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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

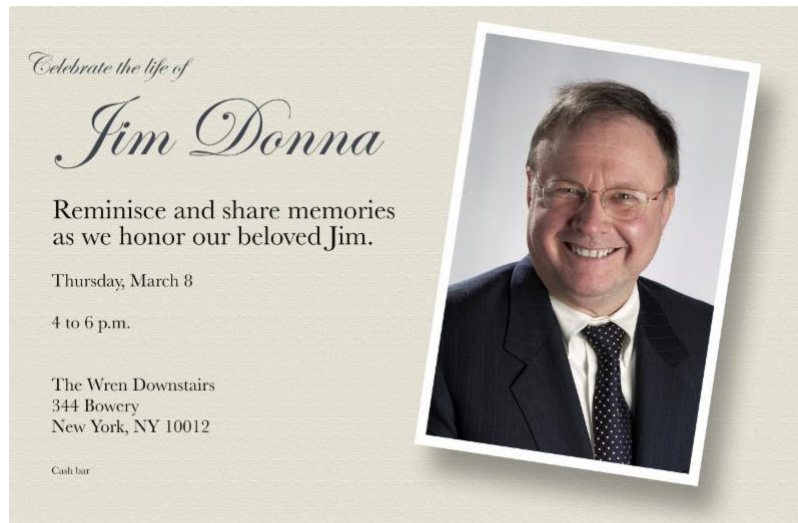
Connecting wishes colleagues in the Northeast and the Mid-Atlantic all the best as they deal with the latest round of winter weather. Today's issue includes photos they shared with Connecting or on Facebook.

If you're so inclined, send along your images from the storm as you dig out today. We'll use them Friday.

Connecting Editor **Paul Stevens** is traveling the next two days. Send photos, stories, tips,

etc., to [markmitt71@yahoo.com](mailto:markmitt71@yahoo.com).

Also, for colleagues in the New York City area, a reminder about the celebration of life that will be this afternoon from 4-6 p.m. EST for former AP executive **Jim Donna**.



Enjoy the day and stay safe!

- Mark Mittelstadt

## AP to debunk election misinformation during midterms

As part of its comprehensive fact-checking efforts, The Associated Press announced Wednesday that it will work with Facebook to identify and debunk false and misleading stories related to the U.S. midterm election that are circulating on the platform.

The expanded collaboration leverages the presence of AP reporters in all 50 U.S. states to bring a local focus to Facebook's fact-checking initiative.

AP has worked with Facebook since 2016 to reduce the circulation of false news articles on the platform.

"AP is committed to accurate and informative reporting on politics across the United States and worldwide," said AP Senior Vice President and Executive Editor **Sally Buzbee**. "Fact checking has long been a critical component of AP's coverage of campaigns and government, and we are thrilled to work with Facebook to further surface that strong, fact-based reporting among members of its community."

"We're invested in fighting the spread of false news on Facebook, and AP's commitment to significantly increase its fact-checking work in the lead-up to midterm elections will help the Facebook community better assess the accuracy of stories and make more informed decisions," said **Meredith Carden** of the Facebook Journalism Project's strategic partner development team.

AP journalists will fact-check national, state and local election-related stories on Facebook, supplying related AP news stories that debunk misinformation, validate a story as true, or provide additional background and context.

AP stories dispelling patently fictitious news articles already appear on the AP wire, on [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) and on the AP News app. They include a note on the global news agency's efforts to verify the facts in false stories.

For decades AP has consistently provided its member news organizations and customers with nonpartisan fact checks that objectively examine the claims of politicians and government and other officials.

AP's rigorous code of [News Values and Principles](#) has long set the standard for accuracy and ethics in journalism.

Read more [here](#).

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## **AP expands China video news offering with CCTV+ collaboration**

As global interest in China continues to grow, The Associated Press has extended its existing relationship with CCTV+, the video news agency of China Central Television, to bring its comprehensive video news coverage to the online AP Video Hub platform. AP Video Hub customers will now be able to access and use CCTV+ video news from China on a daily basis.

Read more [here](#).

## **Connecting mailbox**

***Scenes from Quinn, the latest winter storm to pound the Northeast***



**Larry Blasko** \_ Start of the Nor'easter that whacked New Jersey and the rest of the Northeast. Three-times-as-much snow later, two of the tree limbs in the picture (above) aren't there anymore. About 14 inches in Summit, N.J., and counting. Power has flicked on/off three times. Snow topped off at 22 inches and two hours of snowblower/shovel work reminded two geezers that they ain't 22 any more.



**Guy Palmiotto** ([Email](#)) \_ Captured this morning, the lake is about a half mile from my home. Taken just about an hour or so into the storm. I'm ready for Spring.



