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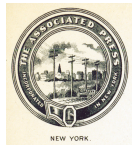
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Colleagues,

The fifth annual **Midwest AP Reunion** will feature BBQ, beer and baseball. And, we hope, YOU!

A dozen retirees and active-duty folks have signed up so far for the reunion, to take place in Kansas City on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25-26. On Tuesday night, our group will board the KC Barbeque Tour bus and be driven to three of KC's top BBQ joints - Bryant's, Gates and LC's BBQ - to enjoy their best.

On Wednesday, we will gather for a tour of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and then eat afterward at a closeby restaurant.



Drop me a note if you'd like to attend or need further information. You need not have worked or lived in the Midwest to attend. Heck, two of our registered attendees hail from Florida and Washington State!

Have a great weekend!

Paul

On Marty Lederhandler and his carrier pigeons

Rick Cooper ([Email](#)) - I read the story about Marty Lederhandler's wrong way D-Day carrier pigeon (in Thursday's Connecting) which brought back a memory of Marty's getting film back to AP headquarters.

One morning in the course of my commute from Fairfield County Connecticut to 50 Rock as I emerged from the bowels of Grand Central Terminal, I came across the scene of a steam pipe explosion that had torn up the street. As I made my way around the police lines, I ran into Marty who was shooting pictures of the scene.

Marty asked me if I was on my way to the office and if so, could I drop off a couple of rolls of film at photos on the fourth floor before getting my coffee at the AP cafeteria. Unlike his carrier pigeon at Normandy, I had no trouble finding 50 Rock and the photo department on the fourth floor.

I'm sure after 35 or so years the statute of limitations regarding a seventh floor executive performing a Guild-covered job (Photo messenger without a motorcycle) has run out.

It also shows 40 years after D-Day Marty was still using any means to get his film back to the office as quickly as possible.

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Robert Reid (Email) - I worked with Marty a bit at the UN in 1996 and 1997 and he'd told me the story of his pigeon problems on D-Day. But I'd never seen a copy of the paper until Thursday's Connecting.

The masthead identifies it as a civilian publication, the Lausitz Newspaper," and "the official party newspaper for Spremberg county." Lausitz and Spremberg county are located in what later became East Germany. It's southeast of Berlin not far from the current border with Poland.

If a copy turned up in Cherbourg it must have been mailed to someone serving there, maybe to a German soldier from his family in Lausitz. It's dated about three weeks after the landing.

Connecting mailbox

Texas and its quirky datelines

Marcus Eliason (Email) - Connecting's forum on desirable datelines turned my thoughts to Godfrey H.P. Anderson, a British AP correspondent in London and Paris before transplanting himself to Texas where he wrote charming features about his adopted state including its quirky choices of place names.

Being a non-American myself, a neophyte hired in Tel Aviv and uncertain of his prospects in this brave new American world of journalism, I felt a sort of kinship with Mr. Anderson. Although we never knew each other, his example showed me how anything was possible in the AP.

Here's a sample of the late wordsmith's work, published in The Odessa (Texas) American on Dec. 31, 1970.

Something For Every Taste---

Names? Texas Has 'Em

By GODFREY ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Who wouldn't be happy to see the light of day at Birthright, live out his days at Utopia or Bonanza, then pass on quietly from Goodnight?

You can do it all if you're a Texan.

If the name exists some place else, then Texas has it too. If it doesn't exist, then Texas has invented it.

Those early settlers sometimes made up with original place names for the unorthodox way they spelled them. It can be embarrassing at times to local pride.

People have been laughed at for saying they come from Twitty, Texas, from Bigfoot, from Happy, from Bangs, or from Blessing. But all those places exist and people live there and are proud of it. West Texas folk see nothing funny about an address in Deaf Smith County.

**Holiday Season
Makes 'Em Run**

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN

There's a London here as well as the one in England, another Paris than the one in France, an Athens, a Buda, and an Italy.

California isn't the only place that can claim a Beverly Hills, nor Scotland a Dundee or Edinburg. Why, Texas even has its Royalty, its Omaha, its Rhineland, its Odessa.

There's something in Texas for every taste.

The romantic might care to linger at Loving or Lovelady, at Magic City or Avalon. The housewife would probably settle for Sweet Home.

For the jet set there's Zipp City or Roaring Springs, though some might prefer the quieter life at Dripping Springs, Cain City sounds violence. Could four Corners be for squares?

