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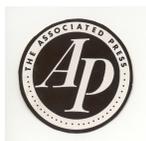
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning, from Hartington in northeast Nebraska, where we are visiting an aunt whose health is fading but whose memory in our lives shine bright.

Today's issue begins with first responses to the call for stories on pets in the newsroom, spurred by The New York Times article about cats who populate some of its foreign bureaus. I would occasionally travel with my beloved dog Murphy - I guess

a COBmobile counts as an office, right? - and will recall soon a story or two from the road.

Connecting wishes a special 87th birthday to our colleague (and my longtime friend) **Hank Waters**, whose family operated the **Columbia (MO) Daily Tribune** for many years until its sale to Gatehouse in 2016.



At my behest for an update on life after the sale, Hank shares that "I'm in the process of retiring. Judging from my recent history, it may take several years. Meanwhile, I have scaled back my hitherto daily editorial production for the Columbia Daily Tribune, until late last year owned by the Waters family, the residue of which I proudly represent as the undisputed oldster.

"Since May 1966 when I became publisher I have written over 18,360 editorials, having missed fewer than a handful of days. One might ask why I never developed an additional life. Just got in the habit is the best answer I can give. I'm still writing about half time, keeping a sharp eye out for diminishing lucidity. In this quest I've always had plenty of help from readers and presume that will

continue.

"Time is on the side of those who wish the hell I would quit."

Have a great day and here's to more journalists of the Hank Waters ilk.

Paul

Our pets in our bureaus

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - Only pet story in all of the bureaus I have worked was one in Milwaukee 1952. It involved Dion Henderson, who was then a reporter who had a dog named Sam. Sam was a German shorthair, and famous in his own right.

Sam was a character as well as a show-dog. Dion would show Sam in dog shows, but Sam became erudite concerning the discipline of a trained participant. He would

let his rump sag to the floor, and Dion, or his wife, would raise it again. Sam won out and they quit showing him.

Dion also wrote feature stories for Field and Stream Magazine. Many of his stories concerned Sam, who became very popular, in fact, Dion would have to submit fresh pictures of Sam for the magazine, one of which showed Sam stretched out, and asleep on a couch, with a long hunting gun resting near his head, and hunting boots next to the couch.

I remember Dion one time telling me of two other escapades of Sam at home. One Christmas Dion and his wife went out to dinner, and before they left they told Sam to stay away from the Christmas tree, which had candy canes dangling from some of its branches. When they returned, late, they found Sam sitting next to the tree, his eyes all blurry and wet with fatigue. He had been sitting still, not bothering the tree, but licking the candy canes.

Also, one night, Dion and his wife went out for the evening and left their two children with a new woman baby sitter. After a while, the woman went to the bedroom to check on the children. Sam went with her, but stood in the doorway and prevented the scared woman from entering. Sam gently marched the woman into a hall corner, where Dion found her unharmed later in the evening. Sam had maneuvered the woman into a corner, and then sat on his haunches and watched her. The woman was petrified, but unharmed.

Sam was a regular visitor to the bureau, but a lot of times on Sunday when Dion came in to whack out a yarn for the wire. Sam would sit at his feet. One day, a Milwaukee Journal staffer came in and asked Dion if he had forgot to turn off his car radio. "No," Dion said, "it must have been Sam - he likes to listen to the radio and he must have turned it on himself."

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While Gene did not have a photo to share of Sam, in the cat mode, he did send along this recent photo of what happened when a deer came out of the woods and stood in the yard of a house, and has a stare-down with a cat named Maggie Mae Clover. This lasted a long time, much to the amazement of cat owner Kitty Hylton, of Glade Hill, VA. The deer there are very spooky, so this encounter was a rarity.

Appalachia coverage earns AP journalist Livingston Award

AP reporter Claire Galofaro received the Livingston Award for Local Reporting from the University of Michigan on Tuesday, in recognition of her outstanding work documenting economic despair in Appalachia. (She is shown at left with Maria Elena Salinas of Univision News.)

The Livingston Awards for Young Journalists honor the best reporting and storytelling in any medium by journalists under the age of 35.

Galofaro was awarded a \$10,000 prize at a luncheon in New York for the series "Surviving Appalachia."

Her stories examined the rise of Donald Trump, described the effects of the heroin epidemic on a small West Virginia city and detailed the plight of hundreds of families entangled in a disability fraud scheme.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lauren Easton.



Connecting mailbox

Another day at the office...



James Forbes of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch offers this photo to his Connecting colleagues:

Workers from Par Electric string a new electric power line to towers in St. Louis. The two-man teams of workers are ferried from one tower to another at the end of a cable

hanging from a helicopter. The helicopter also carries their tools and equipment from one tower to the next. The workers are reportedly making \$50 an hour.

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Bunning offers example for Bevin, Trump

Al Cross ([Email](#)) - At a time when our governor and our president make baseless accusations against journalists and news organizations that are trying to hold them accountable, while largely avoiding questions from same, my thoughts turn fondly to Jim Bunning.

Fondly? Jim Bunning? The U.S. senator and Hall of Fame pitcher who was known for his pugnacious public attitude with most folks, especially reporters? Yes, that Jim Bunning, the one who died May 26. May he rest in peace.

