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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Today's issue brings you a full Connecting Mailbox covering a wide range of topics - including our long-running infatuation with the manual typewriter.

Connecting erred in Monday's issue with the identification of the person being interviewed by AP's **John Daniszewski** in our profile of John (that attracted more Facebook comment than any we have ever published).

This photo (at right) shows John, then AP's Warsaw bureau chief, at left, when he interviewed Poland's President Wojciech Jaruzelski, at his office in the Council of Ministers, in Warsaw on June 28, 1989. (AP Photo/Corporate Archives)



Here's a reminder that the **fifth annual Midwest AP reunion** is set for September 25-26 in Kansas City. On Tuesday night, September 25, we will gather for a barbeque bus tour to three of Kansas City's finest restaurants: Gates, Bryants and LC's. And the next day, we plan to tour the Negro League Baseball Museum and have lunch at a nearby restaurant. Drop me a note if you'd like to join the dozen or so of us who have signed up.

Have a great day!

Paul

***A gathering of Wisconsin editors at Miller Field***



**George Garties** ([Email](#)) - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Editor George Stanley (left) and former Milwaukee AP Bureau Chief Lee Hughes at Miller Field on Friday night. Lee was among a group of current and former Wisconsin AP member editors who George invited to take in a Pirates-Brewers game in a beautiful corporate box behind home plate. Among those attending: John Smalley of the Wisconsin State Journal, Dave Zweifel from the Capital Times, Tom Schultz from the Watertown Daily Times, Bill Barth of the Beloit Daily News, Claire Duquette formerly with the Ashland Daily Press, Bill Berry formerly with the Stevens Point Journal, Meredyth Albright formerly with the Rhinelander Daily News and now an Episcopal minister. The Brewers won 7-4.

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***Donna Bryson, international reporter and award-winning author, joins Denverite next week***



**By DAVE BURDICK, Denverite**

If you saw a silhouetted griffin projected against the clouds last night, yes, it was the Denverite signal - we'll have another great reporter in the newsroom next week.

With the support of 18 local nonprofits, we're hiring Donna Bryson to be our housing and hunger reporter.

Donna comes to cover two of the Denver metro area's most important ongoing stories with a wealth of experience and a ton of great ideas. She's worked for the Associated Press in London, Cairo, New Delhi and Johannesburg, where she was the bureau chief.

Read more [here](#).

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***At least the world was spared another lawyer***

**Mike Tharp (Email)** - For four years at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kan., I had a 2-S student deferment. Then I got another one for a year in grad school at the

University of Wales, on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. When I came back to my local draft board in Topeka in the summer of 1968, I asked for another student deferment because I had gotten a three-year scholarship to the University of Notre Dame Law School. Jesse Mannschreck, head of the draft board, could scarcely conceal her glee as she denied my request. She stamped my status 1-A, smiling like Bette Davis in 'All About Eve' ('Fasten your seatbelts--it's going to be a bumpy night'). I went to South Bend anyway, knowing I'd be drafted soon. Got a notice to take my physical in Chicago. That day was right out of Upton Sinclair's 'The Jungle.' Shivering in my undies, I stood in front of the last doctor to examine me. "You're in the Army now!" he boomed. On Jan. 13, 1969, I was. When I returned from Vietnam 17 months later, I never went back to Notre Dame. At least the world was spared another lawyer.

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## ***Draft lottery is the only lottery I ever 'won'***

**Mike Holmes** ([Email](#)) - Although I had a college deferment at the time, the draft lottery in 1969 remains the only lottery I ever "won."

Two friends and I - all of us named Mike, curiously - anxiously awaited the outcome on draft night. (A low number almost guaranteed a hitch in the Army; a high number meant you likely wouldn't be called.) Each of our birthdates were drawn early on.

We all were active in amateur sports car racing at that time. While bemoaning our fate, we darkly joked that if we survived Vietnam, we would form our own racing team with the cars carrying our lottery numbers: 34, 64 and 94.

Two of us wound up joining the Navy, and the third was drafted into the Army. Happily, all three of us made it home just fine, but we went our separate ways and never did form that racing team.

