



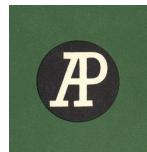
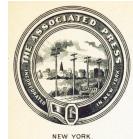
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Connecting colleague **Francesca Pitaro** ([Email](#)) read the story in Wednesday's Connecting on when "Ms." joined the vocabulary of The New York Times, and it set her to wondering when the AP adopted the term.

She found the first official directives under "Courtesy Titles" in the 1977 Stylebook. That volume, a 280-page, spiral-bound, alphabetized reference book, was the first of its kind for the AP. The previous Stylebook, published in 1970, was a 52-page style and usage guide, a booklet by comparison.

Eileen Alt Powell described the decision-making process in her September 1977 AP World article, "The AP Stylebook Arrives", where she noted that the thickest reference file collected in preparation for the Stylebook was "Women's Titles".

It contained articles from newspapers and magazines, survey forms from 40 AP staffers and hundreds of letters and memoranda from editors, reporters, feminists and interested citizens. Apparently, an abundance of opinions did not make the process any easier.

Lou Boccardi, who oversaw the project as executive editor, commented for the article:

"We heard from all sides," Boccardi said. "Drop all titles.' 'Don't you dare!' 'Treat women's names the same as men's.' 'I'm a Mrs. and proud of it.'"

In the end, a list of 10 options was developed and sent to AP managing editors, a consensus was reached, and the results landed in the Stylebook.

Have a great day!

Paul



courtesy titles In general, do not use the courtesy titles *Miss*, *Mr.*, *Mrs.* or *Ms.* on first reference. Instead, use the first and last names of the person: *Betty Ford, Jimmy Carter*.

Do not use *Mr.* in any reference unless it is combined with *Mrs.*: *Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Smith*.

On sports wires, do not use courtesy titles in any reference unless needed to distinguish among persons of the same last name.

On news wires, use courtesy titles for women on second reference, following the woman's preference. Some guidelines:

MARRIED WOMEN: The preferred form on first reference is to identify a woman by her own first name and her husband's last name: *Susan Smith*. Use *Mrs.* on first reference only if a woman requests that her husband's first name be used or her own first name cannot be determined: *Mrs. John Smith*.

On second reference, use *Mrs.* unless a woman initially identified by her own first name prefers *Ms.*: *Carla Hills, Mrs. Hills*.

If a married woman is known by her maiden last name, precede it by *Miss* on second reference unless she prefers *Ms.*: *Jane Fonda, Miss Fonda*.

UNMARRIED WOMEN: For women who have never been married, use *Miss* or *Ms.* on second reference according to the woman's preference.

For divorced women and widows, the normal practice is to use *Mrs.* on second reference. Use *Miss* if the woman returns to the use of her maiden name. Use *Ms.* if she prefers it.

MARITAL STATUS: If a woman prefers *Ms.*, do not include her marital status in a story unless it is clearly pertinent.

See **nobility** and **religious titles**.

Connecting mailbox

On black-clad provocateurs

Brian Bland (Email) - Regarding Bill Schiffmann's comments on black-clad provocateurs:

Although I suspect Bill & I have dueling political philosophies, he's correct that violent provocateurs of every stripe at political rallies should be part of the report.

We're all familiar with the black-clad militants, usually masked and armed, who pop up at alt-right events to bash attendees. Usually, their tactics are to provoke by physical attack, as they did next door to the 2000 Democratic Convention site in L.A. As the militants had hoped, the police overreacted, injuring non-masked, non-rock-throwing concert-goers and some journalists.

These costumed crusaders usually contribute to the issue at hand by tossing bricks through the windows of banks and hamburger stands after clubbing some right-wingers. Their main accomplishment, by far, is to provide ammunition for our addled president's false equivalences about violence on "both sides," as if both sides in Charlottesville were ramming cars into the others' ranks.

This group should not be overlooked in reporting, including an estimate of their (usually small) numbers. The same is true for those on both the right ("militias") and left (Redneck Revolt, e.g.) taking advantage of open-carry laws by strapping on assault-style rifles before heading to a rally, with both sides saying their motivation is "to keep the peace." As the L.A. Times just editorialized, "What could possibly go wrong here?"

