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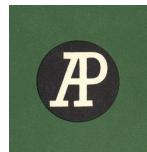
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Grateful to Jack Stokes



Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Good fellowship and memories were shared at the annual AP 25-Year Club celebration held Thursday night at the new AP headquarters building in New York.

One of the new members of the 25-Year Club is **Michael Giarrusso**, global sports editor in New York, who shared the photo above on Facebook with these comments:

"In the summer of 1992, a couple of nervous college students were part of a group of Associated Press interns. Jack Stokes kept assuring the group they could build careers at AP. These two suckers believed him. Tonight we celebrated 25 years with the company. From all the interns, thanks for believing in us Jack, and thanks for getting us to believe in ourselves."

The photo shows Michael and U.S. Enterprise Editor **Pauline Arrillaga** flanking **Jack Stokes**, who ran the AP intern program and served as corporate spokesman until he retired.

Here are a couple more photos to share, with thanks to Susan Clark and Bruce Richardson for sharing on Facebook:



Edie Lederer with Richard Pyle



L-R: John Liotta, Evelyn Colucci-Calvert and Bruce Richardson. John received 45-Year pin and Evelyn gets one next year.



L-R: Jerry Schwartz, Pauline Arrillaga, Chris Sullivan. Jerry got 40-year pin.

We will bring you more coverage Monday.



Organizers Christine Campion and Taylor Leonard

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Connecting mailbox

Remembering longtime friend Marj Paxson

Sibby Christensen (Email) - Was gratified to read the tribute to an old friend, Marjorie Paxson, in Connecting - though there was no mention of her death on June 17.

Marj and I were among the cohorts in 1972 to re-brand the old Theta Sigma Phi into Women in Communications Inc. - she was a past president of the national organization, and I headed the NYC chapter. We'd gotten weary of the "your little sorority" putdowns and wanted to affirm our identities as professionals.

At the same time we put "women" in the name, we also decided, in fairness, to admit men. Marj was a bit reluctant at first, cautioning that some fellows out of habit

might take over, telling us little ladies what to do. But with humor, she agreed. "OK. But with the proviso that they can never rise above the rank of secretary."

Unlike many professional women in that era, Marj opposed shutting down women's pages in newspapers. She feared that news of and for women could disappear.

Another old friend, retired Gannett VP Madelyn Jennings, remembered the pantsuit story: "Recall it as a breath of fresh air pouring across the females in Gannett."

Late in her retired life, Marj told me she wrote gardening features, at \$25 a pop, for the Muskogee paper where she had been publisher. I offered her slightly more if she'd contribute to AP Special Edition. She declined because she said she was just having fun, but thanks anyway.

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Staying active, doing what I love - fishing



Ron Edmonds ([Email](#)) - Keeping pretty active during my retirement with kitchen remodeling and doing what I love, fishing. Here is my latest trip to Canada with old friends. And the photo above shows one of the large Lake Trout we caught during the trip to Rowan Lake, Ontario, Canada.

[Click here](#) for a vimeo.

(AP) Photographer Forced To Delete Photos Of Jared Kushner's Meeting With Netanyahu

Connecting colleague **Lynn Sherr** shared the following story from Partisan Report, and commented, "This account is intriguing, if accurate. Would an AP photographer actually delete photos? Then again, I don't know the source."

The story begins:

Despite his total lack of political experience, President Trump has given his son-in-law Jared Kushner a number of important responsibilities since appointing him as a senior adviser. Kushner even headed to the Middle East earlier this week to spearhead peace talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Kushner's first meeting with Netanyahu took place in extreme secrecy. According to The Guardian, no video recordings or photography were allowed. A photographer from the Associated Press was even ordered to delete images of Kushner arriving at Netanyahu's office from his memory card. CBS also reported that another cameraman was ordered to leave a sidewalk outside of the compound where Netanyahu's office is located.

The only exception to the rule appears to be a video that was released by Netanyahu's office. That video features Netanyahu - who is a friend of Kushner's father - embracing Kushner and telling him that their meeting "is an opportunity to pursue our common goals of security, prosperity and peace."

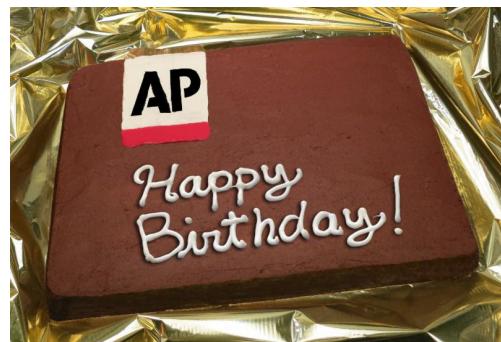
Read more [here](#).

Connecting contacted AP director of media relations **Lauren Easton** about the report, and she said, "One of our cameramen was ordered to delete video of the prime minister's office, taken before Kushner arrived." She shared a paragraph from the AP story that said:

Kushner did not speak to reporters ahead of his talks Wednesday, and Israeli security agents blocked AP cameramen from filming the arrival of his convoy. In one case, a cameraman was ordered to leave a sidewalk outside the government compound that houses Netanyahu's office, and in other case, a cameraman was ordered to delete his memory card of all images of the prime minister's office.

Easton said the AP moved video from a different vantage of Kushner's motorcade arriving.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

***Jeff Bezos has advice for the news business:
'Ask people to pay. They will pay'*** (CNBC)

Jeff Bezos made his fortune founding Amazon, and spent \$250 million of his riches to buy The Washington Post in 2013.

