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Colleagues,

Our congratulations go out to two of our Connecting colleagues who have been selected for the Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the Indiana University Media School.

Richard Horwitz, a 27-year veteran photojournalist with The Associated Press, and Craig Klugman, a 33-year veteran of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - are among six journalists who will receive the award October 5 in Bloomington.







Richard Horwitz

Others in the Class of 2018 are **Diana Hadley**, journalism educator; **John** Rappaport, television writer/producer; Ed Spray, retired president, Scripps Networks, and Sage Steele, lead host, SportsCenter.

The IU Media School Distinguished Alumni Award honors former students who have become leaders in media after majoring in journalism, radio/TV, telecommunications, film and related fields through the school or its predecessors. Those who took significant coursework in The Media School or its predecessors also are eligible, along with alumni who served prominent roles for IU student media.

Horwitz's (Email) photojournalism career took him to all 50 states and 76 countries. It traversed many technological changes in the photography and media worlds, and supplied him more than an ordinary lifetime's worth of adventures. He retired in 1992, then spent the next 10 years with Feature Photo Service. Click here for more on his career.

Klugman (Email) worked at the Chicago Sun-Times and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism before he returned to Indiana in 1982 to become editor of the Journal Gazette where he worked until his retirement in 2015. As his first bureau chief in Indiana, I can attest to how much he meant to the AP (and to me as a friend). Click here for more on his career.

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues on the honor from their alma mater.



At kickoff of the fifth annual Midwest AP Reunion, front row, from left: Lindel Hutson, Kia Breaux, Steve Graham, Garth and Debbie Burns, and Rod Richardson. Back row, from left: Mike Holmes, Paul Stevens, Brent Kallestad, Steve Crowley and Glenn White.

If you're reading this first thing in the morning, the thoughts of eating barbeque may not be all that appealing. But if you were with our group attending the Kansas City BBQ Bus Tour last night that took AP colleagues to three of KC's most famous restaurants, well, you'd have a good taste in your mouth this morning. And maybe a Tums or two!

The first night of the Midwest AP Reunion went well, with attendees coming in from as far away as Oregon and Florida, and continues today with a tour of the Negro



At LC's BBQ

Leagues Baseball Museum and lunch. (Probably not barbeque.)

And finally, to be sure you don't miss it, colleague Peter Leabo tells below about a recent meeting with longtime Dallas AP photographer **Harold Waters** and the story Harold related about a classy move on the part of his UPI competitor Craig Mailloux:

Harold told of the time he was assigned to cover the Sun Bowl in El Paso shortly after he returned to work from a broken leg. The morning before the game, a rare snow storm had blanketed the stadium. He and a UPI photographer Craig Mailloux went to the stadium to capture the event. However, the best vantage point was a hilltop behind the stadium, which represented a significant hike up through the snow. Because of his leg, Harold couldn't make the trip up. Craig asked for one of Harold's cameras and told him to wait. Craig hiked up to the crest of the hill and captured the image on his camera as well as Harold's.

Have a great day!

Paul

As an editor, would you have run this story?

Doug Richardson (Email) - Would be interested in your and our colleagues' reaction to this story. I'm pretty certain I would not have run with it, preferring instead to protect this woman's name and reputation. She is clearly a victim here, if not of sexual aggression, at least of character assassination.

Click here for The New York Times story, headlined: "Kavanaugh's Yearbook Page Is 'Horrible, Hurtful' to a Woman It Named"

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A French Envelope with an AP Connection



Paul Albright (Email) - Scrolling through some of the digitized items in my postal history collection (my hobby), I came across this envelope addressed to David Mason at the AP's bureau in Paris.

This envelope (called a "cover" by philatelists) was mailed February 8, 1963, at Paris post office 106 and delivered the same day to the AP bureau at 21 Rue de Berri via Paris post office 8. According to Stan Luft, a stamp collecting buddy and an expert on French philately, the postage of 1 franc, 50 centimes was correct for a 7-15 gm (2nd weight step) letter in France from 1960 to June, 1964.

