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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Congratulations to our Connecting colleague **Mike Hendricks**. After a half-century in journalism, he plans to retire at the end of the year.

The Albany Business Review, where Mike is editor-in-chief, announced Tuesday that he will conclude a 50-year career that included 18 years with the business

journal and 27 years with The Associated Press - as Albany newsman, Syracuse correspondent and Albany news editor. (He worked in newspapering before joining AP.)

Mike is one of the most respected journalists in New York State, where the state AP association honors him annually with a Journalist of the Year award named in his honor.

On a personal note, I am among many of you who were fortunate to have worked with Mike. We first met in 1973, in my first AP assignment in the Albany bureau under CoB **Ed Staats**, who hired us both. We've stayed in contact since.

I asked Mike to share his memories of his work with AP, and it follows the Business Review story on his retirement plans.

Have a great day!

Paul

Albany Business Review editor (and former AP news editor) Mike Hendricks retiring

By MELISSA MANGINI
Managing Editor, Albany Business Review

Editor-in-chief Mike Hendricks will retire at the end of the year, after 18 years at the Albany Business Review and a 50-year career in journalism.

Hendricks joined the Business Review as editor in 2000 after 27 years with the Associated Press.

He has made a profound impact on the publication and many journalists over the years. Hendricks' focus on quality journalism and his insistence on excellence has earned the paper many awards over the years - and more importantly, the respect of the business community. He prided himself on making the newsroom a place for journalists to do their best work.

Under Hendricks' leadership, the Albany Business Review has consistently been recognized as one of the top papers in the state by the New York Press Association. Awards have included general excellence, in-depth reporting and feature writing, among others. Hendricks has also been recognized for his reporting and column writing four times by the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

Before joining the Business Review, Hendricks was the news editor of the AP's Albany bureau for 18 years. The Albany bureau was nationally known for its reporting and being a training ground for young journalists. Before that, he was a correspondent in Syracuse and reporter in Albany. The AP's "Journalist of the Year Award" is named after Hendricks.



Hendricks started his journalism career while he was a student at the University of Michigan. He later joined the Middletown Times Herald-Record in Middletown, New York, as a reporter.

The Business Review's parent company, American City Business Journals, is conducting a search for his successor.

(Shared by Len Iwanski, who as Albany broadcast editor worked with Mike in the mid 1980s.)

Worried about his car, Hendricks took AP test in 28 minutes - and passed



Mike Hendricks (Email) - I decided last week to end my career in journalism and go hiking. I spent 27 years with the AP in upstate New York and closed out my career with 18 years with American City Business Journals as the editor of the business journal in Albany.

When I took the test at 50 Rock in late 1972 I did not think I had any chance to get into the AP. I was more worried about getting back to my car, which was parked in the Port Authority garage before someone stole my new stereo in the back seat, so I just rushed through the test. I finished it in something like 28 minutes, which turned out to be something the AP valued.

I was 22 when I was hired into the AP in January 1973 by then Bureau Chief Ed Staats in Albany, where I worked with people like Paul Stevens, Ed Pinto, Joe Galu, Brian King, Charlie Hanley. I was the Syracuse correspondent from 1975 through 1981 and spent my last 18 years with AP as the news editor in Albany.

Ed in particular was so patient with me. He tolerated me growing up.

During those 18 years Albany had a memorable run of talented people passing through the bureau on their way to outstanding career achievement. It was a thrill to

be in on the early years of careers like Nekesa Moody, Denene Millner, Joel Stashenko, Mike Hill, Dave Bauder, Dave Germain, John Kekis, Donna Cassata, Mary Beth Sheridan, Mary Esch, Randy Picht, Peter Coy, Jeff Donn and Dianne Henk. Too many to mention. So many memories.

We put the finishing touches on driving UPI out of upstate newspapers and transitioned to computers.

During those years the Albany bureau was very aggressive in giving reporters writing time for enterprise and we measured our success by the increasing number of stories we placed on the weekly AP Newsfeatures report, which gave me the opportunity to work closely with Jack Cappon, and Nate Polowetzky, as well as Mike Silverman and Bill Ahearn.

I had the opportunity to be the training editor for 15 interns with the AP's minority intern program, and I got to work closely with Jack Stokes during those years.

