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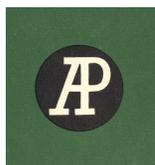
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Ye Olde Connecting Editor's call for Connecting colleagues to share information and links to their blogs or newsletters yielded a nice response, and we lead today's issue with the responses received for Connecting.

I think you'll find the sites of interest - and they certainly show the breadth and depth of our membership. The responses are presented alphabetically. Take the Labor Day weekend to go through them.

If you didn't respond and would like to share your own work, send along a note for a 1st Add in the morning.

Paul

Connecting members' blogs, newsletters

Tad Bartimus ([Email](#)) -

Talk Story, Write Story is a two-verb, one-noun description of all human communication. Talk came first, writing followed, turning all of us into storytellers regardless of the delivery system.

Talk Story, Write Story is also my writing program, which didn't have a label for its first five years. I started calling it that as a shorthand explanation of what I was doing with Native Hawaiian kids whose aboriginal culture is grounded in oral stories passed down from generation to generation.

If you'd like to subscribe to receive my blogs, you can sign up for our "Fellows" newsletters. Here's the signup page: <http://www.rjionline.org/subscribe> (Make sure to deselect any of the check boxes for newsletters you don't want to receive. Tad's blogs/articles should all go through the "Fellows" newsletter category.)

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Al Cross ([Email](#))

www.RuralJournalism.org, @ruraljournalism (Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues website)

Read The Rural Blog at <http://irjci.blogspot.com> (Institute blog, a daily digest of events, trends, issues, ideas and journalism from and about rural America)

Read about Midway, Ky., at www.MidwayMessenger.org (site for work of students in my Community Journalism classes; all work is on blog at <http://midwayky.blogspot.com>)

Read Kentucky Health News at <http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com> (blog, soon to be full site, covering health policy, business, research and behavior; aggregation and original stories designed to get more health coverage into local news media in one

of the least healthy states)

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Ron Edmonds ([Email](#))

My photography professor Dick Fleming started me down this path and for more than 30 years, I have photographed sunrises and sunsets around the world and been an eyewitness to what most have only seen on front pages and in magazines through my lens. As a news photographer, I have photographed every United States President from Richard Nixon through Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush 41, Clinton, and Bush 43 to President Barack Obama's historic victory. My journey has allowed me to photograph summits of world leaders, Presidential inaugurations, shuttle launches, Super Bowls, Summer & Winter Olympics, Cal Ripken's record-breaking game, NBA playoffs, political races, key marches on Washington and almost all the Republican and Democratic National Conventions since 1980.

I have traveled to over forty countries around the world and have covered international events including the turmoil in the Middle East and the sadness of war. My images of the 1981 attack on President Reagan's life earned me the Pulitzer Prize for spot news photography.

I was fortunate that the Associated Press allowed me to be the eyes for millions of their readers around the world who could only see the event through my images. I always took this responsibility very seriously.

This is my website, which is just a scrapbook collection of some of the events I was lucky enough to cover.

The link - <https://ronedmondsphotography.wordpress.com/>

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Jim Hood ([Email](#))

I have quite a collection of websites that I've built and maintained over the years, although none of them really qualifies as a blog, which might be what you're looking for. Anyhow ...

[ConsumerAffairs.com](#) is by far the largest and nearly the oldest. I built the original in 1998 and it has grown from there. It's basically news, reviews and resources for consumers. It is currently serving up about 10.5 million pageviews per month. Circulation grows in direct proportion to my removing myself even further from the day-to-day operation.

[PalmSpringsNews.com](#) is my newest local news site and my favorite child at the moment. I have built similar sites in larger markets, including the D.C. suburbs, and sort of gotten lost in the confusion. But PSNews seems to be at least a minor hit,

for now anyway. I doubt that it will even become a business but could be an entertaining hobby.

MediaPolicyCenter.org is the site for an LA group that does documentary and book projects. I built the original site, although a large procession of interns and volunteers have added many upgrades. There have also been a number of "child" sites for specific shows.

I built my first site back in 1997 or so, for something called The Silver Council, a research organization funded by major film companies. I did the whole thing in Microsoft Word, much of it in a bowling alley where my daughter was taking lessons. Today I do everything in WordPress, which is incredibly easy to use, taking some of the challenge out of it.

