



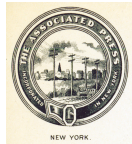
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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

Our Connecting colleague **Malcolm Barr Sr.** got his start in journalism at the age of 16 as an unpaid reporter - and his first editor, at the weekly Whitley Bay Seaside Chronicle, on the northeast coast of England - reminded him of Mr. Pickwick.

Malcolm is the subject of today's Connecting Q-and-A profile - and you will find his life's history an intriguing read.

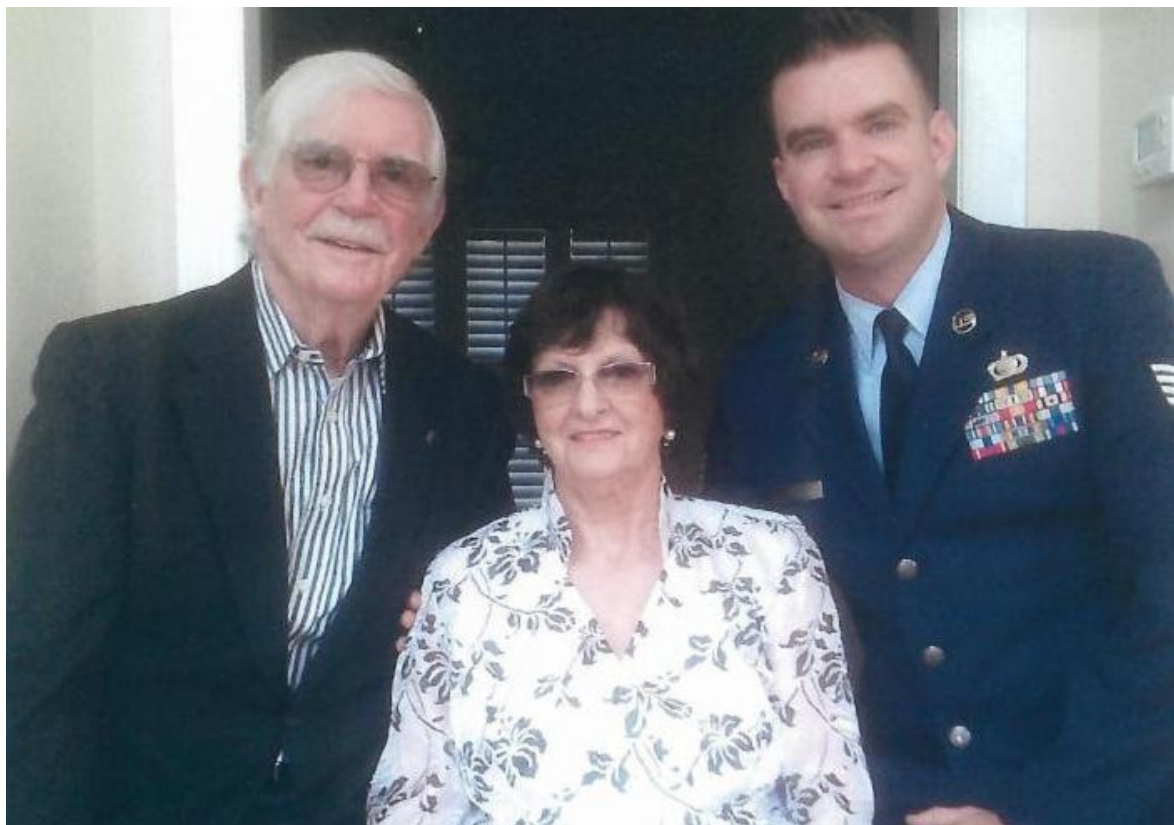
On another note, dates have been set for the **annual Midwest AP Reunion in Kansas City**. They are Tuesday and Wednesday, **September 25-26**. Mark your calendar and I will share more detail later.

Thanks to those who caught my error Friday in labeling a U.S. flag at a national cemetery as flying at half mast, when I should have said, half staff. Half mast refers to flags aboard ships.

Here's to a great week ahead!

Paul

## Connecting Q-and-A **Malcolm Barr Sr.**



**Malcolm Barr Sr. with wife Carol and son Malcolm Jr.**

## **What are you doing these days?**

I'm 20 years into retirement from the federal government in Washington, D.C. My wife, Carol, and I moved 70 miles west into the civil war town of Front Royal in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley after our son, Malcolm Jr., graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy and enrolled at Virginia Tech, home of the Hokies! Since the late 1990s, I've been writing for the local media, first the Warren County Sentinel, then the Warren County Report, off and on for the Northern Virginia Daily, and lately for my first on-line newspaper, the Royal Examiner - all on a volunteer, free to the highest bidder basis. Just joking! I retain a lifelong interest in animal welfare, and served in Front Royal as president of the Humane Society of Warren County. I am a Rotarian, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents' Association, and of the National Press Club.

