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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

I know our colleague **Linda Deutsch** spoke for many of us when she sent this comment on Monday's Connecting remembrance of AP Mexico City intern

**Armando Montano** by his mother, journalist **Diane Alters**, on the fifth anniversary of his death.

"I just read the remembrance by Armando's mother which brought tears. What a powerful testament to this young man's brief life in journalism."

Colleague **David Egnor** has an idea for an interesting topic for Connecting readers:

Should the media identify lies and falsehoods as the NYT does in [this opinion piece](#)?

"In my view," he said, "this is a good example of accountability journalism, as long as it is applied equally to presidents and other elected officials of all political parties. I remember learning about McCarthyism in school and watching Edward R. Murrow's famous CBS program taking down Sen. Joe McCarthy. The lesson, my high school journalism teacher said, was that reporters had to be more than stenographers and not simply repeat lies politicians told without pointing out that they were false or at the least unsubstantiated."

Connecting welcomes your responses.

We lead off today's issue with an account of the AP Radio reunion held this past Saturday in Fairfax Station, Virginia. Our thanks to **Sandy Kozel** for bringing her colleagues an account of the most successful gathering, along with photos.

Have a wonderful day!

Paul

## **AP Radio journalists gather to catch up, share stories, celebrate good times**



**Front row: Rosalie Fox Huntington, Theresa Dickie Branscome, Carlotta Bradley, Joni Beall, Kathryn Loomans, JoAnne Allen, Carol Esler Ochs, Lori Weinraub, Merrill Hartson, Steve Katz, Steve Herman, Sandy Kozel, Jerry Bodlander, Mark Smith.**

**Back row: Ross Simpson, Dave Ochs, Brad Kalbfeld, George Mayo, Tony Winton, Gene Kim, Thom Wilborn, Ed Donahue, Paul Reilly, John Tautges, Warren Levinson, Brian Bland, Mike Hammer, Michael Weinfeld, Chuck Rice, Tom Young, Jim Ludwin**

**Sandy Kozel (Email)** - AP Radio may be down to a slimmer staff than in past years, but the fond feelings among the journalists who have worked at or for the Broadcast News Center remain large.



**JoAnne Allen**

More than 60 radio staffers and their families gathered Saturday to catch up, share stories and hugs -- and laugh! Many said it was like catching up with old friends or classmates, some who hadn't seen each other in 30 years -- they could just pick up wherever they last left off.

JoAnne Allen says she and fellow former AP staffers Rich Garcia and Lori Weinraub had been tossing around the idea of a radio reunion for ten years. That pipe dream took the form of a 10-hour long picnic on a weather-perfect day at Burke Lake Park, in Fairfax Station, Virginia.

Joanne and fellow reunion organizers Carol Esler Ochs, Dave Ochs and Sandy Kozel gave current and former AP Radio staffers plenty of time to work up interest in the event. After the first Evite went out in March -- out-of-towners started making plans to attend. Former Los Angeles radio correspondent Brian Bland and his wife Jean arranged a weekend in the DC area to tie in with other plans in the East. Former entertainment reporter Rosalie Fox Huntington, who also lives in California, came in by way of New York City, where she was attending a wedding. She hitched a ride to northern Virginia for the day with NY correspondent Warren Levinson. Dave Shapiro worked overnight before driving down I-95 to be on hand. Phil Soucheray and his wife came in from Minnesota. Tony Winton and his wife are based in Florida.



**L-R: Brad Kalbfeld, Carlotta Bradley, Heather Greenfield Sheehan, Jackie Bsharah, Suzanne Ffolkes, Rosalie Fox, Dick Uliano**



**Brian Bland and Rosalie Fox (center -- who came from California), with Mike Hempen on the left and Steve Pendlebury on the right**

There was plenty of food and prizes for such categories as who traveled the farthest to be there - and who worked at the AP the longest. (Former AP Broadcast White House correspondent Mark Smith - at 41 years). Mark remarked on the success of the reunion, saying "nobody wanted to leave!"

The warm feelings continued later on social media. Here are a few samples...

WTOP anchor Shawn Anderson said, "What a wonderful day! It was fantastic to catch up with so many long-time friends. Most gratifying of all was to step back and see just how many talented and generous people touched my life during my time at the BNC." From former staffer Ira Dreyfuss, "What a perfect reunion, from the weather to the location, to the food and, most of all, the people. I thank everyone who had a hand in it. It was more than the memories, it was really sharing life stories."

Extra money from staffer donations to cover the cost of the pavilion rental is being donated to the Society of Professional Journalists Legal Defense Fund.



