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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

Two events scheduled for this week at AP headquarters in New York - a remembrance of the life of one of the AP's most respected journalists and the annual 25-Year Club celebration.

This (Monday) morning at 11:30 EDT, friends and colleagues of **Sally Jacobsen** will gather to remember and honor their late colleague outside the 5th Floor Fish Bowl. Friends of Sally outside of New York are welcome to listen in via conference call.

Sally's husband, Patrick Oster, will attend. Also expected to attend are members of Associated Press Media Editors who are meeting in New York and representatives of the Overseas Press Club Foundation. Sally's participation enriched both APME and OPC.



For anyone phoning in, here is the Zoom meeting link:

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On Thursday, the 25-Year Club celebration, AP's annual salute to retirees, alumni and current staff with a minimum of 25 years of AP service, will be held at AP's new headquarters. Those attending will get the chance to mingle and revisit with former colleagues from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Drinks and dinner will be served.

Connecting plans to bring you coverage of both events.

Hey, is there anyone in our group who is still using a typewriter - for letters or whatever reason?

I am prompted to ask after reading a story - Vintage typewriters gain fans amid 'digital burnout' - from AP's **Russell Contreras** out of Albuquerque, whose lead grafs went like this:



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Typewriter enthusiasts gather at an Albuquerque restaurant to experiment with vintage Smith Coronas. Fans in Boston kneel in a city square and type stories about their lives during a pro-immigration demonstration. A documentary on typewriters featuring Tom Hanks and musician John Mayer is set for release this summer.

In the age of smartphones, social media and hacking fears, vintage typewriters that once gathered dust in attics and basements are attracting a new generation of fans across the U.S.

[Click here](#) to continue with the story.

If you're still a typewriter user, drop me a note to say why and how you use it.

Here's to a great week.

Paul

Connecting mailbox

'I owe virtually all of my career to my father'

Jim Bagby (Email) - Count me among those who thoroughly enjoyed the account of old friend and colleague Doug Daniel about his dad. And it reminded again that I

owe virtually all of my career to our father, Jack M. Bagby. He came back from Omaha Beach and a memorable tank trek with Patton into Paris to get a University of Colorado journalism degree. He had four of his six kids by the time he finished, supplementing his GI Bill with work as a carpenter, taxi driver and milkman - all the while writing fiction at night for Esquire, Argosy, Manhunt and lesser pulps. I had no clue until years later what a schedule he must have faced. And even though our margarine came in squeeze bags we called oleo, I never realized we probably subsisted just above the poverty line; we were a happy family.

He worked most of his life as a writer, photographer and editor for newspapers in Colorado, New Mexico (briefly) and Oklahoma, claiming Clyde Muchmore awards for the Norman (OK) Transcript. Dad retired as public relations officer for the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority. Along the way, he helped land me my first job as a cub for the Transcript, where I wrote obits, laid out the Monday Society/women's page and eased into my first love, covering sports. That eventually led to eight fulltime years as a sportswriter for the Lawton Constitution and Morning Press, and then to the AP in Kansas City.



In the accompanying picture, he is the city editor for Durango (CO) Herald-Democrat, getting out of his quiet demeanor to join the city's annual "Spanish Trails Fiesta" rodeo celebration. It would have been about 1950; I was in 2nd and 3rd grade when we lived in Durango - the most scenic part of Colorado. It was the only time he grew a beard or wore western attire, but he frequently had a pipe in those days. He once took me with him to cover the bull riding, and when he was chased by a brahma, he threw his Speed Graphic to me as he scrambled to climb the fence where I was sitting. Oh, I could tell you stories about Durango. I met Clark Gable. In fact, that later WAS the first thing my mother recalled of Durango - her and Clark!

Dad took pictures of the movies they were filming; Gable was making "Across the Wide Missouri." In another Grade B western shot while we were there, "Denver and Rio Grande," the plot called for loading up two of Durango's famed narrow gauge railroad trains with all the gunpowder and dynamite they could hold, then ramming them together for the climactic scene. The newsmen were shooting from a ditch about 100 yards away; dad got a great shot, but just about got beamed by a rogue boiler off one of the engines.