## **How did you get your first job with the AP? Who hired you? What were the first days like?**

I like to think it was through the talent I displayed as a military writer for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, but most likely I was the only candidate with the ability to use a teletype machine. This was in 1961-62. Bob Myers was the bureau chief who hired me. I inherited, after his reassignment, Harry Moskos. The first days in a busy, three-man bureau were...well, they were hectic. They continued to be so up to my reassignment in 1967 to the Washington (WX) bureau. In Honolulu, with the Vietnam War ramping up, I continued to specialize in military affairs, catching up with the likes of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and Army Gen. William Westmoreland as they flew back and forth between Washington and Saigon. I also had the generals and admirals in charge of Pacific forces at my doorstep. The 25th Infantry Division and the First Marine Brigade trained me for warfare in the battlefield which is where I wanted to go. Instead, New York issued me my reassignment to Washington, D.C. There, I'd expected to work with Fred Hoffman at the Pentagon. Instead, I found myself covering the Justice Department, helping Barry Schweid with the Supreme Court, interviewing Attorney General Ramsey Clark, and covering the race riots following the assassination of Martin Luther King. As a card-carrying member of the National Union of Journalists, from my early days of working for four newspapers in the U.K., I was quickly immersed in American Newspaper Guild activities, and put up for president of Local 222 of the Wire Service Guild. I won by default - my opposition backed out at the last minute - and inherited the first, last and only strike against The Associated Press in journalistic history. Shortly thereafter, I was offered a job as press secretary to U.S. Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R-Hawaii) which came with an almost 50 per cent raise in salary. That led to various press and public relations jobs in downtown government (the departments of Justice, Labor and Commerce) and a generous pension for my retirement years.

## **Who played the most significant role in your career, and how?**

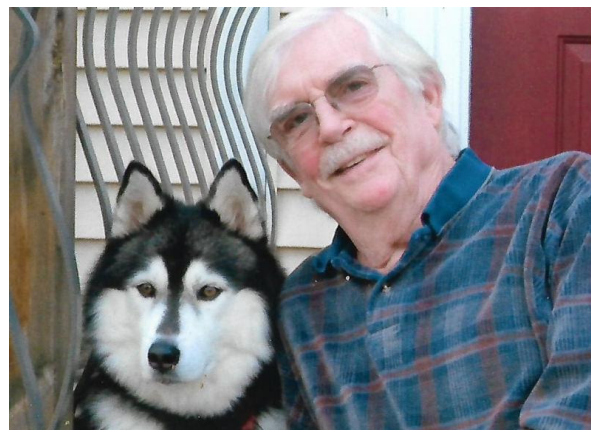
A British journalist and novelist, J. Colin Watson of Lord Kemsley's Newcastle Evening Chronicle. It was during the dark and miserable days of post-war England that I called it quits and left school - Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, perhaps the last of the Dickensian boarding establishments - and accepted, at age 16, a "cub reporter" job with the Whitley Bay Seaside Chronicle, a northeast coast weekly. My editor was Bernard Upton, who reminded me of Mr Pickwick. There were four of us on the reporting staff. Six months into this unpaid job, my family, who ran a B&B, sold their business and moved to another town. Watson, 29, boarded at the B&B while searching for an affordable house for him and his wife and daughter. He found the house he was looking for, found me a paying job at an opposition weekly, the Whitley Bay Guardian, offered me an attic bedroom and two meals a day for my earnings, and taught me how to live off my expense account. Briefly, ride a bike to get around town and charge bus fares for my assignments. "A quiet but acceptable fiddle," he called it. He also became my early tutor in reporting and writing. In addition, I credit a teacher who learned of my ambition to become a newspaper reporter at age 9. She saw my shortcomings as a student, concentrated on my strengths, and sent me off to my grammar school well equipped to capitalize on them.

### **Would you do it all over again - or what would you change.**

Yes, and nothing.

