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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

First responses arrived - well ahead of schedule - on the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse 2017 and your plans to view it. In North America, the eclipse will occur on

Monday, August 21. Parts of South America, Africa and Europe will see at least a partial solar eclipse.

Mike Holmes of Omaha and **Neal Ulevich** of Denver weighed in on the subject, and Connecting would like to hear from you on your plans to view it - or anything related to this historic event.

Today's issue also brings you a recent profile in Chapel Hill (NC) Magazine on AP couple **Fran** and **Walter Mears**, who retired there 12 years ago. It comes with a great picture of the two of them, longtime friends and Connecting colleagues.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

On the Total Solar Eclipse 2017

Neal Ulevich ([Email](#)) - plans to see the eclipse at Alliance, Nebraska, home of Carhenge, a full size recreation of Stonehenge done in used cars and trucks.

And he contributes this memory:

Invert and shake: My threat to a local photographer who "lost" the critical eclipse film.

In 1984 I flew to Indonesia to cover the total solar eclipse at Borobodur, site of breathtaking 9th century Buddhist temples. Totality would be six minutes, a long one. The Jakarta AP photographer and I made our way to the site. Blessedly Japanese TV, which planned to broadcast live, persuaded the Indonesian telecommunications provider to install a microwave link, which made commercial phototelegram service possible.

I set up one wide angle shot on a tripod, showing both the temples and the rapidly eclipsing sun. It was an easy shot, as well as the best one, the image with context. I told the Jakarta photographer simply to expose all 36 frames once the sun went total. I set up another tripod with a 500mm lens for the close-up, a more difficult shot. But we had to have both.

Once totality ended we gathered up the film and processed it in an unspeakably filthy, but more or less light-proof shed. I looked at the dripping negatives and was horrified to see no total eclipse on the Jakarta photographer's film, just a partial. He insisted it was the right film.

I threatened: "If you don't give me that film now, I'll hang you by your ankles until the film falls out of your pocket." He smilingly rechecked his pockets, and *mirabile dictu*, produced one more roll of Tri-X. We processed it and sent same. The image was perfect, silhouetted temple in foreground, corona-lit eclipse high above. The whole world used it. (My telephoto image less so, but that was expected).

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The poster features the Lincoln Saltdogs logo at the top, which is a circular emblem with a bulldog's head in the center, surrounded by the words "LINCOLN" and "SALTDOGS". Below the logo, the text reads "TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE GAME" in large, bold, white letters, followed by "MON. AUGUST 21 | 12pm" in a smaller font. The background of the poster is a photograph of a baseball stadium at dusk, with a large crowd of fans visible in the stands. A small, glowing sun is visible in the sky above the stadium. At the bottom of the poster, there is a yellow button that says "BUY TICKETS". To the left of the button, there is text that says "Special Eclipse Glasses Giveaway for the First 3,500 Fans. Game will also pause to observe the solar eclipse." and "Ticket purchase includes a Black Out Bundle (Hot Dog, Chips & Soda)". To the right of the button, there is text that says "Eclipse Glasses Provided by" and the logo for "KUGLERVISION".

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Mike Holmes ([Email](#)) - Nebraska is going to be in the heart of eclipse country, and the state is expecting thousands of visitors. I've got tickets reserved for a special Lincoln Saltdogs minor league baseball game that starts at noon and will pause for the eclipse. I love baseball anytime - and have been at games with rain delays and even a brief snow delay -- but this will be a first.

The Eclipse-Lincoln, Aug. 21, 2017 (CDT)

11:37:17 a.m., Partial eclipse begins

1:02:36 p.m., Total eclipse begins

Approximate length of totality: 1 minute, 24 seconds

Why We Retired in Chapel Hill



By ChapelHillMagazine.com

Walter Mears - worked for The Associated Press in Washington, D.C., for more than 40 years as a reporter, administrator, bureau chief and columnist, and in New York for five years as executive editor responsible for AP's worldwide news coverage. He received a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the 1976 presidential campaign. He has written and edited several books, including "Deadlines Past," about the 11 presidential campaigns he covered.

Fran Mears - was an Associated Press reporter and administrator in Indianapolis, Kansas City and Baltimore before becoming managing editor of Gannett Co. Inc.'s Washington, D.C. news bureau. She and Walter have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

From the story:

We retired to Governors Club in 2005 and consider ourselves fortunate to have found the Chapel Hill area as our home.

