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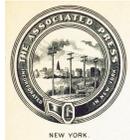
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Remembering James Finley



Among AP photographers past and present at the memorial, from left: **Bill Haber** (ret. New Orleans), **Tim Donnelly** (New York), **David Ake** (Washington DC), **James Finley** on Mizzou sidelines, **Charles Arbogast** (Chicago), **Cliff Schiappa** (ret. Kansas City), **Mike Stewart** (Atlanta), **Kii Sato** (Chicago), **Denis Paquin** (New York) Current St. Louis photographer **Jeff Roberson**, who succeeded Finley, also attended but was not present when this photo was taken.

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

A daughter's deep love for her father was demonstrated Tuesday night in St. Louis at a memorial gathering for former St. Louis AP photographer **James Finley**.

Darian Finley and James' sister **Denise Porter** had long wanted to honor James' work with an exhibition of his photography from his 22 years with The Associated Press, 1984 to 2006. They were not able to get it done while he was alive, but they did gather the photos that were a major part of the memorial held at the Third Degree Glass Factory.



You ask about Daria's love for her dad? Daria is blind, a result of glaucoma two years ago, and could not see the wonderful display that was arranged, including the painting above that she commissioned of her dad and her. But it did not deter her and Denise from making sure others viewed his wonderful work.

James died July 23 at the age of 76 and is a member of the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

Some 125 friends, colleagues and family attended the memorial and shared memories of a man who was well known and respected for the many people he mentored over the years.

Among the AP people in attendance were **Denis Paquin**, AP's acting director of photography in New York; **Kii Sato**, Central regional photo editor in Chicago, and **Kia Breaux**, Central regional director in Kansas City. **Cliff Schiappa**, retired AP photographer in Kansas City, and **Paul Stevens**, retired Kansas City bureau chief and Central Region vice president, were among those who spoke at the four-hour event.



From left: Paul Stevens, Daria Finley, Denise Porter, Cliff Schiappa and Kia Breaux.

"The large number of AP colleagues from across the country who were present at last evening's memorial was indicative of the respect and admiration we all had for James," **Paquin** said. "I know others would have wanted to be here, but I know many from all corners of the globe reached out to the family - in typical AP style - to express the sympathy and appreciation for the contributions James made during his career."

Darian and Denise said in their remarks they were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and respect that was contained in emails they received from James' AP colleagues around the world. Darian and Denise can be reached at - deniseporter1958@gmail.com

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Connecting mailbox

Liotta-Deibler team lurked behind every AP story, image

Marty Thompson (Email) - While John Liotta and Don Deibler never had an AP byline, they lurked behind every story and image and the arrangements with members that allowed those words and pictures to reach the public. (See Monday's Connecting)

In addition to the phone booth-in-the field contacts Paul Stevens described, a West Coast bureau chief could seek help from the edge of bed at 6 a.m. We could count on an answer before noon in New York, the start of business out West. It made us look good.

They were a key part of the team we fielded.

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'You know what happened to the last guy who tried that'

David Morris (Email) - While working in the Harrisburg bureau, probably 1990, I was invited to appear on the tabloid show "A Current Affair," to discuss my reporting on a long-forgotten political scandal. Much to my surprise, COB George Zucker and someone in NY signed off and Rita Jenrette came to town to interview me.

Jenrette, some of you may recall, had been married to a congressman who was caught up in the ABSCAM mess and served time in prison. Later, posing in Playboy, she noted that she and her husband had once made love on the Capitol steps during a late-night legislative session.

So, of course, part of our interview took place on...you guessed it, prompting a note from LDB, which read in part: "Heard you were seen cavorting on the Capitol steps with Rita Jenrette. Be careful. You know what happened to the last guy who tried that."

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***Reporting: Joe McGowan, Associated Press
New Delhi, for NBC News***

Joe McGowan (Email) - As a follow-up to Henry Bradsher's good piece, I can say that when I went to New Delhi in 1965, I was told I could broadcast to NBC news, IF they called. I received a number of calls, especially with the 1965 India-Pakistan war and later when Indira Gandhi became prime minister. They usually called in the pre-dawn hours (India is 12 ½ hours ahead of GMT), so I would prepare something for NBC before I went to bed. When they called, I would clear my throat and then give them the piece I had prepared.

One morning the phone rang. I was still sleepy, so didn't notice that it was NOT NBC! I read the piece to the person on the other end and said, "This is Joe McGowan, Associated Press New Delhi for NBC News". The person interrupted me and told he was with some other broadcast outfit. I do not remember anymore which one it was. I said, "Well, you are in first, so I re-read my piece and ended it as "Joe McGowan, Associated Press New Delhi for x x x news." Then I sat down and prepared a different version for NBC which I read to them when they called a little later. The small checks which NBC sent came in handy and friends and relatives back home frequently wrote saying they had heard me on radio.