And in addition to his newspaper work, I was always proud to point out that not only did his blood and guts college days magazine stories pay off, he later had the lead fiction article, "Tornado," in Saturday Evening Post. Dad taught me more than I'll ever be able to repay.

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Chris Connell was an unusual talent

Bob Haring ([Email](#)) - Your item on Chris Connell (in last Thursday's Connecting) brought back a lot of memories. I was bureau chief in Jersey when Hugh Boyd, publisher of the New Brunswick Home News, told me during a visit that he had hired a young man as a summer intern that I would want some day. That day came sooner than expected when I had a surprise opening. I hired Chris - and he never left. He worked nights and overnight while he completed Princeton (he was one of several Princetonans I hired, all of whom had good AP careers and went on to greater things later. He was clearly an unusual talent. Many years later I brought him to Tulsa to participate in an educational seminar. I have managed to stay slightly in touch with most of those Jersey folks. It was an amazing collection of talent.

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Tom Frawley, former AP Broadcast board member, dies at 87

Tom Frawley, a television news pioneer and past president of AP Broadcasters and RTNDA, passed away on June 6 in Rockledge, Florida, at age 87. He died of complications from leukemia.



Tom always wanted to be a broadcaster. As a boy in Stillwater, Minnesota, he built a control board and intercom system in his house to broadcast to his family. During high school years, he worked summers in Winona, Minnesota, as a replacement announcer at KWNO radio. After two years of college Tom moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where he was an announcer at KROC radio. Here he met his first wife Dorothy Ludowese.

Tom entered the Air-Force during the Korean War as a Motion Picture Script Writer and Director. He produced engineering and training films, news reels, morale builders and documentaries, many of which he narrated. His Air Force career took him to

Alexandria, Virginia, then New York City, and finally Dayton, Ohio. Tom was a Director-Producer when he left the service but continued with the Air Force in a civilian capacity as Assistant Chief of Motion Picture Production. Toward the end of his Air Force career Tom joined the staff at WHIO-TV in Dayton, Ohio, where he became a News Anchor and News Director. He left Dayton in the late 1960s to open the Cox News Bureau in Washington, DC. He retired to Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland and later moved to Melbourne, Florida.

Tom leaves behind his second wife, Jane Hagerty Frawley, and a daughter, Susan, and son, Mark.

(Shared by Pat Milton)

N. Korea portraits: Ordinary lives, ever in leader's shadow



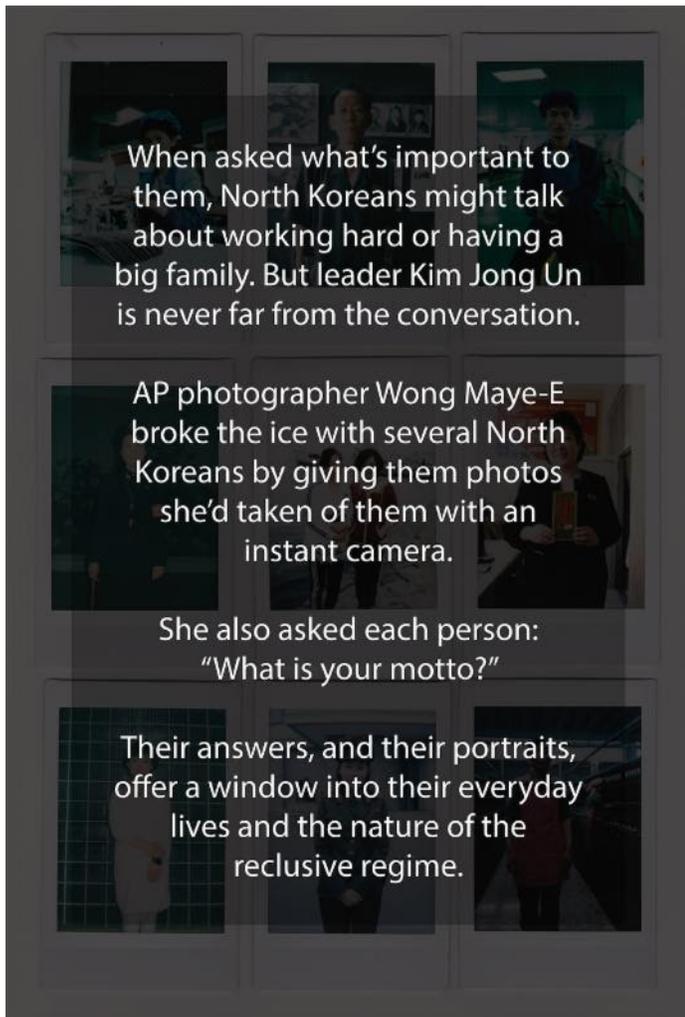
PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) - When asked what's important to them, North Koreans might talk about working hard, or doing well at sports, or having a big family. But leader Kim Jong Un is never far from the conversation.