Oddly, some of the peaceful counter-demonstrators in Charlotte, including clergy, have credited the so-called anarchists with rushing to form a defensive line in front of them to absorb the first blows from the right-wing extremists. What do the reporters who were there have to say?

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Does this 'screed' belong in Connecting?

Terry Anderson ([Email](#)) - Did we really need (Bill) Schiffman's screed in Connecting? It will of course provoke a lot of good journalists into attempting to point out his bias and cherry-picking, uselessly because anyone who writes this stuff is not going to listen to facts or logic. But to "both sides" Charlottesville (which is just down the road from me) and try to deflect blame from overt Nazis, racists and the like for a deliberate murder and a series of vicious beatings is offensive. Even Trump had to give in to his advisers and make a public condemnation of these evil people without equivocation, though his previous and subsequent statements showed clearly he didn't believe what he was saying. That's to be expected of him. But I get plenty of this crap in my daily perusal of news reports. I enjoy Connecting for its camaraderie and the memories it brings. I also find very welcome the occasional disagreements about journalism, etc. with people I like and respect. Not useless political opinions, especially polemics of this kind.

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Stories from the road traveled by broadcast executives

Joe McKnight ([Email](#)) - Jim Spehar's account in Connecting on Wednesday of electric typewriters for Regional Membership Executives calls to mind a couple of stories from broadcast executives.

When I was correspondent at Wichita, KS, Justin "Andy" Anderson was RME for the Kansas/Missouri territory and stopped by frequently because of the relative high number of radio/TV members in the area. Over beers one evening he told of a weekly expense account he had recently submitted that included a charge of about \$5 for a bottle of whisky that he had given a station owner in exchange for his signature on a renewal contract.

He said the AP business office rejected it because of the charge. Andy said he drew a line through "whisky" and above it wrote "Case of Coca-Cola." He said the business office accepted that without question.

Roy Steinfort said he was of proper age in World War II, wanted to serve in the military but didn't want to carry a gun. So he enlisted in the Navy and was granted a request to serve in the medical corps. He said medics did not carry weapons.

Unknown to him at the time was the fact that the Navy furnished medics for Marine Corps combat units. He said he was aboard a ship involved in the invasion of Iwo

Jima and at the last minute was ordered to be medic for a combat unit about to go ashore.

The invasion was a difficult one, he noted, with no discernible "front line" for many days.

"I spent about three days wriggling my butt as deep as I could into the sand and rocks," he said. "I didn't know I could be that scared."

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More stories from the total eclipse



A total solar eclipse is seen above the Bald Knob Cross of Peace Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, in Alto Pass, Ill. More than 700 people visited the over 100 foot cross for the event. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

Charlie Arbogast ([Email](#)) - The eclipse is special indeed. In 1979 as an US Army Spec. 4 working on the base newspaper at Ft. Lewis, WA, I photographed it with a great friend and helicopter pilot Nevin Jensen. If we could not find a break in the clouds, we could jump into his bird and get above the clouds. Helicopter not needed.



Fast forward to Aug. 21, 2017, it became even more special because the eclipse fell on my son Ian's 30th birthday. A few months ago I felt that if was going to get involved in shooting it for the company. I wanted to go somewhere where there was something to photograph it with, The Bald Knob Cross of Peace at Alto Pass, Ill. Getting clearance from Midwest Regional Photo editor Kii Sato to pursue was great and the people at the cross were so happy that The AP wanted to come there. We were blessed with clear skies as I was able to fire three cameras, two of them radio controlled and with the help of Ian a fourth showing more people watching the event.

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Campbell Gardett ([Email](#)) - My previous eclipse item for 'Connecting' mentioned fears about too many people on Mt. Borah, Idaho's highest peak, which lay directly on the eclipse center-line. In the end, there were about a thousand hardy souls somewhere on the mountain, including this cluster at the 12,600-foot summit. It was a very civilized party and a great view. However, I can testify that reports of a distinct "shadow" line visible at earth level are exaggerated at best. The lights-out effect was sudden; the cooling was very rapid and extreme; an aura like rose-colored footlights backlit the mountains; raptors dived lower to do their hunting closer to the ground; but the shadow's edge, even though it must exist, was entirely diffuse. This foiled my preconceived photo plans - which serves me right for trying to out-guess reality. Should have learned that (once again) back in November.