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## ***A founding typewriter from the AP's Tel Aviv bureau***



**Marcus Eliason (Email)** - This is one of the founding typewriters of the Tel Aviv bureau that CoB Hal McClure opened a couple of weeks before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. I was his first hire (as the office go-fer, though once the war broke out there were so many stories to be done that even I got to write a couple). I have no way to prove it, but I like to imagine that my first AP story was typed on this machine.



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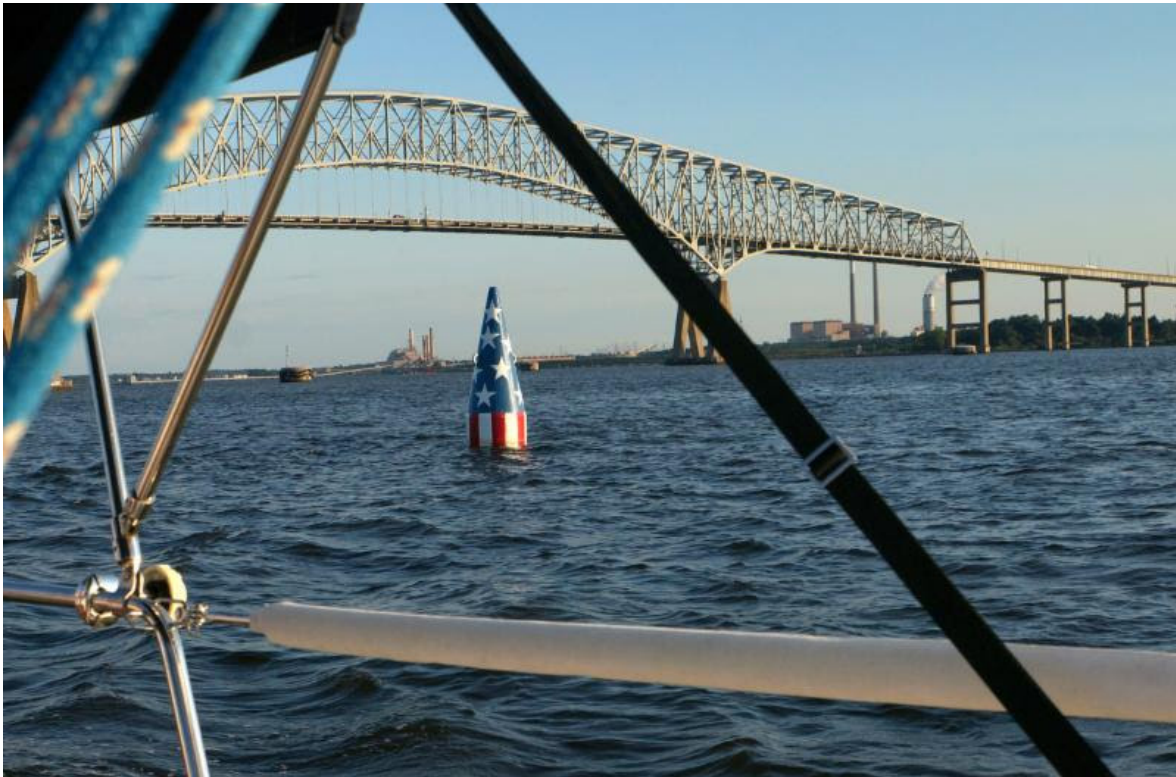
## ***Our black Remington was blazingly fast, totally rugged***

**Joe Galloway (Email)** - Old-time UPI deskmen swore by the 1936 black Remington desk model typewriter for cranking out new leads at 120wpm. One deskman arrived in Saigon with one of those Remingtons and TWO air conditioners in his checked luggage.

I LOVED that black Remington. It was blazingly fast and totally rugged. You could not beat it to death!

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## ***More to the story behind Francis Scott Key's poem***



**Rebecca Trefren** ([Email](#)) - Just an interesting historical note about Francis Scott Key in last Friday's Today in History, which read: *In 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" (later "The Star-Spangled Banner") after witnessing the American flag flying over the Maryland fort following a night of British naval bombardment during the War of 1812..*

In 1814 Francis Scott Key, who was an attorney, was being held prisoner aboard a British Royal Navy's frigate, after he had sailed out to the frigate to try to arrange a non-violent truce. That didn't happen and US military troops and town folk fought until "the dawn's early light" to keep the fort, Baltimore, and ultimately the state of Maryland safe, which they accomplished. The Brits turned and sailed down the Bay to the Atlantic Ocean.