Pyongyang subway officer Ri Ok Gyong says she wants "to serve people because Marshal Kim Jong Un loves his people and so must I."

Professional long-distance runner Pak Chol says, "I want to please leader Kim Jong Un through my sporting successes."

Ri Ok Ran and her husband, Kang Sung Jin, say they want "to have many children so that they can serve in the army and defend and uphold our leader and country, for many years into the future."

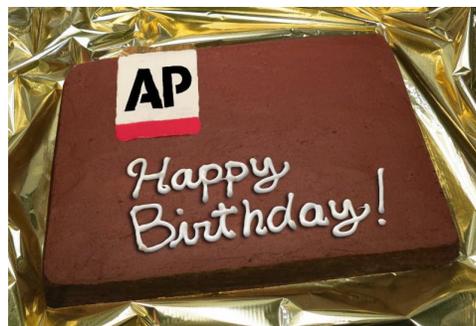
AP photographer Wong Maye-E tries to get her North Korean subjects to open up as much as is possible in an authoritarian country with no tolerance for dissent and great distrust of foreigners. She has taken dozens of portraits of North Koreans over the past three years, often after breaking the ice by taking photos with an instant camera and sharing them.



Her question for everyone she photographs: What is your motto? Their answers reflect both their varied lives and the government that looms incessantly over all of them.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Stories of interest

Q&A: Taliban infiltrate Afghan army to target foreign troops



By **KATHY GANNON** and **RAHIM FAIEZ**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - An uptick in attacks by Afghan National army soldiers against foreign troops would seem a worrisome trend ahead of the deployment of another 4,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan in the latest attempt by Washington to turn around the protracted war against insurgents.

Two so-called insider attacks, in which a soldier in an Afghan National Army uniform turns his weapon on foreign troops, in as many weeks have killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded another seven.

Insider attacks have been occurring with deadly regularity since 2011. According to an April report by the Modern War Institute at America's West Point it was in 2011 that "insider attacks became the preferred war-fighting tactic of the Taliban, an organization that understood well how to apply limited resources for maximum effect."

The report says since 2007, insider attacks have killed 157 NATO personnel and 557 members of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces. But it also blames many attacks against foreign troops on what it calls cultural friction, where Afghans become infuriated by a perceived insult.

In June alone there were two separate attacks on U.S. soldiers by Afghans wearing an Afghan army uniform. In March another insider attack killed three U.S. soldiers. In April, Taliban fighters dressed in Afghan army uniforms passed through several security rings to enter a base in northern Afghanistan's Balkh province and kill as many as 140 Afghan soldiers.

The attacks come as U.S. President Donald Trump prepares to bolster Washington's presence in Afghanistan to stem the violence and the Taliban's military advances, particularly in rural areas of the country, and largely in the south and the east. But the emergence of an affiliate of the Islamic State group has created a sense of urgency to turn the war around.

Read more [here](#).

