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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning - and here's to the new month of December!

Connecting colleague **Joe McKnight** ([Email](#)) notes that he believes there's another side to the Lynn Sherr story in Thursday's Connecting column - "stretching from straight-arrow men and women to willing sexual explorers of both sexes. Allegations by real and alleged victims of sexual predators has reached fad proportions.

"I no longer have the abilities to put it in proper context but it seems that someone among your readers would be capable and willing."

New York Times executive editor Dean Baquet said that "Harvey Weinstein's on such a far end. But I think there were no lines for so long that this wrenching debate the country's in, this wrenching discussion, is obviously significantly more healthy than the lack of discussion before. But I think it's hard. It's going to be tricky to figure out where the lines are going to be. We're all going to have to take case by case."

A tough issue that everyone is grappling with. Share your opinion with Connecting over the weekend.

Have a great weekend.

Paul

Connecting mailbox

A frantic day when mistake occurred in Cecily Brownstone's Orange Cake recipe

Tom Kent ([Email](#)) - In folo to the Cecily Brownstone item in Thursday's Connecting:

When I was in the Hartford bureau in the early 1970s there was a systemwide panic over a mistake in a recipe for Cecily Brownstone's Orange Cake.

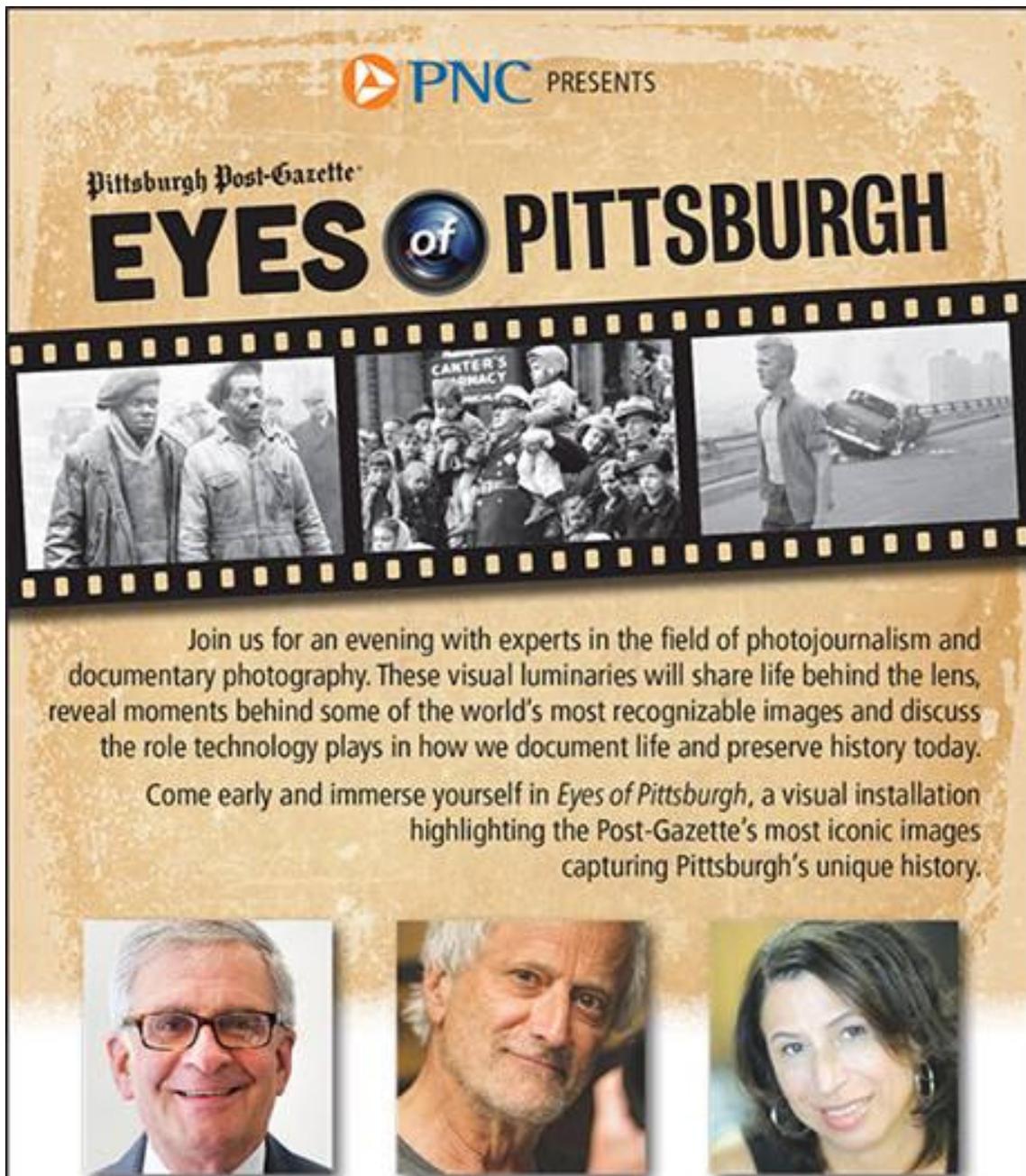
There were frantic messages to all bureaus from the General Desk saying we had to phone all members immediately with the correction. It took the Hartford bureau down for most of the day.

