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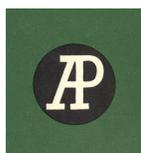
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

We lead today's Connecting with the thoughts of colleague **Jurate Kazickas** on women involved in reporting and photographing the Vietnam War. She was one of them.

Her report is in response to Connecting's call for reaction to a story in The New York Times by Elizabeth Becker on the subject. These women, Jurate wrote, "were true pioneers, taking risks in the field, often having to tolerate sexism and paternalism, but always relentless in their pursuit of getting to the truth of this complicated war."

We also bring you the thoughts of two of our colleagues on longtime Phoenix news editor **Neil Bibler**, who died last week.

Here's to a great day!

Paul

Women covering Vietnam War were true pioneers, relentless in pursuing truth of the complicated war



Jurate Kazickas ([Email](#)) - I am so glad Elizabeth Becker wrote that piece and was able to get it published. Not enough people know there were some excellent women reporting from Vietnam over the years.

Just read the book, *ON THEIR OWN* by Joyce Hoffman, published in 2008. The introduction alone is worth the price of the book - a brilliant overview of the role of women journalists during the war. She states that about 300 women were accredited during the war years but most likely only about 70 were true working journalists. Women like Marlene Sanders of ABC, the first woman to cover the war from the field (1966), Flora Lewis, Dickey Chapelle, Elizabeth Pond, Beverly Deepe, Liz Trotta, Gloria Emerson, Ethel Payne, and photographers Cathy LeRoy and Barbara Gluck. Women won awards for their reporting, including the Overseas Press Club, George Polk and the National Book Award.

The question does arise why the story of these women reporters who covered the war is not more well-known and celebrated. These women were true pioneers, taking risks in the field, often having to tolerate sexism and paternalism, but always relentless in their pursuit of getting to the truth of this complicated war.

In 2002, a group of us wrote the book *WAR TORN* about our very personal experiences reporting from Vietnam. Three of the nine authors are sadly no longer with us - Kate Webb, Ann Mariano, the bureau chief of *Overseas Weekly*, and Anne Morrissy Merick of ABC (*please add link to excellent NYT obit*). Two other *WAR TORN* authors are Laura Palmer who worked for ABC and NBC and Tracy Wood of UPI.

As for AP women in Vietnam: Kelly Tunney was in country in 1967 for a four-month stint. She wrote many articles including a memorable one with Peter Arnett contrasting a day in the life of General Westmoreland and a typical grunt, hour by hour.

Then came two excellent reporters, Edie Lederer, the first woman assigned full time to AP's Saigon bureau in 1972 and Tad Bartimus, mid 1973-74. (Both are featured in *WAR TORN*.)

I went to Vietnam as a freelancer for various outlets including the North American Newspaper Alliance (anyone remember that service?) I arrived in June 1967 knowing no one. The AP Saigon bureau became my home away from home those lonely years. Everyone was kind and helpful - George McArthur, Peter Arnett, George Esper, John Wheeler, Carl Robinson, Richard Pyle and others - but they no doubt wondered what this inexperienced 24 year old was doing in a war.

I was never an official AP stringer but some of my stories were published and Horst Faas often bought my photographs from combat patrols where I was the only "Bao Chi" to witness the action. "Shoot f8 and 250 and I will save you in the darkroom," he told me in his inimitable accent. We found some common ground because of my childhood experiences as a refugee in Germany. He was an amazing photographer and a wonderful man.

This week is an especially memorable one for me. Fifty years ago I was one of the few reporters at the Battle of Dak To. Ken Burns used several of my photos in

episode 5 of his Vietnam series. (They were also published in Paris Match.) At a screening I met a member of the 173rd Battalion who said he had heard there was a woman in the area. "I thought it was Oriana Fallaci," he said. Sic transit gloria.

I was fortunate to join the Associated Press in New York in 1969 with wonderful assignments over the years. Although I was briefly in Egypt for the Yom Kippur war, I never had any interest in being on a battlefield again. I am, however, thrilled to see so many women as foreign correspondents covering conflicts around the world. I think those of us who worked for equal rights reporting from Vietnam can perhaps take a small measure of credit for the opportunities female journalists have today.

Q&A: AP's new race reporter on how her beat is everywhere

By KAREN K. HO

Columbia Journalism Review

SOME REPORTERS HAVE TO FIND creative ways to write about race and culture in their beats, but for Errin Haines Whack it's her job. As an urban affairs writer for the Associated Press, Whack covered issues like racist sports fans, hurricane recovery efforts, and immigrants working in the restaurant industry as part of the news organization's race and ethnicity team. Less than two years after she joined the Philadelphia bureau, Whack last week assumed a new, larger role at the company as its national race and ethnicity writer.