### **What's your favorite hobby or activity?**

If you can call it a hobby, animal welfare - mainly dogs. I was in breed rescue for 30 years. Similarly, when I turned a hobby of racing and breeding Thoroughbred horses into a 21-year business, I also helped home horses in distress, including some of our own. Ownership of one race horse in the 1980s evolved into The Hampshire Racing & Breeding Partnerships (Hampshire Alliance Inc) in which my partner and I syndicated race horse ownership between 1988 and 2009. Investment groups of 10 to 14 partners, mainly retirees looking for a few thrills in their otherwise perhaps mundane lives, were formed. Several hundred racing fans helped support a franchise that ultimately owned 150-or so horses, two brood mares and 10 foals that went on to racing glory. We won 130 of 620 races at tracks as far west as Minnesota, as far east as Saratoga, NY, and tracks in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Florida. My book, "1,000 to 1! Claiming, Breeding and Racing Thoroughbreds on a Shoestring - and Beating the Odds" is available on e-Bay or through [authorhouse.com](http://authorhouse.com)



**Malcolm with husky Pola**

**What's the best vacation trip you've ever made?**

Australia to visit Derby Evening Telegraph (UK) colleagues Bob and Ann Wilson in New South Wales with outbound stopovers in Los Angeles to enjoy dinner with the late Bob Myers, my first AP bureau chief, and Tahiti to swim among sharks and manta rays. On our return, we made stopovers in New Zealand, where Carol and I, in our mid to late seventies, climbed a glacier on the south island, then Tahiti again to catch our breath and re-visit new found acquaintances.

**Who are some of your family members and what do they do?**

Well, there's my wife, Carol, who served the U.S. government for 36 years, the last 20 with U.S. Customs. We met and married while at the Justice Department 34 years ago. Then there is Malcolm Jr., our son, 33, who quit college to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. He's an Iraq veteran who left the military after 10 years doing intelligence work including cyber security. He's now similarly occupied in working for his country but in a civilian agency. Exactly what he does, we do not know and do not ask. My wife's two other boys from a previous marriage - Danny and Steve - call me "Dad" and are a loved part of the family, as are my two younger brothers, Neville in the U.K., Martyn in Portugal.

**You told me you had recently returned from Canada after a trip to the west coast with your son. What was that all about?**





**In the mid-1960s, Barr, then 28, was a military correspondent with the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Photographed here by the late Jack Titchen who provided the AP with many pictures during the decade, and later, Barr is flanked during 25th Infantry Division "war games" in the Koolau Mountains of Oahu by soldiers playing the role of Communist insurgents.**

Yes, I should have mentioned that at age 18, I was caught up in post-World War II conscription and served three years in the Royal Air Force, all of it in England and most of it publishing a monthly magazine for the RAF Technical Training Command. After a few months on "civvy street" working as sports editor at first the Eastbourne Gazette & Herald Chronicle and later the Derbyshire Times, I opted to emigrate to British Columbia where Cowichan Leader reporter John Taylor of Eastbourne had left a general reporting opening for me as he went on to a Vancouver Island daily, the Nanaimo Free Press. John later took a job at the Calgary Herald and I followed him to his desk at the Free Press. I later joined the staff of the Vancouver Province, was laid off two years later (two weeks after my first marriage) and returned to England, finding it not much changed in 1961 from the dreary days of shortages and rationing immediately following the war years. I emigrated again, this time to the U.S., and landed in Honolulu where I joined the Star-Bulletin, where this interview began, and where I joined The Associated Press. The purpose of my trip back through the ages last month was to visit my first places of work and opportunity in North America. My son also accompanied me to London last year and helped me find the house in which I was born (Edgware, a London suburb). My brother, Neville, had accompanied me earlier to the cities in which I'd begun my journalism career. All of which, I hope, will lead me to launch a planned memoir while these 85-year-old eyes are bright and my memory still functioning.

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# Connecting mailbox

## *Under-represented Minority?*

**Mark Mittelstadt** ([Email](#)) - One of the most engaging employment interviews I ever had was with a bright young man midway through his undergraduate education at the University of Chicago.

He was raised in an expensive, unincorporated village adjacent to Albuquerque, the son of a prominent cardiologist and a lawyer who would later become the first woman president of the American Bar Association.

He was interested in AP employment. He had not finished school and likely was not a candidate at that time other than as a member of AP's minority internship program. The program was aimed at blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians, and he was not a part of any of those under-represented groups.

Upon learning of the AP program, the young man began to press me on whether members of the Jewish faith could be considered. He insisted Jewish people were persecuted minorities in the world and that AP ought to consider them. I told him I was sure that simply being Jewish was not enough to be eligible.



**Joshua Cooper Ramo**

We talked about other topics, including his interest in journalism even though he did not appear to have work-related experience. We also talked about his experience as a pilot, a license he got in his late teens.