After careers in journalism in Washington, D.C. - Walter for more than 40 years, Fran for five after a 20-year news career in other cities - we sought a more relaxed lifestyle and a refuge from the congested traffic of the nation's capital.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady. Want to drop them a note? Walter is at wmears111@gmail.com and Fran is at fmears@gmail.com

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Moved, honored that woman used photo of her and her shelter dogs for her funeral

Amy Sancetta ([Email](#)) - For all my fellow photojournalists who sometimes might question the reach of their work, I wanted to share something wonderful and very moving that happened Tuesday.

We attended the funeral for an elderly woman who had been a friend over the years through our love of animals and our connection to Rescue Village. She was a strong, big-hearted, independent woman, a lover of nature and culture and Cleveland and Akron, and a generous and quiet philanthropist.

Her service was held at the tiny Wade Memorial Chapel, designed 100 years ago with stunning mosaic glass tile work and a stained glass window by Louis Tiffany. A violinist from the Cleveland Orchestra would play a solo during the service. We looked to the altar and there, next to the urn that was way too small to contain such a huge presence, was an 8x10 framed photograph that I had once made of her and her two rescue dogs for the shelter newsletter. The same portrait was on the program and in her newspaper obituary. Turns out that she had told her family some years ago that that was the picture she wanted used when she passed away.

To have made the picture that she felt best represented her over her 94-year lifetime, well, I couldn't have been more moved or honored. Godspeed old friend. I know your dogs were there to greet you when you got to where you're going.

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My contribution to fading newspaper memories

Peggy Walsh ([Email](#)) - The pirate's hat in the New Yorker piece on what to do with newspapers reminds me of the old hat used to keep ink out of the pressman's hair. (See Thursday's Connecting.)

My dad taught me how to fold them. When the little boy across the street (now in college) needed a project to show his classmates how to make something, I taught him. He invited me to school in case he forgot something (he didn't) and the project was a big hit.

The hats were made daily and discarded. My contribution to fading newspaper memories.

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On images by Times' Stephen Crowley

Jo Steck ([Email](#)) - I will sorely miss Stephen Crowley's images. (See Thursday's Connecting.) I remember coming aboard (I think the fifth time) in New York and asking the staff to look more closely at his images. Imitation and all that. And I remember Madge Kelly giving me royal hell for suggesting he was any better than anyone on our staff.

He wasn't... still isn't... just told the story differently. We all use different lenses.

I'm sorry he's leaving but I know that Scotty and Pablo and the myriad of Washington staffers will carry on strongly and splendidly. And... I hope Scotty's

already planning his book because all those folks should have great stories to share. I'll be first in line.

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Connecting river shot - Eagle River, Colorado



Jim Bagby ([Email](#)) - This is the trout-rich Eagle River between Avon and Vail, CO, where we recently spent a week. Sun was not out this day, but the rainbows and browns were. Joann cooked fish several times in our time share; I ate steak or hamburgers. Although I was born and raised in Colorado, I never did develop a taste for trout. Now lobster or crab...

How North Korea news played on front pages around the world

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'FIRE AND FURY'

President Trump has threatened North Korea with 'fire and fury' amid reports that the rogue nation has made miniature nuclear warheads. 4

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By MARIO GARCIA

FOR THOSE OF US WHO STILL REMEMBER the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, the drama over North Korea is as close as it gets to that moment when the world feared the worst. It is also a serious news item, and not another "ordinary" day of Trump-related news, tweets, and analysis.

North Korea dominated headlines from the moment the story broke Tuesday afternoon in The Washington Post that North Korea has successfully produced a miniaturized nuclear warhead that can fit inside its missiles. Soon after, President

Trump threatened to unleash "fire and fury like the world has never seen" against North Korea if it endangers the United States.

That quote traveled quickly across our telephone and TV screens, as well as on the front pages of newspapers. The dramatic headlines and design are justified by a story that puts fear in the hearts and minds of many. If anyone believes the presentation of the story was overplayed, they need only refer back to the president's own statement.

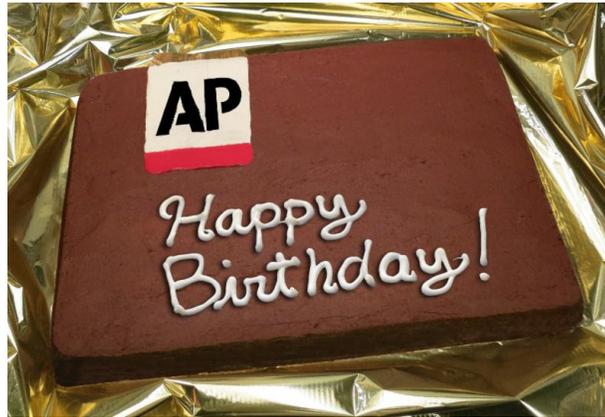
Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Photo of the Day



Honor guard moves the casket of former Texas Governor Mark White, who died Saturday at 77, to lie in state Wednesday in the Rotunda of the Texas Capitol in Austin. Hundreds paid last respects. AP Photo/Eric Gay

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

State of the News Media: Latest fact sheets (Pew Research Center)

Since 2004, Pew Research Center has issued an annual report on key audience and economic indicators for a variety of sectors within the U.S. news media industry. This week we released our 2017 fact sheets on three sectors: digital news, public broadcasting, and Hispanic and African American news media.

