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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Today's Connecting leads with a family tradition of one of our colleagues - Washington newswoman **Libby Quaid**.

For 13 years, Libby and her father, **Tom Quaid**, have taken a trip to New York together to see Broadway shows. After this year's trip, I asked Libby if she could write about the experience and how the tradition began.



"Sure," she replied, "My desk colleagues will laugh - I break into show tunes at the slightest provocation. I get Bob Furlow to sing with me occasionally!"

Libby has worked in the Washington bureau since 1997 after assignments in Topeka, Kansas City and Oklahoma City. She began her career in 1994 as legislative relief newswoman in the Topeka bureau operated by Correspondent Lew Ferguson.

How about you? Have a family tradition you'd care to share with your colleagues? Send it along.

Have a great day!

Paul

'They say the neon lights are bright on Broadway'



Libby and her dad en route to New York via Amtrak.

Libby Quaid (Email) - This year marked the 13th trip my dad and I have taken to New York together to see Broadway shows.

My memory is a little vague, but I think it started because my mom disliked how my dad insisted on rushing around Manhattan, and staying up till all hours, when they visited. "You should take Libby," she said. And so he did!

My dad, Tom Quaid, fell in love with Broadway musicals growing up in a small town in southeastern Oklahoma. That was when show tunes were pop music - producers released cast albums for radio play to get people interested their shows. My dad thinks he may have introduced my uncle, his twin brother, to Broadway cast albums. My Uncle Eddie grew up to be a choral director and teacher and loves going to New York himself!

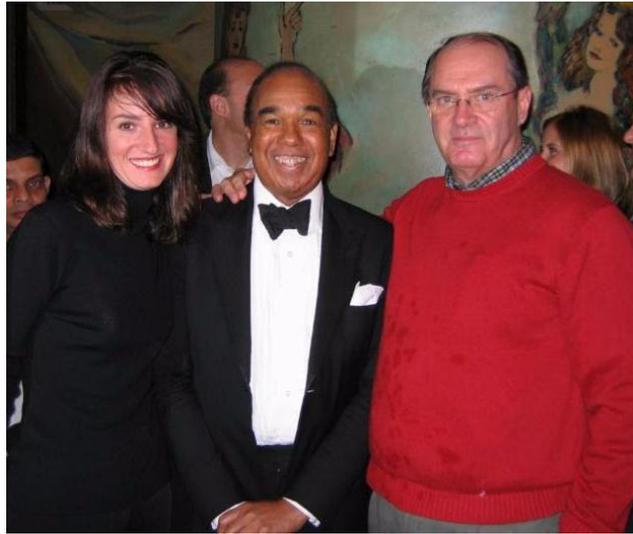
One of my dad's first experiences with the real thing was when he and Eddie saw Barbra Streisand on Broadway in "Funny Girl." (I will let that sink in for a moment.) They had traveled to New York after my dad won an Oklahoma Farmers Union speech contest. An usher gave them a tip about meeting Streisand - she exited the theater through the front, not the back. So they waited and met her when her sister picked her up in a Chevrolet Caprice with her little dog in the car. ("Dad, what was she like?" "Short.")

I love Broadway musicals, too. My parents took me to every show that came to Oklahoma City, and Broadway cast albums were agreed-upon listening on family car trips. So I threw myself into this father-daughter tradition. It is a holiday thing - we always go the weekend before Thanksgiving, when the city is preparing for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. We always eat a meal at Lidia Bastianich's restaurant Becco. We sometimes squeeze in other forms of culture, like a trip to the Tenement Museum on the lower east side or an Edward Hopper exhibit.

One thing we don't do is visit AP headquarters. I'm not sure why, other than that our primary purpose is seeing shows, and our secondary purposes are shopping, eating and walking off the food, often in Central Park. I do love to visit the "News" sculpture at the old 50 Rock headquarters. Someday we might drop by the current headquarters. My parents love that I work for AP. They have journalism degrees themselves - my mom taught and later ran a couple of newspapers, and my dad sells school yearbooks and now rings and letter jackets.

My dad's and my favorite experiences include the time in 2004 when we went, after seeing a show,

to see cabaret singer Bobby Short's late set at the Cafe Carlyle. We had come into the Hotel Carlyle drenched from rain, and the cafe insisted my dad wear one of their jackets. The cafe had a two-drink minimum. We were sitting at the bar, trying to finish enormous martinis, when Bobby himself sat down to join us. It was the ultimate New York night. I had seen Bobby in a Woody Allen film and heard him on NPR! He told us about his home in the south of France, and about how his friend Allen played clarinet at the Carlyle but never looked at the audience. He died at the age of 80 just a few months after we met him.



