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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

The New York Times' Neediest Cases Fund is in its 107th year of raising money for those struggling financially in New York and beyond - \$300 million to date. This week, it featured a former Associated Press journalist whose move for a new job and subsequent layoff left him strapped and sleepless.

"I wasn't prepared," said **Kevin Carr**, who's worked in video production for the AP and Thomson Reuters. "I didn't have a safety net. I found myself in a situation that was very frightening."

According to his LinkedIn page, Carr worked as an assignments production manager/producer in the AP's Los Angeles bureau.

Today's issue brings you more thoughts about attaining an AP international position and one more entry to the Worst Shift memories.

Have a great day!

Paul

*Times' Neediest Cases Fund features former AP journalist*

## After a Surprise Layoff, 'I Didn't Have a Safety Net'



**Kevin Carr walking his dog, Serena, in his Brooklyn neighborhood. He was laid off just a few months after moving to New York in 2016. Photo/Michelle V. Agins, The New York**

**Times****By John Otis**

On a recent morning, the guy mopping the bar in Chelsea was wearing a suit and tie.

The man, Kevin Carr, had a job interview later that day. But he did not want to neglect his current part-time job - one of several - cleaning and prepping the bar before its doors opened hours later.

"I never thought I'd say I take pride, at my age, in taking three part-time jobs," said Mr. Carr, 46. "But I do."

Mr. Carr has always hustled, which served him well in the world of video production. At 20, he moved from New York to Los Angeles and broke into the industry, landing prominent work as a creator, producer and distributor of commercial video projects. His employers included The Associated Press and On the Scene Productions, which worked for companies like Nike and entertainers like Billy Joel.

In 2016, Mr. Carr took a job as a production manager at Thomson Reuters and moved to New York City, settling in Prospect Park South with his dog, Serena, an Australian cattle and beagle mix.

"The move was really exciting for me," he said. "I'm a New Yorker at heart. Coming back was kind of like coming home."

But just a few months later, he lost his job in a layoffs companywide that hit 2,000 employees.

"I wasn't prepared," Mr. Carr said. "I didn't have a safety net. I found myself in a situation that was very frightening."

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

# St. John's Basketball honors AP's Jim O'Connell with Jersey Patch



QUEENS, N.Y. - The St. John's men's basketball team honored Jim O'Connell, an alumnus and longtime college basketball writer for The Associated Press, with a patch on all game uniforms Sunday during the Johnnies' first home game of the season at Madison Square Garden where he was a fixture covering events. O'Connell passed away in July after courageously battling a series of illnesses.

The red patch that includes the letters "Oc", a tribute to the nickname he was known was positioned on the front of the team's white uniforms in the top left for the Red Storm's matchup with Princeton in the MSG Holiday Festival. St. John's won the game, 89-74. Madison Square Garden will also honor O'Connell by mounting a permanent plaque in his work space inside the John Condon Press Room.

O'Connell, the AP's national college basketball writer since 1987, was a former president of the United States Basketball Writers Association and was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in 2002. That same year, O'Connell was honored by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as the recipient of the Curt Gowdy Award for his coverage of the sport.

## ***Connecting series:***

# **Working to become an AP foreign correspondent**

**Henry Bradsher** ([Email](#)) - Arnold Zeitlin wonders how people became foreign correspondents. And Paul Stevens wonders if it was worth it.

For me, it certainly was worth it, beginning a long and stimulating involvement with engrossing international events that continued into retirement with cruise ship lecturing and now teaching adult education courses partly based on foreign experiences.

Mine started in the sixth grade, reporting to the class on World War II action, beginning with the U.S. Army's landing in North Africa in 1942. That led to a never-changed desire to become a journalist with emphasis on foreign affairs.

As editor of my 1948 Baton Rouge High School yearbook, I wrote in class predictions for a dozen years later that in 1960, as a "foreign correspondent for Associated Press, [I had] just returned from an extended assignment in India." Reading extensively on foreign affairs, I had been struck by reporting of the 1947 partition of British India and the resulting troubles in India and Pakistan.

But my predictions failed to foresee the holdup of a detour for the Korean War. I didn't get to AP India until 1959 to begin an extended assignment of five years.

After Air Force service, when I applied to AP in 1955, a WWII foreign correspondent then Atlanta bureau chief, Lew Hawkins, was intrigued by my saying I wanted to be an AP foreign correspondent. He hired me to work in Atlanta and then cover Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1956 bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1957 AP summoned four young reporters who had proven themselves in domestic service to work on what was then called the foreign desk while awaiting overseas assignments. With no foreign posts opened up for some time, two of them in frustration left AP. Finally, Ed Butler went to Rio. Only after a year and a half of working the 11:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. desk was I told there was an opening abroad if I wanted it. Of course I did - it was to India.



As for becoming a foreign correspondent today, it's more difficult for Americans than the heyday after WWII. There seem to be two main reasons. One is economic. U.S. news organizations have cut back their foreign staffing, while some newspapers that once had a cadre of distinguished foreign correspondents, such as the Baltimore Sun, no longer deploy any. A few papers and the broadcast media in particular now count on parachute reporting: dropping people into hot areas on which they lack background. And it's cheaper to hire local people than to send out those on U.S. salaries and maintain them abroad. The other reason is the laudable practice now of giving credit to local hires in terms of bylines and other recognition. Qualified local journalists have become more available worldwide than existed half a century ago.

