." Bai is a former Times political reporter and a current national political columnist for Yahoo, and his book zeroed in on a turning point in American political journalism, now largely forgotten: the way the press pursued **Gary Hart**, the leading Democratic candidate for President in the 1988 campaign, about his sex life.



Finally ...



Newspaper carriers from the late 1800s or early 1900s line up outside the building housing the San Antonio Express and the San Antonio Evening News waiting for their newspapers. The newspapers were combined in the 1970s to create the San Antonio Express-News. The photo ran in the newspaper's 150th anniversary issue last month and was shared on Facebook by Express-News Features/Niche Products Editor **Terry Scott Bertling**, a former member of the board of directors of the Associated Press Managing Editors (now Associated Press Media Editors) and editor of its quarterly magazine, APME News.

Today in History: Feb. 4, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2015. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 4, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

On this date:

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1919, Congress established the U.S. Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the Navy Cross.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1962, a rare conjunction of the sun, the moon, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn occurred.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1983, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey at age 32.

In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs home at age 67.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 2004, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice. The social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook."

Ten years ago: Gunmen kidnapped Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena in Baghdad. (Sgrena was freed a month later; however, an Italian agent who'd secured her release was killed by U.S. gunfire at a checkpoint.) Actor and civil rights activist Ossie Davis died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 87.

Five years ago: Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden at a Capitol Hill ceremony. The first National Tea Party Convention opened in Nashville.

One year ago: The Congressional Budget Office said several million American workers would reduce their hours on the job or leave the workforce entirely because of incentives built into President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Today's birthdays: Actor William Phipps is 93. Former Argentinian President Isabel Peron is 84. Actor Gary Conway is 79. Movie director George A. Romero is 75. Actor John Schuck is 75. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 74. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 73. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 68. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 67. Actor Michael Beck is 66. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 63. Football Hall-of-Famer Lawrence Taylor is 56. Actress Pamelyn Ferdin is 56. Rock singer Tim Booth is 55. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 54. Country singer Clint Black is 53. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 52. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 49. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 45. Actor Rob Corddry is 44. Singer David Garza is 44. Actor Michael Goorjian is 44. TV personality Nicolle Wallace ("The View") is 43. Olympic gold medal boxer Oscar De La Hoya is 42. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 40. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 40. Rapper Cam'ron is 39. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 38. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 27.

Thought for today: "Habit is necessary; it is the habit of having habits, of turning a trail into a rut, that must be incessantly fought against if one is to remain alive." - Edith

Wharton, American author (1862-1937).

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