As a small aside to the time difference, the Brits felt it would be difficult to have two time zones in a heavily illiterate country, so they split the difference. It was handy for me because we filed our stories in GMT. To get that, you took your wristwatch off (before digital watches), turned it upside down and you had the correct GMT time!

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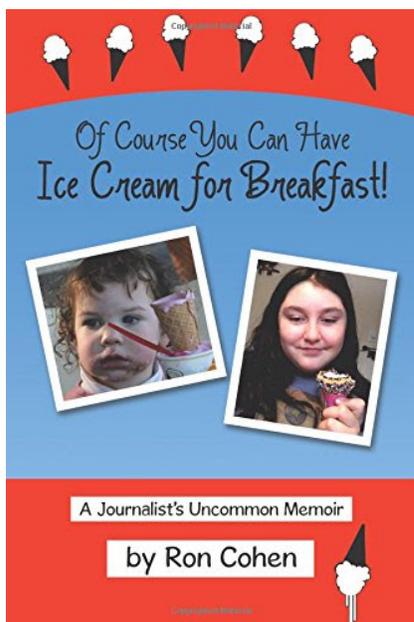
Happy for Mike Harris, Dave Lubeski

Hal Bock (Email) - So glad Mike Harris is enjoying his retirement as much and Dave Lubeski and I am. For me, I taught for a while, wrote some books for a while and did (and still do) some freelance. The best of all that is the time spent with my grandchildren, Mikey and Sara. We had Sara for nine days this summer and she called it her highlight of the summer. It was ours, too.

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Of Course You Can Have Ice Cream for Breakfast!

As Managing Editor of United Press International and Executive Editor of Gannett News Service during a 40-year-journalism career, Ron Cohen has been directly responsible for instantly bringing the top headlines every day to hundreds of millions of readers, viewers and listeners in every corner of the globe.



Assassinations, impeachments, terrorist attacks, elections, wars, disasters both natural and man-made - these constitute the 24-hour-a-day breaking news cycle that helped make Cohen one of the world's most influential journalists.

In these days of political turmoil and allegations of "fake news," this highly personal book offers a chance to see and feel how it's been to work in a changing media universe - with constant challenges, excitement and pressure to perform, plus the thrills, satisfaction and frustration that make the news business at once rewarding and exhausting.

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

Connecting profile - Mark Rosati

Mark Rosati (Email) - Hello to all my former AP colleagues. My service with the AP and its many extraordinary journalists was the highpoint of my career in the news business.

I joined the AP as a part-timer in Providence while still in college, then moved to full-time in JO before transferring to Chicago, where I was night supervisor in 1981 and day supervisor in 1982 and early 1983. I then went to DC as part of a 'trade' with a staffer there who wanted to relocate to CX. After a year on the night desk in WX, I served as day supervising editor in 1984 and 1985.

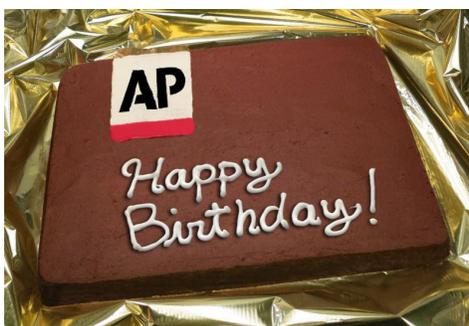
My wife (Maureen O'Donnell) and I then moved back to her hometown of Chicago, where she is a reporter for the Sun-Times. I worked at Crain Communications as an editor for Business Insurance and Advertising Age magazines, and then at WFLD-TV in Chicago as the founding assignment manager,



before transitioning into university and healthcare communications. I headed communications at the Illinois Institute of Technology and later served as Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago and its affiliated health sciences system for 14 years.

I am now an independent consultant specializing in communications for the not-for-profit sector - universities, healthcare systems, foundations, and service organizations. I also have written 22 plays and am a member of the Dramatists Guild and The Company Theater Group of New Jersey. My wife, child and I live in the suburban Chicago area.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Tom Raum - tomraum@yahoo.com

Stories of interest

Her dog died. So, she took her journalism career on the road (and landed a new job)

(Poynter)

Last March, freelance writer Jen A. Miller wrote a beautiful piece in The New York Times about losing her dog Emily to cancer. Miller had adopted Emily soon after becoming a fulltime freelance writer, and she often wrote her running columns with Emily by her side. With Emily gone, Miller felt unmoored - from her house, her neighborhood and even her work.