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Malcolm Barr Sr. ([Email](#)) - Helping cover the eclipse for our local on-line newspaper ([royalexaminer.com](#)) I reported placing my hard to obtain glasses in an envelope addressed to my son which I put in the lock box with my will and other things. A colleague commented that in 2024 I should still be around "given your genes." If so, I know where they are! (I'm still writing and reporting at 84).

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Joe Galu ([Email](#)) - I can deal with a lot of my dyslexia issues. I used to write 'bed' in the margin of my test papers so I would know how to use a 'b' or a 'd' in a confusing situation, but the eclipse is beyond me. I know the moon passes between the earth and the sun, but the sun and the moon rise in the East and set in the West. Yet during an eclipse, it looks as if the moon is moving from the northwest to the southeast but mostly from West to East and that boggles my mind.

I read with a straight edge and can read plays fairly well, although that is a special reading skill. Nonetheless, I am a voracious reader. Read Moby Dick last year. Reading Dostoevsky's The Devils. I'm 600 pages into a 700-page book but still have no idea who the devils are supposed to be (maybe all of them).

AP FACT CHECK: Trump does what he accuses media of doing

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

NEW YORK (AP) - President Donald Trump accused the media of selectively quoting from his remarks about the race-fueled violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, to create a misimpression that he had not unequivocally denounced racist conduct. Then the president turned around and did the same thing himself: At a Tuesday night rally in Phoenix, the president re-read portions of his comments about the violence - but left out the specific phrase that generated all the controversy.

In that statement, which Trump uttered in the hours after the Aug. 12 violence, the president said he condemned "in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence, on many sides. On many sides."

But when Trump read the statement again in Arizona, he left out "many sides."

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Wall Street Journal Editor Admonishes Reporters Over Trump Coverage (New York Times)

Gerard Baker, the editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal, has faced unease and frustration in his newsroom over his stewardship of the newspaper's coverage of President Trump, which some journalists there say has lacked toughness and verve.

Some staff members expressed similar concerns on Wednesday after Mr. Baker, in a series of blunt late-night emails, criticized his staff over their coverage of Mr. Trump's Tuesday rally in Phoenix, describing their reporting as overly opinionated.

"Sorry. This is commentary dressed up as news reporting," Mr. Baker wrote at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday morning to a group of Journal reporters and editors, in response to a draft of the rally article that was intended for the newspaper's final edition.

He added in a follow-up, "Could we please just stick to reporting what he said rather than packaging it in exegesis and selective criticism?"

Read more [here](#).

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Cambodia threatens purge of critical media and US charity (Guardian)



Daily staffers stand with placards bearing the slogan 'Save the Daily' yesterday at their Phnom Penh offices. Former AP journalist Jodie DeJonge, editor in chief at The Cambodia Daily, is far right in the front. Siv Channa/The Cambodia Daily.

Cambodia has threatened to close three foreign media outlets and a US charity, accusing them of operating illegally or owing millions in back taxes, in what appears to be a coordinated purge of government critics.

The Cambodia Daily, one of three English-language daily newspapers in the country, was handed a \$6.3m (£4.9m) tax bill and threatened with closure if it does not pay by 4 September.

Two US government-funded but independent radio broadcasters, Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, have been accused of not registering with the tax department and not operating on official media licences.

The prime minister, Hun Sen, one of the world's most notorious autocrats, who has ruled the south-east Asian country for three decades, has become increasingly anxious about any criticism before a general election next year.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Kevin Walsh.

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Trump, Calling Journalists 'Sick People,' Puts Media on Edge (New York Times)

President Trump's angry condemnation of the news media during a campaign-style rally on Tuesday heightened the fear among journalists that verbal attacks on the profession could lead to physical attacks.

While criticizing media coverage has long been a surefire tactic to rile up crowds, the depth of the president's most recent jabs took even seasoned journalists by surprise. He called journalists "sick people," accused the news media of "trying to take away our history and our heritage" and questioned their patriotism.