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What a hyperlocal investigative powerhouse looks like (CJR)

SINCE JEFF EGBERT STARTED PUBLISHING the Pinckneyville Press eight years ago, the southern Illinois weekly has exposed a police coverup involving a mayor's son, discovered high school teachers hauling off air conditioners and desks that were intended for public auction, and caught an employee from the county assessor's office stealing gas and hiding the cans behind his house. More recently, a Pinckneyville Press investigation found that a county schools resource officer lost his job for alleged email and social media contact with female students.

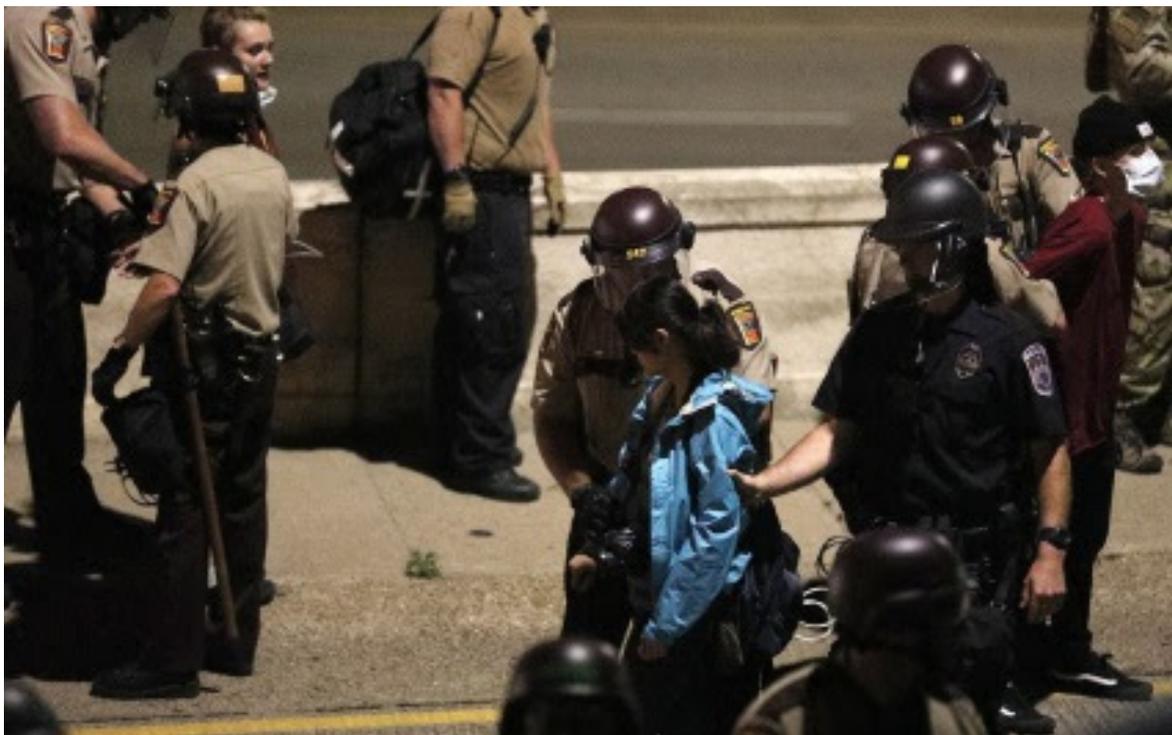
Pinckneyville is "between the Carbondale and St. Louis media market, kind of an island," says Egbert. Before he began publishing the Press, Egbert says, "There was nobody really paying attention." Now, Pinckneyville Press's 11-person staff publishes a paper that reaches a weekly audience of about 1,800—a little more than

half of the town's population, if you exclude the 2,274 inmates at the medium-security Pinckneyville Correctional Center.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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RTDNA objects to arrest of reporters covering Minnesota protest



Photo/Anthony Soufflé/Minneapolis Star Tribune

The RTDNA Voice of the First Amendment Task Force today (Saturday) objected to the arrests of two journalists who were covering a protest in St. Paul, Minn., that followed a not guilty verdict in the trial of a police officer who shot and killed a man last year in an incident that gained national attention when the dead man's girlfriend livestreamed the aftermath on Facebook.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune reports that among 18 people arrested by state troopers during the final moments of the protest were David Clarey, campus editor of Minnesota Daily, which covers the University of Minnesota, and Susan Du, a reporter for the Minneapolis-St. Paul alternative newspaper City Pages.