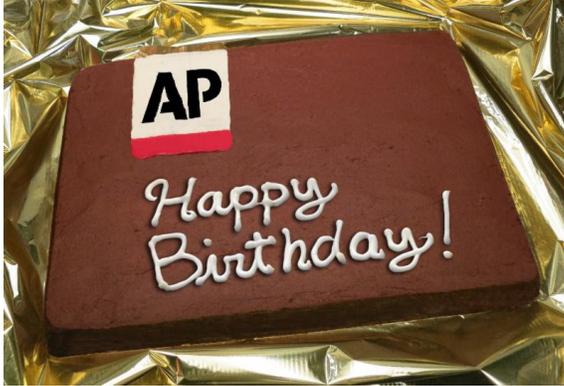
With journalists and others he disliked, The Big Righthander never pretended to be friends, like some two-faced politicians do. You always knew where you stood with him, and it was often somewhere between disdain and disgust, but he rarely made it personal.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting profile - Dave Bauder

Dave Bauder ([Email](#)) - I just passed my 30-year mark at the AP, where I joined in Albany, N.Y. Stationed at the Capitol for much of my time there, covering range of stories from the first Governor Cuomo to Woodstock '94. Came to New York as television writer in 1996. My beat is media-heavy now, and most of my stories include the words "Fox News" or "Trump" or both. Been writing about the music industry since I started here, although I've aged out of much of what's current. Reported and edited at the Stamford (Conn.) Advocate for five years after graduating from Syracuse University.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Think your journalism job is hard? Try making a podcast from prison (Poynter)

When Nigel Poor wakes up in the dead of night with a concern about her podcast, she can't fire off a text to her co-host. She can't give him a quick call, drop him a line on Twitter or stop by his house.

That's because, like the other men locked up in San Quentin State Prison, Earlonne Woods doesn't have his own phone. He doesn't even have access to the internet. But, unlike his fellow inmates, Woods is the co-host of his own podcast.

Woods and Poor are two-thirds of Ear Hustle, a new show about life on the inside being launched by the podcasters at Radiotopia. Their co-creator, co-producer and sound designer is Antwan Williams, another inmate at San Quentin. Together, they make an unlikely trio for Radiotopia's network of high-end podcasts: Poor is a visual artist who volunteers at the prison; Woods is serving 31 years-to-life for attempted second-degree robbery; Williams is serving a 15-year sentence for an armed robbery.

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

Today in History - June 7, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 7, the 158th day of 2017. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 7, 1942, the Battle of Midway ended in a decisive victory for American naval forces over Imperial Japan, marking a turning point in the Pacific War.

On this date:

In 1654, King Louis XIV, age 15, was crowned in Rheims, 11 years after the start of his reign.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was arrested for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad. (Ruling on his case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept it renounced in 1954.)

In 1917, the Lions Clubs service organization was founded in Chicago. Actor-singer Dean Martin was born Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio.

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1937, actress Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

In 1958, singer-songwriter Prince was born Prince Rogers Nelson in Minneapolis.

In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples.

In 1967, the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic opened in San Francisco. Author-critic Dorothy Parker, famed for her caustic wit, died in New York at age 73.

In 1977, Britons thronged London to celebrate the silver jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, who was marking the 25th year of her reign.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death; one of them, Lawrence Russell

Brewer, was executed in 2011. A third defendant received life with the possibility of parole.)

Ten years ago: At the G-8 summit in Germany, Russian President Vladimir Putin, bitterly opposed to a U.S. missile shield in Europe, presented President George W. Bush with a surprise counterproposal built around a Soviet-era radar system in Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN'); Bush promised to consider the idea, but ended up essentially rejecting it. After three days in jail for a reckless-driving probation violation, Paris Hilton was released by Los Angeles County sheriff's officials to be sent home under house arrest. (The next day, a judge ordered Hilton back to jail, where she spent 2? weeks.)

Five years ago: Attorney General Eric Holder clashed with Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee seeking more information about a flawed gun-trafficking investigation in Arizona known as "Operation Fast and Furious." Bob Welch, a former member of Fleetwood Mac who went on to write songs and record several hits during a solo career, died in Nashville.

One year ago: Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump claimed their parties' presidential nominations following contests in New Jersey, California, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. Five people were killed and four were injured when a pickup struck a large group of bicyclists from behind on a two-lane road in Kalamazoo County, Michigan; the driver of the pickup, Charles Pickett Jr., was charged with second-degree murder and driving under the influence of drugs.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 89. Former Canadian Prime Minister John Turner is 88. Actress Virginia McKenna is 86. Singer Tom Jones is 77. Actor Ronald Pickup is 77. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 74. Actor Ken Osmond (TV: "Leave It to Beaver") is 74. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 71. Americana singer-songwriter Willie Nile is 69. Actress Anne Twomey is 66. Actor Liam Neeson is 65. Actress Colleen Camp is 64. Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 64. Author Louise Erdrich (UR'-drihk) is 63. Actor William Forsythe is 62. Record producer L.A. Reid is 61. Latin pop singer Juan Luis Guerra is 60. Vice President Mike Pence is 58. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 54. Rapper Ecstasy (Whodini) is 53. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 51. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 50. Actress Helen Baxendale is 47. Actor Karl Urban is 45. TV personality Bear Grylls is 43. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 41. Actress Adrienne Frantz is 39. Actor-comedian Bill Hader is 39. Actress Anna Torv is 38. Actress Larisa Oleynik (oh-LAY'-nihk) is 36. Tennis player Anna Kournikova is 36. Actor Michael Cera is 29. Actress Shelley Buckner is 28. Rapper Iggy Azalea is 27. Rapper Fetty Wap is 26.

Thought for Today: "I might repeat to myself, slowly and soothingly, a list of quotations beautiful from minds profound; if I can remember any of the damn things." - Dorothy Parker (1893-1967).

Got a story or photos 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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