In an interview with CJR on Friday, Whack talks about what her new position means, the role of statistics in proving the existence of systemic racism, and what she thinks is a key component for every story about race in America. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Describe what today was like in your new role.

The avalanche of sexual accusers kind of continued. I was writing in response to the Weinstein fallout (story not yet published). I'm seeing very few women of color as the accusers and very few men of color being accused. Where

are we in this conversation, and is there a historical or cultural explanation for why we are not?

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

Connecting mailbox

Fond memories of Neil Bibler

Mike Harris ([Email](#)) - I worked with Neil Bibler when he was the Cleveland correspondent during the late 1970s. He was a very nice guy and a good person to work with and for.

My best memory of Neil was in the winter of 1976. That was the era of the Big Red Machine (Cincinnati Reds) and the entire baseball world was watching the Reds. It was a given that Norm Clarke, who was the sports writer in Cincinnati, would go to spring training with the Reds. But I was covering the doormat Cleveland Indians and no one from the Cleveland bureau had traveled to Tucson for spring training in a number of years.

I was talking with Neil one cold Cleveland afternoon and I mentioned to him that, despite the Indians' perennial problems on the field, the level of interest for The Tribe in northern Ohio peaked every year heading into spring training. I said something like, "I'd love to go to spring training, even for a couple of days. I could fill up a notebook or two and then spread the stories out over the course of spring training. I think the northern Ohio papers would eat it up." That was it. I went off to a Cleveland Cavaliers game and forgot about the conversation.

About a week later, Neil called me into his office. "I talked with Columbus (the control bureau of Ohio) and New York Sports and they agreed with you. You're going to spring training."

I was delighted, of course. I asked, "When should I go? I guess the first week would be good." Neil smiled and replied, "No, you're going for the whole six weeks." That blew me away. And it also wound up being one of the best assignments I ever had in the AP. Not only did I get to spend six weeks away from the Cleveland winters covering a sport I have loved since I was a little kid, but I got to know the Indians

players on a different level that helped me cover the team during the regular season. The AP even did a promotional mailing about Norm and I covering the camps.

And I wound up going to spring training in Tucson every year until I was transferred to NY Sports in 1980.

I visited Neil a number of years later while he was working in Phoenix and thanked him for that wonderful experience. Typically, he said, ``Hey, it was your idea." RIP my friend.

AND...

Ben Brown (Email) - Joanne and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Neil Bibler in Phoenix recently. He was the news editor when I arrived there in 1968 late of the St. Louis bureau. Neil had known Wick Temple, my predecessor, in Arkansas. In a good move, Wick had talked him into coming to Helena as news editor.

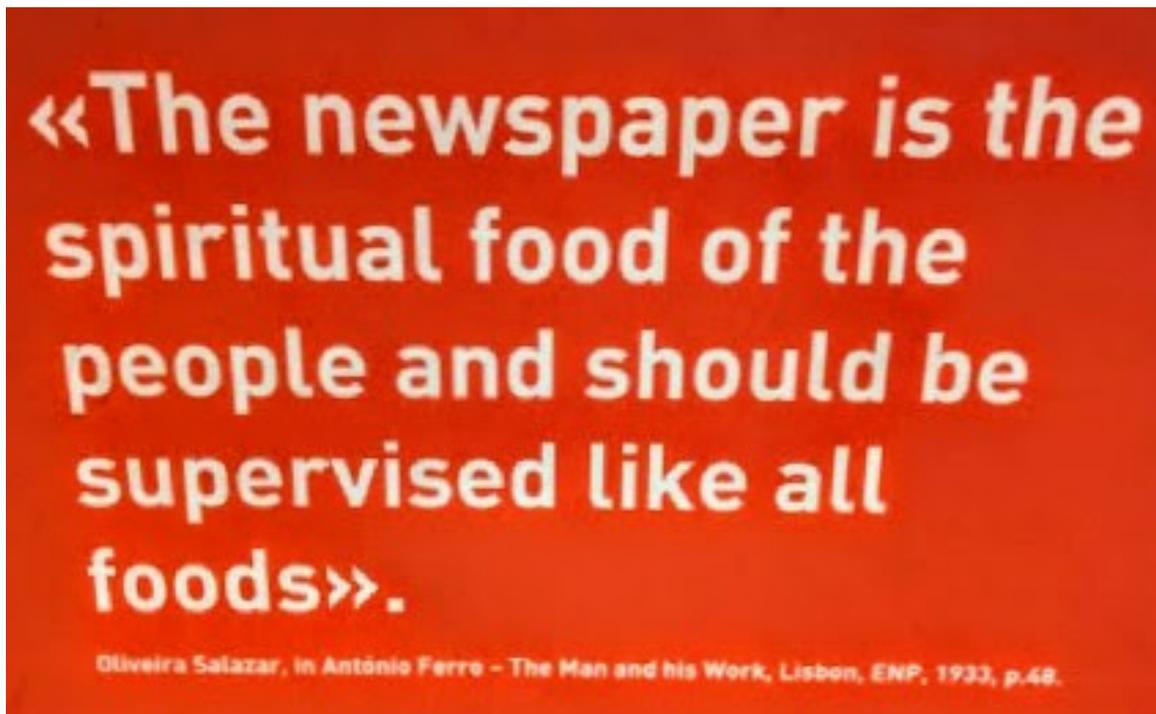
Neil was the hardest worker I ever had. He would run the day desk, guide the radio report and handle administrative duties when I was traveling the wilds of Montana. He often ran the day desk by himself and was a fast writer and good editor.