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Warren Levinson (Email)

My wife, Debbie Galant, was diagnosed with breast cancer this summer and underwent a double mastectomy this month. She's making a podcast, called The Chemo Files, out of her journey, which I am editing. So it's mine, too, in addition to the fact that as an AP spouse for 30 years (tomorrow), she's in the family.

It's a little funny, a little sad, a little reflective of the fact that none of us really knows what's around the next corner.

You can hear the three episodes here: <https://soundcloud.com/chemo-files/> or subscribe through iTunes. They can also be found through her online magazine, Midcentury Modern, <https://midcenturymodernmag.com/> where she talks to and about Baby Boomers surprised to find themselves this old. I've contributed a few essays.

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Jack Limpert (Email)

About Editing and Writing, at jacklimpert.com, focuses a fair amount on my experience editing the Washingtonian magazine-I thought not enough has been written about how editors actually work. But there's a lot about writing, the editor-writer relationship, good and bad journalism, and how being an editor or writer is changing. There's some wire service in it-I got started in journalism with UPI in its Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Detroit bureaus, and a lot of posts are written by Mike Feinsilber, who split his 50-year career between UPI and the AP. Mike and I have an almost weekly sandwich lunch in Washington, D.C., with other journalists. If any Connecting readers want to join us at a lunch, email jacklimpert@gmail.com or mikefeinsilber@gmail.com.

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Dick Lipsey ([Email](#))

<http://www.kumaddogs.org/>

This is the website I maintain for the University of Kansas faculty/staff running club. The club started around 1973, the website was begun in 1996, and the creator passed it on to me in 2001.

In retirement in Colorado, I still maintain the site, though I'm hoping to find a replacement in the not-too-distant future. I'm still active with the group and get back to Kansas (where my daughters live) several times a year, usually managing to run with the group on those visits.

I update races and records as they occur and the home page once a month.

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David Longstreath ([Email](#))

I post on a regular basis my adventures as a retired AP photographer to my blog: www.layersofthailand.com

Personal experiences on the festivals I attend here in southeast Asia.

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Martha McCarty ([Email](#))

When Writers Were Kids - Great writers are like you and me. Once they were young.

The first post:

American playwright John Patrick Shanley earned a writer's triple crown-Academy Award, Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize. Once, he was just a kid from the Bronx.

(Followed by his childhood memories)

WhenWritersWereKids.blogspot.com

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Joe McGowan ([Email](#))

I have a website, which I use to publicize my book and for people who have read the book to post reviews. It is - www.joemcgowanjr.com

The book is titled "From Fidel Castro to Mother Teresa" and is available on

Amazon.com or from me (\$14.95 plus postage and autographed!). It is about Christmas week, 1962, shortly after the Cuban missile crisis when I was the only American journalist in Cuba. I spent a full day with Fidel. He took me through Hemingway's house, and all around the city. He put me up in the Hotel Nacional and told me "go anywhere you want and report the truth about my revolution, not what the gusanos say." (Gusanos is Spanish for worms and that is what he called the exiles in Florida. Later, based in New Delhi, I heard about "that funny little nun who goes around picking up dying people." I went to Calcutta, spent two days with Mother Teresa and wrote the first worldwide stories about her. Years later, she came to Denver to establish a new group of sisters and I was the only reporter who got to talk to her personally. She gave me a card which I have in my office which says "Love others as Jesus loves you. God bless you. M. Teresa." The rest of the book is about covering the India-Pakistan war and getting shelled and strafed, life in India, frequent visits to LaPaz, Bolivia at 12,800 ft. elevation, the quake in Peru that killed 70,000 people, my expulsion from Peru by the military government, etc.

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Eric Newhouse (Email)

Largely to sell my books, my publisher has created a Web site for me:
<http://www.ericnewhouse.com/>

And I also blog on vets' emotional health issues such as PTSD for Psychology Today on a site entitled "Invisible /Wounds": <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/invisible-wounds>

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Greg Nokes (Email)

You asked for websites. Here are three, all book related, with some duplication:

massacredforgold.com
breakingchainsbook.com
gregnokes.com/books

Also, listed below are a couple of upcoming events this month if any northwest AP types want to attend: Be great to see them.

