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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Our colleague **Tad Bartimus** ([Email](#)) has an idea for Connecting that I like and thought I would try on you. She and her husband **Dean Wariner** - who live in Hana, Hawaii - are often a Hawaii/Maui resource for friends and friends of friends. She poses the idea of Connecting as a forum for offering an informal "Tips from Veteran Travelers" feature.

And as a real-time start of this new feature, she writes:

Tad and Dean and are planning a brief stopover in Amsterdam (en route to France, to Van Gogh's Provence for Dean to do more paintings) in early May. We have never been there, but it has always been on our "must do" list because of two world-class museums in the city. We have no idea where to stay, what else to see, possible visits to nearby communities, or how to choose a guide for a couple of half-day trips. It has occurred to me in the past, again springs to mind, that Connecting APers are among the most savvy, well-traveled folks I can think of. Any way we could connect with veteran AP Amsterdam staffers? COBs? to get some great tips and guidance not found in Lonely Planet or Rick Steves' guidebooks? Thanks for an AP Amsterdam contacts, I think it would be great fun to "connect" with them.

Our Connecting colleague **Dave Gwizdowski** has made a strong imprint on our company. His 20 years with the AP have been devoted to building revenue for the cooperative, to fund AP journalism - never more essential than today. Today's issue brings news that Gwiz, as he is known, will retire at the end of the year.



Gwiz holds a journalism degree from Emerson College in Boston. Before joining AP in 1998, he worked at KTRK-TV in Houston and at WLVI-TV in Boston, where he served as assistant news director; WPRI-TV in Providence, R.I., and WLBZ-TV in Bangor, Maine, as news director; and at WCVB-TV in Boston, where he was executive producer. He has won two Emmys and two RTNDA Awards for Overall Excellence. He was inducted into the Pawtucket Hall of Fame in 2016.

We congratulate him on a fine career.

Paul

Dave Gwizdowski to retire at end of year after 20-year AP career

Dave Gwizdowski ([Email](#)), senior vice president for revenue for the Americas, plans to retire from The Associated Press at the end of 2018.

The announcement was made by AP President and CEO **Gary Pruitt** on Tuesday in the following note to staff:

After more than 20 years at AP - and most recently five as senior vice president for revenue across the Americas - Dave Gwizdowski, or Gwiz as he prefers to be known, has decided to retire at the end of the year. He will be missed. Earlier today he informed AP's management committee of his decision.

Gwiz's storied AP career began in 1998 when he joined the company as a regional TV executive for the southwest, based in Dallas. Soon after he joined us, he was named AP Television's salesperson of the year in 1999. Gwiz was promoted to director of network sales in 2000 and served as AP's vice president for broadcast, Americas, before becoming the senior vice president for revenue across the Americas in 2014.



Dave Gwizdowski

During his tenure, Gwiz has overseen sales, licensing and product strategy for AP's members and subscribers in the U.S., Canada and Latin America. With his deep understanding of the changes and challenges facing media today, Gwiz has guided AP through important and innovative deals on our broadcast side. He generated revenue by pursuing business opportunities from different types of customers. These included deals in financial and business segments, entertainment, and licensing AP content and services to many nontraditional users such as corporations, PR and ad agencies and local government. He also implemented a new sales structure and adopted Salesforce as a centralized sales platform to manage AP's customer relationships and measure trends.

Gwiz was instrumental in growing our video business and ENPS as more players invested in TV and video operations throughout the region. In 2013, he oversaw the rollout of AP Video-US to provide local broadcasters a daily selection of original video from their region, the U.S. and around the world. As part of this effort, AP doubled the number of video journalists in the Americas.

Gwiz will work through the end of the year and will help prepare for the leadership transition. We will post the position soon and begin a search for a successor. Jessica Bruce, senior vice president for human resources and corporate communications, will run the search which we expect to complete by Jan. 1, 2019.

Gwiz's contributions to AP will resonate for years to come. He has played an integral role in growing AP's products and revenues as we continue to innovate in a changing media landscape. He led change with personal commitment, developed a solid leadership team and maintained his legendary sense of humor throughout. I respect Gwiz's decision to retire and appreciate his years of leadership and service. We wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

Thank you, Gwiz, for your service to AP and dedication to our mission.

Connecting mailbox

Original flag from Battle of Fort McHenry at Smithsonian

Larry Margasak ([Email](#)) - To follow up on Rebecca Trefren's Connecting piece (Tuesday) on Francis Scott Key, the battle of Fort McHenry and The Star Spangled Banner, the original flag from the battle is at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, where I volunteer. A few years ago, we had on loan Key's original, handwritten manuscript.