He left the interview and to my knowledge never formally applied to The Associated Press. Joshua Cooper Ramo did, however, wind up in journalism, joining Newsweek in 1993, later becoming senior editor at Time and serving as China analyst for NBC Sports during its coverage of the Beijing Olympic Games, for which he shared in a

Peabody and Emmy award. He has written several books and is now vice chairman and co-chief executive of Kissinger Associates, a consulting firm of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

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## ***Moscow subways dressed up for World Cup***



Commuters ride home on a subway car decorated for the 2018 soccer World Cup, in Moscow, Russia on June 30, 2018. (AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

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## ***Goat sacrificed at entrance to newsroom***

**John Kuglin (Email)** - What happened in 1964 at The Gazette-Telegraph in Colorado Springs, where I was the city hall reporter, was hardly an act of terror. But it certainly got our attention. The wire editor at the afternoon paper arrived early, as usual, and found that someone had ritually sacrificed a goat at the entrance to the newsroom. We thought it was pretty funny, but were sorry for the goat. Our paper was owned by the very conservative Freedom Newspaper Chain, headquartered in Santa Ana, California. It was hated by some in the community for its odd, ultra-



libertarian editorial stances, including abolishing public schools, fire departments and law enforcement agencies. But, Colorado Springs then, and now, is a very conservative city. The Gazette had twice the circulation of the rival Free Press.

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## ***Lesson learned: Don't compete for play with stories on dogs of war***

**Malcolm Barr Sr - (Email)** - Speaking of dogs, which we were last week, I was stranded on the Pacific island of Guam in the 1960s, stranded because I was kicked off an assignment on a USAF bombing run over Cambodia. Because of my citizenship (a Brit with a green card), my colleague, Jim Lagier, was sent from Honolulu to replace me, leaving me with four days to kill before I could get a flight back to Hawaii. Seeking story ideas, I asked the Andersen AFB PIO to help me find a World War II dog cemetery I'd heard was on the then sparsely populated island.

Two of us, one a young airman, used machetes to help cut through the jungle to a delightful, peaceful, sunlit glade which was identified to me as the cemetery for dogs killed on duty during the war. There wasn't a headstone in sight.

The airman and I began hacking, working in temperatures in the high 90s. We gave up after finding three of 22 inscribed headstones bearing the names of the dogs and other information I do not now recall.

On returning to Andersen, I asked who was charged with maintaining the cemetery. It turned out to be the Air Force, that money was budgeted for the job, but none had obviously been spent. Short story: I sent the information to our Pentagon correspondent, Fred Hoffman, who somehow raised questions directly with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. From that point, everything hit the fan, the story went worldwide; the animal people went crazy; I received my first, and last, complimentary message from General Manager Wes Gallagher. Lagier's story



**Honoring 'Dogs of War'**

on the U.S.'s first bombing run over Cambodia during the Vietnam War was eclipsed by mine about a group of canine heroes from a war that ended about a dozen years earlier!

I recall learning a couple of heads fell at Andersen. Money had been illegally diverted. The cemetery was cleaned up, eventually becoming a tourist attraction. In later years, retired U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Norman Smith, a friend who lives near me in Winchester, Va., and who visits Iwo Jima with a group of survivors of that battle every March, reported back, at my request, that on a stopover in Guam a couple of years ago, he learned the U.S. Navy now controls the cemetery and the U.S. Marine Corps had built a lasting memorial to the "dogs of war" at the naval base.

Footnote: For several years, I have headed up our annual Memorial Day ceremony in our home town of Front Royal, where I live in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. With my Guam experience in mind and a lifetime volunteering for animals in distress. Front Royal has become unique in the area for honoring "the dogs of war" the last Monday of each May along with the soldiers who gave their lives for their country. Smith presided over one of these ceremonies which now includes a parade of dogs, including several from our animal shelter and my own adopted Siberian husky. Incidentally, Front Royal was chosen by the U.S. Army in 1942 as the site of the first training school for the dogs of World War II.

## Details emerge on Justice Department meeting with reporters on Manafort

By JOSH GERSTEIN, Politico

Lawyers for former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort are crying foul over a meeting Justice Department prosecutors held with four Associated Press reporters last year as news organizations and the FBI bore down on the longtime lobbyist and political consultant.

Manafort's defense has argued for months that the off-the-record session on April 11, 2017, was a potential conduit for improper leaks to the press about the probe that led to two criminal cases against the former Trump campaign chief.

Now, Manafort's attorneys have fresh evidence they say bolsters their claims: two memos written by FBI agents who attended the meeting and documented their version of what transpired.

Manafort's legal team paints the evidence as confirmation that journalists were given inside information about the investigation in violation of Justice Department policies and, perhaps, legal prohibitions on disclosure of grand jury secrets.