Clarey and Du were released several hours later after being charged with unlawful assembly and being a public nuisance. However, The Minnesota State Patrol did not immediately release Du's equipment - including a laptop, camera, recorder, phone, notes and car keys - which troopers confiscated at the time of her arrest.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - June 19, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 19, the 170th day of 2017. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 19, 1867, Maximilian I, emperor of Mexico since 1864, was executed by firing squad a month after being taken prisoner by the forces of President Benito Juarez. The inaugural running of the Belmont Stakes took place; the winner was a filly named Ruthless.

On this date:

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free - an event celebrated to this

day as "Juneteenth."

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."

In 1937, the city of Bilbao fell to the Nationalist Army during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1944, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.

In 1952, the celebrity-panel game show "I've Got A Secret" made its debut on CBS-TV with Garry Moore as host.

In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes, blamed for at least 122 deaths, made landfall over the Florida Panhandle.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann (NOY'-muhn), the first male U.S. saint.

In 1982, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American auto engineer, was fatally beaten in Highland Park, Michigan, by two auto workers who later received probation for manslaughter in state court, and won acquittals in federal court.

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Edwards v. Aguillard*, struck down, 7-2, a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creationism as well.

In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine. Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones (rees johnz) in Windsor, England.

Ten years ago: A truck bomb struck a Shiite mosque in central Baghdad, killing at least 87 people. President George W. Bush and visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert (EH'-hood OHL'-murt) sided emphatically with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (mahk-MOOD' ah-BAHS') in his standoff with the militant group Hamas. The space shuttle Atlantis undocked from the international space station for its return to earth, concluding a nearly 10-day stay.

Five years ago: WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange took refuge at Ecuador's Embassy in London, seeking to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he faced questioning about alleged sex crimes. (Sweden dropped its inquiry in May 2017, but Assange remains holed up in the Ecuadorian Embassy to avoid arrest by British authorities for jumping bail.) The Southern Baptist Convention voted to elect its first African-American president, the Rev. Fred Luter Jr.

One year ago: LeBron James and his relentless Cavaliers pulled off an improbable NBA Finals comeback to give the city of Cleveland its first title since 1964 as they became the first team to rally from a 3-1 finals deficit by beating the defending champion Golden State Warriors 93-89. Dustin Johnson won the U.S. Open by three shots while Shane Lowry, who began the final round with a four-shot lead, Jim Furyk and Scott Piercy finished tied for second. Anton Yelchin, a rising actor best known for playing Chekov in the new "Star Trek" films, was killed by his own car as it rolled down his driveway in Los Angeles; he was 27.

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 89. Actress Gena (JEH'-nuh) Rowlands is 87. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 77. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 75. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) is 72. Author Salman Rushdie is 70. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 69. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 67. Musician Larry Dunn is 64. Actress Kathleen Turner is 63. Country singer Doug Stone is 61. Singer Mark DeBarge is 58. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 55. Actor Andy Lauer is 54. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 53. Actor Samuel West is 51. Actress Mia Sara is 50. TV personality Lara Spencer is 48. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 47. Actor Jean Dujardin is 45. Actress Robin Tunney is 45. Actor Bumper Robinson is 43. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 42. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (AY'-veht) (The Avett Brothers) is 41. Actor Ryan Hurst is 41. Actress Zoe Saldana is 39. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 37. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 34. Actor Paul Dano is 33. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 28. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 19.

Thought for Today: "Free thinkers are generally those who never think at all." - Laurence Sterne, English author (1713-1768).

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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