Bibler followed Wick to Seattle and remained there until Wick moved on to New York. He was an ideal editor for a small bureau.

Our thoughts are with his two daughters and the rest of his family/

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One perspective of a 'free press'



Kevin Walsh ([Email](#)) - I spotted this quote at the Aljube Museum in Lisbon, Portugal, a place where political prisoners were held under the dictatorship of António Oliveira Salazar. Salazar ruled for almost 40 years and it wasn't until the mid-1970s that the Portuguese lived in freedom. This quote from Salazar showed his perspective of a "free press."

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Connecting sky shot - Pacific Ocean



Bill Schiffmann ([Email](#)) - Afternoon on the Pacific, en route to Hawaii sailing on the Star Princess from LA.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says he 'didn't realize' money picture would be public



AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin

By **DONOVAN SLACK**

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin claimed Sunday that he didn't realize a photo of him and his wife holding a sheet of newly printed dollar bills would go public, much less as viral as it did, even though it was taken during a media photo op.

Associated Press photographer Jacquelyn Martin snapped the picture at the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing on Wednesday, and it quickly captured the online zeitgeist, partly because of past headlines Mnuchin and wife Louise Linton have garnered because of their high-flying tastes.

"I didn't realize that the pictures were public and going on the Internet and viral," Mnuchin said on Fox News' Sunday. "But people have the right to do that. People can express what they want."

Read more [here](#).

AP**BEST OF THE STATES**

AP Exclusive: Minnesota widow meets man who received her husband's face via transplant



Lilly Ross, left, shows her family photos to Andy Sandness during their meeting at the Mayo Clinic, Oct. 27, 2017, in Rochester, Minn. Sixteen months after transplant surgery gave Sandness the face that once belonged to Ross' husband, Calen "Rudy" Ross, he met the woman who had agreed to donate her high school sweetheart's face to a man who lived nearly a decade without one. AP PHOTO / CHARLIE NEIBERGALL

When a Minnesota woman was preparing to meet the man who received her dead husband's face in a transplant operation, the hospital that performed the surgery - the Mayo Clinic - immediately recommended that The Associated Press be the news organization to tell their story.

In early 2016 AP national writer Sharon Cohen, video journalist Teresa Crawford and photographer Charlie Neibergall had been first with the tale of Andy Sandness

and Calen "Rudy" Ross. The AP team's sensitive portrayal of two men who had each attempted suicide, with the one who lived (Sandness) ultimately receiving the face of the one who did not (Ross), had been well-regarded by Sandness and by Ross' widow, Lilly.

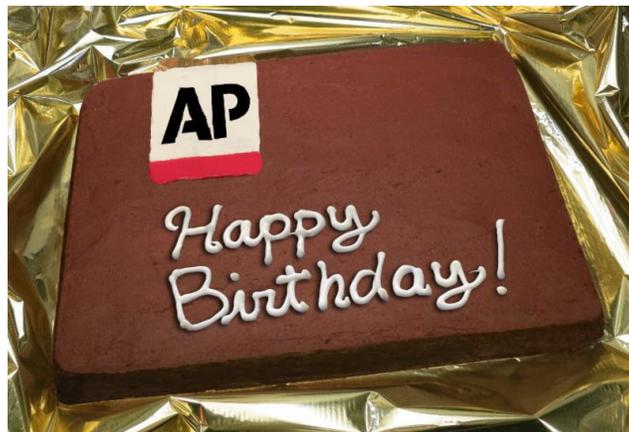
In the months following, Mayo was besieged with requests from news outlets to cover the first meeting between Andy and Lilly, with one outlet calling and emailing as often as twice a month. But when Andy and Lilly began making plans to meet in fall 2017, they wanted only AP in the room.