"The meeting raises serious concerns about whether a violation of grand jury secrecy occurred," Manafort's lawyers wrote in a filing Friday with U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis, who's set to oversee an upcoming trial of Manafort on bank and tax fraud charges brought by special counsel Robert Mueller. "Now, based on the FBI's own notes of the meeting, it is beyond question that a hearing is warranted."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.



## An AP blockbuster: Algeria forces 13,000 migrants into the desert, some to their deaths



**Janet Kamara, a Liberian expelled from Algeria while she was pregnant,**

**describes her ordeal during an AP interview at an international migration center in Arlit, Niger, June 2, 2018. Kamara, one of many migrants abandoned in the Sahara by Algerian authorities, still ached from the dead baby she delivered during the trek, and which she buried in a shallow grave in the desert sand. Reeling from her time in what she calls "the wilderness," she said: "Women were lying dead, men. ... Other people got missing in the desert because they didn't know the way. ... Everybody was just on their own." AP PHOTO / JEROME DELAY**

"Here in the desert, Algeria has abandoned more than 13,000 people in the past 14 months, including pregnant women and children, stranding them without food or water and forcing them to walk, sometimes at gunpoint, under temperatures of up to 48 degrees Celsius (118 degrees Fahrenheit)."

With that chilling declaration, the AP opened a new chapter in the ongoing, global saga of migrant suffering. Paris-based Global Enterprise reporter Lori Hinnant, Johannesburg Chief Photographer Jerome Delay and Istanbul-based Global Enterprise video-first journalist Bram Janssen revealed the Algerian government's complicity in a horror that had gone unreported - and had led to the deaths of an unknown number of migrants. Their exclusive story is the Beat of the Week.

As part of a project on the world's missing, Hinnant was trying to figure out how many migrants had disappeared - and presumably had died - in the Sahara desert. Hinnant was surprised to find that some had died not on their way to Europe, but on their way back: Pressured by European nations to cut off the flow of migrants in their direction, Algeria was deporting them and abandoning them in the desert.

"They tossed us into the desert." Algeria strands thousands of migrants in the Sahara. It's a deadly march to an invisible border. <https://t.co/R5lxYKvyyv4>

- The Associated Press (@AP) June 25, 2018

Hinnant pressed the issue with many humanitarian organizations; all of them knew about the desert expulsions but were initially reluctant to talk because they hoped to resolve the issue quietly with the Algerian government. She eventually determined that Algeria had sent more than 13,000 people into the desert.

She then made contact with migrants who had actually been expelled - including some who had already returned to Algeria despite what they had endured. They started sharing not just their stories, but also photos and videos and, finally, real time information about the roundups and expulsions, which by early spring were happening almost daily.

The next challenge was reporting the story in Algeria. First, the team sought visas from Algeria; it has yet to approve them. They got visas from Niger, instead, and headed there. They then sought and received the local permissions needed to travel in the Agadez region, which is considered by the State Department and European governments to be among the most dangerous places in the world for Westerners.

Just reaching the border area required hours of off-road travel in a military convoy. Conditions made the reporting difficult - Delay and Janssen couldn't work during the peak of the day because parts of their cameras would start to melt. But the team persevered, obtaining more UGC from a migrant there, and capturing the story in stunning words and images.

The story was picked up by French media, including the investigative site Mediapart, and received prominent play in both Al Jazeera and its video outlet AJ+ as well as Sky News, which repackaged the video for its own online version. Hinnant was interviewed on Canadian television, BBC World News, Public Radio International and NPR's "All Things Considered":

Most importantly, the expulsions to the desert ground to a halt as soon as AP presented its findings and requested comment from Algeria's government, about a week before publishing - the longest break the International Organization for Migration has seen since May 2017. They have yet to resume.

For their persistence in following a trail that took them to one of the world's most inhospitable places - and to an extraordinary tale of death and cruelty - Hinnant, Delay and Janssen share this week's Beat of the Week award.



**AP multiformat teams give voice to separated, reunited families. And break news too.**





**Sirley Silveira Paixao, an immigrant from Brazil seeking asylum, left, and paralegal and interpreter Luana Mason listen on the phone to the procedures Paixao needs to follow to get her son Diego released from immigration detention in Chicago, June 29, 2018. Seated with them are Lidia Karine Souza, second from right, and her son Diogo, who were recently united after being separated in May. Paixao and her son arrived in the U.S. on May 22 and were separated. She was released on June 13 and has been living in Massachusetts, while her son was taken to Chicago. AP PHOTO / CHARLES REX ARBOGAST**

AP journalists have worked tirelessly across formats and locations to chronicle the stories of immigrant parents and children struggling to reunite after being separated at the border as a result of White House zero-tolerance enforcement policies. Their work paid big dividends last week with exclusive images, videos and stories about separated families and White House policies by reporters Martha Irvine and Michael Tarm, Chicago; Morgan Lee, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Elliot Spagat, San Diego; photographers Charlie Arbogast, Chicago; and Matt York, Phoenix; and video journalist John Mone, Houston.