"I really think they don't like our country," he said.

Throughout the presidential campaign, Mr. Trump would frequently turn the attention of rallygoers to the areas containing journalists, who would then be greeted with obscenities and taunts. Journalists are well-accustomed to being disliked at his rallies.

But Tuesday's remarks struck a tone that alarmed journalists more than usual. Margaret Sullivan, a media columnist for The Washington Post, called it "the most sustained attack any president has ever made on the press."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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What Cities Lose When an Alt-Weekly Dies

(CityLab.com)



The death of the print edition of the Village Voice, which was announced on Tuesday, is being widely eulogized as the end of an era. Which era? Depends on which Voice you called your own—the granddaddy alternative weekly that was founded in 1955 survived a parade of owners and editors over its six decades. It outlived many of its children, the network of other free urban papers that adhered to the model the Voice created. But it couldn't survive the implacable, unstoppable decay of the print advertising that once sustained alt-weeklies nationwide.

In recent years, those forces have claimed the Boston Phoenix, the San Francisco Bay Guardian, the Philadelphia City Paper, and many other once-mighty brands, a media mass extinction often dubbed the alt-weekly death spiral. Shutting the Voice in print isn't so much the end of an era as it is an exclamation point on this phenomenon, and an opportunity to formally mourn what the alternative media once provided—the voices it nurtured, the storytelling techniques it pioneered, the sense of community it helped create.

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

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Journalist Kim Wall Remembered As A "Badass" By Her Friends (Buzzfeed)

Danish police announced on Wednesday that remains found floating in Copenhagen harbor matched the DNA of missing Swedish journalist Kim Wall, leaving a tight-knit community of reporters, scattered all across the world, grappling with the loss of a talented colleague who charmed sources and friends alike with her empathy and humor.



"Kim was a rare breed. She'd ask about digging up city election records and in the same breath remind you, with great delight, that Shakira is pregnant," said Laura Dimon, a reporter at the New York Daily News, who went to graduate school with Wall.

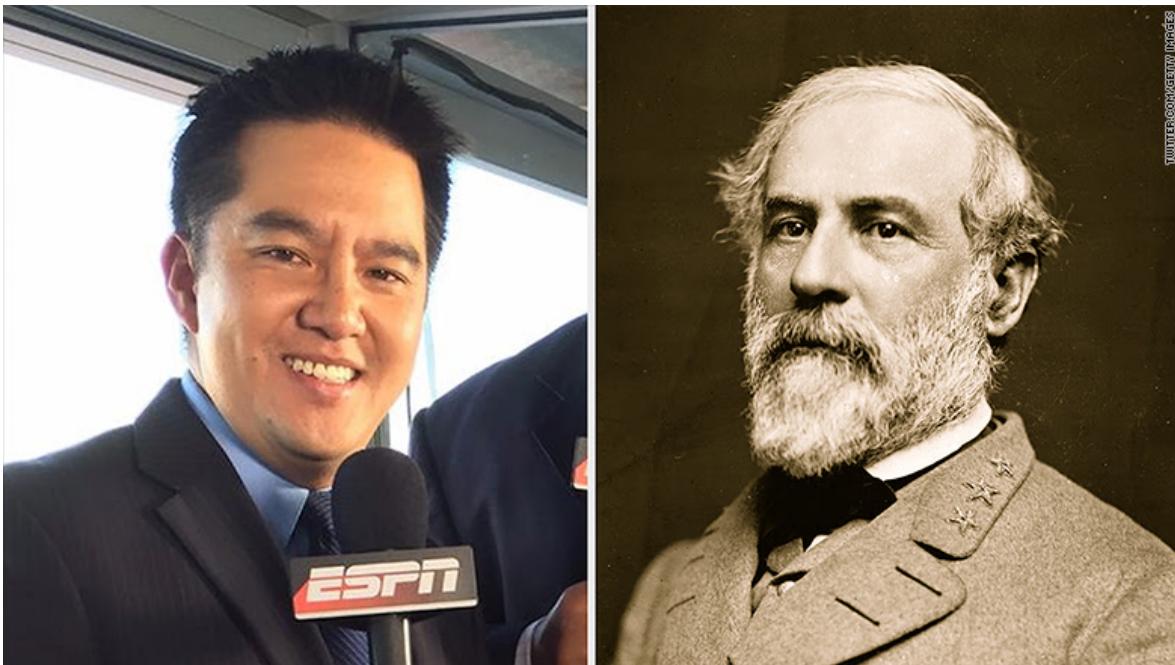
Wall, 30, grew up in Malmö, Sweden, with her parents and brother, but lived abroad most of her adult life.