The Center's full list of this year's fact sheets can be found [here](#).

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Through curation, NewsMavens aims to create a front page put together by women in newsrooms ([journalism.co](#))



Would a news agenda and front page put together entirely by female editors differ from the standard mass media narrative? Would readers still see reporting about the same issues, and would articles be given the same prominence on the homepage?

A new initiative called NewsMavens, spearheaded by Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza with support from Google's Digital News Initiative Fund, wants to find out by bringing together a group of women editors from newspapers all around Europe to curate stories produced by their newsrooms about European issues and news events.

The curators will have complete freedom over their recommendations and how often they can contribute. Each story they feature from their organisation has to be accompanied by a short explanation of why it is relevant.

Read more [here](#).

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Right-wing media figures rally to ousted CNN analyst Lord (Politico)

Conservative media figures ripped CNN's decision to fire pro-Trump analyst Jeffrey Lord on Thursday over his use of a Nazi salute during a heated Twitter exchange with the president of a liberal media watchdog group.

The ousted pundit became ensnared in controversy upon tweeting the "Sieg Heil!" slogan at Media Matters president Angelo Carusone on Thursday. Lord's explosive bouts with commentators during the 2016 election and afterward drew both widespread attention online and sharp criticism from left-leaning organizations. But conservatives have defended him.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - August 11, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2017. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 11, 1997, President Bill Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court later struck down the veto as unconstitutional.)

On this date:

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada.

In 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York.

In 1962, Andrian Nikolayev became the Soviet Union's third cosmonaut in space as he was launched on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

In 1984, during a voice test for a paid political radio address, President Ronald Reagan joked that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 1992, the Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping-entertainment center, opened in Bloomington, Minnesota.

In 2014, Academy Award-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams, 63, died in Tiburon, California, a suicide.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed French President Nicolas Sarkozy to his family's estate in Kennebunkport, Maine. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won an easy and expected victory in a high-profile Iowa Republican Party Straw Poll. Funerals were held in Newark, New Jersey, for three college or college-bound students shot to death in a schoolyard. Big Ben's bongos fell silent as workers began a month of maintenance work on the iconic London clock and its world-famous bell.

Five years ago: Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney announced his choice of Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin to be his running mate. Usain Bolt capped his perfect London Olympics by leading Jamaica to victory in a world-record 36.84 seconds in the 4x100 meters. Allyson Felix won her third gold medal as the Americans rolled to an easy victory in the women's 4x400 relay. The heavily favored U.S. women's basketball team won a fifth straight gold medal with an 86-50 victory over France.

One year ago: The Obama administration said it had decided marijuana would remain on the list of most dangerous drugs, rebuffing growing support across the country for broad legalization, but said it would allow more research into its medical uses. Michael Phelps won his fourth gold medal of the Rio Olympics and 22nd overall with a victory in the 200-meter individual medley. Simone Manuel became the first African-American woman to win a gold medal in swimming with her win in the 100-meter freestyle, upsetting world-record holder Cate Campbell and tying with Penny Oleksiak of Canada. Simone Biles of the U.S. soared to the all-around title in women's gymnastics.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 92. Songwriter-producer Kenny Gamble is 74. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 74. Magazine columnist Marilyn Vos Savant is 71. Country singer John Conlee is 71. Singer Eric Carmen is 68. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 67. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 64. Singer Joe Jackson is 63. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 60. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 58. Actress Viola Davis is 52. Actor Duane Martin is 52. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 50. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave is 49. Actress Anna Gunn is 49. Actress Ashley Jensen is 49. Actress Sophie Okonedo is 49. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 49. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 47. Actor Nigel Harman is 44. Actor Will Friedle is 41. Actor Rob Kerkovich is 38. Actress Merritt Wever is 37. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 34. Rock musician Heath Fogg (Alabama Shakes) is 33. Singer J-Boog is 32. Rapper Asher Roth is 32. Actress Alyson Stoner is 24.

Thought for Today: "A pessimist is a man who looks both ways when he's crossing a one-way street." - Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator and author of "The Peter Principle" (1919-1990).

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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