Lee, Mone and York convinced a source to let them inside an El Paso shelter where more than 30 immigrant parents were staying while waiting for word about their children. Spagat doggedly worked sources from the border to break news about the impact Trump administration's zero-tolerance tactics. And Irvine and Arbogast obtained exclusive images from one of the signature moments of the family separation crisis - the reunion of a Brazilian mom who'd been separated from her son for a month.

Irvine and Arbogast spent a good part of Thursday, June 28, alone with immigrant Lidia Souza, getting interviews, photos and video ahead of a court hearing the next day in which she got her child back. They also were able to get permission to use a photo from a visit with the child earlier in the week, the first time she had seen her son since their separation. Irvine, who was doing double duty shooting video and reporting for the text story, also was able to watch a video of that reunion for inclusion in the print story.

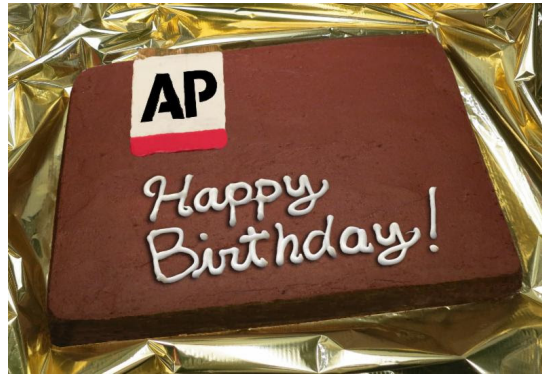
After a judge ordered the child to be returned the following day, Arbogast, Irvine and Tarm provided multiformat coverage of the news conference in which the mother and child appeared together. Arbogast and Irvine also were able to meet up with Souza and her attorney at their hotel - the only journalists allowed to do so. Arbogast got more exclusive photos as the family explored Chicago.

On the same day, Lee, Mone and York were the first journalists to get into a shelter near the border in El Paso that housed several immigrants who were separated from their children. Inside, they asked several immigrants from Central America to describe their ordeal as they waited around a phone for calls about their children, sent for vital documents from Central America and got on buses to stay with family members in hopes of reunited with their children. The result was compelling all-formats coverage of the story that was prominently used in newspapers in New Mexico, Texas and beyond.

The reunion of the Brazilian mother was the lead story on APNews, and the APNewsbreak on the story was liked more than 2,000 times from the AP Twitter feed.

For exclusive multiformat coverage of families affected by immigration policy, and for expanding AP's reach on this closely watched story, Irvine, Lee, Tarm, Spagat, Arbogast, York and Mone share this week's Best of the States award.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Slain journalist remembered for her  
commitment to community***

By **BRIAN WITTE**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - Whether twisting arms to donate blood, writing one of her many feature articles or charging a gunman in her final moments, one of five Maryland newspaper employees killed in a newsroom shooting was remembered Saturday for her passion and commitment to the community she served.

Family, friends and colleagues of Wendi Winters filled the Maryland Hall for Creative Arts in Annapolis to recount the numerous ways she joyfully engaged with the community - stories that brought tears, laughter and applause.

"She was everywhere, but always there for you, and I know this, the world was a lot better when she was here," said the Rev. John Crestwell, Jr., associate minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. "This is a massive loss."

The memorial was held on the same day that The Capital newspaper reported that Winters confronted the man who shot his way into the newsroom. She had taken active shooter training at her church weeks before the June 28 attack. Janel Cooley, a survivor of the shooting, told the newspaper Winters charged forward with a trash can and recycling bin.



Read more [here](#).

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## ***No, President Trump Is Not Purging The Military Of Immigrants*** (Task and Purpose)

By **JEFF SCHOGOL** and **ADAM LINEHAN**

The Department of Defense is strongly disputing a recent article by the Associated Press that suggests the United States Army has begun purging its ranks of non-U.S.

citizens as the Trump administration ramps up efforts to crack down on illegal immigration.

The July 5 article centers on the plight of immigrant recruits attempting to enter the military through the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program, which was launched in 2008 to attract more recruits with critical skills such as doctors, nurses, and those who speak strategically valuable languages like Chinese, Dari, Farsi, and Russian by offering them an expedited path to citizenship. Service members who've enlisted through the MAVNI program represent only a small percentage of immigrants in the military, the vast majority of whom joined through the same channels as their U.S.-born counterparts.

