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AP photographer Gene Herrick enters Virginia Hall of Fame



Gene Herrick (second from left) with fellow award winners. (Photos by Dorothy Abernathy)

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Connecting congratulates our colleague **Gene Herrick** on his induction Thursday night into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.

Gene, a retired Associated Press photographer, was among seven distinguished communications professionals who were honored by the Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture at Virginia Commonwealth University at an awards ceremony at the Altria Theater in Richmond.

Among those on hand was **Dorothy Abernathy**, who retired in 2017 from the AP after 35 years - 25 of them as Richmond chief of bureau. She was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 2013.

"You know, it is a strange emotion to be the object of a news event, rather than covering the event!," Herrick told the group in accepting his honor. "I want to thank the Virginia Commonwealth University, the Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture, and especially the folks who make up the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame, plus Bethanie Constant, the great communicator. Also, Dorothy Abernathy, a former Hall of Fame recipient, who submitted a letter, highly recommending me for this honor, and also to Paul Stevens, who was behind the scene.



Gene Herrick with Kitty Hylton, "my love for 17 years."

"Further, thanks goes to The Associated Press, which gave me the opportunities, and assigned me to some of the great stories of the world. I want to remember two people - AP photographer Jim Mahler, and Al Resch, then the executive news photo editor of AP, among many others along the way, who had faith in my ability."

Herrick documented major news stories of the 20th century, including the civil rights movement and the Korean War, as well as photographing Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Elvis Presley and Satchel Paige. He joined the AP as an office assistant in Columbus, Ohio, at age 16, and the AP offered him a photographer position in 1946. During his career, Herrick worked out of 14 different AP bureaus covering news and sports.

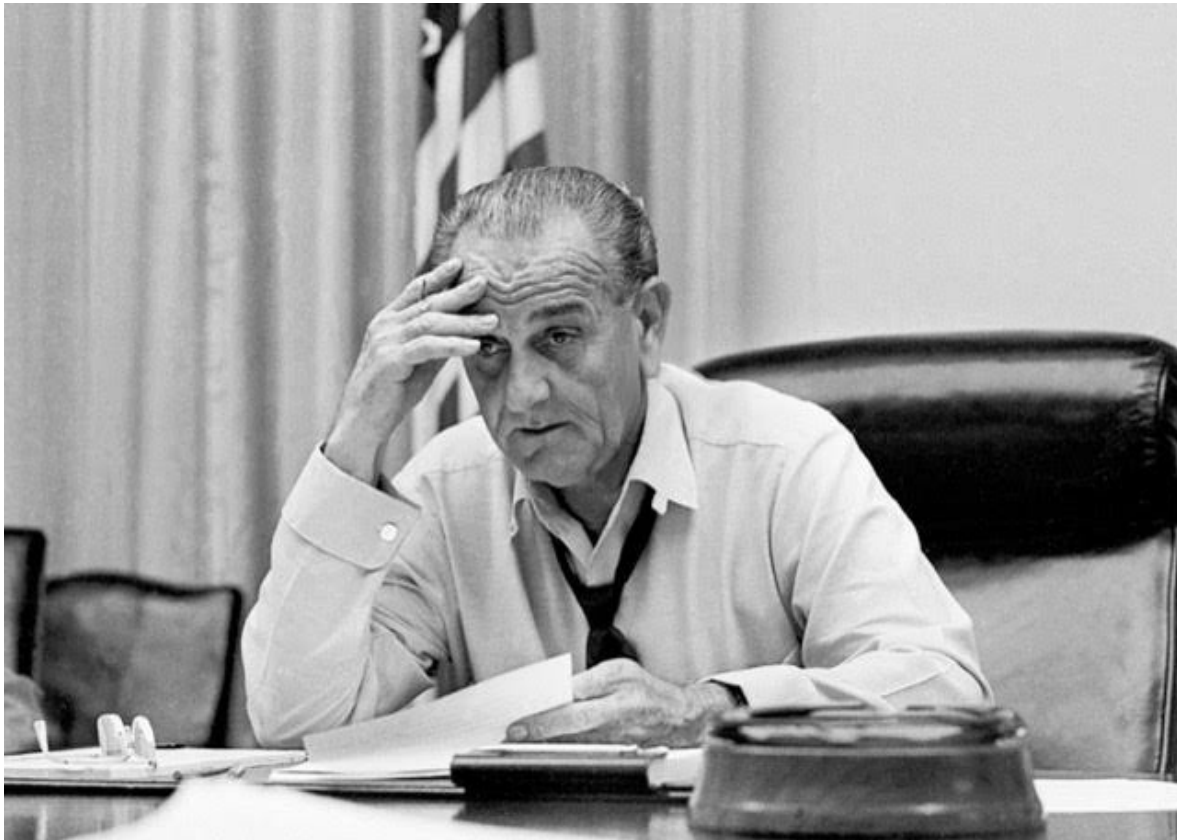
Herrick retired from the AP in 1970 and began a second career working with people with developmental disabilities in Columbus and later in Rocky Mount, Va., where he lives today. Herrick, 91, also has served on many nonprofit agency boards and was executive director for a nonprofit agency for the blind in Roanoke. He is a frequent contributor to Connecting and is working on a book about his experiences as an AP photographer.