Kevin Noblet mentions that reporters seeking to go abroad should study a language. When I got a raise in Montgomery - from \$65 to \$70 a week, as best I remember (\$70 would be to about \$650 in today's inflated money), I spent part of it on lessons to try to revive my college French. But the sad truth is that I have stumbled along at various times in French, Spanish, Hindi and Russian without ever becoming fluent in any of them. Somehow, my brain (what there is of it) just doesn't do languages, although I somehow manage to cope with English. I have always envied people who become multilingual (my wife became fluent in Russian, and the children of our Shanghai-based correspondent son speak, read and write English and Chinese, and the two younger ones also speak Spanish).

Incidentally, Jeff Williams mentioned being hired away from AP by CBS as part of replacing its team killed in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge on May 31, 1970. That CBS team included two former AP people. It was led by George Syvertson, who had worked for me in the Moscow bureau before quitting AP in 1965 to seek another job, and included a former AP Rome correspondent who had become a CBS producer, Gerald Miller. Out looking in Cambodia's southeastern Takeo province for the scattered guerrilla action, their vehicle was hit by a KR rocket. An NBC team in a following vehicle, led by Welles Hangen, was captured and later killed.

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**Joe McGowan (Email)** - I started with AP in Cheyenne, WY and eventually got hooked on skiing on the great Colorado slopes. I bought a new pair of skis for Christmas 1959 and applied for a transfer to Denver to be nearer the ski areas. The roads were narrow and definitely not interstates in those days. In January, I got my transfer orders to Miami, FL!! During my four years in Miami I had a number of temporary assignments outside the country - to Cuba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Bahamas, etc. So I decided I wanted to be a foreign correspondent and applied for a transfer to the foreign desk in [New York City \(50 Rockefeller Plaza\)](#) in those days). AP/NY had the Miami bureau chief have me tested for Spanish fluency and I passed. Got to NY/AP and worked mostly the overnight.

After 14 months, I was called into personnel and informed I was being transferred to New Delhi!!! I went to the Indian embassy and filled out all kinds of papers and was

told to get a letter from AP that whenever I was to leave India that AP would pay the fare for me and my family. I asked about taking my two marmoset monkeys and was told I could take one monkey, one dog, one horse, one ape, but not two monkeys. I wound up giving them to a copy boy at AP. When I got to India, I joined the Rod and Gun Club and one member, a U.S. embassy employee, had THREE dogs! I asked how that was possible and he said you pay a bribe at customs when you arrive.

The biggest problem in India was keeping my son (14 months old when we arrived) healthy. Milk was unsafe. Water had to be boiled. Fortunately, Czech diplomats who lived in an apartment above us, had import privileges. So, they were trying to accumulate U.S. dollars. They imported baby food and other essentials for our son and we paid them in dollars!

After about three years in India, Wes Gallagher came on a round-the-world trip. We played a round of golf and I begged him to get me to Latin America. He asked why, pointing out that "nothing newsworthy ever happens there." I told him I was fluent in Spanish and wanted to go to Latin America. He said he would arrange it. Eventually I was told it was time for my home leave (every three years in those days) and to plan on a transfer to Lima, Peru at the end of the home leave. I was overjoyed.

So, I eventually arrived in Lima, where "nothing newsworthy ever happens". Two weeks later, the military seized power, shipped the president to Buenos Aires, and embarked on an anti-American campaign. Department stores were told they could not have Santa Claus in their windows. American tuna boats were seized because the generals declared a 200-mile territorial sea limit.

Nevertheless, I really enjoyed Peru (and Ecuador and Bolivia, the rest of my AP territory). But after two years, a severe earthquake struck Peru on Sunday, May 31, 1970 with a magnitude of 7.9. I rushed to the office where Peruvian staffers were on duty (24/7) and by Monday morning we had the death toll at 2,400. Then I got a phone call from a fellow who had been a cabinet member in the elected government. We had become friends after meeting at a restaurant with our wives. He told me we had a terrible disaster and I agreed with him. He stopped me and said one entire side of Mt. Huascarán in the Andes had come loose in the quake and thousands of tons of rocks, ice, snow cascaded down on two small cities. He said the death toll would be 70,000. That wakes you up after a night without sleep. I questioned him back and forth and finally decided to go with the huge figure. My story went worldwide and my competition quickly learned of my death toll. They all called the presidential palace which denied the story. I was out on a limb for 24 hours. On Tuesday morning the palace called newsmen up and eventually admitted the death toll was 70,000! The place went crazy with reporters running to their offices to telex the new information.

The military government knew I had a source that made me too dangerous. So on Friday night, the military junta met and passed a decree-law (decreto-ley) ordering me expelled. I had until midnight Saturday to leave the country. I booked on a Panagra flight leaving at 11:55 p.m. for Panama! Police escorted me to the stairs at

the airplane. As I boarded, the purser asked if the men below weren't police and I told him what happened. The cabin crew were all Argentinians and they generally don't like Peruvians. The purser rushed over to the bar and brought me a free martini!! I had martinis all the way to Panama. That ended the foreign service as AP next sent me to Indianapolis.