So, she sold her house in South Jersey and decided to take a rambly road trip across the United States to visit every state she hadn't yet seen. Miller's goal was to find a new place to live, but she also used the trip - meticulously documented using the hashtag #jenin50 - to publicly grieve Emily, and to meet her readers along the way.

She also kept up her freelance schedule, found new story ideas, charted her adventures on Instagram, decided that she would settle in Colorado, rescued a dog, and announced that she would be taking over The New York Times' running newsletter.

Read more [here](#).

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Kelly eyes DHS spokesman for communications director, sources say (CNN)

President Trump's new chief of staff, John Kelly, is eyeing his Homeland Security spokesperson David Lapan for the role of White House communications director, two high-level administration sources told CNNMoney.

Lapan, who has worked with Kelly for over a decade, is at the top of a short list to serve as the White House's top official on messaging and communications. He would take the position formerly held by Anthony Scaramucci.

Kelly's interest in Lapan suggests that he is as eager to impose discipline on the White House messaging strategy as he is to impose order on the chaotic and fractious West Wing. Lapan has a background that, like Kelly's, is steeped in years of military experience. Before DHS, he led press operations at the Defense Department and the Marine Corps.

Read more [here](#).

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Former NBC reporter on becoming Lyft driver: 'I'm doing my dream job' (CJR)



ANCHOR AND REPORTER AT NBC is a job most journalists dream of having. Anthony Ponce left just such a gig last year to be a Lyft driver and create an independent podcast.

Many of his bosses and colleagues thought he was crazy, but his wife (who was pregnant with their first child at the time) and family supported his decision. Ponce grew up in a TV news family-his father Phil Ponce hosts WTTW's Chicago Tonight and his brother Dan works at WGN-Channel 9 as a morning anchor. But Ponce grew disillusioned with traditional media and wanted to escape the formulaic nature of local news. Feeling compelled to make a deeper impact, Ponce quit his job at NBC-owned WMAQ-Channel 5 in Chicago to create and host his storytelling project, Backseat Rider.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - August 2, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2017. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 2, 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 216 B.C., during the Second Punic War, Carthaginian forces led by Hannibal defeated the Roman army in the Battle of Cannae.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1892, movie producer Jack L. Warner was born in London, Ontario, Canada.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge issued a written statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty-eight."

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program. President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed.

In 1967, the crime drama "In the Heat of the Night," starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, premiered in New York.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

In 1997, "Naked Lunch" author William S. Burroughs, the godfather of the "Beat generation," died in Lawrence, Kansas, at age 83.

Ten years ago: Mattel apologized to customers as it recalled nearly a million Chinese-made toys from its Fisher-Price division that were found to have excessive amounts of lead in their paint. A Marine Corps squad leader was convicted at Camp Pendleton, California, of murdering an unarmed Iraqi man during a frustrated search for an insurgent. (Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III was sentenced to 11 years in prison; he served more than half of his sentence before his conviction was overturned. Although convicted in a 2015 retrial, Hutchins received no additional prison time.) Two small Russian submarines completed a voyage below the North Pole where they planted the country's flag on the Arctic Ocean floor.

Five years ago: Kofi Annan resigned as peace envoy to Syria, blaming the Syrian government's intransigence, the growing militancy of Syrian rebels and a divided U.N. Security Council that he said failed to forcefully back his effort. Gabby Douglas became the third American in a row to win gymnastics' biggest prize when she claimed the all-around Olympic title; Michael Phelps added to his medal collection

with his first individual gold medal of the London Games in the 200-meter individual medley.

One year ago: President Barack Obama castigated Donald Trump as "unfit" and "woefully unprepared" to serve in the White House, and challenged Republicans to withdraw their support for their party's nominee, declaring "there has to come a point at which you say 'enough.'"

President Obama welcomed Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (lee shyehn loong) to the White House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of U.S. diplomatic relations with the Southeast Asian city state. A bus plowed into a highway pole in California's heavily agricultural San Joaquin (san wah-KEEN') Valley, killing four passengers. Actor David Huddleston ("The Big Lebowski"), 85, died in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nehemiah Persoff is 98. Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 95. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 80. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 74. Actor Max Wright is 74. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 72. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 67. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 64. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig (Garbage) is 62. Singer Mojo Nixon is 60. Actress Victoria Jackson is 58. Actress Apollonia is 58. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 55. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 53. Rock musician John Stanier is 49. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 47. Actress Jacinda Barrett is 45. Actor Sam Worthington is 41. Figure skater Michael Weiss is 41. Actor Edward Furlong is 40. Rock musician Devon Glenn is 37. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 36. Singer Charli XCX is 25. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 25.

Thought for Today: "The trouble with this country is that there are too many people going about saying, 'The trouble with this country is...' " - Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).

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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