The news editor/bureau chief relationship was particularly fulfilling. Chuck Green appointed me news editor, then left months later for Detroit. I was very much aware of the tradition of new bureau chiefs preferring their own person as news editor, but had a memorable 16 years working with Lew Wheaton, then a bit more than a year with Robert Naylor.

Steve Bell, who worked in Albany before going on to Buffalo correspondent and eventually managing editor of the Buffalo News, recommended me to a recruiter looking for candidates to be editor of the business journal in Albany. I told the recruiter I was not interested. I intended to work for the AP until they carried me out. He encouraged me to go through the application process wanting the offer, not the job, and use it as a learning experience. I ended up wanting the job.

I found American City Business Journals to be very much like the AP of the 1980s-90s, with corporate headquarters in Charlotte, instead of New York, and 40 business journals in cities across the country rather than bureaus. ACBJ was led at the time by Ray Shaw, (brother of AP reporters Robert and Gaylord Shaw) a former Dow Jones president who started his career at the AP. I spent 18 more years as editor-in-chief of the Albany Business Review, with a great group of people in a newsroom very reminiscent of the Albany AP bureau.

Going back to my days as a teenager writing high school sports for the Chelsea (Mi) Standard, then working my way fulltime through college as a reporter for the Daily Eagle in suburban Detroit, I can say I have been writing for newspapers 52 years. I could function in a newsroom and no where else.

Connecting mailbox

Recollections of his own phone-disabling days

Marcus Eliason ([Email](#)) - Carl Leubsdorf's account of phone-disabling (in Tuesday's Connecting) aroused memories of my own phone-disabling days. I believe the component in question was called a diaphragm.

I also remember an instructive experience at Andrews Air Force Base in 1977. I had been sent from Tel Aviv to Washington to help cover Menachem Begin's first visit to DC after his election as Israel's prime minister. Heading out to Andrews I wondered about my chances of finding a phone. Imagine my delight at being ushered into a press room whose walls were lined with dozens of payphones. And delight turned to stupefaction when we were out for the wheels-down and an official opened a hole in the tarmac and magically produced each wire service's very own dedicated phone line, direct to the DC bureau without even having to dial a number.

For someone used to working in conditions where even a single payphone was a luxury, it was a revelation.

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As AP staffer, Sy Hersh wasn't happy with AP handling of story

Mike Short ([Email](#)) - This review in The Nation - [click here](#) - by a veteran news analyst, Michael Massing, of Sy Hersh's memoir mentions in some detail Hersh's AP experience, which I think is worth sharing with your readers. Most Connecting readers have probably read reviews if not the entire book. Though Hersh isn't as critical of The AP as he is of other organizations, he asserts that The AP eviscerated his work on secret chemical and biological weapons research, which didn't get much attention until he wrote a book about his findings.

AP staffers who were in a position to know at the time may have something to say about this.

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AP-UPI gang gathers for lunch in Concord



Adolphe Bernotas ([Email](#)) shares this photo of a mostly retired AP-UPI-Journo gang at Wednesday's monthly lunch in Concord, New Hampshire.

From bottom clockwise: Kathy McCormack, Concord-AP; Garry Rayno, Union Leader, NH Center for Public Interest Journalism; Norma Love, Concord-AP, ret.; Adolphe Bernotas, Concord-AP, ret.; Bryant (Michaud) Thomas, AP-Broadcast-Washington, ret.; David Tirrell-Wysocki, Concord-AP, ret.; Joe Magruder, Concord-AP, ret.; Roger Talbot, Concord Monitor, Union Leader, ret.; Nancy West, Executive Director, NH Center for Public Interest Journalism; Jim Vandongen, NH Public Radio, UPI, ret.

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Assigning mock credo to osn

Joe Frazier ([Email](#)) - Enjoyed Norman Abelson's reflections (in Wednesday's Connecting) on the old AP credo of get it first, get it fast, etc. Wwhen I joined the AP in 1972 we assigned a mock credo for UPI: "Don't get it right, get it wrote." Don't know where or when that originated.

AP appoints new global marketing director

NEW YORK - The Associated Press has appointed Julie Tucker, a marketing executive with extensive experience in media, to head the news agency's global marketing operations.

