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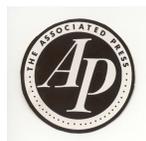
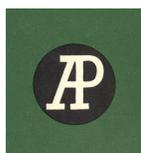
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Today's issue brings you the news of the deaths Monday of two women who worked for The Associated Press - one as a news executive in foreign assignments and the other as a key member of a worldwide communications department in Kansas City.

Susan Linnee, who was an AP bureau chief in Spain and Kenya, died in Minneapolis at the age of 75. **Betty Martin**, whose son **Brad** is a communications executive in Kansas City, died at the age of 93.

Veterans Day 2017 will be celebrated this Saturday: If you are a veteran of the military service, please send to me by Thursday your favorite memory of your service, in fewer than 250 words. Please include your branch of service and years of service, I'll run what you send in a roundup format.

Have a great day!

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Susan Linnee, former AP bureau chief in Madrid and Nairobi, dies



By **JEFF BAENEN**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Susan Linnee, who rose from a radio stringer in Latin America to become a groundbreaking Associated Press bureau chief in Spain and

Kenya, has died at age 75.

Linnee, who had recently been diagnosed with brain cancer, died Monday at Walker Methodist Care Suites in Edina, Minnesota, after spending about a month in hospice care, her brother, Paul Linnee, told the AP.

Linnee became one of the news organization's first female American bureau chiefs overseas when she was named AP's Madrid bureau chief in 1982. In 1996, she became Nairobi bureau chief, where she shepherded AP's coverage of major news in Africa, including the spread of terrorists into Somalia, the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, and the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Former colleagues remember Linnee for her hardworking ethic, dedication to her staff and empathy for ordinary people caught up in world events.

"She was a proper, old-school foreign correspondent who loved what she did," said Andrew England, Middle East and Africa news editor for the Financial Times of London, who worked with Linnee at Nairobi AP. He recalled Linnee as a "larger-than-life figure" and a "mothering presence," especially for young African journalists.

During her eight years as the news service's Nairobi bureau chief, Linnee oversaw a vast territory and managed a freelancer network stretching from Ethiopia and Somalia to Tanzania and Congo. Linnee was on her way to New York on holiday when she got a call from AP about the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya just after her plane landed.

She was told she had to go back, so she boarded a return flight without ever leaving the airport, recalled AP journalist Hrvoje Hranjski, who worked with Linnee in the Nairobi bureau.

"She always focused on how a story impacted ordinary lives," said Hranjski, who now works on the AP's Asia Desk in Bangkok. "That was her. She really didn't care about officialdom and government. She was really more about ordinary folks."

Times were tumultuous in Africa, for both the people and journalists. AP Television News producer Myles Tierney was killed and AP correspondent Ian Stewart was shot in the head but survived in an attack by teenage rebels while covering civil war in Sierra Leone in January 1999.

Hranjski was shot in the shoulder while with the Rwandan army warring with a Ugandan force in Congo that same year. Linnee worked two days to get Hranjski out of the jungle, he said.

"She was right on the tarmac waiting for me" when Hranjski landed in Nairobi, he said.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Linnee grew up in the Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park, where she worked on the school newspaper. She graduated in 1962 from the University of Minnesota, where she majored in political science.

A lover of languages - she spoke French, Spanish and German, among others - she married a man who became a diplomat. The couple lived in Geneva, Berlin, New York City, Rwanda and Buenos Aires before divorcing.

In 1973, Linnee saw an ad in a local English newspaper in Argentina looking for a "girl Friday" for NBC News Correspondent Tom Streithorst. Streithorst was in failing health, and Linnee filled in with live radio reports on NBC when he was being treated in the U.S. In 1976, she joined the AP in Jackson, Mississippi, followed by stints in New Orleans and Houston.

After a stint with the International Herald Tribune in Paris, Linnee became a one-person correspondent for the AP in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, in 1980. The territory included about 22 countries, from Mauritania to Zaire, which Linnee said in an AP World article she covered by "plane, but also by car, bush taxi and dugout canoe."

Linnee spent 14 years as AP's bureau chief in Madrid, where she covered the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and served as a correspondent in Sarajevo during the Balkans War. She was named Nairobi bureau chief in 1996, and retired in 2004.

After leaving the AP she stayed in Nairobi, working with the International Crisis Group and then a mentor for journalists at Kenya's national newspaper, Daily Nation.

