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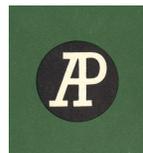
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Once upon a time, most AP domestic bureaus were housed within the local newspaper building. Such was the case for me in my first five bureaus - Albany, St. Louis, Wichita, Albuquerque and Indianapolis. When I got to Kansas City in 1984, my sixth and last bureau, the AP had moved out of The Star building months earlier.

Just recently, The Wichita Eagle moved out of the building it had occupied in downtown Wichita, at 825 East Douglas, for nearly 60 years. It didn't need the space, with a smaller staff and its press work outsourced. Wichita Correspondent **Roxana Hegeman** moved with The Eagle staff to an office building across the street.

Connecting would like to hear your memories of working in member locations - the pluses and minuses of being there. I found that one-person correspondencies such as Wichita were unique in that you often were in the same newsroom and often made to feel a member of the news staff.

To start the ball rolling, I asked former Wichita correspondents in our Connecting group to share their memories and two of them - **Joe McKnight** (1963-67) and **Scott Kraft** (1979-80) - came through. Joe is retired from the AP and Scott is a deputy managing editor with the Los Angeles Times.

I look forward to your own stories.

First off, however, our Second Chapter series continues with colleague **Henry Bradsher** writing about his life after journalism. How many of us have moved from journalism to the CIA - and beyond? It's a wonderful read. Share your own experiences.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

Connecting Second Chapters: **There is lots of life after journalism**

Henry Bradsher ([Email](#)) - On the Connecting categories of Second Chapters (or third) as well as Volunteering, there is life after journalism - lots of it: government work, volunteering, teaching, cruise ship lecturing and tennis.

After 26 years as a journalist, the first 14 for AP in Atlanta, Montgomery, New York, and bureau chief in New Delhi and Moscow, I was out of a job when The Washington Star folded in 1981. At the age of 50 I was left with virtually no retirement income beyond Social Security. Other journalism jobs were offered. Then, unexpectedly I was offered a senior analytical post at the CIA with better long-term retirement possibilities (added to my Korean War military time).



Since retiring in 2000 from the CIA, there've been lots to do in and from Baton Rouge, where I'd grown up and returned after 51 years away. Some things are recommended to others.

Communities are always in need of volunteers for a wide variety of tasks. Among several less frequent activities, my specialties have been tutoring in an elementary school and helping foreign students at Louisiana State University. Plus tennis three mornings a week.

Tutors, in a program run by Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), focus on one-on-one work with kindergarteners and first- and second-grade students. Repeated studies have shown that children who do not master reading skills by third or fourth grade are unlikely later to meet minimum standards; many will drop out, some will end up in prison (Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate in the country).

Foreign students who arrive with just a suitcase or two need help in settling into often bare apartments and becoming acquainted with the community. LSU's International Hospitality Foundation, on whose board I serve, runs a service to supply apartment necessities at a low price, reimbursed if they return usable items when leaving. I'm the driver to carry larger items. IHF also has a program to invite these students home for meals and general help, advice, and friendship. My wife and I have made many lasting friends from all over the world.

An LSU adult education program recruited me to teach six-week series of two-hour classes in the spring and autumn on subjects of my choosing. I put together such things as "The Secret History of the Cold War" (what we now know from Communist archives and memoirs but didn't know at the time), "The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union," "China Then and Now," "Asia's Contribution to Western Civilization," "Colonialism," and many others. All with copious graphics: photos, maps, etc.

A U.S. diplomat who shared my time focused on the USSR and later China retired years before I did. He somehow hooked up with a high-luxury cruise line, Seabourn, as a lecturer. When I retired, he introduced me to them and to another very

expensive line, Silversea (we're talking about \$400 to \$500 per day, per person, all inclusive). Usually going twice a year over 13 years on those two lines and a few others, my wife and I traveled all seven seas, adding to my dozen trips around the world as a journalist and analyst.