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Are allegations by real and alleged victims of sexual predators reaching fad proportions?

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Celebrating Pittsburgh's photojournalism legacy on Dec. 5



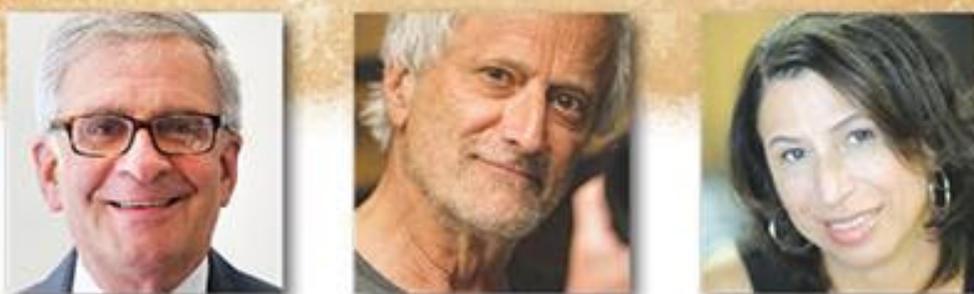
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 | HEINZ HISTORY CENTER
5:30 P.M. EXHIBIT RECEPTION | 7 P.M. PANEL BEGINS

To attend, register at post-gazette.com/eyesofpittsburgh or call 412-263-3850. Exhibit reception features a cash bar, silent disco and FREE access to the Heinz History Center Museum. FREE parking provided at the Eleventh & Smallman Lot.

Sally Stapleton (Email) - We're celebrating Pittsburgh's enduring photojournalism legacy with a Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, panel including Lynn Johnson, David Burnett, Charlene Foggie Barnett and Stephanie Strasburg. Join us at the Heinz History Center for 100 years of incredible Pittsburgh moments via the archives from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Connecting photo mailbox



Susan Clark ([Email](#)) - Memories of the 80's! - as Bobbie Seril stopped in to New York Headquarters for a visit. From left, Evelyn Colucci-Calvert, Susan Clark and Bobbie Seril.

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Bob Daugherty (Email) - Here's a sunset across Morse Lake (outside Indianapolis). We are fortunate to have some decent sunrises and even better sunsets.

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Brad Kalbfeld (Email) - The Colosseum in late afternoon in Rome in early November. I took this with my iPhone 6 and toned it in Photoshop. My wife Jane and I, along with our daughter Jessie and son-in-law Taylor, visited Rome, Florence and Venice. My thanks to Fran D'Emilio for her advice as we planned it!