Naturally, this being Texas, plenty of places precede their name with Big. Sometimes that means they're very small. Besides Bigfoot, there's Big Lake, Big Sandy, Big Spring, and Big Wells. There is no spring at Big Spring. There are creeks called Big Blue, Big Cow, Big Flow, Big Elm, and a bayou called Big Linnville. And, biggest of all, there's Big Bend National Park on the Rio Grande.

Gasoline seems appropriately named for this oil rich country. Bronco and Dollarhide are properly in West Texas cattle country. Cactus and Driftwood are less grim than they sound. Grow is frankly optimistic. Humble is modestly content. Flatonia has a Ruritanian sound.

Cut-and-Shoot has the real Wild West flavor but it never was in the Old West; it once was plantation country.

There are Indian names like Cherokee and Comanche, Spanish names like Zapata and Guadalupe, German names like Kaufman and Kleberg. Sportsmen can try out Turkey or Quail, Antelope or Buffalo.

There are towns called Twin Sisters and Seven Sisters, Ben Franklin, Ben Wheeler or Ben Arnold. There's Scurry and Scroggins, Krum and Pity Me. You name it, you can be sure Texas has got it.

There's not only Old Dime Box but New Dime Box, a few miles away. It cost the citizens many a dime to move their city when the railroad builders unpredictably went thataway instead of thisaway. Not that it matters now. The trains don't call there any more.

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Words, words, words

Henry Bradsher (Email) - My suggestion that "none" should be followed by a singular verb seems to have stirred up some interest. Thanks to Joe McKnight for agreeing with me, but Craig Klugman disagreed, while our hard-working Connecting editor has held the fort.

Craig consulted Garner's Modern English Usage and found "none" defined as "not one" and "not any." The first as a contraction of "not one" is what I'd offered as the reason for a singular verb. How "not any" becomes "none" escapes me, since I'm not aware of variant spelled "nany".

Garner goes on to suggest that the meaning of the sentence is what counts, but adds, according to Craig, that "Generally speaking, 'none is' is the most emphatic way of expressing an idea," but is "the less common way, particularly in educated speech [perhaps I'm not educated enough], and it therefore sounds somewhat stilted." Garner says it's unfortunate that "some stylists and publications insist that 'none' is always singular, even in the most awkward constructions."

Well, Garner is fairly recent, 2003, compared with my 1965 edition of The Dictionary of Modern English Usage by Fowler, which has long been the standard. It says, "It is a mistake to suppose that the pronoun is singular only and must at all costs be followed by singular verbs." It adds that the Oxford English Dictionary "explicitly states that plural construction is commoner."

The AP Stylebook says:

none When used to mean *no one*, *not one* or *no amount of it*, none takes singular verbs and pronouns: *None of us is perfect. None of the seats was in the right place. None of the coffee was poured.*

When the sense is *none of them*, use plural verbs and pronouns: *None of the consultants agree on the same approach. None of the horses were in their stalls. None of the taxes have been paid.*

So Joe and I am outvoted, and I guess I should quit wincing every time I read in my elder son's paper, The NY Times, a use of "none" with plural.

But, being old enough to be old-fashioned, I still prefer "such as" to "like." And I remember my mother's saying (note the possession with a gerund, a dying usage) that the English grammatical rule is "man embraces women whenever possible." With that rule, one doesn't need to say "men and women" all the time, such as "in Washington, men often sink into the swamp" -- women sink too, without a #MeToo mention. While I'm modern enough to sometimes write split infinitives, I regret the sloppy conversational usage of "you know" to show slow thinking of what to say next.

And then there's the matter of the Oxford comma. My NY Times son, Shanghai-based Keith, says via FaceTime that he noted AP recently got involved in when it's needed, with Tweets hurdling back and forth over that before AP declared that it can be used for clarity. I agree.

Connecting new-member profile - Chuck Rice

Chuck Rice ([Email](#)) - spent 17 years with the Associated Press Radio Network.

Based in Washington, DC, he anchored hourly newscasts, produced weekly public affairs programs, reported on the US space program, covered the Olympics and produced a daily radio feature on electronic gadgets. Besides covering the Olympics and space shuttle launches, one of his favorite assignments was the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas each January.



In 2003, during a Knight Journalism Fellowship in Mongolia, Chuck began transitioning from journalism into international media development. Over the past 15 years, he has managed numerous media projects for organizations that include Internews, the World Bank, and the International Center for Journalists. He also served as country director in Timor-Leste, managing a two-year, media development project that included developing a four-year journalism degree program, establishing media houses around the country, assisting a community in setting up its own radio station and establishing an

online news agency.