Ship lectures have covered a wide variety of subjects, from history to economics to current events. I chose ones on which I'd picked up a little career background and then researched them into lectures with extensive graphics. There was some overlap with the adult education courses as home: behind Communist scenes in the Korean War from "The Secret History" while sailing in that area, in the Vietnam War while off Southeast Asia, colonial and Cold War scrambles for Africa while sailing around that continent, etc. And there has been the stimulation of researching for cruises completely new topics, such as "What Really Killed the Dinosaurs?" (maybe not the Chicxulub bolide).

No doubt a lot of retired journalists have qualifications for cruise lecturing, interesting stories to tell or research. I was fortunate to get free trips and airfares from most lines on which I lectured, but that is rare. A Google search shows companies that recruit ship lecturers, charging a moderate per-day fee - still cheaper than going as a paying passenger.

So, lots of life after retiring. At 86, I tell people I'm just late middle age. Never too late to do things.

Memories of their Wichita AP experience



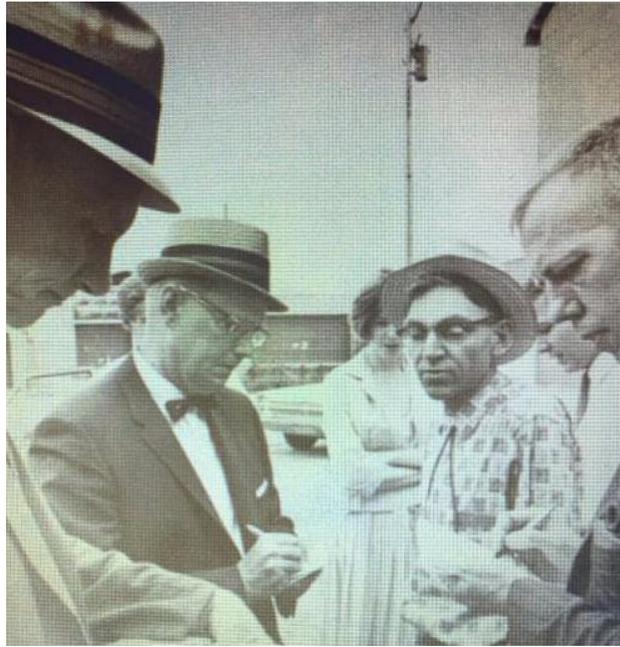
Joe McKnight (Email) - The Wichita AP correspondent's job had been vacant several months when I moved there from Birmingham in the spring of 1963.

I have so many good memories of working with the staff of the Eagle and Beacon, all of whom were ready to help with any question I might have about anything I happened to be working on. The only staff name I recall 50 years later is Henry Norton, who worked on the morning Eagle copy desk and - when I was not in the office - saw that any worthwhile news the staff developed was promptly sent to Kansas City.

The AP "office" had windows on one wall that allowed me to look out on the newsroom. I shared the room with teletype machines for all the circuits - AP and UPI - that the newspapers received. One teletype had a keyboard and was used by Wichita and Topeka to send copy to Kansas City. I also had a wirephoto transmitter, and Mrs. Luverne Paine, who ran the papers' photo lab, was always most helpful in printing staff-produced pictures I wanted to put on wirephoto network. She, Norton and some others on the Eagle-Beacon staff, could also handle photo transmissions when I was out of the office.

Marcellus Murdock owned the papers and in 1964 hired John H. Colburn to be publisher. Colburn quickly hired Alan Moyer off the Cleveland Plain Dealer to replace the retiring Eagle managing editor. And he began upgrading several departments and

to remodel the newsroom - paint, new furniture and new carpet. A few days after the carpet was installed, AP technician O'Dell Rogers came in to routinely service the AP teletype machines. He lifted the cover off one machine and sat it on the floor, not thinking that the base of the cover had a dirty, oily felt strip. It put a black mark on the new carpet that was still there when I left. Needless to say, Colburn was not happy.



Joe at far right interviewing federal agents in 1965 after a bank robbery. Eagle-Beacon copy boy Wayne Cox, center, spotted the getaway car in a parking lot on his way to work.