Of more interest to philatelists, however, is the sender and the method of postal delivery. As Luft emailed me "that's a quite nice pneumatic mail item, sent from the Philippine Embassy (not often seen)."



David Mason, 1962 (AP Photo)

The letter was delivered via the Paris pneumatic mail system as shown by "pneumatique" in the lower left-hand corner. Pneumatic mail systems existed in many major cities around the globe starting in the 19th Century, winding down in the 20th Century as new technologies emerged. Pressurized air tubes were used to propel mail around cities to various post offices for prompt, same-day delivery. According to Wikipedia, pneumatic mail was established in Paris in 1866, eventually expanding to 290 miles of tubes in the city and abandoned in 1984 in favor of computers and fax machines.

We don't know what was in the envelope mailed by the Philippines Embassy in Paris to the AP bureau; it could have been a press release of some sort.

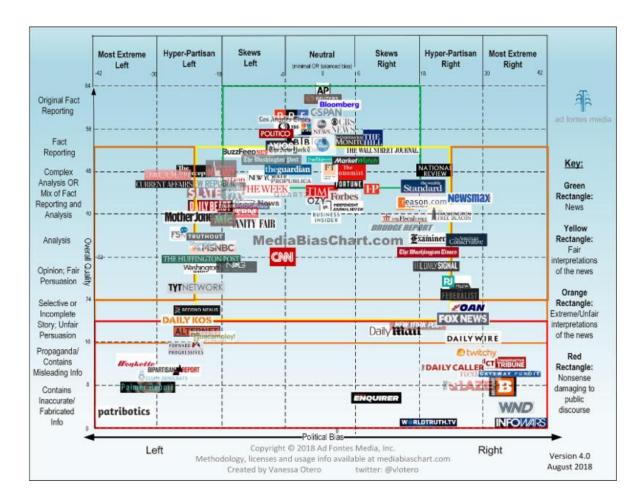
This cover allows us to reflect on the career of AP colleague David Mason, who died in 2007 at the age of 85. At my request, Francesca Pitaro, AP's very helpful archivist, provided Mason's photo and his obit written by Robert Barr. In his 37 years with the AP, Mason worked in the Fargo and Minneapolis bureaus in the U.S. and in Paris, Saigon, Moscow, and London overseas. He was chief of bureau in Saigon, Moscow, and London and chief European correspondent before retiring in 1987.

In retirement, Mason reflected on his time in Paris (1955-1967) by calling Charles de Gaulle "the only honest politician I ever ran into."

I never knew Mason, but perhaps this small sample of postal history will trigger more reflections among "Collecting" colleagues on the journalist and his contributions.

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AP's place in political spectrum



Mark Thompson (Email) - You might find the AP's place on this politicalspectrum graphic of interest.

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Your military memories:

'I don't want any puh-sway-do intellectuals in this outfit.

Henry Bradsher (Email) - Recent Connecting recollections of dealing with people encountered during military service bring to mind a delightfully odd thing from my Air Force experience.

A bunch of new second lieutenants, fresh out of university ROTC programs, reported for Korean war duty in August 1952 at the run-down World War II air base at Mountain Home, Idaho. We were supposed to go into a psychological warfare unit, although few did - I went into intelligence and some went into launching balloons from New Mexico to drop leaflets over the Soviet Union.

At the beginning we were entrusted to a Capt. Blake, a retread from WWII debriefing air crews in the South Pacific. Like many others who returned to service in the Korean war, he had not settled into a successful civilian career.

Blake lined us up and lectured us. One of the first things was his admonition about our officers' caps. He didn't want them to have the "20-mission crush" popular with pilots. Referring to the foam-rubber grommets that gave them shape, he declared, "Don't take the gourmets out of your caps."

But his choicest one was asserting forcefully to these supposed psychological trainees that, "I don't want any puh-sway-do intellectuals in this outfit."

Ever since, I've enjoyed using the term "puh-sway-do" for things that aren't genuine or real. But I have to be careful with whom I substitute it for pseudo, least they think I'm as confused as Blake.