For the past seven years, Chuck has been chief executive officer of a US-based NGO, Developing Radio Partners: Community Engagement Through Media. He oversees climate change, youth health and women's empowerment projects in several African countries. He assists community-based radio stations in developing engaging content aimed at bringing about social and economic change - assisting farmers with adapting to climate change by harvesting rainwater and planting drought-resistant seeds, working closely with communities in Malawi to reduce child marriages and dropout rates among adolescent girls and encouraging organic farming techniques in Rwanda, Cameroon, Cape Verde and Zambia.

In addition to his work in several African states, Chuck has lived and worked in more than a dozen countries across Central Asia, the Caucasus and Southeast Asia.

He currently resides in North Carolina - where he started a low-power FM radio station in the town of Marshall. (www.wartfm.org) He has written a book about his two years in Mongolia. Titled 'My Journey to Mongolia: A Reporters Journal.'

Chuck has been a journalist since 1975, when as a high school student he started working at the local radio station in his hometown of Marshall, North Carolina. While at the UNC-Asheville, he worked as a newscaster at a commercial radio station and served as director of his university radio station.

After graduating, Chuck worked as a reporter and anchor at several stations in North Carolina before becoming a writer and news anchor for The Associated Press Radio Network.

Thoughts While Aging

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - As one ages, one's life slowly turns from great physical activity into a steady menu of thinking and reminiscing. At age 92 I am in the latter group. Not deep thinking, but just thinking.

At the age of 16, I went to work for the AP as an office boy in Columbus, Ohio, and was known as "That lop-eared kid on the early." Of course, I knew that I would be connected with photos at some time. After all, I was born from a dark "womb".



The other day, while contemplating my abdominal incision from colon cancer surgery, I thought back to 1947 when then Executive Newsphoto Editor Al Resch appointed me to be an AP staff photographer in Indianapolis, IN. What faith, what trust?

At that time, The Indianapolis Star had an old-timer photographer named Joe Cravens, whose career was characterized by flash powder. He marveled at us when he noted we did not have focusing range-finders, or light meters on our 4x5 Speed Graphic cameras, and that we relied solely on those features in our brains. NY would not permit these features because if we went some great distance to cover a story, and depended on these features, and they failed, we would have nothing.

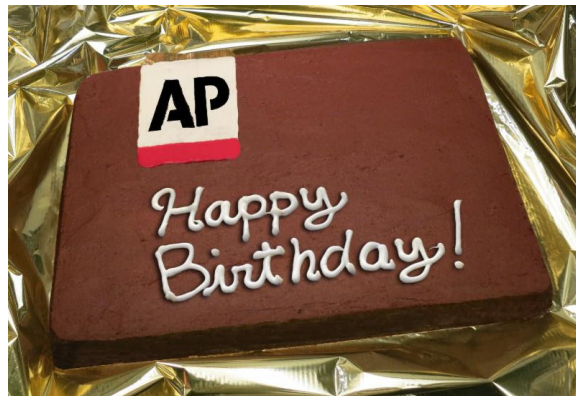
With that in mind, and thinking about the almost primitive photo conditions we had (compared with today), I thought of the day in Tokyo, in 1950, as I prepared to go into South Korea to cover the beginning of that war. Visiting with "Jackson," AP's historic photoman in Tokyo. I watched as two photographers with Kyodo News Service put two pigeons into a cage to take on a story. They would take their pictures, put the film in little containers, attach it to the pigeon's keg, and away they went back to Tokyo!

We were much slower. After taking pictures at the front, we'd return to the rear, write the picture captions, bundle it up, hitch a ride to an airstrip, and hope and pray it would get back to Tokyo in the next day or two.

No digital cameras, no computers, no taking a picture, pulling the chip, editing in the computer, and bingo, transmitting all over the world in just minutes. Wow! We never dreamed anything like this would be invented.

Back to the porch, and my thoughts.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Alice Dunnigan, First Black Woman to Cover White House, Will Get Statue at Newseum (New York Times)



A 6-foot bronze statue of Alice Allison Dunnigan, modeled on this 1947 photograph of her outside the Capitol, will honor her at the Newseum, a museum in Washington dedicated to the press and the First Amendment. Courtesy of University of Georgia Press

By Karen Zraick

The daughter of a Kentucky sharecropper, Alice Allison Dunnigan endured poverty, segregation and sexism as she fought to fulfill her dream of becoming a journalist.

She went on to become the first black woman accredited to cover the White House.

Ms. Dunnigan became the head of the Associated Negro Press Washington Bureau on Jan. 1, 1947. She spent 14 years filing stories printed in 112 African-American newspapers across the country, and broke numerous barriers along the way.

