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Colleagues,

Happy Labor Day!

Recognize the plate above and where it belongs? You'll be showing your AP age if you do.

With that, here are a few items of interest in this limited holiday edition of Connecting.

One of the best letters arrived in my Inbox this morning, from **Tam Mitman**, the wife of our late colleague **Jonathan Kellogg**, who died last month after a great career of service as an AP chief of bureau and a newspaperman. He had just retired two months earlier as executive editor of Connecticut's Republican-American. Tam, who is a member of our Connecting family, shared this memory:

"Jon was so tickled to find out about Connecting. One night when I came home from work and walked into the study, he said, "Listen to this!" and tapped his keyboard. Out came the sound of the teletype machines.

"I laughed with delight. We laughed together. The noise immediately brought to mind the sound-proofed teletype room in the Concord, N.H., AP bureau. My predecessor, Pam Ducey (now Pam Akin) pointed out when I was hired that it was the best place for one to go scream one became frustrated, for



whatever reason.

"I want to thank you and everyone who wrote in with memories of Jon. Every single one of them made me smile - the kids, too. You gave us the firmest possible footing for the path we now must tread, and it lies before us, solid and wide, a foundation of respect and affection. Thank you. "

Tam can be reached at this address - highhay@charter.net

We miss him much. Enjoy the day, and share your own memories.

Paul

Connecting mailbox

Had an experience like this?

Chuck McFadden - You know, almost every reporter I had a chance to work with, or compete against, during my years in broadcast and with The AP were great, smart people. The operative word here is "almost." I recall when a district attorney in the Sierra foothills in the early 70's declared that criticizing a judge's decisions was contempt of court, and the offender should be prosecuted. None of us down in Sacramento could believe it. I was hastily dispatched to find out if the guy was serious. He was. I managed an interview with him, along with an idiot reporter from The Stockton (Calif.) Record. Every time the D. A. said something outrageous, this dummy would interrupt to say, "You don't really mean that, do you? You really mean to say" He constantly tried to tone down what the D. A. was saying. It was almost as if he were a media advisor. But the D. A. stood by his remarks, and I got an A-wire story out of it. To this day, I don't know what that reporter was thinking. Or if he was thinking at all. Talk about a news sense

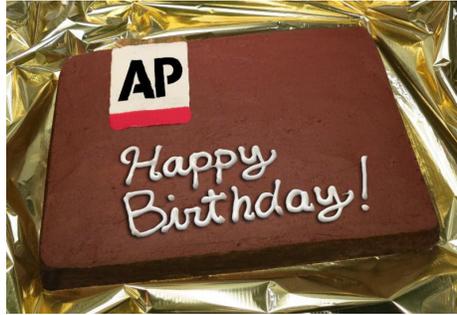
I wonder if any colleagues had similar experiences? Send along to Connecting.

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Praise for Valerie Komor's history

Mike Cochran - Valerie Komor's historical piece in Saturday's Connecting was a wonderful read, especially for someone who spent 39 glorious years with the AP covering everything from American space shots, Texas tower snipers and U.S. presidential assassinations to Cotton Bowls, Super Bowls and PGA championships. Your Connections and Valerie's historical contributions are two of the very best things to ever happen to the AP.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Doug Tucker ([Email](#))

Welcome to Connecting



Deborah Mesce ([Email](#))

Suzanne Plunkett ([Email](#))

Connecting '80s/'90s/100 Club'

Two new members entered the Connecting 90s Club since this was last published - Joe McKnight and Al Habhab.

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Stories of interest

That Little Syrian Boy: Here's Who He Was (NPR)



Turkish paramilitary police officer carries the body of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi, found washed ashore near the Turkish resort of Bodrum early Wednesday. The boats carrying the boy's family to the Greek island of Kos capsized. His 5-year-old brother and mother also lost their lives. DHA/AP

The numbers associated with today's migration crisis are huge: 4 million Syrians fleeing their country; 3 million Iraqis displaced. But it was the image of a solitary child - a toddler in a red T-shirt, blue shorts and Velcro sneakers, found face-down on a Turkish beach - that shocked and haunted the world this week.

The photo, which first appeared in Turkish media, sparked outrage, distress and no small amount of soul-searching. It was widely shared on Twitter with the hashtag, "KiyiyaVuranInsanlik" - Turkish for "Humanity Washed Ashore."

The drowned boy was 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi, from Syria, part of a group of 23 trying to reach the Greek island of Kos. They'd set out in two boats on the 13-mile Aegean journey, but the vessels capsized.