Her mother, Ingrid Wall, wrote on Facebook on Wednesday that the family felt "boundless sadness and dismay" at news of her death.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

ESPN broadcaster Robert Lee taken off UVA game due to name



BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) - ESPN broadcaster Robert Lee will not work Virginia's season opener because of recent violence in Charlottesville sparked by the decision to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

A spokeswoman for ESPN says Lee has been moved to Youngstown State's game at Pittsburgh on the ACC Network on Sept. 2. The network says the decision was made "as the tragic events in Charlottesville were unfolding, simply because of the coincidence of his name."

Plans to remove a statue of Lee led to a protest in Charlottesville earlier this month that attracted what is believed to be the largest group of white nationalists to come together in a decade. Violent clashes erupted between a large gathering of white nationalists and hundreds of counter protesters.

ESPN says the decision to put Lee on another game was made "collectively." It also says it's "a shame that this is even a topic of conversation."

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

Today in History - August 24, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2017. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1912, Congress passed a measure creating the Alaska Territory. Congress approved legislation establishing Parcel Post delivery by the U.S. Post Office Department, slated to begin on January 1, 1913.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1967, a group of demonstrators led by Abbie Hoffman caused a disruption at the New York Stock Exchange by tossing dollar bills onto the trading floor. American industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, 85, died in Honolulu.

In 1970, an explosives-laden van left by anti-war extremists blew up outside the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.)

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti (juh-MAH'-tee) banned Pete Rose from the game for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a full-fledged planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

Ten years ago: A judge in Inverness, Florida, sentenced John Evander Couey to death for kidnapping 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, raping her and burying her alive. (Couey died of natural causes in 2009.) James Ford Seale, a reputed Ku Klux Klansman, was sentenced to three life terms for his role in the 1964 abduction and murder of two black teenagers in southwestern Mississippi. (Seale died in 2011.) Major wildfires broke out in Greece, burning half a million acres and claiming 65 lives in 11 days.

Five years ago: A suit-clad gunman opened fire outside New York's Empire State Building, killing a former co-worker before being gunned down by police. A Norwegian court found Anders Behring Breivik guilty of terrorism and premeditated murder for twin attacks on July 22, 2011 that killed 77 people; he received a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended as long as he is considered dangerous to society. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency wiped out 14 years of Lance Armstrong's

cycling career - including his record seven Tour de France titles - and barred him for life from the sport after concluding he'd used banned substances.

One year ago: A 6.2 magnitude earthquake reduced three central Italian towns to rubble and killed nearly 300 people. Astronaut Jeffrey Williams, commander of the International Space Station, marked a U.S. recording-breaking 521st day in orbit, a number accumulated over four flights (upon his return to earth 13 days later, Williams had logged a grand total of 534 days in space).

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 75. Rock musician Ken Hensley is 72. Actress Anne Archer is 70. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 68. Actor Kevin Dunn is 62. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 62. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 60. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 57. Actor Jared Harris is 56. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 55. CBS News correspondent Major Garrett is 55. Rock singer John Bush is 54. Actress Marlee Matlin is 52. Basketball Hall of Famer Reggie Miller is 52. Broadcast journalist David Gregory is 47. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SHeDaisy) is 47. Movie director Ava DuVernay is 45. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 44. Actor James D'Arcy is 44. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 44. Actor Alex O'Loughlin is 41. Actress Beth Riesgraf is 39. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 36. Christian rock musician Jeffrey Gilbert (Kutless) is 34. Singer Mika is 34. Actor Blake Berris is 33. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Life begins when a person first realizes how soon it will end." - Marcelene Cox, American writer.

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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