With Cohen on vacation, St. Paul correspondent Kyle Potter joined Crawford and Neibergall to cover a meeting that began with a tearful embrace between Andy and Lilly and included Andy holding the Rosses' toddler son. Lilly Ross said later that she had agonized over the meeting, afraid that seeing Rudy's face on another man would stir painful memories of his suicide. Instead, she said, the meeting "made me proud" as she saw how Andy's life had been transformed.

The video presentation, edited by Krysta Fauria, was a big hit, with 24 AP Video US downloads and widespread use by major customers such as CBS, ABC, NBC, The Washington Post and more. Teletrax found 226 uses of the video. The text story, which Potter worked closely on with News Editor Doug Glass, had 460 uses, according to NewsWhip, including The New York Times, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Chicago Tribune and St. Paul Pioneer Press. The story generated more than 31,000 social interactions on customer sites.

For their sensitive and exclusive coverage of a poignant meeting, Crawford, Neibergall and Potter win this week's \$300 Best of the States award.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

New York Times reporter suspended in harassment probe



Glenn Thrush, who joined The New York Times in January to cover the Trump administration, has had one of the newspaper's most recognizable bylines. © Yuri Gripas/Reuters

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK - The New York Times says it has suspended White House reporter Glenn Thrush while it investigates charges that he made unwanted advances on young women while he worked as a reporter at Politico and the Times.

Laura McGann, a Politico colleague of Thrush's, wrote on Vox on Monday that Thrush kissed her and placed his hand on her thigh one night in a bar, after urging another person who had been sitting with them to leave.

The Times, in a statement, said "the alleged behavior is very concerning" and not in keeping with the Times' standards. The newspaper said it supports Thrush's decision to enter a substance abuse program. Thrush didn't immediately return a message seeking comment, but told Vox that he apologized to any woman who felt uncomfortable in his presence.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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CBS suspends Rose, PBS halts his show following allegations

By **DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) - Charlie Rose is the latest public figure to be felled by sexual misconduct allegations, with PBS halting distribution of his nightly interview show and CBS News suspending him Monday following a Washington Post report with the accusations of eight women.

The women, who all worked for Rose or tried to work for him, accused the veteran newsman of groping them, walking naked in front of them and telling one that he dreamed about her swimming nude.

Rose, 75, said in a statement that he was "deeply embarrassed" and apologized for his behavior.

"PBS was shocked to learn today of these deeply disturbing allegations," the public broadcasting service said in a statement. "We are immediately suspending distribution of 'Charlie Rose.'"



Read more [here](#).

AND...

William Allen White Foundation will likely rescind Charlie Rose award (Daily Kansan)

By CONNER MITCHELL

The William Allen White Foundation is considering rescinding the citation given to CBS anchor Charlie Rose last year after reports surfaced of the journalist's sexual misconduct with eight women throughout his career, according to Ann Brill, dean of the School of Journalism (at the University of Kansas).

The Washington Post reported Monday that Rose "made unwanted sexual advances toward [the women], including lewd phone calls, walking around naked in their presence, or groping their breasts, buttocks or genital areas."

In a statement to the Kansan, Brill, who serves as foundation president according to its bylaws, said its members are discussing rescinding Rose's award.

"The allegations against Charlie Rose are beyond disturbing. I admire the women who have the courage to speak out and say, 'No more.' We have to make it safe for everyone to do their jobs," Brill said. "I've heard from several trustees of the William Allen White Foundation who want to rescind the National Citation that the Foundation gave Rose earlier this year. I expect the Foundation will act promptly."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

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White House Reporters Embarrass Themselves Telling Sarah Huckabee Sanders What They're Thankful For (Splinter)

By **CLIO CHANG**

During today's White House press briefing, Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters that if they wanted to ask a question, they had to first say something that they were thankful for. And then they all went along with it.

Sanders immediately called upon April Ryan, who, as a black woman, has been a continual target of White House press secretaries. To her credit, Ryan quickly responded with an appropriate level of snark, stating, "I'm thankful to be able to talk to you and question you every single day."