With cabaret singer Bobby Short in 2004

We've seen some wonderful shows over the years. Neither of us is able to settle on a favorite. A revival of "South Pacific" starring Kelli O'Hara in 2008 is at the top of my list. We agree that we definitely prefer musicals - both of us tend to fall asleep at plays! This year, we finally saw "Hamilton," along with "Dear Evan Hansen" and a City Center production of "Brigadoon" with Kelli O'Hara (we like to see Oklahomans onstage).

We walk to Union Station from my house on Capitol Hill to board Amtrak. (We once spent the entire trip home on an overbooked train at a table in the cafe car with New York Democratic Rep. Carolyn McCarthy.) We talk, or not, whenever we feel like it, and about whatever we like, throughout the weekend. We have 60 or so hours of just-us time to connect. Life is busy - my parents come to visit every few weeks, but things are hectic and we rarely slow down at my house or at my parents' home in Santa Fe.

I know someday we'll probably include my daughter, who is 7 and becoming passionate about musical theater herself. She recently sang "Maybe" from the musical "Annie" in her after-school theater program. But this trip is my favorite time to spend with my dad, just us! I'm so lucky it's an annual trip.

Congratulations, Jurate!



Photo by Jonas Kuprys/Draugas News

Adolphe Bernotas ([Email](#)) - I've been reading about Jurate Kazickas in Connecting lately. I have not met Jurate, but from the time I first saw her appointed a fellow AP staffer decades ago, I have been reading about her achievements as a journalist and more lately as head of her family's philanthropic foundation. Why? Because we became United States citizens under similar circumstances - arriving on these shores from Germany as World War II refugees, leaving our ancestral Lithuania as we fled the Nazis and the Soviets.

Why is that important to me? Because Jurate and I are among about 4 million native-born Lithuanians on this planet, fewer than 3 million who live in Lithuania, a tiny country the size of Maine with a history of subjugation, trampled by Teutonic, Slavic, Nordic, Napoleonic and Crusader armies.

Because we Lithuanians are so few and often unknown, we tend to promote each other and our culture and to correct misperceptions. No, we are not a Balkan country, but a Baltic nation; our language is not Russian, German or Polish; and we do not write in Cyrillic characters. We will tell you that we speak the oldest surviving Sanskrit-related language, which scholars study to reach into ancient tongues. We can rattle off famous people of Lithuanian origin - Dick Butkus, Johnny Unitas, Charles Bronson, Sen. Dick Durbin. We will tell you that in the Middle Ages Lithuania stretched from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea and to the outskirts of Moscow.

I had been meaning to send this note to Connecting but procrastinated until the Lithuanian periodical Draugas News recently arrived in the mail. On the front page above the fold is a group picture (shown above) of Sen. Durbin; former president of Lithuania Valdas Adamkus; Stanley Balzekas, founder of the Lithuanian Cultural Museum; and Jurate. They represent the 2017 inductees into the National Lithuanian American Hall of Fame. Jurate accepts the award on behalf of her father, entrepreneur Juozas Kazickas, granted posthumously. He established the Kazickas Family Foundation philanthropy, now carried on by Jurate.

Congratulations, Jurate!

Linda Deutsch to be featured on Menendez series

Linda Deutsch ([Email](#)) - This is to let you know that I will be featured in a five-part documentary series beginning this Thursday night on A&E at 10 p.m. It is "The Menendez Murders: Erik Menendez Speaks Out." Episodes will continue on subsequent Thursday nights through December.

I was a consultant as well as participant on the project and I trust it to be high quality work. [Click here](#) for a link to a promotional video with a sneak peek at the series.

Howard Graves shared stationery from his travels



Tim Marsh (Email) - Howard Graves, a bureau chief for The Associated Press in New Mexico, Oregon, and Hawaii during a 41-year career, exchanged correspondence and newspaper clippings with numerous former colleagues over the years - to the point where he became known as the "UnaClipper" or the "ClipMeister."

Graves also shared stationery with former colleagues that he picked up during travels.