Click [here](#) to read more.

AND

How a Single Photograph May Be Changing the Way the World Thinks (Vice)

By now, you've probably seen the photo. A lifeless boy, body limp and legs dangling, is carried by a Turkish paramilitary officer from the water's edge. The image is a powerful representation of the refugee crisis in and around the Mediterranean.

Taken by photographer-reporter Nilufer Demir, the photograph sped quickly around the

world in mass media and on social networks, sparking increased outrage with every post and retweet.

Photographs like this stay with you, as unshakable as a bad childhood memory. When I first looked at it, I naturally thought of my own child. But then my thoughts turned to the boy, 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi, and the hardships his family must have endured before getting into that 15-foot rubber raft. Then I angrily thought of the bigger picture: How could this be allowed to happen?

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Richard Drew.

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Foreign Journalists Under Fire (New York Times editorial)

A kangaroo court in Egypt recently sentenced three journalists from the Al Jazeera English network to three years in prison for committing journalism.

On Tuesday, in Azerbaijan, an award-winning investigative journalist was not allowed to finish her closing statement before a judge sentenced her to more than seven years in prison.

Authorities in Turkey, meanwhile, took three journalists from VICE news, a media company, into custody last weekend, claiming, spuriously, that the journalists were aiding the Islamic State. Later in the week, police officers raided the office of another company that owns news outlets.

These efforts by governments to silence journalists are having a profoundly corrosive effect on journalism at a time when strong news gathering is sorely needed.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

Today in History - September 7, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2015. There are 115 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

On this date:

In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich.

In 1812, the Battle of Borodino took place as French troops clashed with Russian forces outside Moscow. (The battle, ultimately won by Russia, was commemorated by composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture.")

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector."

In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1957, the original animated version of the NBC-TV peacock logo, used to denote programs "brought to you in living color," made its debut at the beginning of "Your Hit Parade."

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial for President Lyndon Johnson's election campaign, featuring a girl plucking flower petals followed by footage of a nuclear explosion, aired on NBC-TV.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos (toh-REE'-hohs).

In 1987, Erich Honecker became the first East German head of state to visit West Germany as he arrived for a five-day visit.

In 1990, Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce, Florida, came forward to identify herself as the young woman who had been infected with AIDS, allegedly by her late dentist. (Bergalis died the following year.)

In 1996, rapper **Tupac Shakur** was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

Ten years ago: Police and soldiers went house to house in New Orleans to try to coax the last stubborn holdouts into leaving the storm-shattered city. President George W. Bush led the nation in a final tribute to William H. Rehnquist, remembering the late chief justice as the Supreme Court's steady leader and a man of lifetime integrity. U.S. troops in Iraq, acting on a tip, rescued American businessman Roy Hallums, who'd been held hostage ten months.

Five years ago: A Chinese fishing trawler and two Japanese patrol boats collided near disputed islands in the East China Sea, further straining relations between Beijing and

Tokyo. Lucius Walker, 80, who'd led an annual pilgrimage of aid volunteers to Cuba in defiance of the nearly half century U.S. trade embargo, died in New York.

One year ago: The head of the Arab League, Nabil Elaraby, urged members to confront Islamic State extremists "militarily and politically." A star-studded funeral was held in New York for comedian Joan Rivers, who had died three days earlier at age 81. Serena Williams won her third consecutive U.S. Open championship and 18th major title overall, taking 75 minutes to beat good friend Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 6-3.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician **Sonny Rollins** is 85. Actor Bruce Gray is 79. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 72. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 69. Actress Susan Blakely is 67. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 64. Actress Julie Kavner is 64. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 62. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 61. Actor Michael Emerson is 61. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 59. Singer Margot Chapman is 58. Actress J. Smith-Cameron is 58. Actor W. Earl Brown is 52. Actor Toby Jones is 49. Model-actress **Angie Everhart** is 46. Actress Diane Farr is 46. Country singer Butter (Trailer Choir) is 45. Actress Monique Gabriela Curnen is 45. Actor Tom Everett Scott is 45. Rock musician Chad Sexton (311) is 45. Actress Shannon Elizabeth is 42. Actor Oliver Hudson is 39. Actor Devon Sawa (SAH'-wuh) is 37. Actor JD Pardo is 36. Singer-musician Wes Willis (Rush of Fools) is 29. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 28.

Thought for Today: "The theory seems to be that as long as a man is a failure he is one of God's children, but that as soon as he succeeds he is taken over by the devil." - H.L. Mencken, American journalist-author (1880-1956).

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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