Harold Waters was the consummate mentor



Peter Leabo (Email) - So wonderful to spend a recent morning with former Associated Press photographer Harold Waters (at right) in Dallas. We first met 42 years ago when I worked for him as an AP stringer at a Texas A&M football game. A few months later, I was hired by the AP as a staff photographer in Dallas. We were then colleagues and Harold was the consummate mentor, providing professional guidance, tricks, and tips, as well as recognition of accomplishments, and encouragement (and a sense of humor) to help me through the tough times.

Harold (Email) is sharp as a tack and we spent hours recounting tales of AP vs UPI competition ... and classy cooperation. Harold told of the time he was assigned to cover the Sun Bowl in El Paso shortly after he returned to work from a broken leg. The morning before the game, a rare snow storm had blanketed the stadium. He and UPI photographer Craig Mailloux went to the stadium to capture the event. However, the best vantage point was a hilltop behind the stadium, which represented a significant hike up through the snow. Because of his leg, Harold couldn't make the trip up. Craig asked for one of Harold's cameras and told him to wait. Craig hiked up to the crest of the hill and captured the image on his camera as well as Harold's.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Kavanaugh accuser asks Senate to limit press access for hearing (Washington Times)

By Stephen Dinan and Rowan Scarborough

Christine Blasey Ford's lawyers have asked senators to limit the press who will be allowed in the room to cover Thursday's hearing with her and Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and sought to dictate at least some of the outlets.

Coverage is one of a number of issues Ms. Blasey Ford's lawyers are negotiating with Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Michael Bromwich said in emails sent Tuesday afternoon that he was requesting access for three "robocams," three specific wire services, photographers from the Associated Press, Reuters and one unspecified service, and a pool reporter for newspapers and magazines. In a follow-up email he specified that the robocams should be operated by "the CSPAN TV pool," and said he also wanted space for a radio reporter.

Read more here. Shared by Paul Albright, Mark Mittelstadt.

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Florence shows why people trust local news (News & Observer)



Robert Simmons Jr. and his kitten "Survivor" are rescued from floodwaters in New Bern, NC after Hurricane Florence dumped several inches of rain in the area overnight, Sept.

14, 2018. Hundreds were rescued from eastern North Carolina in the wake of the slowmoving storm. Andrew Carter acarter@newsobserver.com

BY MELANIE SILL

Amid early Florence relief efforts, Gov. Roy Cooper tweeted, "Local news is more vital than ever," and he was right: Our state benefited from a tremendous local news effort over the past two weeks. The question now becomes: What news and information do we need moving forward and how can we support the service we'll depend on?

News people lived through Florence with their neighbors and did their jobs tirelessly, as did emergency responders, government agencies, aid organizations and others who serve the public. These same journalists now are immersed in helping North Carolinians find help or ways to help, cataloging destruction and loss and covering communities trying to pick life back up.

We'll need reliable news and information as dozens of communities and hundreds of thousands of people deal with the micro-local (a key road or bridge) and the farreaching (making sure aid money reaches those who need it; taking on big questions of rebuilding and climate change).

Read more here. Shared by Richard Chady.

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High school journalists stand up to censorship and win



By LISA RATHKE

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Armed with a new Vermont law that protects student journalists, four high school editors have stood up to censorship and won, prompting their school to revamp its media policy.

The Burlington High School students had posted a story on the school newspaper website that they collectively wrote on a school employee facing unprofessional conduct charges from the state. They had gotten a tip about the investigation and filed a public records request, posting the story the night of Sept. 10.

The next morning, the principal asked the students' adviser to take it down. The students quickly consulted with legal experts about what do to and wrote on the website that their article had been censored.

Read more here. Shared by Claude Erbsen.

The Final Word

One in Three Older Americans Is Lonely. Here's What Can Help (Time)

By JAMIE DUCHARME

Loneliness is on the rise in the U.S., and no one is immune. Research published earlier this year found that people 18 to 22 years old were more likely than any other U.S. population to be lonely. But new data suggests that older adults are also lonely in high numbers.