Thursday, September 17th, 7:00 p.m.

R. Gregory Nokes, author of *Breaking Chains* and *Massacred for Gold*, visits the Washington County Museum for a presentation and conversation.

Washington County Museum
120 E Main St., Hillsboro, Oregon

Sunday, September 20th, 1:00 p.m.

R. Gregory Nokes, author of *Breaking Chains* and *Massacred for Gold*, visits Fort Clatsop to share his historical expertise.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
92343 Fort Clatsop Rd., Astoria, Oregon

Jim Reindl ([Email](#))

African Days is a blog I use to describe and discuss our experiences in Ghana in West Africa. Graca and I are serving in the Peace Corps here until December 2016. Globally, PC has three major goals. One is to do the technical work you were sent to do, agriculture in our case. One is to introduce your host nationals to American culture. The third is to introduce Americans to your host country culture. African Days helps me do that. I use it to explore the challenges and fun of cross-cultural living.

The link: www.jamesreindl.wordpress.com

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Sally Stapleton ([Email](#))

What a lovely opportunity to share with former AP colleagues the website started with the launch of the journalism education nonprofit, the Great Lakes Media Institute. Here's the story behind it and the link to the website.

In January 2004 I resigned from AP as deputy executive photo editor to join forces with Rwandan journalists, academics and government officials to establish a much-needed media education center for working journalists in Kigali. The genocide in 1994 interrupted for many the dream of attending university.

Former AP Vice President Vin Alabiso and Clay Haswell, former California and Nevada chief of bureau and later, director of global business for Asia and the Pacific, believed in the mission and joined as board members in 2005 with the nonprofit Great Lakes Media Institute.

In February 2008, the media center launched under the name the Great Lakes Media Center. Two years later, the inaugural class received diplomas. One of the graduating journalists addressed the crowd by saying, "GLMC made us what we are supposed to be."

The link: www.greatlakesmedia.org

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Neal Ulevich ([Email](#))

Re websites, ours is www.watermargin.com

Water Margin, as Asia aficionados may know, is the name of a classic Chinese novel. The website showcases photography spanning my career (and retirement), from the Vietnam War to my backyard bestiary in Colorado.

Connecting mailbox

Thanks for reminding us journalists are human beings

Peggy Walsh - Charlotte Porter's amazing piece (in Thursday's Connecting) recounting the effect that Hurricane Katrina had and continues to have on her life bravely went where so many journalists won't or can't go. Journalists are human beings. I applaud her for reminding all of us and others of that.

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AP photographer Frank Filan won Pulitzer with borrowed camera

Richard Pyle - In Thursday's Connecting, I noted on the MacArthur signing picture a credit for AP shooter Frank Filan, (a Pulitzer winner) and also known for coverage of the costly invasion of Tarawa. He's a fourth of the 15 AP staffers on the Mighty Mo - along with photogs Charles Gorry (per Hal Buell), Max Desfor and reporter Spencer Davis.

Hal Buell adds: Frank Filan won a Pulitzer for his coverage of Tarawa in WWII. Great story: He lost his camera in the D-Day surf as he assisted a wounded Marine, finally got to shore and spent the night helping bring the wounded to cover. Next day he borrowed a camera from a military photographer, made pictures and eventually won the Pulitzer. Full story in my book, [MOMENTS](#).

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Allowing a Nebraska test variation for what else? Football.

Dan Day - I've always wondered how I did on the vocabulary portion of the AP writing test, which I took in Chicago in 1980. I am certain I got "crambo" wrong. It's a rhyming game, not a suitcase, as I had guessed.

When I transferred to Omaha, I got to administer and grade the test, where the easiest entry was "a college is for" ... "education."

I allowed a Nebraska variation, giving full credit to anyone who would answer "football."

No one ever did, a bit of a surprise for the Cornhusker state.