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Have a great weekend!

Paul

'I shall not seek, and I will not accept...'



AP Photo/Bob Daugherty

Bob Daugherty (Email) - I was reminded that this Saturday marks 50 years since President Lyndon Johnson surprised the nation when he announced, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president."

The photo above was made the day before his Sunday night nationally televised address. There were few reporters and photographers at the White House. The UPI photographer and I wanted to get a photo of the president working on his speech for Sunday papers. After cajoling the press secretary the two of us were finally allowed to enter the Cabinet Room for a few seconds. After his speech on Sunday, a handful of us were invited to the family living quarters for coffee. The invitation stipulated no cameras. We arrived and Lady Bird was already holding forth with a few reporters. Soon the president appeared in a faded blue housecoat carrying a small dish of ice cream. NO CAMERAS!

AP Women's Player, Coach of Year Awards



Eva Parziale, AP's regional director for the East based in Columbus, presented on Thursday the AP Women's Basketball Player and Coach of the Year awards at the NCAA Final Four in

Columbus. A'ja Wilson of South Carolina was Player of the Year and Muffet McGraw of Notre Dame was Coach of the Year.

AP Men's Player, Coach of Year Awards





Barry Bedlan, AP's director of sports products based in Dallas, presented on Thursday the AP Men's Basketball Player and Coach of the Year awards at the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio. Jalen Brunson of Villanova was Player of the Year and Tony Bennett of Virginia was Coach of the Year.

Fine old bangers (as the English call them)

Marcus Eliason ([Email](#)) - I see Connecting is celebrating vintage cars. My little acre of Manhattan seems to be some kind of watering hole for old bangers. Here are a couple of my favorites.



A Fiat Topolino, a true classic, even keeps its original Italian plates. Now that's what I call respect.



And our dear old friend the Checker, workhorse of the taxi world.

How Vietnam Changed Journalism

By **ANDREW PEARSON**

For **The New York Times**

When I first got to Saigon as a journalist, in 1963, I took it for granted that American policy to counter Communist expansion into the southern part of Vietnam was the right thing to do. That was the conventional wisdom from experience in Europe, where the Soviet Union had established satellite countries on its border. My journalistic perspective in the beginning was "normal." A good American point of view.

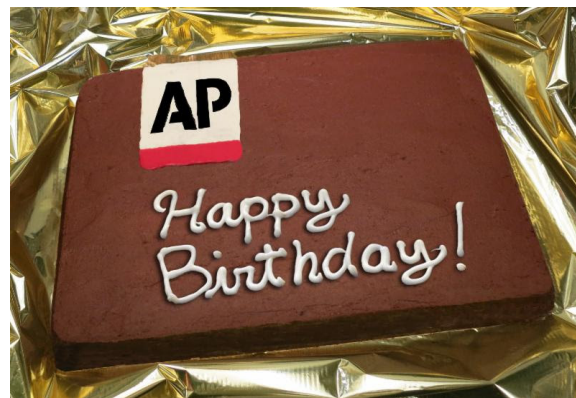
As I learned more about the complexities of the war, my journalism became more accurate. The war's defenders might have said I was becoming more critical, even biased. But in fact I was becoming more objective - I set aside the pro-American, anti-Communist filter I brought with me to Vietnam and reported what I saw. In the

news and documentary reports I did, I showed that despite all the destruction, suffering and cost, the war was being lost. Now I'd say it shouldn't have started.

My experience, and that of many, even most, American journalists in the Vietnam War transformed our profession. We realized over the years that the government was ill-informed and even wrong about issues of life and death. As a result of that, reporters today are doing a better job because they know about the evolution of that deception and what its effects have been on American society.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Michael Rubin.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Behind the story: Olivia Nuzzi on how she got Hope Hicks to talk (CJR)

By ELON GREEN

CJR INTERVIEWED OLIVIA NUZZI at the beginning of 2017, and inquired about her new job as Washington correspondent for New York. "Things are obviously different than they have been in the past," she said, "and I think it's going to be very interesting to see how everything unfurls in Washington over the next four or eight years."