For the rest of the briefing, other reporters then dutifully prefaced their questions with things they were grateful for: their families, the First Amendment, their colleagues, their wives ("thankful to her for saying yes on the fourth request," ha ha!), and even "this exercise." When AP's Zeke Miller didn't give a thanks, Sanders said, "you did break the rule of not offering anything that you're thankful for," to laughter from the rest of the press corps. Sanders wrapped up the briefing by saying, "thank you for participating in this very fun exercise."

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

Today in History - November 21, 2017



By **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2017. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1942, the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, was formally opened at Soldier's Summit in the Yukon Territory.

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a letter expressing condolences to Lydia Bixby, a Boston widow whose five sons supposedly died while fighting in the Civil War. (As it turned out, only two of Mrs. Bixby's sons had been killed.)

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton, a Georgia Democrat, was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate; her term, the result of an interim appointment, ended the following day as Walter F. George, the winner of a special election, took office.

In 1927, picketing strikers at the Columbine Mine in northern Colorado were fired on by state police; six miners were killed.

In 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened on Broadway.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt (buh-ZAHRDT'), revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1974, bombs exploded at a pair of pubs in Birmingham, England, killing 21 people. (Six suspects were convicted of the attack, but the convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" were overturned in 1991.)

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. An estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (The shooter turned out to be J.R. Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard.)

In 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; he was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1992, a three-day tornado outbreak that struck 13 states began in the Houston area before spreading to the Midwest and eastern U.S.; 26 people were killed. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., issued an apology but refused to discuss allegations that he'd made unwelcome sexual advances toward ten women over the years. (Faced with a threat of expulsion, Packwood ended up resigning from the Senate in 1995.)

Ten years ago: New Hampshire set its earliest-ever presidential primary, deciding on Jan. 8, 2008. Officials announced the recall of more than a half-million pieces of Chinese-made children's jewelry contaminated with lead. Engineer Herbert Saffir, who created the five-category system used to describe hurricane strength, died in Miami at age 90.

Five years ago: Two weeks after he was re-elected to a ninth full term in Congress, Democratic Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois quietly resigned in a letter in which he acknowledged an ongoing federal investigation. (Jackson would eventually be sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for illegally spending campaign money.) Israel and the Hamas militant group in Gaza agreed to a cease-fire to end eight days of the fiercest fighting in nearly four years.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump held court from his perch high above Manhattan, receiving a line of former rivals, longtime allies and TV executives while overseeing his White House transition. An elementary school bus crash in Chattanooga, Tennessee, claimed the lives of six children.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Campanella is 93. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 83. Actress Marlo Thomas is 80. Actor Rick Lenz is 78. Singer Dr. John is 77. Actress Juliet Mills is 76. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 73. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 73. Actress Goldie Hawn is 72. Movie director Andrew Davis is 71. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 69. Singer Livingston Taylor is 67. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 65. Actress Cherry Jones is 61. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 57. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 55. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 54. Singer-actress Bjork (byork) is 52. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 49. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 49. Baseball Hall

of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. is 48. TV personality Rib Hillis is 47. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 46. Football player-turned-TV personality Michael Strahan (STRAY'-han) is 46. Actress Rain Phoenix is 45. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 43. Actor Jimmi Simpson is 42. Singer-actress Lindsey Haun is 33. Actress Jena Malone is 33. Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen is 32. Actor-singer Sam Palladio is 30.

Thought for Today: "You simply cannot hang a millionaire in America." - Bourke Cockran, American politician and orator (1854-1923).

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.

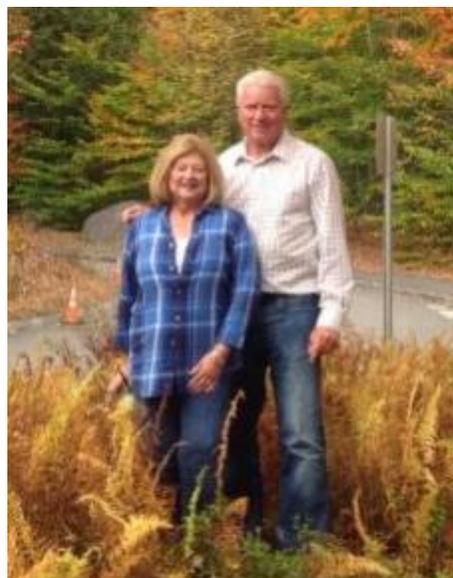
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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