L-R: Mike Hammer, Michael Weinfeld, Rosalie Fox, Sandy Kozel



Carol Esler Ochs leading the lunchtime program, Kate McKenna on the left

## Connecting mailbox

### *Colleen Newvine to be inducted into Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame*

**Colleen Newvine** ([Email](#)) - Associated Press Product Manager for the AP Stylebook and marketing consultant - is one of five people named Monday to the Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will be Nov. 4 at Courtyard Mount Pleasant at Central Michigan University. Her nomination packet included letters of support from AP alum Jim Reindl, himself a member of the CMU Journalism Hall of Fame, and AP Stylebook editor Paula Froke. (Paula has a Michigan connection, too, after working in the Detroit bureau for years.)

Other inductees:

- \* Tony Cervone, General Motors Senior Vice President, Global Communications
- \* Steve Fecht, News Photo Bureau at General Motors and Steve Fecht Photography
- \* Ken Gal, CEO Shiny Objects Marketing Inc. of Los Angeles, Calif.
- \* Jim Harger, reporter for MLive Media Group-The Grand Rapids Press



Newvine graduated from CMU in 1992 and earned an MBA from the University of Michigan Business School in 2005. She joined the AP in New York in 2006 as

deputy director for U.S. Newspaper Markets, served as director of market research, and since 2011 has been product manager of the AP Stylebook.

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## ***Fond memories of Milwaukee's Bob O'Meara, AP journalist and artist***

**Dave Skidmore** ([Email](#)) - I started my 16-year AP career in the Milwaukee bureau, toward the end of Bob O'Meara's tenure as news editor. Bob was always calm whereas veteran Bureau Chief Dion Henderson was not (at least not always). Henderson roared; Bob spoke softly. I remember with gratitude that Bob invited me to his family's Easter dinner in 1983. I had arrived only a few weeks earlier and knew no one in Milwaukee. I am sure, as news editor, that Bob improved my copy countless times. But I recall one time in particular, when he rewrote my lede on a profile of Milwaukee's authoritarian and controversial police chief, Harold A. Breier. As 20-something reporters are wont to do, I carped a bit at the rewrite. Later, at least to myself if not to Bob, I admitted that his lede was far superior. Now that I am about the age that Bob was then, I can see that he might have known a thing or two that I didn't.

**AND**



**Tim Harper** ([Email](#)) - I'm sending you a Bob O'Meara original water color, "Lake Cabin," that I bought from him in the 1970s - probably with extra cash after he assigned me some overtime for covering the 1976 presidential campaign. Bob was my first news editor, 1974-80 in Wisconsin, and taught me an awful lot. He was just the right mix of avuncular but firm instructor and good-humored colleague. Great guy. great artist.

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## ***Father of Randy Picht dies at 92***

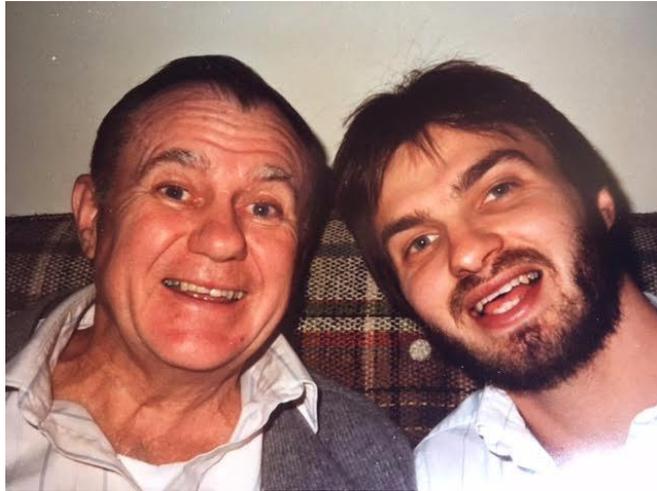
Connecting colleagues of **Randy Picht** ([Email](#)) - are saddened by news of the death of his father, Norman B. Picht, an educator who died on Father's Day, June 18. (Randy serves as executive director of the Reynolds Journalism Institute in Columbia, Missouri, after a 29-year AP career.)

Here is his obituary:

Norman B. Picht, who had a long career in education in New York, as a teacher and school administrator, died on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18. He was 92.

Norman was born in Chicago in 1924 and grew up in the suburb of Oak Park, Ill. His father, also Norman, owned a stamp and coin shop in the city and his mother was a homemaker raising three girls and two boys.