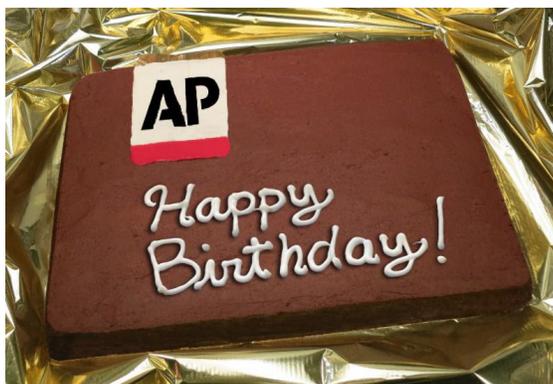
Paul Albright worked for Graves in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, AP bureau in the 1960s. The stationery exchange began when Albright occasionally scribbled a note to Graves, using a page of Holiday Inn or Motel 6 stationery.

Somehow, Graves got the notion that he should share stationery with Albright and others, partly so they would continue to correspond with him.

As Graves and his wife, Audrey, motored through the Midwest, the Far West and elsewhere, Graves kept stationery from their hotel/motel rooms and enclosed it with his latest missive to Albright who could not possibly use it all.

When Graves died at age 90 on Jan. 25, 2017, in Prescott, Arizona, Albright had at least a ream of unused stationery Graves sent him from hotels and motels in the U.S. and abroad. In this slide show is a sampling - [click here](#) to view.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Video was key for The Washington Post's debunking of Project Veritas. But what will "proof" look like in an era of easily doctored visuals? (Nieman)

By CHRISTINE SCHMIDT

A confrontation in a Greek restaurant. Dueling camera-laden interviews in a parking lot.

These two scenes are at the heart of the Washington Post's debunking of the claims of Jaime Phillips, a woman who appears to have been working with Project Veritas using secretly recorded footage to try to swindle the news organization's reporters into publishing a fake story about Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore's sexual harassment and assault history. But what do we do when we get to the point when we can't tell if this sort of video is real?

The story-about-the-non-story rocked journalism Twitter yesterday, as the Post shared nearly 10 minutes of footage of reporter Stephanie McCrummen presenting Phillips with a printout of a GoFundme campaign to help her work against the mainstream media and other reporting that dismantled her claims. The article with the video noted that "when McCrummen put her purse near Phillips' purse to block a possible camera, Phillips moved hers." After James O'Keefe - the founder of Project Veritas, which has been criticized for using deceptive tactics and recorded interactions to embarrass its targets - tweeted an edited video of an encounter between himself and Post reporter Aaron Davis trying to ask him about Phillips, the Post published a non-segmented video of the meeting.

Read more [here](#).

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NPR Chief News Editor Departs After Harassment Allegations (NPR)

NPR Chief News Editor David Sweeney has left the company following allegations of sexual harassment filed against him by at least three female journalists.

"David Sweeney is no longer on staff," Chris Turpin, acting senior vice president of news, said in an email to staff.

"This is a difficult time for our newsroom and I'm committed to supporting all of you as we move forward. I know you appreciate that there are some questions I cannot answer in keeping with our practice to not comment on personnel issues, but I will do my best to address those I can," Turpin added.

In the email to staff, Turpin says that senior manager Edith Chapin will resume her role as executive editor, assuming duties that Sweeney held most recently.

Read more [here](#).

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With the Koch brothers' interest in Time Inc come more questions about billionaire-influenced media (Nieman)

By RICARDO BILTON

The speculation is over: Time Inc. has officially found a buyer. Meredith, the publisher of magazines including Better Homes and Gardens and Family Circle, shelled out \$2.8 billion for Time in a deal announced Sunday night.

But with the end of that speculation comes some new questions about the potential involvement of Charles and David Koch, who contributed \$650 million into the merged company. The general concern among observers is that the two billionaires, who have founded and funded organizations like the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, will use the newly owned Time Inc. properties to help push their conservative agenda. But the Koch brothers said they no intention of meddling with the merged company, whose board they won't take a seat on. "[Koch Equity Development's] non-controlling, preferred equity investment underscores a strong belief in Meredith's strength as a business operator, its strategies, and its ability to unlock significant value from the Time Inc. acquisition," they said in a press release.

Read more [here](#).

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Style over substance? Why political campaigns hire personal photographers (CBC News)

By Michelle Ghossoub

When the B.C. Liberals hired celebrated photojournalist John Lehmann to chronicle the 2017 election, the NDP called the move yet another example of "style over substance."

Are they right?