Now, she will be honored with a 6-foot bronze statue at the Newseum, a museum in Washington dedicated to the press and the First Amendment. The sculpture is being created by the artist Amanda Matthews of Lexington, Ky., and is based on a 1947 photograph of Ms. Dunnigan on the steps of the United States Capitol, holding a copy of The Washington Post.

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

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Local angles for the ongoing clergy abuse scandal (Poynter)

By BILL MITCHELL

The latest developments in the clergy sexual abuse scandal tee up unusual opportunities for journalists - especially local journalists - to advance the story in significant ways.

That's especially true in two reporting categories: untold stories and watchdog journalism.

Both approaches can help you and your newsroom - whether broadcast, print, digital or all three - to move beyond the too-easy temptation to limit your coverage to showing up at weekend Masses for people-in-the-pew reaction stories.

Some of the ideas listed below have gone untold because, previously, they might have been considered too narrowly focused for a general, secular audience. But the evolution of the story has expanded its readership well beyond Catholics alone.

And Catholic bishops - answerable under Church law only to the Pope - are an ideal target for the sort of watchdog journalism that holds the powerful accountable.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word



Our week opened at Arlington National Cemetery with services for Richard Pyle. And I find it appropriate to end our publication week from Arlington, as well.

Connecting colleague **John Epperson** visited Arlington on August 19 and sends this with his photo: The member of 3rd Infantry Regiment prepares at right to be

inspected by the non-commissioned officer in charge of the guard detail at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Unknown service casualties from WWI, WWII and the Korean War are entombed here. A Vietnam unknown was exhumed when identified by military examiners and the remains returned to the family. The empty crypt is now dedicated to all U.S. service unknowns from all conflicts. (Photo for Connecting by John Epperson)

Today in History - August 24, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2018. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, a major event in the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1912, Congress passed a measure creating the Alaska Territory. Congress approved legislation establishing Parcel Post delivery by the U.S. Post Office Department, slated to begin on January 1, 1913.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1959, three days after Hawaiian statehood, Hiram L. Fong was sworn in as the first Chinese-American U.S. Senator while Daniel K. Inouye (in-OH'-way) was sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. Representative.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.)

In 1989, the Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a full-fledged planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

Ten years ago: A suicide bomber struck a welcome-home celebration on Baghdad's outskirts for an Iraqi detainee released from U.S. custody, killing at least 25 people. An Iran-bound passenger jet carrying 90 people crashed in Kyrgyzstan, killing some 70 people. On the final day of the Beijing Games, Kobe Bryant hit two 3-pointers in a

big fourth quarter to help the United States defeat Spain 118-107 and win the men's basketball gold medal for the first time since 2000. Waipahu, Hawaii, defeated Matamoros, Mexico, in the Little League World Series, 12-3.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of people marched to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and down the National Mall, commemorating the 50th anniversary of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech (delivered on August 28, 1963). Julie Harris, 87, one of Broadway's most honored performers, died in West Chatham, Massachusetts.

One year ago: Presidential adviser Jared Kushner met with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to try to jumpstart peace talks. Former Carter administration Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, who engineered the conservation of millions of acres of Alaska land, died at the age of 85. Mavis Wanczyk, a hospital worker from the western Massachusetts town of Chicopee, was announced as the winner of the biggest undivided lottery jackpot in U.S. history, a \$758.7 million Powerball prize; lottery officials said she chose to take a lump sum payment of \$480 million, or \$336 million after taxes. Florida put a convicted killer, Mark Asay, to death using an anesthetic (etomidate) that had never before been used in a U.S. lethal injection.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 76. Rock musician Ken Hensley is 73. Actress Anne Archer is 71. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 69. Actor Kevin Dunn is 63. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 63. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 61. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 58. Actor Jared Harris is 57. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 56. CBS News correspondent Major Garrett is 56. Rock singer John Bush is 55. Actress Marlee Matlin is 53. Basketball Hall of Famer Reggie Miller is 53. Broadcast journalist David Gregory is 48. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SHeDaisy) is 48. Movie director Ava DuVernay is 46. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 45. Actor James D'Arcy is 45. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 45. Actor Alex O'Loughlin is 42. Actress Beth Riesgraf is 40. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 37. Christian rock musician Jeffrey Gilbert (Kutless) is 35. Singer Mika is 35. Actor Blake Berris is 34. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 30.

Thought for Today: "Of the twenty or so civilizations known to modern Western historians, all except our own appear to be dead or moribund, and, when we diagnose each case... we invariably find that the cause of death has been either War or Class or some combination of the two." - Arnold J. Toynbee, English historian (1889-1975).

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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