After high school, Norman joined the Coast Guard during World War II and learned to be a radioman with assignments in New Orleans, Miami and Connecticut. While in uniform, he met his wife Norma, at a roller skating rink in New York City. Along with love at first sight, their names perhaps played a role in the perfect match - Norman Bernard Picht married Norma Bertha Peck in 1946.



**Randy and his dad, 1987**

Norman used the GI bill to attend the State College of New York at Oswego, majoring in education, and took a job as an industrial arts teacher on Long Island in the South Huntington School District.

But two early career explorations also led to lifelong pursuits.

While chaperoning school dances, Norman noticed that the girls were all dancing with each other and the boys were standing along the walls watching. He decided to get the boys together and teach them some dance steps that he learned at Arthur Murray Dance Studio. That went so well he became an instructor at Arthur Murray for a short time. The ultimate benefit, however, came later at weddings and other events where he never met a dance floor he didn't find a way to dance on.

Meanwhile, after teaching for a few years a neighbor encouraged him to take a job with DeWALT Corp., a Michigan-based maker of power tools including the radial arm saw. The job lasted about six months but the fondness for the creativity and flexibility of the radial arm saw lasted a lifetime.

Norman demonstrated the saw in a booth at Grand Central Terminal in New York City for commuters waiting for their trains home. He also enjoyed working part-time at Sears for a few decades demonstrating the saw and held classes in his basement to help hopeful saw buyers master the woodworking possibilities.

After the DeWALT detour, Norman and Norma returned to Long Island and Norman took a job as a vocational coordinator for a few school districts in Nassau County. His job as administrator of the program involved matching employers with high school students looking to get a headstart on a career.

Thousands of Long Island nurses, auto mechanics and others got their start via the initiative that combined matchmaking, guidance and some "encouragement" when the alarm clocks didn't go off or teenage fun became too irresistible.

In addition to woodworking and dancing up a storm, Norman also loved to play golf. He was such a big believer in the golf adage, "Drive for show, putt for dough," that he built a putting green in his backyard, complete with special seed from nearby golf courses and a push mower imported from England. Visitors to the house were always offered a choice of putters and an opportunity to join in a putting contest.

In retirement, Norman continued working in the basement, minding the putting green and telling whoever would listen the many stories he loved to share: about growing up in the Midwest, selling fur coats door-to-door in New York City or the latest idea to make sure his kids didn't forget their pencils in class, and many others.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Norma; his oldest son, Douglas Richard Picht; his daughter, Deborah Joann Solarino; and his youngest son, Randolph Norman Picht. Funeral services were held June 15 at Boyd Funeral Home in Deer Park, N.Y.

Memorial gift recommendations: The Alzheimer's Association. ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) and Ready to Work Long Island (a United Way program) <http://www.unitedwayli.org/ReadyToWork>



## **Deadly siege: Through the night, reporter details restaurant assault in Somalia**



**Somali men carry the body of a civilian who was killed in a militant attack on a restaurant in Mogadishu, Somalia, June 15, 2017. Somalia's security forces ended a night-long siege by al-Shabab Islamic extremists at the popular Pizza House restaurant that left 31 people dead. AP PHOTO / FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH**

When police reported that al-Shabab extremists had attacked a popular Mogadishu restaurant named Posh Treats in the volatile Horn of Africa country Somalia, many media rushed to tell the world. But Associated Press stringer Abdi Guled was not convinced the report was accurate. His quick calls, including one to an officer at the scene, quickly determined that a place called Pizza House was under assault, not Posh Treats across the street. So while other news organizations had the wrong restaurant, the AP had it right.

This was just the start of Guled's extraordinary all-night reporting effort. Amid gunfire that left dozens dead, he would put together a riveting story. It's the Beat of the Week.

It began that evening with the report of a car bomb exploding at the restaurant's gate. Guled worked the phones, and at about 10 p.m., he decided to see whether he could get close enough to report on the ongoing siege. Soldiers stopped him. He filed details based on what he could see from afar and went back to calling his sources.

Blocked by snipers firing from "every direction," he found a protected spot under a wall and continued to file with his 4G device.

He managed to stay awake all night "thanks to espresso." In the early morning, he tried again to reach the scene on foot after police told him he would have access. This time, he was thwarted by snipers firing from "every direction." He found a protected spot under a wall of a nearby building and continued to file using his 4G mobile internet device. He stayed in touch with videographer Mohamed Sheikh Nor and photographer Farah Abdi Warsameh, directing them to the scene.

Gunfire subsided, and soldiers assumed that all attackers had been killed. But as Guled stood beside a pickup truck near the gate, the shots resumed; a remaining gunman upstairs sent soldiers running for cover again. After a 10-minute gun battle, the last attacker was killed, and the building was secured. Soldiers streamed in, and Guled followed.