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The Traveling Walshes - in France



Kevin Walsh taking a picture of sister, Peggy Walsh, in a field of sunflowers in the Loire Valley. Peggy, Kevin and his wife, Lisa, are taking a driving tour through France. Both are Connecting colleagues and worked as AP bureau chiefs during their careers.

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Fond memories of AP London veteran Bob Barr

Robert Meyers ([Email](#)) - on the death in late August of Robert Barr, longtime (46 years) reporter and editor for the AP in London -

I am sorry to hear about the death of Bob Barr. We worked together in London for several years, albeit that I worked in the photo department and he in news but there were a lot of stories and breaking news events to collaborate on coverage.

I remember him as a laconic Coloradan with a sharp wit, a discerning taste for English beer and a shared love of ecclesiastical architecture which led him to live in St. Albans. He was from Broomfield, a wild west outpost on a ridge in the high plains halfway between Denver and Boulder with a spectacular view of the Continental Divide. It was growing when I passed through there often in the early 70s, but now it seems swallowed up in the expanding front range suburbs.

One night celebrating something in one of the local pubs near the AP office on Norwich street I remember huddling with Bob Barr and Bob Millward, a British sports writer enjoying their humorous stories. One of them suggested that we were the "Three Bobs" of London AP which was funny that night and for years on at similar events. Alas, I am the only Bob left. I did not know he played the organ and regret never hearing him play.

Rest in Peace, Bob

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Being drafted or joining the Air Force? The latter was the right choice

Bill Kaczor (Email) - I was a graduating senior and editor of the school paper at Eastern Illinois University in the spring of 1968 when I was called to Chicago, my hometown, to take my draft physical. I passed, so I immediately went down to my draft board at the corner of 63rd Street and Western Avenue. I asked a clerk about my chances of getting drafted. She told me their orders were to draft 1968 college graduates first. I was set to begin graduate studies that summer at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, but graduate deferments recently had been discontinued. So, it looked like I was going to be drafted unless I took an extreme measure. I decided to enlist. I was hoping it would be a way to get a position that would be safer and more suitable to my talents than infantryman.

When I began college four years earlier, I had been curious about the war but ambivalent. Surely, it would be over before my deferment ran out. Like many people, I had underestimated the enemy. Working summers and part-time for a couple small dailies while in college, I had written about local veterans and casualties and edited wire copy about the war. The more I learned about it, the longer it dragged on, the more I thought it was a bad idea - for our country and for me, personally.

Army and Air Force recruiters shared an office suite on the same intersection as the draft board, so I walked across the street and met first with an Army recruiter. He told me I would just be "cannon fodder" if I made it through Officer Candidate School. After taking a written test and doing quite well, the Army recruiter recommended that I try the Air Force. I mulled the options. A two-year Army enlistment with a high possibility of a free trip to Vietnam, where I would face extreme danger, or giving up four years of my life to the Air Force with a much lower chance of death or bodily injury. I also contacted the Navy and was offered one higher rank upon enlistment than the other two services. When I thought about

spending six months or more at a time cooped up on a ship, though, I quickly dropped the Navy option. I went with the Air Force, which also granted me a delayed enlistment until late January 1969.

That gave me time to get in a summer quarter at Medill, where our final exam consisted of "covering" the 1968 Democratic National Convention, another threat to life and limb that I managed to survive. The delay also cleared the way for a late December marriage to my college sweetheart, Judy, and a brief honeymoon in Florida before I reported for induction. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary this year after spending nearly all of those years in Florida. Who knew?

The Air Force proved to be the right choice. I turned down an opportunity to apply to Officer Candidate School, which could have added a year or more to the four years I already had facing me. I twice was rejected for public affairs, where I had hoped to land. The first time I was told the Air Force was filling those slots with women. In the second instance, my application for a vacant public affairs position at my training base (now-closed Chanute AFB, Illinois) was rejected because the job could be filled with a newly minted second lieutenant. Instead, the Air Force decided I would be an F-4 flight simulator specialist. I had never given that option a thought, but it turned out to be the best video game you could imagine in 1969. But still better: there were no flight simulators within hundreds of miles of Vietnam. I spent the next three years at Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida Panhandle. My schedule left me lots of time to moonlight, first for the Playground (now Northwest Florida) Daily News and then the Pensacola News Journal.