Murdock had a heart attack before I got to Wichita and had to legally surrender his private pilot's license. He loved to fly and had a little twin-engine Beech plane. His nephew, Britt Brown, was I think, assistant to the publisher and also had a private pilot's license. Several people at the paper said that when his schedule permitted, Murdock would take Brown with him and fly down to the Mexican border, drop Brown off and solo into Mexico and out over the Caribbean Sea, outside FAA jurisdiction, then stop to pick up Brown, who would be the pilot of record for the trip.

Early in the job I established some rapport with the late U. S. District Court Judge Wesley E. Brown, who I think had been appointed by President Eisenhower a couple of years earlier. I earned his respect and it paid off several times. On a couple of occasions Brown suggested that I go to the clerk's office and read up on a case that was to come before him. I also became friends with the U. S. attorney there, whose name I can't recall. He had a small holding cell in his office in the federal courthouse that mostly stood empty. But on one routine stop it was occupied by a man who seemed most talkative. The attorney told me he was holding the prisoner for another office and I asked to speak to him.

"Go ahead, but watch yourself," I was told. "He's erratic."

The man seemed eager to talk, but a few minutes into the interview, I felt a pants leg getting wet. As he talked the prisoner was urinating on me. The U. S. attorney saw what was happening, laughed and made an "I told you so" comment. I went home to change clothes.

Bill Lear came to Wichita about 1964, talked some government level into issuing bonds to build a plant where he could build the Lear jet. It turned out to be a good investment for the government. Lear knew the value of publicity and included me in

every occasion when he thought he could/would make news. He wanted me to go along on the first flight of the first plane built but I knew AP would not approve such a venture. A year later he planned a round-the-world flight in a Lear to get credit for some kind of international record. He invited me to go along, saying I wouldn't miss much time from work because most of the trip would be on a weekend. I knew The AP would veto any such request but asked Kansas Bureau Chief Frank Gorrie anyway. At home on a Saturday morning, I got a call from Lear's chief public relations man, telling me he was in the plane, sitting on a runway in Tokyo while the pilot awaited clearance to take off en route to Seattle.

AND...

Scott Kraft (Email) - My favorite memory of my year sitting at the desk assigned to the AP in the Eagle newsroom is easy. On my first day, Paul Stevens was introducing me to some of the paper's Metro staff and I met a young reporter named Betsy Brown. She sat just a few desks away and I eventually worked up the courage to ask her out. A year later, we were both at AP in New York - and soon we got married. That was 35 years ago this month.

Connecting mailbox

John Willis (Email) - I learned a new word today - illiberal

My cousin who lives over in Sweden and reads the internet from cover to cover every day, sent me this from The Atlantic, with the word contained in the article, and I thought it might be worth sharing. Click [here](#).

As described in Wikipedia: An illiberal democracy, also called a partial democracy, low intensity democracy, empty democracy, or hybrid regime, is a governing system in which, although elections take place, citizens are cut off from knowledge about the activities of those who exercise real power because of the lack of civil liberties.

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AP's Scott Applewhite to be presented with Lifetime Achievement Award in June

The White House News Photographers Association announced on March 26 that it will present AP photographer Scott Applewhite with the association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Eyes of History annual awards gala, June 10 in Washington.

The news release begins:

(WASHINGTON - MARCH 26) - The White House News Photographers Association® announced that they will present Scott Applewhite, a photographer with the Associated Press with the association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 'Eyes of History®' annual awards gala Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC.



Applewhite is the recipient of two Pulitzer Prizes. His primary beat for three decades has been the White House where he's covered six presidents - Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump. Applewhite said as he was told, "This comes as a huge surprise and I am really humbled by the award."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Wayne Partlow.

Stories of interest

Study finds Democrats far more interested in watchdog media

By **DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) -- In the opening days of the Trump administration, Democrats are far more interested than Republicans in seeing the news media assume the traditional role of watchdogs to people in power, a survey released on Wednesday found.