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Norm Clarke ([Email](#)) - Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. My wife, Cara, and I went to Sedona, Ariz., for the first time and had the most amazing aerial tour of our lifetimes. We took a 35-minute, 51-mile tour through the Sedona canyons. Saw many cliff dwellings, including this one, which offered an incredible view of this waterfall during the rainy season. Has to be one of earliest definitions of "having running water," after Noah, of course.

Post-Weinstein, Lauer: A reckoning for fans of fallen heroes

By **LEANNE ITALIE**

NEW YORK (AP) - When it comes to fandom, it's reckoning time for Matt Lauer, Garrison Keillor and scores of other men accused of sexual wrongdoing.

Hero celebrities have fallen before - Bill Cosby's career ended after assault allegations in 2014 - but never in the rapid succession that has rocked so many worlds since revelations about Harvey Weinstein exploded in October. Accusers of politicians, actors, comedians, singers, producers, directors, other media

powerhouses and assorted business moguls have taken the power and fans of the disgraced have largely stood with the wronged.

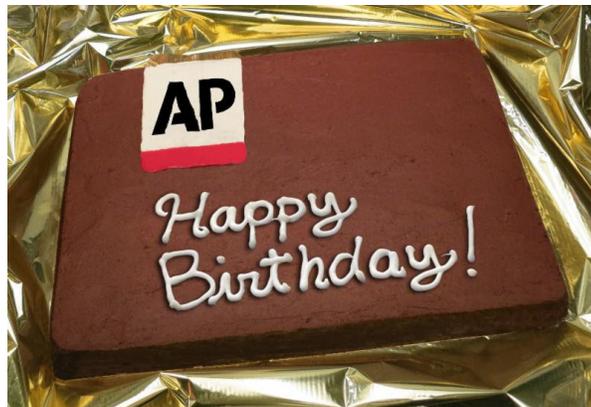
But for some, giving up heroes isn't easy.

Savannah Guthrie, in breaking the news Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show about Lauer's firing over "inappropriate sexual behavior" with a colleague, appeared to be on the verge of tears.

"How do you reconcile your love for someone with the revelation that they have behaved badly, and I don't know the answer to that," she said. "But I do know that this reckoning that so many organizations have been going through is important, it's long overdue and it must result in workplaces where all women - all people - feel safe and respected."

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

In US and Worldwide, Study Shows 'Never a More Dangerous Time to Be a Journalist'

(Common Dreams)

By **JULIA CONLEY**

A new report finds that threats to global journalistic freedoms are at an all-time high, with attacks on the press being increasingly reported in democratic countries as well as under authoritarian regimes.

The freedom of expression advocacy group Article 19 and online database V-Dem compiled data from 172 countries between 2006 and 2016, rating each based on their levels of internet censorship, harassment and intimidation of journalists, media bias and corruption, and other indicators.

Turkey, Egypt, Burundi, and Venezuela, all of which have experienced political crises in recent years and whose human rights abuses have been addressed by the U.S., each saw large declines in press freedom over the last decade, according to the study.

But President Donald Trump's attacks on the media and the spread of information did not go unnoticed by the researchers, who placed the president in the same category as leaders who have been accused for years of authoritarianism.

Read more [here](#).

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Walmart pulls Rope. Tree. Journalist. T-shirt from site

WASHINGTON (AP) - Walmart has pulled a T-shirt offered by an outside seller from its online store after a journalist advocacy group told the retailer it found the shirt threatening.

The shirt, listed on Walmart.com through third-party seller Teespring, said: "Rope. Tree. Journalist. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED."

"This item was sold by a third-party seller on our marketplace and clearly violates our policy," Walmart said. "We removed it as soon as it was brought to our attention, and are conducting a thorough review of the seller's assortment."

Read more [here](#).

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Jeff Washburn told stories and made deadline to the end (Indy Star)

By GREGG DOYEL

WEST LAFAYETTE - Jeff Washburn wrote to the end. On Saturday he was at Purdue's football game against Indiana in West Lafayette. Sunday he was at the Indianapolis Colts home game with Tennessee. Tuesday he was at Louisville-Purdue at Mackey Arena.

Wednesday, he died.