She wasn't wrong. And in a short time, the well-sourced Nuzzi has focused on Donald Trump and his White House advisors, but also adjacent personalities like Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski and Roger Stone. She's also examined oddities like Rand Paul's assault at the hands of his neighbor, and tragedies like the case of the late Seth Rich, a young man smeared by Fox News.

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

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This is the next major traffic driver for publishers: Chrome's mobile article recommendations, up 2,100 percent in one year (Nieman)

By JOHN SAROFF

If you use Chrome on your phone or tablet, you're probably familiar with the article suggestions that you see when you open a new tab in your browser. However, if you're a publishing executive, you may not be thinking of them as a meaningful traffic source. Well, we have news for you: Research by Chartbeat's data science team reveals that Google Chrome's Articles for You (also known as "Chrome Content Suggestions" or "Chrome Suggestions") is one of the fastest growing sources of publisher traffic on the internet. What does this mean for publishers?

Google Chrome's Articles for You is an under-publicized feature of Chrome on both Android and iOS that is now the fourth most prominent referrer in the Chartbeat network (behind Google Search, Facebook, and Twitter). Even though Chartbeat is currently only tracking Articles for You referrals from Android and not from iOS, its Android referrals alone are now about two-thirds the size of all of Twitter (desktop, Android, iOS) in terms of the volume of traffic sent.

Articles for You traffic grew a shocking 2,100 percent in 2017 - from driving 15 million visits per month to publishers using Chartbeat to 341 million visits per month.

Read more [here](#).

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Facebook starts fact checking photos/videos, blocks millions of fake accounts per day (TechCrunch)

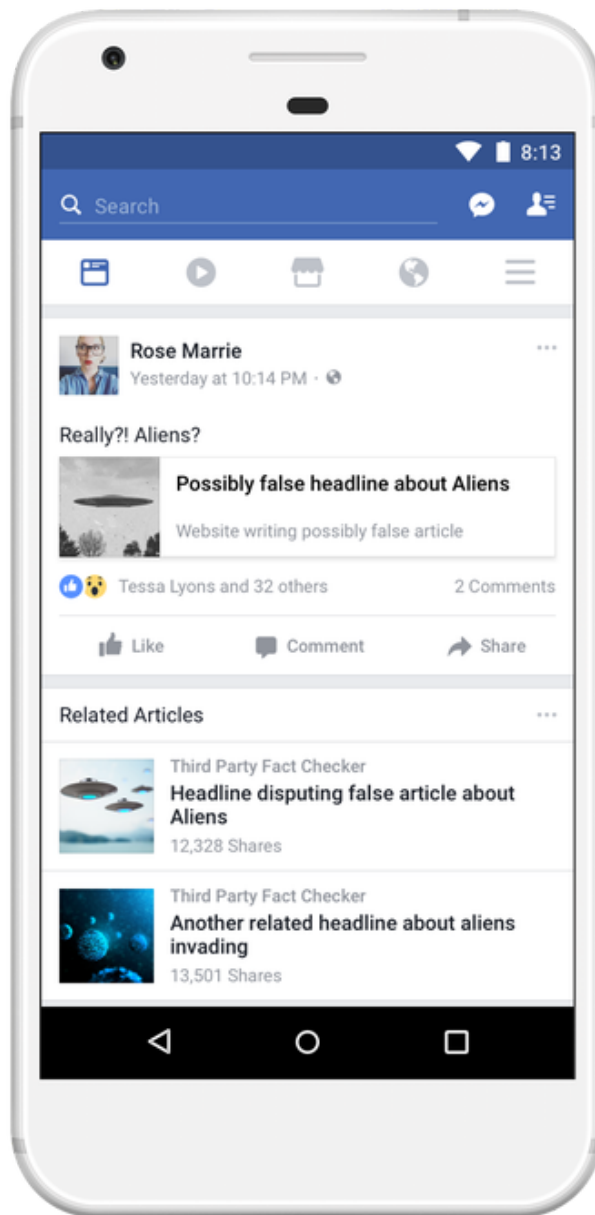
By **JOSH CONSTINE**

Facebook has begun letting partners fact check photos and videos beyond news articles, and proactively review stories before Facebook asks them. Facebook is also now preemptively blocking the creation of millions of fake accounts per day. Facebook revealed this news on a conference call with journalists [Update: and later a blog post] about its efforts around election integrity that included Chief Security Officer Alex Stamos, who's reportedly leaving Facebook later this year

but claims he's still committed to the company.