Today a buoy painted Red, White and Blue floats under the Francis Scott Key Bridge, just as ships from all countries and all ship traffic, float under the bridge to arrive at the Port of Baltimore. It is taken in the fall by the US Coast Guard for upkeep and restored to its spot in the Spring.

It is maintained by the US Coast Guard whose business it is to maintain all the buoys in all waters in the United States and the Chesapeake Bay. The Coast Guard has a station in Baltimore, near Baltimore and the Bay.

The Fort that was being bombarded by Royal Navy Frigates, is Fort McHenry, which still stands today and flies a HUGE United States flag.

Another aside not directly related to the history of the flag, but when all Baltimore Orioles fans (and who isn't in Baltimore?) sing the National Anthem -- and, yes, everyone in Maryland knows the National Anthem, when it comes to the last stanza, they yell "OH say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave or the land of the free and the home of the brave."

I gave tours of the Port of Baltimore for dignitaries aboard the Maryland Port Administration's yacht the Mary Lynn, when I worked for the MPA.

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## ***On tapping into old telephone mouthpieces***

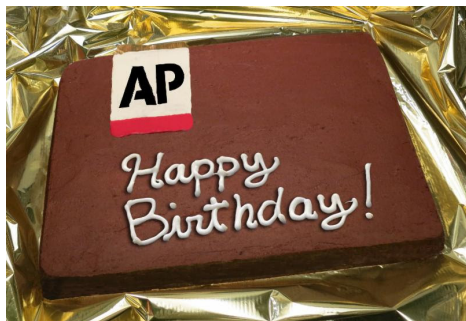
**Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)) - I noticed a post by Mark Hamrick a while back concerning tapping into the old telephone mouthpieces to connect the two wires to transmit sound-bites.

In those old days, we in photos did similarly to send pictures, and also to baffle the opposition who tried to make urgent phone calls with their stories.

In photos, we used line one, and line two in the black box of the phone, and not the phone itself. Also, when we were on a big story, and there was possibly only one telephone (usually a pay phone) we would unscrew the mouthpiece and remove the little transmitter, and then restore the cap. The next user, always the opposition, would try to make a call, but the other end could not hear them, thus causing much frustration and no story transmission. When we wanted to use that phone, we would simply replace the mouthpiece transmitter, and conduct our business. Of course, we would then remove the little instrument.

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**





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## Stories of interest

***Paddock family selling 120-year stake in Daily Herald to newspaper employees*** (Daily Herald)

By **ROBERT FEDER**

After 120 years of family ownership, Paddock Publications is changing hands. The descendants of patriarch and founder Hosea C. Paddock are in the process of selling their interest in the parent company of the Daily Herald, which is expected to convert to full employee ownership before the end of the year.



Executives Robert Y. Paddock Jr. and Stuart R. Paddock III said they plan to continue to work for the company.