First, he saw the body of the Syrian chef, lying in the rubble. Then five bloodied bodies of girls thought to have been killed by the attackers. There were shattered glasses and much blood, bodies lying everywhere.

"I never thought I would have the chance to see the sun again. They were killing people on sight." - survivor Saida Hussein

The gore was too much to bear. Guled stepped out and found Saida Hussein, a university student who had survived the onslaught by hiding behind table. Crying, she was willing to be interviewed but, he said, "I had to comfort her over and over again, so that she could keep talking."

"I never thought I would have the chance to see the sun again," she told him. "They were killing people on sight."

He encountered another survivor, Aden Karie, being carried into the ambulance. He had been wounded by an attacker who spotted him moving behind a curtain. "He shot at me twice, and one bullet struck me on the leg," Karie said.

**BREAKING:** Death toll in Somalia restaurant siege up to 31; extremists killed many at point-blank range.

- The Associated Press (@AP) June 15, 2017

Finally, around 10 a.m., Guled fell asleep. But he turned up the ringtone on his phones, so he would not miss calls from sources. One woke him with the final toll: 31 dead and 40 injured.

For initiative, resolve and courage that gave AP the most gripping and accurate account of the bloody al-Shabab assault, Guled wins this week's \$500 prize.



## AP gets first juror comment in Philando Castile trial



**Protesters gather outside the state Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., June 16, 2017, after police officer Jeronimo Yanez was cleared in the fatal shooting of Philando Castile, a black motorist whose death captured national attention when his girlfriend streamed the grim aftermath on Facebook. AP PHOTO / STEVE KARNOWSKI**

When Officer Jeronimo Yanez was acquitted in the fatal shooting of black motorist Philando Castile, a question on the mind of every reporter in the courtroom was this: How did jurors reach their verdict?

One of those reporters, Minneapolis' Amy Forliti, had been laying the groundwork to answer that question for two weeks. Her efforts paid off with The Associated Press getting the first interview with a juror - critical insight into a case that had generated

global interest since millions of people saw the aftermath of Castile's death from his girlfriend's livestream on Facebook.

Forliti started preparing for the scoop during the jury-selection process.

While the names of the jurors were not released, some information dribbled out during attorneys' questioning.

In the case of juror Dennis Ploussard, lawyers asked him how he pronounced his name. What he said wasn't clear from where Forliti sat, but she thought she heard "Ploussard" or "Bloussard."

Other details came out, such as his church, his neighborhood and a court case he had been involved in. And she was able to make a guess at his age.

Armed with all that information, Forliti did Nexis searches that identified him and provided a home address, a phone number and his wife's name. The News Research Center's Rhonda Shafner couldn't find a cell number for Ploussard, but found a cell listed for his wife.

Something about the juror's demeanor in court suggested to Forliti that he might be receptive to talking to a reporter.

Ploussard was one of four who deliberated the case who Forliti was able to identify through her reporting. Something about his demeanor in court suggested to her that he might be receptive to talking to a reporter. So, after the verdict was read, Forliti asked colleague Steve Karnowski to go after jurors while she pursued other reporting, starting with Ploussard. He left a message at the home number, then tried the cell listed for the wife.

Ploussard's daughter picked up, and Karnowski persuaded her to give him her father's cell number.

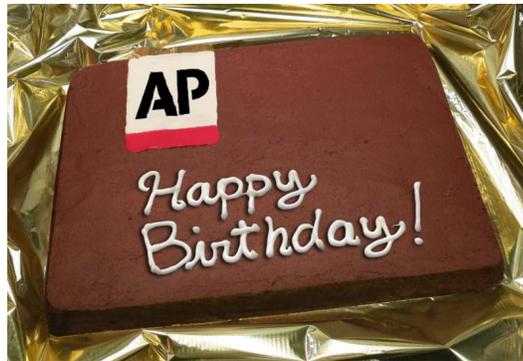
Karnowski's subsequent interview provided insight in AP's story that no one else had: The jury had been split 10-2 earlier in the week in favor of an acquittal, and neither of the two jurors who favored conviction was black. Members of the panel spent a lot of time dissecting the "culpable negligence" requirement for a conviction.

As Forliti and Karnowski covered protests following the verdict, reporters from other outlets asked Forliti how AP got the juror.

For the next several hours as Forliti and Karnowski covered protests that followed the verdict, several reporters from other outlets came up to Forliti and asked how AP got the juror.