In 2015, Linnee moved back to the Minneapolis area, where her brother lives. In July 2017, she noticed symptoms of disorientation, and in August was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor, according to her CaringBridge website.

Survivors include her brother, his wife and two nieces. A memorial service will be planned.

Susan's son Paul said that if anyone is interested in making a contribution as a form of a memorial to his mother, they could do so at Twin Cities Public Television. **Click here** for more information.

Recalling Susan Linnee

Edie Lederer ([Email](#)) - longtime friend and AP's chief correspondent at the United Nations - Susan Linnee was the first woman to be an AP bureau chief in Africa, a continent she knew well from her earlier years living there and her studies. She brought to her assignments in West Africa, based in Abidjan, and East Africa, based in Nairobi, a historical and intellectual depth about the continent's many countries and their different cultures, conflicts and challenges. Most of all she loved its people and wanted to tell their stories. She cared deeply about the local staff and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She loved Kenya so much that she stayed on for many years after she left AP helping to train young journalists.

Betty Martin, AP Kansas City CTS veteran and mother of Brad Martin, dies

Betty Rea Martin Crone, who worked in the Kansas City bureau's Carrier Transmissions Systems office and is the mother of AP communications executive Brad Martin, died Monday at her residence in Carnegie Village in Belton, Missouri. She was 93.

Services will be held Saturday (Nov. 11) at Mt. Moriah Funeral Home, [10507 Holmes Road](#), in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brad Martin has worked for the AP in Kansas City for more than 45 years and is senior manager for Global Network Operations Centers.

Betty was born Jan 23, 1924, in Hamilton, MO., to Raymond Neal and Lora Catherine Hoskins. She moved to Kansas City, MO., spent the rest of her life in the Kansas City area, attended Northeast



Betty Martin

High School and was a lifelong member of the Methodist church.

Betty spent 18 years working in the insurance business and was elected President of the National Association of Insurance Women before leaving to join the Carrier Transmission Systems (CTS) office in the Kansas City bureau of The Associated Press for the next 20 years before retiring in 1984.

Shortly after leaving The Associated Press Betty started volunteering at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City where she continued for 30 years and was named 2006 Volunteer of the year before retiring in 2015.

In addition to her parents Betty was predeceased by bother Richard and husbands William Martin and Charles Todd Crone.

She is survived by her loving family; son Robert Martin, daughter-in-law Lynne and granddaughters Whitney and Nicole of Murfreesboro, TN., daughter-in-law Jan Gentry and grandson Brandon of Waco, TX., son Bradley Martin, daughter-in-law Marcia, granddaughter Amber Sugar, son-in-law Matt, great grandsons Landen and Miles and great granddaughter Arianna of Raymore, MO., grandson Brady Martin, great grandsons Rocco and Oakley and great granddaughter Bryleigh of Raymore, MO., great nephew Tom Hoskins of Warrensburg MO., and Pat Hoskins of Shawnee, KS.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Asana Hospice and Palliative Care, Independence, MO.

Connecting mailbox

Joe Edwards moderates current events discussion group

Joe Edwards ([Email](#)) - who retired in 2012 after 42 years with AP (all in Nashville), is a regular moderator at a current events discussion group in

Nashville. A recent topic, "Why are newspapers declining and can they be saved?" There were no conclusions, he said - just lively comments about what people disliked: "Lots of remarks about the print media being unfair in coverage--- slanted, biased, etc."

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Mercer Bailey on the move



Mercer Bailey ([Email](#)) and his wife **Rosie** have moved recently to a new residence in Raymore, Missouri, and Linda and I paid a visit to them for a tour and lunch. Mercer was the Kansas City assistant chief of bureau when he retired in 1990 after a distinguished 47-year AP career. They are enjoying life with all their children and grandchildren nearby.

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Learning of JFK's death while on assignment in New Dehli

Henry Bradsher (Email) - On the subject of Kennedy's assassination, nothing as dramatic for me as chasing photos in Dallas. I was sleeping in New Delhi with the Fulbright scholar whom I'd married there four months earlier when the phone rang about 2:45 a.m. - 4:15 the previous afternoon in New York. It was Rangaswamy Satakopan, AP's excellent Indian reporter whose apartment was just off the office. The messenger who dozed in the office had been called by the Indian telegraph office to get on his bicycle and pick up a cable from New York.

The cable that Satakopan read to me said Kennedy had been killed. No details - and we had no incoming wire for news. The foreign desk wanted reaction from Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and others.