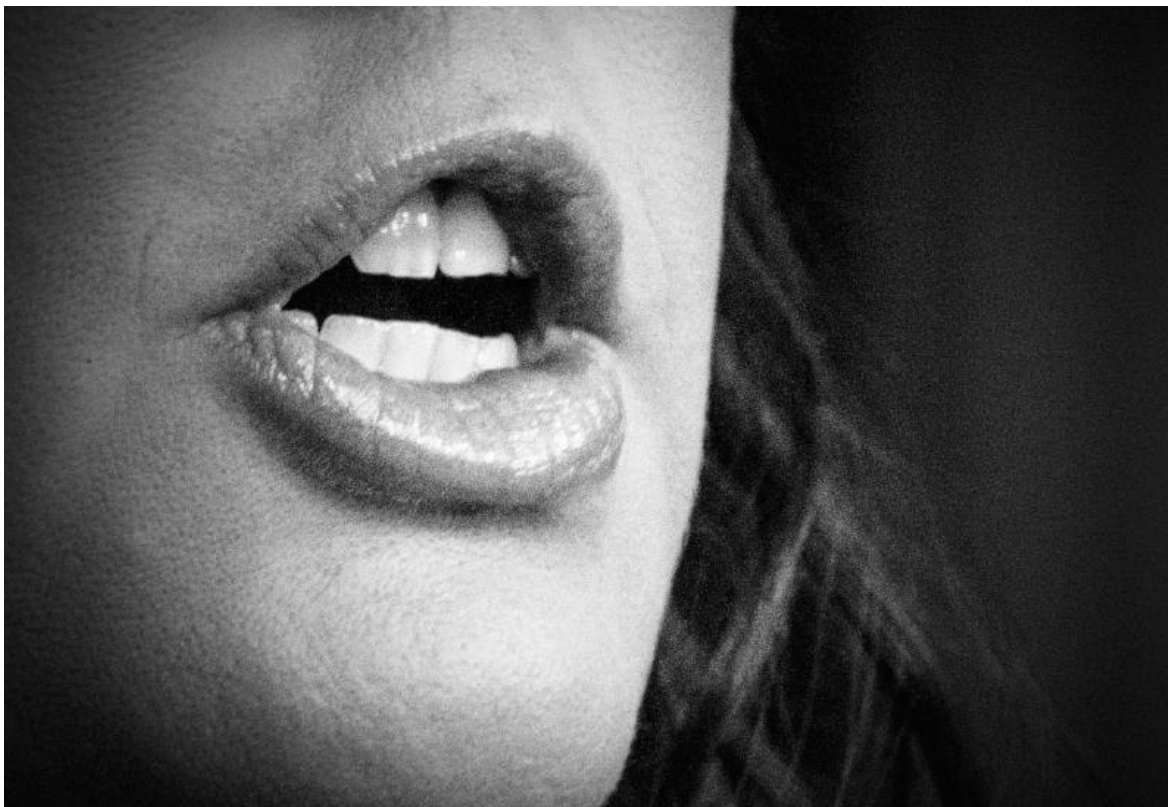
Calling it "one of the most important decisions we have ever made," Doug Ray, chairman, publisher and CEO of the company, announced Thursday that Paddock Publications would switch entirely to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a move approved unanimously by the board of directors Tuesday. The Arlington Heights-based publisher has been partially employee-owned since 1976 when the ESOP was established.

Ray said the action had been under consideration "for some time" and would provide significant tax benefits for the company and allow employees to become greater financial participants in its future success.

Read more [here](#).

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***Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Trump's Battering Ram*** (New Yorker)



By **PAIGE WILSON**

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary, says that she never set out to be "the face of anything." Most of her thirty-one predecessors came from careers in journalism or communications, but Sanders's background is in Republican campaign management and strategy. A conservative Christian, she worked only with similarly minded candidates, such as the Minnesota governor Tim Pawlenty and Senator Tom Cotton, of Arkansas. The other Arkansas senator, John Boozman, also hired Sanders, and he told me that she was adept at turning complex policy material "into words that people can understand without falling asleep." These words were often pointed-Sanders whittled political messages into shivs.

In 2010, she ran Boozman's successful Senate campaign. He is pro-life, but when his opponent, the Democratic incumbent Blanche Lincoln, suggested, inaccurately, that he believed abortion is immoral even for pregnancies resulting from sexual assault, Sanders staged a blistering counterattack. Within hours, Boozman had declared that Lincoln, in a "preposterous" and "shameful" move, had framed him as an "advocate for rapists' rights." Patrick Creamer, Boozman's longtime flack, told me, "Sarah had a keen understanding that you can't let someone else tell your story. She knows the other side is going to paint you in the worst light, and that you have to dictate the terms."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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## ***Wind. Floods. Gunshots. Journalists face danger and challenges in covering Florence.***

(Charlotte News & Observer)



**Surf surrounds a television crew during a live broadcast near Oceanana Pier & Pier House Restaurant in Atlantic Beach Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 as Hurricane Florence approaches the Carolinas. Photo by Travis Long.**

**BY BROOKE CAIN**

Local news organizations covering the devastation of Hurricane Florence have faced their own obstacles over the past week, with reporters, photographers, staff and crew working through exhaustion and often placing themselves in harm's way to deliver the news.