Lindsay Meredith, a professor of marketing at Simon Fraser University, said that while the practice of Canadian politicians hiring personal photographers remains rare because of the high cost, the move doesn't surprise him.

In the age of social media, both politicians and journalists are constantly competing for the public's attention.

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

Today in History - November 29, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2017. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews; 33 members, including the United States, voted in favor of the resolution, 13 voted against while 10 abstained. (The plan, rejected by the Arabs, was never implemented.)

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'-zee), onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York; Navy defeated Army, 24-0. The Imperial Diet, forerunner of Japan's current national legislature, opened its first session.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1956, the musical comedy "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1967, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, California.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, California, at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1987, a Korean Air 707 jetliner en route from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok was destroyed by a bomb planted by North Korean agents with the loss of all 115 people aboard.

In 1991, 17 people were killed in a 164-vehicle pileup during a dust storm on Interstate 5 near Coalinga, California. Actor Ralph Bellamy died in Santa Monica, California, at age 87.

In 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: A court in Sudan convicted British teacher Gillian Gibbons of insulting Islam for letting her pupils name a teddy bear "Muhammad" and sentenced her to 15 days in prison. (Gibbons was pardoned after spending more than a week in custody; she then left the country.) Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf (pur-VEHZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhv), embarked on a new, five-year term as a civilian president, a day after ceding the powerful post of army chief. Former congressman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., died in Chicago at age 83. Former General Motors chief executive Roger B. Smith died in Detroit at age 82.

Five years ago: The United Nations voted overwhelmingly to recognize a Palestinian state, a vote that came exactly 65 years after the General Assembly adopted a plan to divide Palestine into separate states for Jews and Arabs. (The vote was 138 in favor; nine members, including the United States, voted against and 41 abstained.) President Barack Obama had lunch with defeated Republican nominee Mitt Romney in the White House's private dining room; the White House says they discussed America's leadership in the world.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump continued to fill out his Cabinet, choosing former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin (mih-NOO'-shin) as secretary of the Treasury Department, Georgia Rep. Tom Price to oversee the nation's health care system, and Elaine Chao, a former labor secretary and the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, to lead the Department of Transportation. Regional leaders and tens of thousands of Cubans jammed the Plaza of the Revolution in Havana, celebrating Fidel Castro on the spot where he delivered fiery speeches to mammoth crowds in the years after he seized power.

Today's Birthdays: Hall of Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 90. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 85. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 84. Actress Diane Ladd is 82. Songwriter Mark James is 77. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 77. Country singer Jody Miller is 76. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 75. Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 71. Actor Jeff Fahey is 65. Movie director Joel Coen is 63. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 62. Former Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 60. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is 58. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 57. Actress Kim Delaney is 56. Actor Tom Sizemore is 56. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 55. Actor Don Cheadle is 53. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 52. Musician Wallis Buchanan is 52. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 49. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 49. Actress Jennifer Elise Cox is 48. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 47. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 47. Actress Paola Turbay is 47. Contemporary Christian singer Crowder is 46. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 46. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 45. Actor Julian Ovenden is 42. Actress Anna (AH'-nuh) Faris is 41. Gospel singer James Fortune is 40. Actress Lauren German is 39. Rapper The Game is 38. Actress Janina Gavankar is 37. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 36. Actor-comedian John Milhiser is 36. Actor Lucas Black is 35. Actor Diego Boneta is 27. Actress Lovie Simone (TV: "Greenleaf") is 19.

Thought for Today: "If moderation is a fault, then indifference is a crime." - Jack Kerouac, American author (1922-1969).

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.

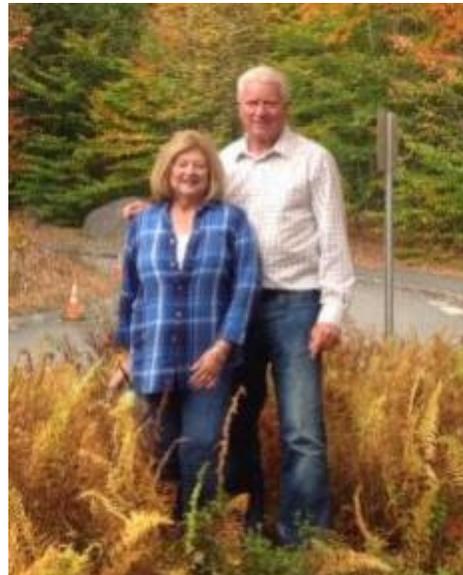
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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