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On the trail in East Glacier Park



Bob Daugherty - Spending a week at a ranch near East Glacier Park, Montana. A nice hike was interrupted by a tree across the trail. It was either over or under. I chose the latter

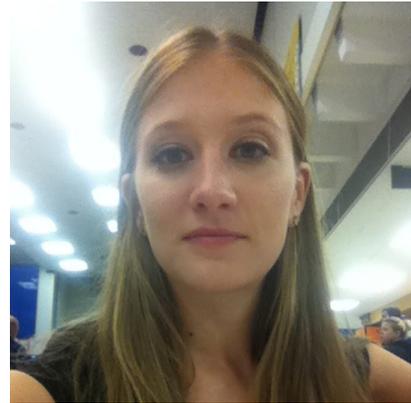


Scoops about the U.S. Supreme Court are rare, even rarer in the summer when the justices are on recess.

But AP's Jessica Gresko (right) landed an exclusive, being first to report a burgeoning trend: couples, gay and straight, quoting language from the high court's landmark ruling on same-sex marriage as part of their wedding ceremonies.

Spotting the trend and uncovering the reasons behind it through interviews with couples, pastors and other officiants across the country earns her the Beat of the Week.

The gay marriage ruling in June drew enormous reaction on social media, of course, but one Facebook post in particular, in which people commented on the "beautiful" words Justice Anthony Kennedy used in his opinion, caught Gresko's attention.



"No union is more profound than marriage," Kennedy wrote, "for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were."

With summer wedding season in full swing, Gresko sensed some couples would be incorporating those words into their own special day. She was right.

The biggest challenge was getting in touch with couples who had used the words and representing the diversity of people: gay, lesbian, straight, young, old, big state, small state.

Making calls and sending emails across the country from her base in the Mid-Atlantic-Washington bureau, Gresko says, "More than once, I'd talk to a wedding officiant who had just had a couple use the words but would say, 'Oh, I bet they'd love to talk, but they're on their honeymoon.'"

She caught up with some of them when they returned.

Twitter searches also helped her reporting, she said. "Using those searches, I was able to find a wedding guest who had posted the front of a program with Kennedy's words." It also had the couple's names, and she contacted them.

Along the way, Gresko sought guidance from AP's Mark Sherman, who has covered the Supreme Court since 2006.

"Having his expertise helped round out the story in places - suggesting we include, for example, that Kennedy himself doesn't perform weddings and some criticism of the language of Kennedy's opinion," Gresko said.

Then there was the challenge of getting wedding photos. Gresko approached wedding photographers, but was rebuffed at first.

"I had doubts about whether they would give permission; we've tried in the past to get wedding and party photos from professional photographers with little success (they usually want a lot of money)," said Mid-Atlantic News Editor Amanda Kell.

In the end, Gresko's perseverance paid off, winning permission to use images from two different weddings.



Gresko's story _ <http://abcn.ws/1KXKQzJ> _ generated much buzz on social media. Among those who tweeted it was Roberta Kaplan, the lawyer who argued the 2013 same-sex marriage case involving the Defense of Marriage Act. It was also promoted on Twitter by two websites devoted to covering the court, SCOTUS Blog and Oyez. The National Law Journal and Politico gave nods to the story, and the Los Angeles Times wrote its own version days later.

For catching the initial wave of a national trend and acting on it with speed and smarts, Gresko wins this week's \$500 prize.

Welcome to Connecting



Paul Haven ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

Newsonomics: 10 headlines we may see this fall about the future of news
(Nieman)

By KEN DOCTOR

Summer appears gone; prepare to mark the first day of fall in the traditional fashion, with a new set of announcements from Apple. On Wednesday, Apple will dazzles with new iPhones, a new Apple TV, iOS 9, and a few more reveals about Apple News. The event has gotten many in the media business moving, prepping their technology and meeting frequently, both with Apple and internally, to get things sorted out.

With that event in mind, let's step back and look at the furies of the year so far, as the pace of 2015 media changes whets our appetite for 2016. Here are 10 could-be headlines for the season ahead.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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When journalists become authors: a few cautionary tips (Nieman)

By PETER GINNA
Nieman Storyboard

There's long-form narrative, and then there's book-length narrative. Both are "long," but a story that's 300 pages long is a different proposition, for both writer and reader, from one that's 3,000 words.