The Pew Research Center poll found that 89 percent of Democrats judged media criticism worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things they shouldn't, while only 42 percent of Republicans felt that way. While supporters of a party out of power are generally more interested in seeing reporters dig for news than those in power, the gap hasn't been nearly this wide since Pew began looking at the question in 1985, said Amy Mitchell, Pew's director of journalism research.

Read more [here](#).

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Anne Morrissy Merick, a Pioneer From Yale to Vietnam, Dies at 83 (New York Times)

Anne Morrissy Merick, who as a television field producer persuaded the Pentagon to overturn an edict that prevented women in the press corps from covering combat during the Vietnam War, died on May 2 in Naples, Fla. She was 83.

Her daughter, Katherine Anne Engelke, said the cause was complications of dementia.



Even as a college student, Ms. Morrissy Merick began blazing trails for women. She was the first woman to be named sports editor of The Cornell Daily Sun and the first woman admitted to the press box at the Yale Bowl.

In Vietnam, Ms. Morrissy Merick was working in Saigon for ABC News in 1967 when Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the United States commander there, was horrified to encounter Denby Fawcett, a 24-year-old reporter for The Honolulu Advertiser, embedded with American troops on a dangerous mission in the Central Highlands. Ms. Fawcett's mother

was a friend of the general's wife.

Fearing for their safety, General Westmoreland barred female journalists from remaining overnight on the battlefield.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Tad Bartimus.

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A timely reminder: Trump's base is skeptical of the media's role as watchdog (Washington Post)



President Trump points to a member of the media as he takes questions during a news conference at the White House on Feb. 16. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press)

Donald Trump came into office as the all-powerful chief executive of an organization. He quickly learned that, as president, his power was not so absolute.

Instead of simply mandating new rules for immigration, he has had to try to convince the courts that those rules should go into effect. Instead of getting Congress to rubber-stamp his policies, he has had to fight for individual votes. Instead of waving away suggestions that his campaign may have colluded with Russian actors to influence the 2016 election, he has had the matter hanging over his head, frustrating him to no end. Instead of the media falling in line to support the new president, he has found that the press's skeptical analysis has continued unabated after the election.

Read more [here](#).

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Advice for this year's journalism graduates, from the journalism industry (Poynter)

By KRISTEN HARE

Last year, we asked journalists what advice they'd give journalism school graduates. Through Facebook and Twitter, we've collected your comments and cobbled them into our own crowdsourced commencement speech. The words in bold are ours, the rest came from our readers. If it helps, read this sitting in the hot sun surrounded by people you know and make plans to have a tense meal with your extended family directly after. You can find more advice for new journalists [here](#).

Well class, my advice to you is to start drinking heavily. When you move to a new town, make keen note of the nearest speakeasy. Go to the Midwest.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

A Minneapolis brewery made a beer to mark the Star Tribune's 150th year (Poynter)



The Minneapolis Star Tribune turns 150 later this month. In honor of that milestone, a Minneapolis brewery made a pale ale in the newsroom's honor. In a press release, Fulton Brewing Company's head brewer, Mike Salo, explains how the beer was made. (And he just might have a future in writing if the whole beer thing falls through.)

Extra! Extra! Pale Ale is an American pale ale made with American pilsner malt and high-quality German specialty malts. This beer features Cascade hops as well as a new experimental variety (09326) that is a daughter of Cascade. These ingredients come together to create a pleasantly crisp and aromatic pale ale with notes of citrus and tropical fruit.

The new brew will be available statewide the day after the Tribune's official anniversary, May 25.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Today in History - May 12, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 12, the 132nd day of 2017. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 12, 1967, "Are You Experienced," the groundbreaking debut album of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, was released in Britain by Track Records (a version with a somewhat different playlist went on sale in the United States the following August on the Reprise label). Procol Harum's debut single "A Whiter Shade of Pale" was released in the United Kingdom on the Deram label. English poet laureate John Masefield ("And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by...") died in Abingdon at age 88.