For smart reporting and strong execution that put the AP ahead on a competitive aspect of a competitive story, Forliti and Karnowski win this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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# Stories of interest

## ***Three CNN staffers resign over retracted Scaramucci-Russia story*** (Politico)

Three CNN staffers have resigned following the publication and subsequent retraction of a story linking a Trump transition team member to the Russia-related investigations.

The piece, published late last week, cited an anonymous source saying the Senate Intelligence Committee was looking into the chief executive of a \$10-billion Russian investment fund who met with financier Anthony Scaramucci before the inauguration.

The reporter, Pulitzer-prize nominee Thomas Frank, assistant managing editor Eric Lichtblau (who recently joined from the New York Times) and Lex Haris, the executive editor in charge of investigations, are all out.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Trying to write a killer headline for social? Here are some of the most (and least) effective phrases*** (Nieman)

Jostling for readers for your listicle on Facebook? Aim for the number "10" in your headline.

Trying to promote a story on Twitter? Emotion-based appeals popular on Facebook don't translate to Twitter.

Findings from a BuzzSumo trigram analysis of 100 million headlines published between March and May of this year confirms a lot about the clickbait-y, competitive

publishing environment of social media.

The analysis reveals nothing particularly surprising, for instance, about the headline phrases that generated the most likes, shares, and comments: "Will make you" was by far the most successful phrase, and emotion-based appeals like "melt your heart" and "make you cry" also do well. (Also, we reported that 10 was the most common number for a BuzzFeed list way back in 2013.)

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History - June 27, 2017



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, June 27, the 178th day of 2017. There are 187 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On June 27, 1957, Hurricane Audrey slammed into coastal Louisiana and Texas as a Category 4 storm; the official death toll from the storm was placed at 390, although a variety of state, federal and local sources have estimated the number of fatalities at between 400 and 600.

### **On this date:**

In 1787, English historian Edward Gibbon completed work on his six-volume work, "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

In 1864, Confederate forces repelled a frontal assault by Union troops in the Civil War Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1966, the Gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services. The Republic of Djibouti became independent of France.

In 1986, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the contras. (The U.S. had already said it would not consider itself bound by the World Court decision.)

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to fix the problem.)

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black jurist to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement. (His departure led to the contentious nomination of Clarence Thomas to succeed him.)

Ten years ago: Former Treasury chief Gordon Brown became British prime minister, succeeding fellow Labourite Tony Blair. In her first televised interview since being released from custody, a subdued Paris Hilton told CNN's Larry King she would never again drink and drive and that her time in jail was "a time-out in life."

Five years ago: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and former Irish Republican Army commander Martin McGuinness offered each other the hand of peace during a private meeting inside Belfast's riverside Lyric Theatre. A 22-year-old former Texas Tech University student from Saudi Arabia, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari (KAH'-lih-d ah-lee-EHM' al-duh-SAHR'-ee), was convicted in Amarillo of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. (He later received life in prison.)

One year ago: The U.S. Supreme Court issued its strongest defense of abortion rights in a quarter-century, striking down 5-3 Texas' widely replicated rules that sharply reduced abortion clinics in the nation's second-most-populous state. The Supreme Court overturned the bribery conviction of former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell (R), sending the case back to a lower court (prosecutors ended up deciding not to retry McDonnell). Mack Rice, composer of the '60s hit "Mustang Sally" and co-writer of the Staple Singers' landmark "Respect Yourself," died in Detroit at age 82. Eric Lindros was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame as part of 2016 class that also featured Soviet star Sergei Makarov (SEHR'-gay muh-KAH'-rahf), goaltender Rogie Vachon, and the late coach and executive Pat Quinn.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 87. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 79. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 75. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 68. Actress Julia Duffy is 66. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 62. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 58. Actor Brian Drillinger is 57. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 51. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is 49. Olympic gold and bronze medal figure skater Viktor Petrenko is 48. Actor Edward "Grapevine" Fordham Jr. is 47. TV personality Jo Frost is 47. Actor Yancey Arias is 46. Actor Christian Kane is 43. Actor Tobey Maguire is 42. Rock singer Bernhoft is 41. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 41. Musician Chris Eldridge (Punch Brothers) is 35. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian (kar-DASH'-ee-uhn) is 33. Actor Drake Bell is 31. Actor Sam Claflin is 31. Actress India de Beaufort is 30. Actor Ed Westwick is 30. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 26. Pop singer Lauren Jauregui (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 21. Actor Chandler Riggs is 18.

***Thought for Today: "A man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean question: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well - or ill?" - John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).***

# 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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