Titled "US Army quietly discharging immigrant recruits," the AP story reports that "some immigrant U.S. Army reservists and recruits who enlisted in the military with a promised path to citizenship are being abruptly discharged." The story implies that institutionalized xenophobia might be behind the a recent spike in the number of MAVNI recruits being "booted" from the program.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Carl Robinson.

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## ***For many journalists, the bonds formed in the newsroom remain long after they leave*** (Poynter)

By **CAITLIN KELLY**

Many journalists who have spent time working in a newsroom forge there - in that sometimes chaotic and stressful environment - some of the deepest and most enduring friendships of their lives, even as thousands of us have been laid off, quit or bought out.

"We are a family full of passion and character, one I'm deeply sad to leave," Michelle Hiskey wrote in 2008 for the Columbia Journalism Review as she took a buyout after 22 years at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "From my colleagues, I learned how to make a feather-light piecrust, quilt, find the best flea markets. They taught me how to camp, hike, and paddle. One work friend saved me from hypothermia after my canoe capsized in a freezing river."



As a veteran of three dailies - the Globe and Mail, the Montreal Gazette and the New York Daily News, I've stayed in touch with several former colleagues, like the Globe's one remaining staff photographer, Fred Lum.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Scott Pruitt's exit shows the enduring value of hard-hitting journalism*** (CNN)

By BRIAN STELTER

Concerned Environmental Protection Agency officials and other sources played a key role in exposing EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's abuses of power. After Pruitt resigned on Thursday afternoon, President Trump said Pruitt "did not want to be a distraction," an acknowledgment of the damning accounts.

Political observers were surprised by how long Pruitt lasted. But eventually, it seems, the system of checks and balances worked. Whistleblowers sought out reporters. The resulting news stories caused outcries. The outcries spurred investigations, or, as Trump might say, "distractions."

Eventually it the said distractions were enough for some of Trump's staunchest advocates, like Fox News' Laura Ingraham, who called for Pruitt to step down. The editorial boards of conservative outlets The Weekly Standard and the National Review also called for Pruitt to go.

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

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## ***The State of New Jersey Wants to Subsidize News. Uh-oh.*** (Politico)

By **JACK SHAFER**

Unless you live in a bomb shelter and have canceled your cable TV and internet services, you've heard that the newspaper business has run aground. Advertising revenue is down 67 percent since 2005, and as panicked publishers shutter newspapers, reduce the number of days they publish, lay off journalists and cut local coverage to balance their books, the likelihood that great swaths of the country will become "news deserts," devoid of accountability reports on government and corporations, has grown.

The state of New Jersey thinks it's found the secret to making the desert bloom: A \$5 million subsidy for a university-led consortium that will dispense grants for local news coverage. "Never before has a state taken the lead to address the growing crisis in local news," said Mike Rispoli of the Free Press Action Fund, the advocacy group that advanced the consortium idea. "Trustworthy local journalism is the lifeblood of democracy; it allows people to participate meaningfully in decisions regarding local elections, public schools and policy decisions."

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

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***Putting Out the Capital Gazette, a Week After the Shootings*** (New Yorker)



**The photojournalist Joshua McKerrow and his colleagues at the Capital Gazette work from a parking garage to cover a shooting that killed five in their own newsroom. Photograph by Thalia Juarez / The Baltimore Sun / AP**

### **By CHARLES BETHEA**

Joshua McKerrow, a forty-four-year-old from Baltimore, Maryland, has been a photojournalist at the Capital Gazette, in Annapolis, since 2004. McKerrow is divorced, with three children, and directs Shakespearean plays in his down time. On the morning of July 4th this year, McKerrow was at his home, in Annapolis, watching his kids play Monopoly. "Yesterday, I was taken off the photo schedule for a few days," McKerrow said by phone. "They told me, 'Do what you want, but we've got it covered.'" He had been busy since before the shooting at the paper's offices, last Thursday, in which five of his colleagues were killed. The shooter was a man who had been harassing the Gazette ever since the paper ran a story about him stalking a woman. He sent a letter to the paper's lawyer, post-marked the day of the attack, stating his intention to visit the newsroom "with the objective of killing every person present."