More than a third of adults over 45 are lonely, according to a new report from the AARP Foundation. While that percentage (35%) remains unchanged from a 2010 version of the survey, the over-45 population has increased substantially during those eight years - meaning about 5 million more adults, almost 48 million in total, can now be considered lonely.

In the new research, more than 3,000 adults answered questions on the UCLA Loneliness Scale, a 20-item survey designed to measure social connection and loneliness. They also answered questions about their health, lifestyles, socioeconomic profiles, social networks and more.

Read more here.

Today in History - September 26, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2018. There are 96 days left in the vear.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first-ever debate between presidential nominees took place as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon faced off before a national TV audience from Chicago.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first United States secretary of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Edmund Randolph, the first attorney general.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, New Jersey.

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1957, the musical play "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1962, Maury Wills of the Los Angeles Dodgers stole his 100th base during a 13-1 victory over the Houston Colt .45s. "The Beverly Hillbillies" premiered on CBS.

In 1977, Sir Freddie Laker began his cut-rate "Skytrain" service from London to New York. (The carrier went out of business in 1982.)

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, NC-17, to replace the X rating.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

In 1997, a Garuda Indonesia Airbus A-300 crashed while approaching Medan Airport in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people aboard.

In 2003, President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin (POO'tihn) opened a two-day summit at Camp David.

Ten years ago: Hollywood screen legend and philanthropist Paul Newman died in Westport, Conn. at age 83. In their first debate of the presidential campaign, held at the University of Mississippi, Republican John McCain portrayed himself as a battletested elder running against a naive rookie, while Democrat Barack Obama suggested McCain was a hothead who'd made the wrong choices on the Iraq war, corporate taxes and more. Swiss pilot Yves Rossy leapt from a plane over Calais, France, and crossed the English Channel on a homemade jet-propelled wing in 13 minutes.

Five years ago: It was revealed that some workers at the National Security Agency had misused the government's secret surveillance systems at least 12 times over the previous decade, including instances where they spied on spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, according to embarrassing new details disclosed by the agency's inspector general. The U.S. and its international partners emerged from a U.N. meeting with Iran declaring a "window of opportunity" had opened to peacefully settle their nuclear standoff. Bud Selig announced plans to retire as baseball commissioner in January 2015.

One year ago: Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee announced that he would not seek re-election. Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore won the state's Republican primary for U.S. Senate, defeating incumbent Sen. Luther Strange, who'd been backed by President Donald Trump. (Moore would lose the December special election to Democrat Doug Jones.) Amid criticism that the federal response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico was insufficient, the administration said it was sending a flotilla of ships and thousands more military personnel to the island to address the growing humanitarian crisis there, and President Donald Trump announced that he would visit Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands the following week. Saudi Arabia announced that women would be allowed to drive for the first time, starting in the summer of 2018.

Today's Birthdays: Retired baseball All-Star Bobby Shantz is 93. Actor Philip Bosco is 88. Actor Richard Herd is 86. Country singer David Frizzell is 77. Actor Kent McCord is 76. Television host Anne Robinson is 74. Singer Bryan Ferry is 73. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 72. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 70. Actor James Keane is 66. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 64. Country singer Carlene Carter is 63. Actress Linda Hamilton is 62. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 57. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 56. Actor Patrick Bristow is 56. Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 56. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 56. TV personality Jillian Barberie is 52. Contemporary Christian guitarist Jody Davis (Newsboys) is 51. Actor Jim Caviezel (kuh-VEE'-zuhl) is 50. Actress Tricia O'Kelley is 50. Actor Ben Shenkman is 50. Actress Melanie Paxon is 46. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 46. Music producer Dr. Luke is 45. Jazz musician Nicholas Payton is 45. Actor Mark Famiglietti (fah-mihl-YEH'-tee) is 39. Singer-actress Christina Milian (MIHL'-ee-ahn) is 37. Tennis player Serena Williams is 37. Actress Zoe Perry is 35.

Thought for Today: "A child educated only at school is an uneducated child." -George Santayana, American philosopher (born 1863, died this date in 1952).

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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