Since I had to get up at 6 a.m. to catch the first of flights on a reporting trip to Mongolia, I entrusted the job to Satakopan's capable hands and went back to sleep for a while.

I only got as far as Tashkent in Soviet Uzbekistan before Aeroflot stopped me. American Express had ticketed me to fly on a scheduled Soviet flight from there to Irkutsk in Siberia for a connection to Ulan Bator. Well, the authorities said after puzzling over this, the Irkutsk flight has been cancelled. I only figured out later it could only be used by loyal locals since it overflew a secretive area, stopping near Soviet nuclear and missile testing sites and many gulag camps.

During the several days I was stuck in Tashkent while they figured out what to do with me, I could get no news. The jamming of foreign shortwave in all Soviet cities kept me from learning on my little travel radio more about Kennedy and the aftermath.

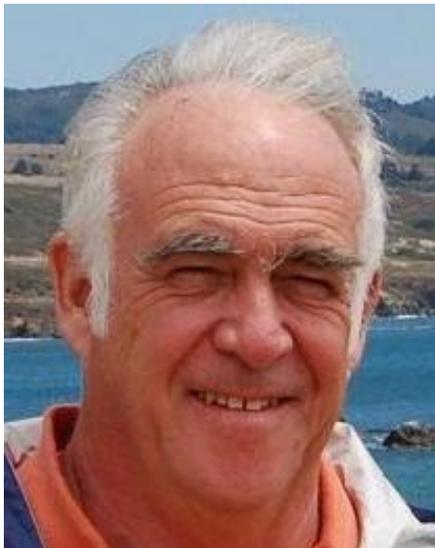
They finally decided that I had to fly by way of Moscow, going two very long sides of a triangle to get to Irkutsk. Long before I reached Moscow, Lee Harvey Oswald had been killed by Jack Ruby. All this and other details of the assassination I learned from Preston Grover, AP's Moscow bureau chief.

Aeroflot had not made hotel arrangements for the Moscow stopover, so Pres kindly let me sleep in the den of his apartment across the hall from the bureau. (After I succeeded him as bureau chief seven months later, the den became the nursery for our two sons born while Monica and I were in Moscow; the elder one, Keith, a Pulitzer winner, is now the NY Times bureau chief in Shanghai.) And Pres lent me a good Russian fur hat for the freezing weather in Mongolia, where Kennedy's murder had been forgotten.

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Memories of longtime Auburn photojournalist Bill White

Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - journalism professor emeritus at Auburn University - As news of the passing of William Penn White Jr., known to many as Bill, made the rounds on social media, his death produced an outpouring of tributes about the longtime Auburn, Alabama, photojournalist. White, 71, died Nov. 1, and his funeral was held Sunday, Nov. 5 in Auburn at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church with burial in Auburn Memorial Park Cemetery.



Bill White

White, a native of Americus, Georgia, arrived at Auburn in the fall of 1963, but his schooling was interrupted by military service during the Vietnam era. He was an honors graduate of Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, going on to join the United States Army in Europe with the USAEUR Inspector General's team headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany.

He returned to Auburn, earned a degree in 1971, and pursued his interest in photography and journalism. He was a studio and on location photographer for both Auburn Photographic Services and University Relations.

White would regale friends with stories of having to develop film from Auburn Tigers football games in the trunk of a car at away games to get the photos ready by press time. Early on he also developed a love of teaching and sharing his wealth of knowledge about photography with others; he briefly taught photography to seventh, eighth and ninth graders at Auburn Junior High School; many times, former students remember making a camera out of a coffee can for the class.

Later on, he taught basic photography, portrait photography, and photography for art teachers in Auburn University's Continuing Education program of night classes. He began working part-time as a photographer for The Opelika-Auburn News, where he eventually served as the editor of the community's weekly newspaper, The Auburn Bulletin. While he was a full-time journalist, he also began teaching photojournalism in Auburn University's journalism department in 1995. After working as a reporter and photographer for The O-A News for more than 27 years, he retired in 2012. He was a consummate fisherman but an even better listener. In everything he did, he brought a high standard of integrity and a depth of

enthusiasm, nowhere more evident than in his role as a journalist for the local community

He leaves behind a life partner, Caroline Gebhard of Auburn; a sister, Nancy White Crowther; brother-in-law, Carroll Crowther, of Beaufort, SC; and brother, Frank A. White, of Dalton, Georgia; three nephews, Logan (Cindy) Crowther of Beaufort, SC, Billy (Karie Ann) Crowther of Charleston, SC, and Matthew White of Dalton, GA; two grandnieces, Anna Christine and Elizabeth Crowther; two grandnephews, Henry and James Crowther; and numerous other family and friends.