The appointment was announced Monday by senior vice presidents for revenue Dave Gwizdowski and Daisy Veerasingham, to whom Tucker will report.

As global marketing director, a new position, Tucker will develop, integrate and implement all marketing activities related to AP's strategic direction and position, as well as oversee the delivery of integrated marketing plans across all channels. Brand promotion, product marketing and customer messaging will also fall within her remit. Tucker will be based in New York.



Prior to joining AP, Tucker was the executive director of brand marketing for The New York Times, where she led the team that developed and sold the newspaper's "Truth" campaign. Most recently she was Americas brand director for EY. Previously, Tucker held several senior marketing roles in the U.S. and U.K., including global business director at J. Walter Thompson; brand leader at TBWA\London; and regional director at Saatchi & Saatchi.

Tucker earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a Masters of Business Administration from DePaul University.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story.

AP Photo of the Day



Turkish forensic officers arrive at the Saudi consulate to conduct a new search regarding the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi on Thursday. | Emrah Gurel/AP Photo

Stories of interest

Jamal Khashoggi: What the Arab world needs most is free expression

By Jamal Khashoggi

A note from Karen Attiah, Global Opinions editor, Washington Post:

I received this column from Jamal Khashoggi's translator and assistant the day after Jamal was reported missing in Istanbul. The Post held off publishing it because we

hoped Jamal would come back to us so that he and I could edit it together. Now I have to accept: That is not going to happen. This is the last piece of his I will edit for The Post. This column perfectly captures his commitment and passion for freedom in the Arab world. A freedom he apparently gave his life for. I will be forever grateful he chose The Post as his final journalistic home one year ago and gave us the chance to work together.

I was recently online looking at the 2018 "Freedom in the World" report published by Freedom House and came to a grave realization. There is only one country in the Arab world that has been classified as "free." That nation is Tunisia. Jordan, Morocco and Kuwait come second, with a classification of "partly free." The rest of the countries in the Arab world are classified as "not free."

As a result, Arabs living in these countries are either uninformed or misinformed. They are unable to adequately address, much less publicly discuss, matters that affect the region and their day-to-day lives. A state-run narrative dominates the public psyche, and while many do not believe it, a large majority of the population falls victim to this false narrative. Sadly, this situation is unlikely to change.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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Craig Newmark, Newspaper Villain, Is Working to Save Journalism (New York Times)



Craig Newmark, founder of Craigslist, has been giving millions of dollars to media organizations to help journalism. Credit - Jim McAuley for The New York Times

By David Streitfeld

SAN FRANCISCO - Craig Newmark, so often accused of destroying journalism, is now doing his best to revive it.

In the late 1990s, Mr. Newmark, a former IBM programmer, built a service that allowed people to find apartments, jobs, computer parts, sexual partners, rides out of town and all sorts of other things through the newfangled consumer internet.

Craigslist was fast, free and popular, which means you could be pretty sure of getting what you wanted or getting rid of what you didn't want.

Newspaper income from classifieds, which had provided up to 40 percent of the industry's revenue, immediately plummeted. Researchers eventually estimated that Craigslist had drained \$5 billion from American newspapers over a seven-year period. In the Bay Area, the media was especially hard hit.

Mr. Newmark is trying to stop the bleeding - although not here. He is among a gaggle of West Coast technology moguls who are riding to the rescue of the

beleaguered East Coast media.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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'I Don't Give A Damn': Secret Service Agent Blocks Reporter From Questioning Kushner

(Huffington Post)

By **NICK VISSER**

A Secret Service agent blocked the phone of a CBS reporter who was attempting to ask White House senior adviser Jared Kushner a question on Tuesday and told the journalist he didn't "give a damn" who he was.

CBS correspondent Errol Barnett wrote Tuesday that both Kushner and his wife, Ivanka Trump, daughter of President Donald Trump, were on board his commercial flight from Washington, D.C., to New York City. Barnett said he planned to ask the couple some questions, but his recorded attempt later was thwarted by an irked Secret Service agent who told him there was a "time and a place" for such queries.

When Barnett tried to identify himself as a reporter, showing his credentials, the agent replied, "I don't give a damn who you are."