A pro's pro, he made deadline Tuesday night writing for The Sports Xchange. He was dying of esophageal cancer, and he would be dead in less than 19 hours, but he made deadline. He was relegated to a wheelchair, but he made deadline. He had lost 75 pounds in a matter of months, but good ol' Wash - he made deadline, hammering away on that iPad.

Jeff Washburn died before I could write the story I wanted to write. This one will have to do, and let me tell you something: It won't be good enough. It won't be as good a story as he could have written about himself, or about me, or about anyone. A storyteller, I tell you. That's Wash.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Rice.

Today in History - December 1, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2017. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1921, the Navy flew the first non-rigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C.

In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel.

In 1992, a judge in Mineola, New York, sentenced Amy Fisher to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding her lover's wife, Mary Jo Buttafuoco (buh-tuh-FYOO'-koh). (Fisher served seven years.)

In 1997, a 14-year-old boy opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three fellow students and wounding five; the shooter is serving a life sentence.

Ten years ago: Police in El Dorado, Kansas, identified a body found days earlier as that of Emily Sander, a college student whose disappearance drew added attention after the discovery she was also an Internet porn model named "Zoey Zane." (A suspect was convicted of rape and murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.) Four suspects were charged in Miami in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor. (A fifth suspect was later arrested; all received prison sentences.)

Five years ago: Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, then drove to Arrowhead Stadium and committed suicide in front of the team's coach and general manager. Enrique Pena Nieto took the oath of office as Mexico's new president, vowing to restore peace and security.

One year ago: During the first stop of a "Thank you" tour, President-elect Donald Trump made a surprise announcement from the stage in Cincinnati, saying he had decided to offer the post of defense secretary to retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis. French President Francois Hollande announced in a televised address that he would not seek a second term in the 2017 presidential election. Former NFL player Joe McKnight, 28, was shot to death in Terrytown, Louisiana, in what authorities said was a road-rage incident (a suspect is facing a second-degree murder charge).

Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 94. Actor-director Woody Allen is 82. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 78. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 78. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 75. Television producer David Salzman is 74. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 73. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 73. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 72. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 71. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 67. Actor Treat Williams is 66. Country singer Kim Richey is 61. Actress Charlene Tilton is 59. Actress-model Carol Alt is 57. Actor Jeremy Northam is 56. Actress Katherine LaNasa is 51. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 51. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 50. Actress Golden Brooks is 47. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 47. Actor Ron Melendez is 45. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard (MIL'-urd) is 45. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 42. Singer Sarah Masen is 42. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 40. Actor Nate Torrence is 40. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 39. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 36. Actor Riz Ahmed (Film: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story") is 35. Actor Charles Michael Davis is 33. R&B singer-actress Janelle Monae is 32. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 29. Pop-rock-hip hop singer Tyler Joseph (Twenty One Pilots) is 29. Actress Zoe Kravitz is 29. Pop singer Nico Sereba (Nico & Vinz) is 27. Actor Jackson Nicoll is 14.

Thought for Today: "An educated man should know everything about something, and something about everything." - Dame C.V. Wedgwood, English historian (1910-1997).

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.

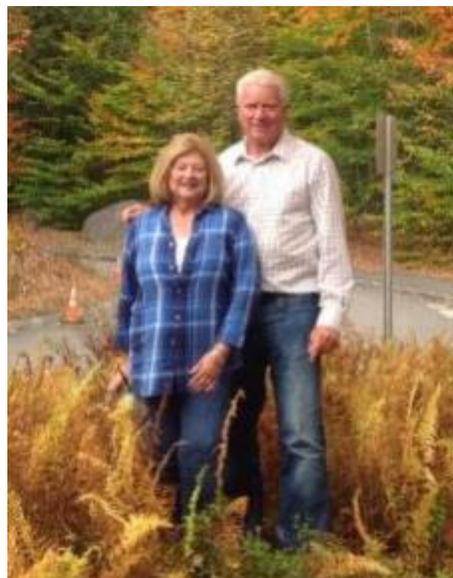
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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