Like all good journalists, Bill could tell a good story in his slow Georgia drawl. I'll miss his smiling face, his willingness to help others, and his kind, gentle spirit.

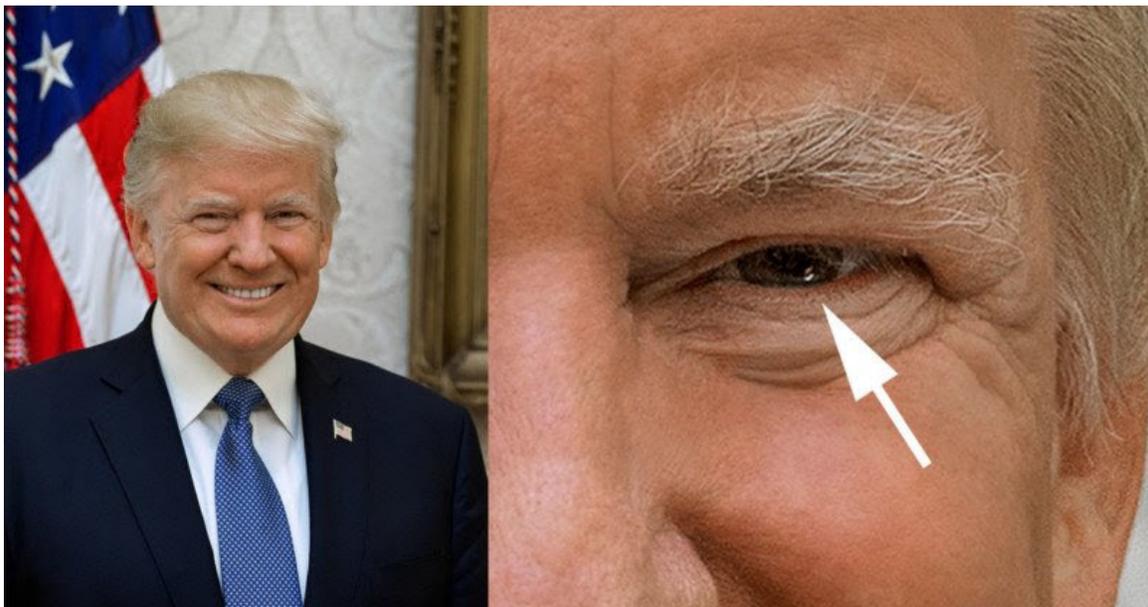
"He spoke slowly in a sort of friendly, wry rumble," said Judy Sheppard, journalism professor emeritus. She said White would tell stories with "his half-smile, and his deceptively mournful eyes would actually twinkle. And he would walk slowly away as if he had all the time in the world."

"Bill White was a gentle giant," said Troy Turner, editor of The Opelika-Auburn News, who began his career working with White at The O-A News in the late 1980s. "He was one of the kindest, friendliest of people I knew very early in my career, and he constantly was sharing words of encouragement or praise for a good job. That had a great deal of influence on me. He was the kind of guy who helped build confidence in others."

"He was a great professor when I was a student and a fine editor when I was a reporter," said Auburn University journalism graduate Elliott McLaughlin. "Always teaching and telling stories. I remember many of his lessons and yarns today. RIP, Mr. White."

Stories of interest

Trump's Official Portrait and the Language of Lighting (Petapixel)



By DOUG JACKSON

Nine months after taking office, the White House has finally released official portraits of both President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Last month, the Washington Post did a story highlighting the empty walls of some 9,600 federal buildings, all waiting for for an official portrait of the new POTUS.

In the meantime, the Department of Veteran Affairs was instructed to download/print a much older portrait of then candidate Trump, seen below.

As a photographer and veteran involved in policy work, I am interested in both the messaging and methodology of Trump's two official portraits. As a baseline I will compare Trump's two portraits against a more standard portrait seen with Vice President Pence's and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy's portrait.

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

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After the fall of DNAinfo, it's time to stop hoping local news will scale (Recode)

By **JOHN NESS**

Now that Joe Ricketts has shut down DNAinfo - the neighborhood news operation he had launched and owned for eight years - the site's readers are shocked. Media folks are wondering: Is there any way that a digital news org in 2017 can pay for the "unparalleled skill" that DNAinfo brought to its coverage of New York and Chicago?