Writers embarking on their first book-length project respond to the challenge in different ways. Some panic, staring blankly at their screen as fine beads of sweat form on their foreheads. Some luxuriate in the expanse of real estate and begin wandering to and fro around their subject, leaving no random thought unexpressed. Some try to take a 3,000-word piece and inflate it to 300 pages.

In a few decades as a book editor I have published journalists, historians and novelists. In this post I'll identify some problems that I see often in manuscripts or outlines of book-length nonfiction.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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How my high school journalism teacher taught me to run a billion dollar company (Fortune)



Spencer Rascoff, CEO of Zillow, credits his high school journalism teacher for much of his success.

Fortune Insider is an online community where the biggest names in business and beyond answer timely career and leadership questions. Today's answer for: Why is it important to have a mentor? is written by Spencer Rascoff, CEO of Zillow Group.

I credit my high school newspaper advisor, Kathy Neumeyer, with not only teaching me journalism, but more importantly, the management skills required to be successful in business. I initially joined the staff of my high school newspaper because my brother had been editor-in-chief a few years earlier. I didn't know much about journalism - or why I'd want to learn about it - but I knew that I wasn't going to let my older brother outshine me. So I started out as a reporter, then an editor and eventually became editor-in-chief myself.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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Longtime Times-Picayune editor Jim Amoss steps down (Poynter)

Jim Amoss, the veteran journalist who steered the New Orleans Times-Picayune through its coverage of Hurricane Katrina and confronted a dramatic downturn in the newspaper industry, is stepping down from the editor's job after 25 years.

He will be replaced by Mark Lorando, the state and metro editor of the Times-Picayune and its associated website, NOLA.com, according to the Times-Picayune. Amoss will become editor at large for Advance Digital.



NOLA Media Group president Ricky Mathews praised Amoss for decades of leadership amid the transition to digital journalism, per the Times-Picayune:

Click [here](#) to read more.

Today in History - September 4, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, September 4, the 247th day of 2015. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

On this date:

In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1963, a Swissair Caravelle III carrying 80 people crashed shortly after takeoff from Zurich, killing all on board.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics, in the 400-meter medley relay.

In 1974, the United States established diplomatic relations with East Germany.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee), won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

In 1995, attorney William Kunstler, who spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career, died in New York at age 76.

Ten years ago: Six days after **Hurricane Katrina** left a devastated New Orleans in chaos, police stormed the Danziger Bridge, shooting and killing two unarmed people and wounding four others. (Five New Orleans police officers were found guilty of civil rights violations in connection with the shootings; however, a federal judge threw out those convictions in September 2013 and ordered a new trial, concluding the case had been tainted by "grotesque prosecutorial misconduct.")

Five years ago: Protesters hurled shoes and eggs at Tony Blair in Dublin, Ireland, as he held the first public signing of his memoir as British prime minister amid high security. Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad, 86, died in Rancho Palos Verdes.

One year ago: Joan Rivers, the raucous, acid-tongued comedian who crashed the male-dominated realm of late-night talk shows, died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office following a routine medical procedure. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron pressed fellow NATO allies at the scene of a summit in Wales to confront the "brutal and poisonous" Islamic State militant group wreaking havoc in Iraq and Syria. Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife, Maureen, were convicted of taking bribes to promote a dietary supplement in a corruption case that derailed the career of the onetime rising Republican star.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 84. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 74. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (**Gladys Knight** & The Pips) is 73. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 73. Actress Jennifer Salt is 71. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 66. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPread is 65. Actress Judith Ivey is 64. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 64. Actress Khandi Alexander is 58. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 55. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 55. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 46. Actor Noah Taylor is 46. Actress Lone Skye is 45. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 41. Pop-rock singer-DJ-musician-producer Mark Ronson is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 40. Rock musician Ian Grushka (New Found Glory) is 38. Actor Wes Bentley is 37. Actor Max Greenfield is 36. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 35. Singer Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say) Knowles is 34. Country singer-musician Tom Gossin (Gloriana) is 34. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 33. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "**Saturday Night Live**") is 31. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (The Lumineers) is 29. Actor Carter Jenkins is 24. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 20.

Thought for Today: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift, that's why we call it the present." - Joan Rivers (1933-2014).

Got a story to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!



Here are some suggestions:

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"My boo boos - A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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