Stamos outlined how Facebook is building ways to address fake identities, fake audiences grown illicitly or pumped up to make content appear more popular, acts of spreading false information and false narratives that are intentionally deceptive and shape people's views beyond the facts. "We're trying to develop a systematic and comprehensive approach to tackle these challenges, and then to map that approach to the needs of each country or election," says Stamos.

Read more [here](#).



Today in History - March 30, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Good Friday, March 30, the 89th day of 2018. There are 276 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviet Union invaded Austria with the goal of taking Vienna, which it accomplished two weeks later.

In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.

In 1991, Patricia Bowman of Jupiter, Florida, told authorities she'd been raped hours earlier by William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, at the family's Palm Beach estate. (Smith was acquitted at trial.)

In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

In 2006, American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Army said the remains of Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin (MAW'-pin), captured in Iraq in 2004, had been found and identified. Chinese spectators cheered as Greece handed off the Olympic flame for its journey to Beijing and relay through 20 countries, but protesters brandishing Tibetan flags stole the limelight. President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Washington's new stadium, Nationals Park; the Washington Nationals defeated the Atlanta Braves, 3-2, in the first regular-season game played at the park. Cambodian-born journalist Dith Pran, whose story became the subject of the award-winning film "The Killing Fields," died in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at age 65.

Five years ago: Kaufman County, Texas, District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were found killed in their house two months after one of his assistants,

Mark Hasse, was gunned down near their office. (Ex-Justice of the Peace Eric Williams was later sentenced to death for the murder of Cynthia McLelland while his wife, Kim, received 40 years for her role in the killings.) The Associated Press became the first international news agency to open a bureau in Myanmar. Phil Ramone, 79, the masterful award-winning engineer, arranger and producer, died in New York.

One year ago: A massive fire caused an interstate bridge to collapse during rush hour in Atlanta; no one was hurt. (A homeless man has been charged with arson and criminal damage to property.) North Carolina rolled back its "bathroom bill" in a bid to end a yearlong backlash over transgender rights that had cost the state dearly in business projects, conventions and basketball tournaments. At Cape Canaveral, SpaceX successfully launched and then retrieved its first recycled rocket. Twitter said it was easing its 140-character limit in replies.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Peter Marshall is 92. Actor John Astin is 88. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 81. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 77. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 73. Actor Justin Deas is 70. Actor Paul Reiser is 62. Rap artist MC Hammer is 55. Singer Tracy Chapman is 54. Actor Ian Ziering (EYE'-an ZEER'-ing) is 54. TV personality Piers Morgan is 53. Rock musician Joey Castillo is 52. Actress Donna D'Errico is 50. Singer Celine Dion is 50. Actor Mark Consuelos is 47. Actress Bahar Soomekh is 43. Actress Jessica Cauffiel is 42. Singer Norah Jones is 39. Actress Fiona Gubelmann is 38. Actress Katy Mixon is 37. Actor Jason Dohring is 36. Country singer Justin Moore is 34. Actress Tessa Ferrer is 32. Country singer Thomas Rhett is 28. Rapper NF is 27.

Thought for Today: "In the best of times, our days are numbered anyway. So it would be a crime against nature for any generation to take the world crisis so solemnly that it put off enjoying those things for which we were designed in the first place: the opportunity to do good work, to enjoy friends, to fall in love, to hit a ball, and to bounce a baby." - Alistair Cooke, British-born American broadcaster (born 1908, died this date in 2004).

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.

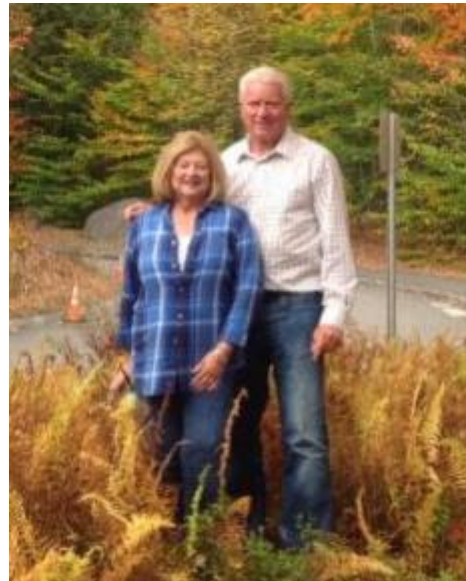
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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