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

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FBI official broke rules getting sports tickets from reporters, inspector general says (USA Today)

By **BART JANSEN**

WASHINGTON - A senior official at the Federal Bureau of Investigation accepted two tickets to a professional sports event from a television correspondent without paying for them, in violation of federal regulations, the agency's inspector general reported Tuesday.

The senior FBI official, who wasn't named in the two-page investigative summary, retired while the inspector general investigated the incident. Criminal prosecution was declined in the case.

The senior FBI official initially said under oath in an interview with the inspector general's office that the tickets were paid for, but five days later acknowledged they were not. The same official had previously accepted a ticket to another sports event from another reporter.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

Today in History - October 18, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2018. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 18, 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).

On this date:

In 1648, Boston shoemakers were authorized to form a guild to protect their interests; it's the first American labor organization on record.

In 1767, the Mason-Dixon line, the boundary between colonial Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, was set as astronomers Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon completed their survey.

In 1898, the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico shortly before Spain formally relinquished control of the island to the U-S.

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, New Jersey, at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1962, James D. Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins were honored with the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

In 1968, the U-S Olympic Committee suspended Tommie Smith and John Carlos for giving a "black power" salute as a protest during a victory ceremony in Mexico City.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates (SY'-kluh-maytz) because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Missouri, at age 97.

In 1997, a monument honoring American servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 2001, CBS News announced that an employee in anchorman Dan Rather's office had tested positive for skin anthrax. Four disciples of Osama bin Laden were sentenced in New York to life without parole for their roles in the deadly 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, speaking at Camp David, said he would host an international summit in response to the global financial crisis, but did not set a date or place for the meeting. Anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr urged Iraq's parliament to reject a pact that would extend U.S. presence in Iraq for three years. Soul singer Dee Dee Warwick died in Essex County, N.J. at age 63.

Five years ago: People in the San Francisco Bay area faced a frustrating Friday commute as workers for the region's largest transit system walked off the job for the second time in four months. President Barack Obama nominated the Pentagon's former top lawyer, Jeh (jay) C. Johnson, to be the next Secretary of Homeland Security. In a stunning about-face, Saudi Arabia rejected a coveted seat on the U.N. Security Council, denouncing the body for failing to resolve world conflicts such as Syria's civil war. The St. Louis Cardinals advanced to their second World Series in three seasons by roughing up the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-0 in Game 6 of the NL championship series.

One year ago: President Donald Trump rejected claims that he had been disrespectful to the grieving family of a slain U.S. soldier in a phone call to the family. Instead of accepting awards at the CMT Artists of the Year show in Nashville, singer Jason Aldean and other stars honored the victims of the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas. At a meeting of NFL owners in New York, Commissioner Roger Goodell said there was no discussion of changing the league's national anthem policy to require players to stand. After a day of modest gains on Wall Street, the Dow industrials finished above 23,000 for the first time.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Dawn Wells is 80. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Ditka is 79. Singer-musician Russ Giguere is 75. Actor Joe Morton is 71. Actress Pam Dawber is 68. Author Terry McMillan is 67. Writer-producer Chuck Lorre is 66. Gospel singer Vickie Winans is 65. Director-screenwriter David Twohy (TOO'-ee) is 63. International Tennis Hall of Famer Martina Navratilova is 62. International Hall of Fame boxer Thomas Hearns is 60. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 58. Jazz musician Wynton Marsalis is 57. Actor Vincent Spano is 56. Rock musician Tim Cross is 52. Former tennis player Michael Stich (shreek) is 50. Singer Nonchalant is 45. Actress Joy Bryant is 44. Rock musician Peter Svenson (The Cardigans) is 44. Actor Wesley Jonathan is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Ne-Yo is 39. Country singer Josh Gracin is 38. Country musician Jesse Littleton (Marshall Dyllon) is 37. Olympic gold medal skier Lindsey Vonn is 34. Jazz singer-musician Esperanza Spalding is 34. Actress-model Freida Pinto is 34. Actor Zac Efron is 31. Actress Joy Lauren is 29. TV personality Bristol Palin is 28. Actor Tyler Posey is 27. Actor Toby Regbo is 27.

**Thought for Today: "The strongest are those who renounce their own times and become a living part of those yet to come. The strongest, and the rarest."
- Milovan Djilas (1911-1995), Yugoslav author and politician.**

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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