It's a question I've spent a few months thinking about: I was editor in chief at DNAinfo for two years, up until Ricketts acquired Gothamist in March. (The blog, a New York fixture since forever, was also shut down Thursday, Nov. 2.) After I left DNAinfo, I went wandering around trying to figure out what to work on next, and disagreeing with much of the advice I got.

A journalism professor at Ohio University told me the only way to make neighborhood news work would be to work out how it would benefit from economies of scale. But it doesn't, really: You need a reporter for every 70,000 people or so. And they need an editor. Maybe other things can scale around them, but you need them.

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

Today in History - November 7, 2017



By **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2017. There are 54 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1861, former U.S. President John Tyler was elected to the Confederate House of Representatives (however, Tyler died before he could take his seat).

In 1867, Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie was born in Warsaw.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress, winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1940, Washington state's original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm just four months after opening to traffic.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1954, the CBS News program "Face the Nation" premiered with Ted Koop as host; the guest was Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis.

In 1962, Republican Richard Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, died in New York City.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor.

In 1991, basketball star Magic Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV, and was retiring. (Despite his HIV status, Johnson has been able to sustain himself with medication.)

In 1996, the U.S. liquor industry voted to drop its decades-old voluntary ban on broadcast advertising. A Nigerian Boeing 727 jetliner crashed en route to Lagos, killing 144 people. NASA's Mars Global Surveyor blasted off on a mission to map the surface of the red planet. (It went into orbit around Mars the next year.)

Ten years ago: An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in Tuusula, Finland, killing seven other students and the principal before taking his own life. A cargo ship struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, causing the San Francisco Bay's worst oil spill in nearly two decades. Space shuttle Discovery and its crew returned to Earth, concluding a 15-day space station build-and-repair mission. At the Country Music Association Awards, Kenny Chesney won his second straight entertainer of the year award, while Carrie Underwood made it back-to-back trophies as female vocalist of the year; Brad Paisley was named male vocalist.

Five years ago: One day after a bruising election, President Barack Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) both pledged to seek a compromise to avert looming spending cuts and tax increases that threatened to plunge the economy back into recession. A 7.4-magnitude earthquake killed at least 52 people in western Guatemala.

One year ago: In Philadelphia, with tens of thousands shivering in the cold, Barack and Michelle Obama passed the torch to Hillary Clinton in an emotional but anxious plea to elect her president. Meanwhile, Donald Trump accused Clinton of being protected by a "totally rigged system" and urged voters to "beat the corrupt system and deliver justice." Dozens of buildings sustained "substantial damage" after a 5.0 magnitude earthquake struck Cushing, Oklahoma, home to one of the world's key oil hubs, but officials said no damage was reported at the terminal. Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, 78, died in Miami. Singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, 82, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 99. Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., is 87. Actor Barry Newman is 79. Singer Johnny Rivers is 75. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 75. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 74. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 65. Jazz singer Rene Marie is 62. Actor

Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 60. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 57. Actress Julie Pinson is 50. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 49. Actress Michelle Clunie is 48. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 45. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 45. Actress Yunjin Kim is 44. Actor Adam DeVine is 34. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 34. Actor Lucas Neff is 32. Rapper Tinie (TY'-nee) Tempah is 29. Rock singer Lorde is 21.

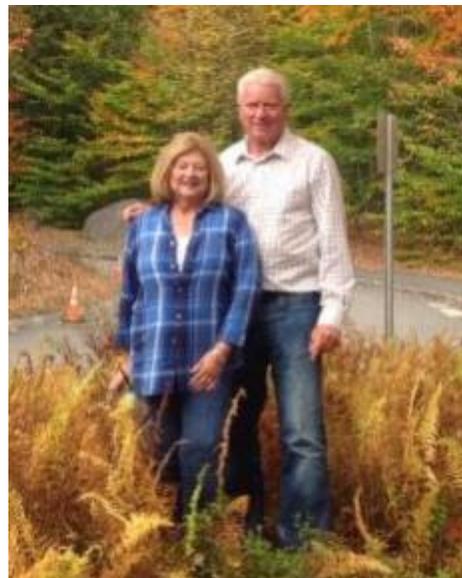
Thought for Today: "History is simply a piece of paper covered with print; the main thing is still to make history, not to write it." - Otto von Bismarck, German statesman (1815-1898).

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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