Several newspapers and TV stations in the eastern part of the state had to abandon their newsrooms because of flooding from the lingering storm, while some in the field faced physical peril.

In one such instance, a team from Raleigh's WRAL TV station was threatened as it attempted to cover a looting incident at a Family Dollar store in Wilmington this weekend.

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

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## ***Newsonomics: Could a McClatchy-Tronc merger help local newspapers transition to digital?*** (Nieman)

By KEN DOCTOR

Could McClatchy unexpectedly join Gannett and GateHouse as survivors in the game of the American daily newspaper consolidation?

Could California become a new epicenter of the American local newspaper business?

Could Patrick Soon-Shiong have found a bigger lab to test his theories of AI-enhanced journalism?

As we learned over the weekend, the newspaper chain Tronc may be entertaining multiple suitors - or might just be trying to juice a lukewarm market. As the Chicago Tribune revealed late Friday, McClatchy had emerged as an unlikely dark horse in the bidding. That emergence opens up an array of fascinating scenarios for the fast-paced consolidation of daily newspapering amid its continued business downturn.

Read more [here](#).

## **Today in History - September 18, 2018**





## By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2018. There are 104 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

### On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment and the position of Secretary of Defense, went into effect.

In 1959, during his U.S. tour, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev visited Wall Street, the Empire State Building and the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Khrushchev called on all countries to disarm.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (dahg HAWM'-ahr-shoold) was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1987, the psychological thriller "Fatal Attraction," starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1994, tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis, 40, was found dead in the guest cottage of a friend's home in Southampton, New York, of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 2001, a week after the Sept. 11 attack, President George W. Bush said he hoped to "rally the world" in the battle against terrorism and predicted that all "people who love freedom" would join. Letters postmarked Trenton, N.J., that later tested positive for anthrax were sent to the New York Post and NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was charged with seven felonies, including kidnapping, in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in a Las Vegas casino-hotel room. (Simpson, sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison, was released on parole in October 2017.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told the country his administration was working feverishly to calm turmoil in the financial markets. The president met with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who then asked Congress to give the government power to rescue banks by buying up their bad assets. Stocks on Wall Street shot up more than 400 points on word a plan was in the works.

Five years ago: Syrian President Bashar Assad, in a Fox News Channel interview, said a United Nations report finding "clear and convincing evidence" sarin nerve gas was used in Syria painted an "unrealistic" account, and denied his government had orchestrated the attack. Former heavyweight boxing champion Ken Norton, 70, died in Las Vegas.

One year ago: Hurricane Maria intensified into a dangerous Category 5 storm, surging into the eastern Caribbean on a path that would take it near many of the islands recently devastated by Hurricane Irma. Toys R Us, the pioneering big box toy retailer, announced that it was filing for bankruptcy protection, but that it would continue its normal business operations. (The company announced in March of 2018 that it would be liquidating its U.S. business.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 85. Actor Robert Blake is 85. Actor Fred Willard is 85. Actor Eddie Jones is 84. Gospel singer Bobby Jones is 80. Singer Frankie Avalon is 78. Actress Beth Grant is 69. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 69. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 68. The U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson, is 67. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 63. Movie director Mark Romanek is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg is 59. Alt-country-rock musician Mark Olson is 57. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 56. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 51. Actress Aisha Tyler is 48. Former racing cyclist Lance Armstrong is 47. Opera singer Anna Netrebko is 47. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 47. Actor James Marsden is 45. Actress Emily Rutherford is 44. Actor Travis Schuldt is 44. Rapper Xzibit is 44. Comedian-actor Jason Sudeikis is 43. Actress Sophina Brown is 42. Actor Barrett Foa is 41. Talk show co-host Sara Haines (TV: "Good Morning America") is 41. Actress Alison Lohman is 39. Designer Brandon Maxwell is 34. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 25. Actor Patrick Schwarzenegger is 25. Country singer Tae Dye (Maddie and Tae) is 23. Actor C.J. Sanders is 22.

**Thought for Today: "We want the facts to fit the preconceptions. When they don't it is easier to ignore the facts than to change the preconceptions." - Jessamyn West, American author (1902-1984).**

## 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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