A colleague had invited McKerrow to a July 4th barbecue, "and then there's the parade," McKerrow told me, sighing. The city of Annapolis had asked the paper's staff to march at the head of its holiday parade. "It's insane," McKerrow went on. "I've been really on the fence. I don't want to be the story. But our editor, Rick Hutzell, he told us, 'I'm not gonna ask any of you to do it. I'll be the only one. But the city needs to see us.'" McKerrow, in the end, decided to join the parade. "I'm not gonna let him do it alone," he said. (In the end, a few dozen current and former Gazette staffers led the parade.)

Two days before the shooting, McKerrow was covering local elections. "There were still races that hadn't submitted finals counts," he said. The day before the shooting, he'd worked on two feature stories with Wendi Winters, a colleague and close friend, who was later killed in the shooting. McKerrow spoke by phone on Wednesday morning about continuing to publish the Gazette in the days after the shooting, while also mourning his colleagues. His account has been edited and condensed.

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

## Today in History - July 9, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, July 9, the 190th day of 2018. There are 175 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

### **On this date:**

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.)

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1937, a fire at 20th Century Fox's film storage facility in Little Ferry, New Jersey, destroyed most of the studio's silent films.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. (An official end to the state of war was declared in October 1951.)

In 1962, pop artist Andy Warhol's exhibit of 32 paintings of Campbell's soup cans opened at the Ferus Gallery in Los Angeles.

In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington at age 83.

In 1982, Pan Am Flight 759, a Boeing 727, crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, shortly after takeoff from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

In 1986, the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography released the final draft of its report, which linked hard-core porn to sex crimes.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia performed for the final time as frontman of the Grateful Dead during a concert at Chicago's Soldier Field (Garcia died a month later).

In 2001, a divided court in Chile ruled that Gen. Augusto Pinochet could not be tried on human rights charges because of his deteriorating health and mental condition, a ruling that effectively brought the 85-year-old former dictator's legal troubles to an end.



Ten years ago: Citing new DNA tests, prosecutors cleared JonBenet Ramsey's parents and brother in the 1996 killing of the 6-year-old beauty queen in Boulder, Colo. Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, battling a brain tumor, walked into the Senate to cast a dramatic vote in favor of long-stalled Medicare legislation. Iran test-fired nine missiles, including ones capable of hitting Israel. Gunmen stormed a guard post at the U.S. consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, touching off a firefight that killed three police officers and three assailants.

Five years ago: Egypt's military-backed interim leader, Adly Mansour, named economist Hazem el-Beblawi as prime minister, ending days of political deadlock. Francesco Schettino (frahN-CHEHS'-koh skeh-TEE'-noh), the former captain of the luxury liner Costa Concordia, went on trial for the 2012 shipwreck off Giglio that claimed 32 lives. A massive memorial service in Arizona honored 19 members of the Prescott-based Granite Mountain Hotshots who died when a wind-fueled, out-of-control fire overran them. Defensemen Scott Niedermayer and Chris Chelios, along with forward Brendan Shanahan, were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame; they were joined in the class of 2013 by Geraldine Heaney, the third woman to be enshrined in the hall, and the late Fred Shero, the coach who'd led the Philadelphia Flyers to the Stanley Cup in 1974 and '75.

One year ago: A cease-fire arranged by the United States, Russia and Jordan took effect in three war-torn provinces of southern Syria. Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi (HY'-dahr ahl ah-BAH'-dee) celebrated with Iraqi troops in Mosul after they drove Islamic State militants from some of their last strongholds.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 91. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is 86. Actor James Hampton is 82. Actor Brian Dennehy is 80. Actor Richard Roundtree is 76. Singer Dee Dee Kenniebrew (The Crystals) is 73. Author Dean Koontz is 73. Football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson is 71. Actor Chris Cooper is 67. TV personality John Tesh is 66. Country singer David Ball is 65. Business executive/TV personality Kevin O'Leary (TV: "Shark Tank") is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 64. Actor Jimmy Smits is 63. Actress Lisa Banes is 63. Actor Tom Hanks is 62. Singer Marc Almond is 61. Actress Kelly McGillis is 61. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 59. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 54. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 53. Actor David O'Hara is 53. Actress Pamela Adlon is 52. Rock musician Xavier Muriel is 50. Actor Scott Grimes is 47. Actor Enrique Murciano is 45. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 43. Musician/producer Jack White is 43. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 42. Actor-director Fred Savage is 42. Country musician Pat Allingham is 40. Actress Linda Park is 40. Actress Megan Parlen is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kiely Williams (3lw) is 32. Actor Mitchel (cq) Musso is 27. Actress Georgie Henley is 23.

**Thought for Today: "A good storyteller is a person who has a good memory and hopes other people haven't." - Irvin S. Cobb, American humorist (1876-1944).**

# 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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