On this date:

In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South Carolina, surrendered to British forces.

In 1870, an act creating the Canadian province of Manitoba was given royal assent, to take effect in July.

In 1932, the body of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, New Jersey.

In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

In 1957, movie director-actor Erich von Stroheim, 71, died in Maurepas, France.

In 1963, Betty Miller became the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean as she landed her Piper Apache in Brisbane, Australia, having left Oakland, California, on April 30, making three stopovers along the way.

In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters. (U.S. Marines gained control of the ship three days after its seizure, not knowing the 39 civilian members of the crew had already been released by Cambodia.)

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who attacked Pope John Paul II. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff was slightly wounded in the assault.)

In 1992, actor Robert Reed of TV's "The Brady Bunch" died in Pasadena, California, at age 59.

In 1997, Australian Susie Maroney became the first woman to swim from Cuba to Florida, covering the 118-mile distance in 24 1/2 hours.

In 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president in or out of office to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

Ten years ago: Virginia Tech held its first commencement ceremonies since the April 16 shooting rampage that claimed 32 victims and the shooter. Voters in the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch became the first in the nation to back an ordinance prohibiting landlords from renting to most immigrants who were in the U.S. illegally. (In 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal from the city after a federal appeals court struck down the never-enforced ordinance as unconstitutional.) A U.S. patrol was attacked south of Baghdad; four Americans and an Iraqi interpreter were killed, three soldiers were kidnapped and later found dead. A U.S.-led coalition operation supported by NATO troops killed the Taliban's most prominent military commander, Mullah Dadullah.

Five years ago: At least 100,000 Spaniards angered by grim economic prospects and the political handling of the international financial crisis turned out for street demonstrations, marking the one-year anniversary of a spontaneous movement that inspired similar protests elsewhere. Miami's LeBron James became the eighth player in NBA history to receive the MVP award three times.

One year ago: A divided U.S. Supreme Court blocked the execution of an Alabama inmate so that a lower court could review claims that strokes and dementia had rendered him incompetent to understand his looming death sentence. (A federal appeals court ruled in March 2017 that Vernon Madison was incompetent, and could not be executed.) Susannah Mushatt Jones, recognized at the time as the world's oldest person, died in New York at age 116. Singer Julius La Rosa, 86, died in Crivitz, Wisconsin.

Today's Birthdays: Critic John Simon is 92. Composer Burt Bacharach is 89. Actress Millie Perkins is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jayotis Washington is 76. Country singer Billy Swan is 75. Actress Linda Dano is 74. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 69. Singer-musician Steve Winwood is 69. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 67. Actor Bruce Boxleitner is 67. Singer Billy Squier is 67. Blues singer-musician Guy Davis is 65.

Country singer Kix Brooks is 62. Actress Kim Greist is 59. Rock musician Eric Singer (KISS) is 59. Actor Ving Rhames is 58. Rock musician Billy Duffy is 56. Actor Emilio Estevez is 55. Actress April Grace is 55. Actress Vanessa A. Williams is 54. TV personality/chef Carla Hall is 53. Country musician Eddie Kilgallon is 52. Actor Stephen Baldwin is 51. Actor Scott Schwartz is 49. Actress Kim Fields is 48. Actress Samantha Mathis is 47. Actress Jamie Luner is 46. Actor Christian Campbell is 45. Actress Rhea Seehorn is 45. Actor Mackenzie Astin is 44. Country musician Matt Mangano (The Zac Brown Band) is 41. Actress Rebecca Herbst is 40. Actress Malin (MAH'-lin) Akerman is 39. Actor Jason Biggs is 39. Actor Rami Malek (RAH'-mee MA'-lihk) is 36. Actress-singer Clare Bowen is 33. Actress Emily VanCamp is 31. Actor Malcolm David Kelley is 25. Actor Sullivan Sweeten is 22.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes there is greater lack of communication in facile talking than in silence." - Faith Baldwin, American romance novelist (1893-1978).

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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **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.
- **"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.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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