After completing three years and 11 months, I was discharged. I returned to Medill, first in Washington, D.C., where I covered the Supreme Court for the Medill News Service, before completing my degree in Evanston. Unable to find a job in the Midwest due to the "Nixon Recession," I returned to the Pensacola News Journal and from there to Gannett News Service in Tallahassee. Then I joined the AP, where I spent 33 years in Tallahassee and Pensacola.

While I succeeded in my ultimate draft-dodging goal of avoiding death or injury in Vietnam, I've often thought I might have taken that kind of risk if the option had been to serve as a war correspondent for a major newspaper or wire service. I was more interested in domestic politics and government than war and international affairs, but journalism was something I could believe in no matter the subject. The Vietnam War, not so much.

Connecting new-member profile - Tony Keefe

Tony Keefe (Email) - I was born in London on the 15th of July, 1939, two months before England went to war.

After the war, I attended ordinary local schools and left full-time education at the age of 15.



I'd had a good childhood, free from most of the traumas that some (No, most) had endured. Food had been rationed. There wasn't much to overindulge oneself in, so I was a lithe (nay, skinny), fit, tallish, youth, ready for the world and work.

In May 1955 I found both when I responded to an advert in The Evening News.

'Printer attendant' required, the advert said. Apply at The Associated Press, Farringdon Street, London.

Off I trotted. Three stops down the line from home on the underground to St Pauls, the nearest station for me to Farringdon Street and The AP, only to find the word printer used in the job description meant teleprinter and not the man who stamped words on paper.

I had become a copyboy, a revered and exacting occupation, dealing with both writers who knew special words to hurt you and those who knew how important I was to the operation of the newsroom.

I stayed, for the next 47 years.

After a year as a copy boy I was offered an apprenticeship to learn how to maintain the Teletype equipment we used in London (most of it later to comprise equipment declared redundant and left in England by the US Signal Corps after the war.)

In 1959 I was called up to do two years' national service. My knowledge of the Teletype meant I was to join the Royal Corps of Signals. Two years of technical training brought me up to speed with all the latest in telecommunications.

After national service I returned to AP and was there to help with the transition from mechanical teletype to all the latest technology of the day.

I was called upon to visit most European (and some beyond) AP bureaus to assist with installation of new technology.

I attended many scheduled events, sporting and others. Sometimes I would have to cover news events at very short notice in places where AP had little or no infrastructure. President Reagan and Michael Gorbachev's SALT summit in Reykjavik in October 1986, for example and many more, too many to enumerate.

In 1962 I married Sylvia Major, had two kids, and now have three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Sylvia and I will celebrate our 56th wedding anniversary next September 25.

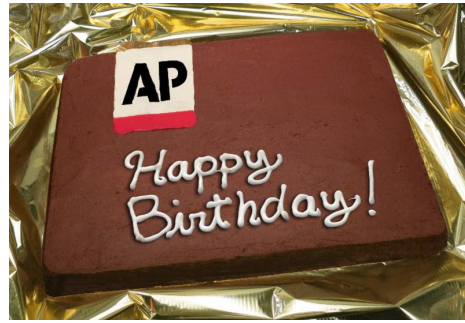
These days Syl and I gloat over our kids, enjoy good food and wine and spend time in the garden in the same house in London we've lived in for 38 years.

AP Photo of the Day



A Coast Guard helicopter crew works to rescue people stranded amid the flooding in Burgaw, N.C., on Tuesday. Steve Helber/AP Photo

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

News outlets split on second reference for Kavanaugh accuser (Poynter)

By DAVID BEARD

News outlets scrambling to cover the latest turn in the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation hearings have been all over the place on one particular aspect of the story: What should the 51-year-old accuser, research psychologist Christine Blasey Ford, be called on second reference? Ford? Dr. Ford? Blasey? Dr. Blasey? Blasey Ford?

The Washington Post, which broke the story, refers to the accuser as "Ford" on second reference, as do the AP, NPR and Los Angeles Times, among others. The New York Times uses "Dr. Blasey." The Mercury News and several Bay Area broadcast outlets use Blasey Ford, although the San Francisco Chronicle used Ford.

The decision might have outsized importance. Respect for the name and dignity of the accuser is essential, Anita Hill wrote in an NYT op-ed Tuesday. "Dr. Blasey is a human being with a life of her own. She deserves the respect of being addressed and treated as a whole person."

Read more [here](#).

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From one Memphian to all the others: Welcome home

By ERIC BARNES

You're reading the first issue of The Daily Memphian. This is no small thing. The people, the effort, the money and resources that had to come together to make this possible cannot be underestimated. But now we're here.