**Marty Steinberg** added photos to Facebook from South Orange, N.J., of a tree that toppled over.

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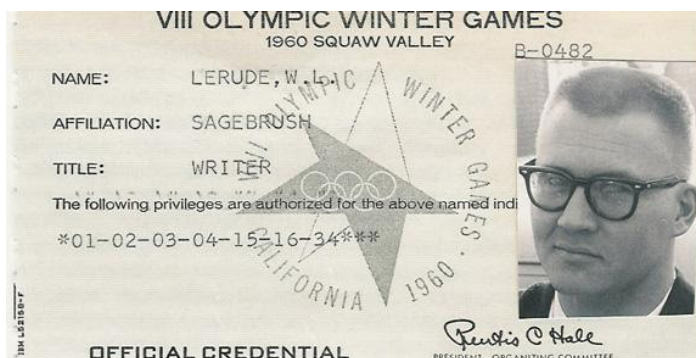
### ***Slogging to work during the Boston blizzard of 1978***

**Arnold Zeitlin** ([Email](#)) \_ **Joe McGowan's** recollection of the Boston blizzard of 1978 jogged my own memory because I walked to the bureau in downtown for work that morning from my home near the Harvard campus in Cambridge through the snow-clogged streets. I can't remember how long it took -- maybe a couple of hours to walk about 6 miles. There was no road traffic, the roads were impassable and other pedestrians were few, if any. I do remember the silence, rare in a big city, and the beauty of the snow-covered cityscape. I can't remember how many others turned up at the bureau. With public transportation still out, I was not about to walk back home at the end of the day. Colleague **Dan Haney**, who lived on nearby Beacon Hill, invited me to spend the night at his home.

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### ***AP Olympics collections***

**Warren Lerude** ([Email](#)) \_ Here's my press credential as editor of the University of Nevada-Reno student newspaper Sagebrush covering the 1960 winter Olympics at Squaw Valley. I was shooting pictures with Reno photographer **Don Dondero** who free lanced for The AP. The Squaw Olympics were one of the first if not the first to be televised





with **Walter Cronkite** doing the anchor honors for CBS. I was working part time filing early morning radio splits and the then C wire to San Francisco in the Reno AP bureau run by Correspondent in charge **Paul Finch** who moved on to Caracas, Mexico City, Los Angeles and FX over the years. I eventually moved on to San Diego. LA and Las Vegas bureaus and then back to Reno as reporter, editor and publisher of the Reno daily newspapers.

## Stories of interest

### ***Newsonomics: GateHouse goes bigger, buying Austin's daily and eyeing the Palm Beach Post (Nieman Lab)***

The company - a giant bet on acquisition, consolidation, and cost-cutting - now owns more than 1 out of 10 American daily newspapers. What it plans to do with them remains unclear.

Read more [here](#).

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### ***For two months, I got my news from print newspapers. Here's what I learned (The New York Times)***

I first got news of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., via an alert on my watch. Even though I had turned off news notifications months ago, the biggest news still somehow finds a way to slip through. But for much of the next 24 hours after that alert, I heard almost nothing about the shooting. There was a lot I was glad to miss. For instance, I didn't see the false claims - possibly amplified by propaganda bots - that the killer was a leftist, an anarchist, a member of ISIS and perhaps just one of multiple shooters. I missed the Fox News report tying him to Syrian resistance groups even before his name had been released. I also didn't see the claim circulated by many news outlets (including The New York Times) as well as by Senator Bernie Sanders and other liberals on Twitter that the massacre had been the 18th school shooting of the year, which wasn't true. Instead, the day after the shooting, a friendly person I've never met dropped off three newspapers at my front door. That morning, I spent maybe 40 minutes poring over the horror of the shooting and a million other things the newspapers had to tell me.

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

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### ***Documentary on New York Times to close Tribeca Film Festival (AP)***

Forty-six percent of the 96 films premiering at this year's Tribeca Film Festival are directed by women - a record for Tribeca - including the festival's closing night selection: Liz Garbus' New York Times documentary "The Fourth Estate." The annual New York festival announced

the feature film lineup for its 17th edition on Wednesday. Closing the festival will be "The Fourth Estate," for which Garbus spent months in the Times newsroom documenting the paper's inner-workings after President Donald Trump's inauguration. It debuts on Showtime in May.

Read more [here](#).

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### **'Munchies' asks why Brooklyn barbecue is taking over the world; the Twitter-verse is sent smoking** (Houston Chronicle)

On Sunday morning, Vice's Munchies publication asked Twitter, "Why is Brooklyn barbecue taking over the world?" with a sad-looking plate of what claims to be barbecue. The plate is a classic barbecue tray with brown wax paper holding what looks like three strips of brisket, two white rolls, a dark beer, and two pickles in a container. No sauce. Seemingly no smoke ring around the brisket. Not even a slice of butter for the rolls. Because of the presentation of the barbecue, Twitter naturally had to share their thoughts on the matter, many of whom said that the plate wasn't barbecue and that Brooklyn should stick to pizza and hot dogs.