After nearly four years running the Post, which Bezos says turned a profit in 2016 and is expected to do the same this year, Bezos has some valuable lessons to pass along to the rest of the news industry, which is struggling to compete for ad dollars against online juggernauts Google and Facebook.

Bezos delivered some of this advice at the Future of Newspapers conference in Turin, Italy, on Wednesday. Here are the highlights:

Focus on readers first, not advertisers. In response to a question about similarities between running Amazon and the Post, Bezos said: "We run Amazon and The

Washington Post in a very similar way in terms of the basic approach. We attempt to be customer-centric, which in the case of the Post means reader-centric. I think you can get confused, you can be advertiser-centric - and what advertisers want, of course, is readers - and so you should be simple-minded about that and you should be focused on readers. If you can focus on readers advertisers will come."

Read more [here](#). Shared by David Egner.

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News apps are making a comeback. More young Americans are paying for news. 2017 is weird. (Nieman)

The United States recently elected an unusual president. And to go with the times, Americans are exhibiting some behaviors in media consumption that are, if not unusual, then at least different from those of people in other countries.

That's one of the recurring findings in a report out Thursday from Oxford's Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. The Reuters Institute's Digital News Report 2017 surveyed more than 70,000 people in 36 countries about their digital news consumption. (Countries included in the report for the first time this year: Slovakia, Croatia, Romania, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Argentina, Chile, and Mexico.)

Read more [here](#).

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Knight Foundation awards \$1 million to projects aimed at fighting misinformation (Poynter)

A mobile game that tracks falsehoods, a tool that busts lie-spewing internet bots and projects aimed at increasing the reach of fact checks are among the winners of a \$1 million challenge from The Knight Prototype Fund aimed at improving the flow of accurate information.

The 20 ideas, which are eligible for \$50,000 each, come from universities, news organizations and nonprofits across the United States and propose tackling misinformation by educating news consumers, pulling back the curtain on sources of fake news and making fact-checking more memorable and shareable. (Disclosure: The Knight Foundation funds Poynter's coverage of local news.)

The winning projects are:

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Headlines editors probably wish they could take back (Columbia Journalism Review)



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Today in History - June 23, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 23, the 174th day of 2017. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 23, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin (ah-LEK'-say koh-SEE'-gihn) and their advisers opened a three-day summit at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. The U.S. Senate voted 92-5 to censure Democrat Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut for diverting campaign money to his personal use.

On this date:

In 1314, during the First War of Scottish Independence, the two-day Battle of Bannockburn, resulting in victory for the forces of Robert the Bruce over the army of King Edward II, began near Stirling.

In 1537, Spanish explorer Pedro de Mendoza, the founder of Buenos Aires, died aboard his ship while heading back to Spain.

In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1892, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated former President Grover Cleveland on the first ballot.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1950, Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 2501, a DC-4, crashed into Lake Michigan with the loss of all 58 people on board.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.) President Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1997, civil rights activist Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, died in New York of burns suffered in a fire set by her 12-year-old grandson; she was 61. (Malcolm Shabazz pleaded guilty to arson and other charges and was placed in juvenile detention.)

Ten years ago: Roadside bombers in Iraq killed seven U.S. troops, four of them in a single blast near Baghdad. Searchers in Summit County, Ohio, found the body of Jessie Davis, a missing 26-year-old pregnant woman, in a park. (Bobby Cutts Jr., a former Canton police officer who was the father of Davis' unborn child, was later convicted of murder and aggravated murder and sentenced to 57 years to life in prison.)

Five years ago: Syria and Turkey desperately sought to ease tensions following an incident in which Syria shot down a Turkish reconnaissance plane, saying the plane had entered its airspace. Ashton Eaton broke the world record in the decathlon, finishing with 9,039 points at the U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene, Oregon. (Eaton later surpassed his own record with 9,045 points at the 2015 Beijing world championships.) The Daytime Emmys showered "General Hospital" with five trophies, including best drama; NBC's "Today" show won as best morning show and the syndicated "Jeopardy!" was named best game show.

One year ago: Britain voted to leave the European Union after a bitterly divisive referendum campaign, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron, who had led the campaign to keep Britain in the EU. A short-handed and deeply divided Supreme Court deadlocked 4-4 on President Barack Obama's immigration plan to help millions living in the U.S. illegally, effectively killing it. In a narrow victory for affirmative action, the Supreme Court upheld, 4-3, a University of Texas program that took account of race in deciding whom to admit. Appalachian music patriarch Ralph Stanley, 89, who helped define the bluegrass sound, died in Sandy Ridge, Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 77. Musical conductor James Levine (luh-VYN') is 74. Actor Ted Shackelford is 71. Actor Bryan Brown is 70. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 69. Actor Jim Metzler is 66. "American Idol" ex-judge Randy Jackson is 61. Actress Frances McDormand is 60. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 55. Actor Paul La Greca is 55. Writer-director Joss Whedon is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chico DeBarge is 47. Actress Selma Blair is 45. Actor Joel Edgerton ("Loving") is 43. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 42. Actress Emmanuelle Vaugier is 41. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 40. Football Hall of Fame electee LaDainian Tomlinson is 38. Actress Melissa Rauch is 37. Rock singer Duffy is 33. Country singer Katie Armiger is 26.

Thought for Today: "Suffering without understanding in this life is a heap worse than suffering when you have at least the grain of an idea what it's all for." - Mary Ellen Chase, American author (1887-1973).

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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