Read our stories, share them with your friends, talk about them with your family. Disagree with what we write, throw your mouse at the wall in annoyance at a

column, allow us to make you cry as you immerse yourself in a point of view you've never before considered. Let our journalists - via the photos we take, the videos we produce, the podcasts we publish, and the written words we form - show you parts of our city that you never knew existed.

Then, tomorrow, wake up and read us again.

That's our ambition.

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

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Salem, Oregon is getting a new online news site. 'I'm pretending there's no other media there.' (Poynter)

By KRISTEN HARE

The first time the businessman called Les Zaitz to pitch the idea of an online news organization for Salem, Oregon, Zaitz was driving through onion fields in Malheur County.

"I laughed, of course," said the publisher and editor of the Malheur Enterprise in Vale, Oregon. Zaitz also worked at the Oregonian as an investigative reporter before retiring in 2016.

But Larry Tokarski was persistent. The two have known each other for about 30 years, Zaitz said, but more than a year ago, he wasn't too into starting a news organization.

He got another call this spring, and this time, Zaitz said, if he was going to do something like this, he'd have to do it right.

"I'm not doing it for charity."

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

Today in History - September 19, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2018. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

On this date:

In 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier (zhahk ayt-YEHN' mohn-gohl-fee-AY') launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles (vehr-SY') in France.

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in Los Angeles as part of his U.S. tour, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1982, the smiley emoticon was invented by Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman, who suggested punctuating humorously intended computer messages with a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face." :-)

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

In 1997, in his first public comments since the death of Princess Diana, Prince Charles told the British people he would always feel the loss of his former wife, and thanked them for their support. Six people were killed when an express passenger train and a freight train collided in west London. The crime drama "L.A. Confidential" was released by Warner Bros.

In 2004, Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') from his top military post.

Ten years ago: Struggling to stave off financial catastrophe, the Bush administration laid out a radical bailout plan calling for a takeover of a half-trillion dollars or more in worthless mortgages and other bad debt held by tottering institutions. Relieved investors sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and around the globe. Baseball's new instant replay system produced its first reversal when Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena had a two-run double changed to a three-run homer during the fourth inning of a game against Minnesota. (The Rays beat the Twins, 11-1.)

Five years ago: Signaling a dramatic shift in Vatican tone, Pope Francis said in a published interview that the Roman Catholic church had become obsessed by "small-minded rules" about how to be faithful and that pastors should instead emphasize compassion over condemnation when discussing divisive social issues such as abortion, gays and contraception. A Texas appeals court tossed the criminal conviction of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, saying there was insufficient evidence for a jury in 2010 to have found him guilty of illegally funneling money to Republican candidates.

One year ago: In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Donald Trump vowed to "totally destroy North Korea" if the U.S. were forced to defend itself or its allies against the North's nuclear weapons program. A 7.1 magnitude quake struck central Mexico, killing more than 360 people and causing more than three dozen buildings in Mexico City to completely collapse. Hurricane Maria barreled toward Puerto Rico after leaving widespread destruction on the small Caribbean island of Dominica. Former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the film "Raging Bull," died at 95.

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 98. Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 92. Actress Rosemary Harris is 91. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 91. Actor David McCallum is 85. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 78. Singer Bill Medley is 78. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 78. R&B singer Freda Payne is 76. Golfer Jane Blalock is 73. Singer David Bromberg is 73. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 73. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 71. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 71. Actor Jeremy Irons is 70. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 69. TV personality Joan Lunden is 68. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (Ian-WAH') is 67. Actor Scott Colomby is 66. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Reggie Williams is 64. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 63. Rock singer Lita Ford is 60. Actor Kevin Hooks is 60. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 59. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 58. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 56. Country singer Jeff Bates is 55. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 54. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Espraronza Griffin (Society of Soul) is 49. Celebrity chef Michael Symon is 49. Actor Victor Williams is 48. Actress Sanaa Lathan (suh-NAH' LAY'-thun) is 47. Actress Stephanie J. Block is 46. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 45. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 44. TV personality Carter Oosterhouse is 42. Actress-TV host Alison Sweeney is 42. Rock musician Ryan Dusick is 41. Folk-rock singers-musicians Sara and Tegan (TEE'-gan) Quin are 38. Actor Columbus Short is 36. Rapper Eamon is 35. Christian rock musician JD Frazier is 35. Actor Kevin Zegers is 34. Actress Danielle Panabaker is 31.

Thought for Today: "He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state." - Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).

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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