Read more [here](#).

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### **NME ends print edition after 65 years as music magazine (Mirror)**



NME is to print its final edition this Friday, publishers Time Inc have announced. The long-running music magazine's print edition is "no longer financially viable", Time Inc's UK group managing director Paul Cheal said. He added: "NME is one of the most iconic brands in British media and our move to free print has helped to propel the brand to its biggest ever audience on NME.com. "The print re-invention has helped us to attract a range of cover stars that the previous paid-for magazine

could only have dreamed of. At the same time, we have also faced increasing production costs and a very tough print advertising market. Unfortunately we have now reached a point where the free weekly magazine is no longer financially viable. It is in the digital space where effort and investment will focus to secure a strong future for this famous brand."

Read more [here](#).

# The Final Word

**Joe McKnight** shared the following humorous play on words posted by **Nancy Nolan**, wife of former and now retired AP Cincinnati Correspondent **John Nolan**, on Facebook:

*A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.*

*A bar was walked into by the passive voice.*

*An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.*

*Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."*

*A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.*

*Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.*

*A question mark walks into a bar?*

*A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.*

*Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Get out -- we don't serve your type."*

*A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.*

*A comma splice walks into a bar, it has a drink and then leaves.*

*Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.*

*A synonym strolls into a tavern.*

*At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar -- fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.*

*A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.*

*Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.*

*A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.*

*An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.*

*The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.*

*A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned a man with a glass eye named Ralph.*

*The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.*

*A dyslexic walks into a bra.*

*A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.*

*An Oxford comma walks into a bar, where it spends the evening watching the television getting drunk and smoking cigars.*

*A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.*

*A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.*

*A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony.*

## Today in History - March 8, 2018





## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 8, the 67th day of 2018. There are 298 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

### On this date:

In 1618, German astronomer Johannes Kepler devised his third law of planetary motion.

In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York, at age 74.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (referring to the Old Style calendar) began; the result was the abdication of the Russian monarchy in favor of a provisional government, which was overthrown later the same year by the Bolsheviks. The U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in *McCullum v. Board of Education*, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Illinois, public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.

In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, collided in mid-flight.

In 1999, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84.

In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive search. (To date, the fate of the jetliner and its occupants has yet to be determined.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists. Barack Obama captured the Wyoming Democratic caucuses.

Five years ago: The government reported the jobless rate dropped to 7.7 percent the previous month, the lowest level since President Barack Obama took office. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel arrived in Afghanistan for his first visit as Pentagon chief. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez) was lauded at his state funeral as a modern-day reincarnation of Latin American liberator Simon Bolivar and a disciple of Cuba's Fidel Castro.

One year ago: Hawaii became the first state to sue to stop President Donald Trump's revised travel ban (the state had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country). Many American women stayed home from work, joined rallies or wore red to demonstrate how vital they were to the U.S. economy, as International Women's Day was observed with a multitude of events around the world, including the Day Without a Woman in the U.S. Fire swept through a crowded youth shelter near Guatemala City, killing 40 girls.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 82. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 80. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 79. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 74. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 73. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 72. Pop singer Peggy March is 70. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice is 65. Jazz musician Billy Childs is 61. Singer Gary Numan is 60. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 59. Actor Aidan Quinn is 59. Country musician Jimmy Dormire is 58. Actress Camryn Manheim is 57. Actor Leon (no last name) is 55. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 50. Neo-soul singer Van Hunt is 48. Actress Andrea Parker is 48. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 45. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 42. Actress Laura Main is 41. Actor James Van Der Beek is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 40. Actor Nick Zano is 40. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 39. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK Go) is 39. Actress Jessica Collins is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kristinia (kris-teh-NEE'-ah) DeBarge is 28.

***Thought for Today: "In every person, even in such as appear most reckless, there is an inherent desire to attain balance." - Jakob (YAH'-kawb) Wassermann, German author (1873-1934).***

# 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.

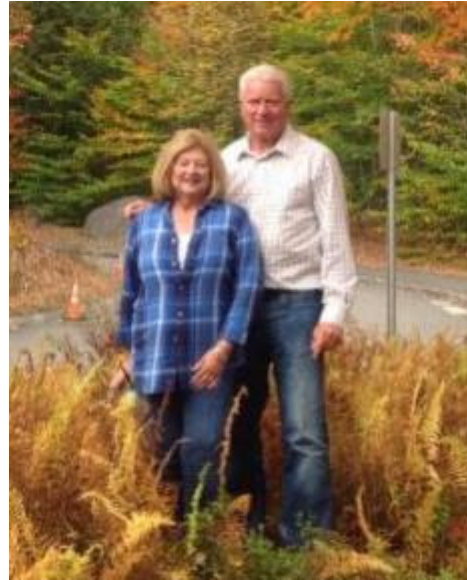
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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