I certainly agree with others who have pointed out how news coverage from abroad has drastically diminished.

## *Connecting series:*

# Remembering my worst AP shift

**Marc Wilson** ([Email](#)) - The brass decided to move the Chicago bureau from Randolph and Wells to North Michigan Avenue in one day - New Year's Eve, 1978, a blizzard-filled Saturday.

So much snow fell that day (over a foot, as I recall) that the fire escape at Randolph and Wells came crashing down onto the moving truck. A key part to the bureau's computer system was lost in the accident.

My regularly scheduled included opening the bureau at 6 a.m. (From midnight to 6 a.m. was the only time span when the bureau was "unmanned.")

Normally, I drove to open the bureau on Sundays because public transportation didn't operate that early. But when I woke at about 5 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, all roads and highways were closed because of the blizzard. O'Hare Airport also was closed, snarling the nation's air system.

After determining that I couldn't drive, I checked with the Burlington Northern railroad, which operated the computer rail line that operated between my town (LaGrange) and Chicago's Union Station. The first train was scheduled to resume operating at about 7 a.m.

So I walked about three blocks through deep snow drifts and near zero temperatures to get to the train station.

I was feeling proud of my efforts until I met the one other person who had reached the train station - a U.S. Postal worker.



He was blind.

But he had made his way by walking multiple blocks to the station. He said he hadn't missed a day of work in many year (he told me how many, but I can't remember the number.)

After we boarded, the commuter train slowly worked its way downtown, in effect bulldozing its way through major snow drifts. From Union Station, I walked about a mile across a deserted downtown Chicago to the new bureau.

Chief of Bureau Tom Dygard and ACOB Steve Weiner were surprised and delighted to see me arrive. They had worked (along with several techs) through the night trying to bring the new bureau to life.

I was the only staffer to arrive in the new bureau for many hours. None of the wires was operating, so I spent a double shift just answering the phone, and occasionally dictating weather, and other stories to the General Desk.

Dygdard (one of the great COBs of all time) reserved a downtown hotel room for me so I'd be close and could easily return to the bureau on Monday. The bureau returned mostly to normal on Monday.

## An AP sighting

**Dick Lipsey** ([Email](#)) - here is another (minor) AP sighting if you can use it.

John H. Backer was a member of the economics staff of the US military government in Germany after World War II. In 1982 he wrote "Winds of History: The German Years of Lucius DuBignon Clay." Clay was the US military governor in Germany from the end of the war until May 1949. In February 1947 former President Herbert Hoover came to Germany to study the economic situation.

"Among the staff accompanying Hoover were two men intimately acquainted with German affairs. One, Louis Lochner, had for many years headed the Associated Press office in Berlin."

Interestingly, though the book was written in 1982 and the subtitle refers to Clay's "German years," Backer doesn't discuss the Berlin crisis of 1961, when President Kennedy sent Clay to Berlin as his personal representative when the East Germans erected the Berlin Wall.

## Daisy Veerasingham named AP's chief revenue officer

**President and CEO Gary Pruitt, in a note Monday to AP staff:**

I am pleased to announce that Senior Vice President Daisy Veerasingham will be promoted to AP's new chief revenue officer effective Jan. 1, 2019. Currently, revenue for the Americas is handled separately. This new role aligns all revenue functions globally under a single leader. Daisy will spend time in New York and London in her new position.

Daisy is an innovative and proven leader at AP. Her success at driving our revenue performance internationally makes her an ideal choice for this new, broader role.

Daisy joined AP in 2004 as the director of sales for AP Television News (APTN). She was responsible for content licensing and services for AP's international broadcast customers. She focused on growing AP's business, especially in China and the Middle East.

In 2008 she was promoted to vice president for sales for Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia where she oversaw revenue from clients across all formats and business units including Global Media Services (GMS).

Daisy was promoted again in 2010 to her current position of senior vice president for business development and partner relations overseeing all international content licensing, international marketing and GMS. Daisy was critical to the successful repositioning of AP's video business to retain and acquire new international customers. She was also a key driver behind the introduction of Video Hub, the new front-end video platform that includes live channels and third-party video content.



**Daisy Veerasingham**

Before joining AP, Daisy was group sales and marketing director at LexisNexis, and prior to that held key sales and marketing roles at the Financial Times.

As we announced in September, SVP for Revenue Americas Dave Gwizdowski will retire at the end of the year after more than 20 years with AP.

Please join me in congratulating Daisy on her new position.

## The Rise Of Fake Videos

**Former AP journalist Tom Kent on a National Press Club podcast:**

Fake videos are a new form of digital media manipulation, and the former president and chief executive of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is warning about their dangers. In this edition of Update-1, Thomas Kent talks to Broadcast/Podcast team member Tom Young about technology being used to create video of events that never happened, or video of people making statements they never made. Kent describes video as the "ultimate verifier" for news consumers, but now he says they may no longer be able to believe what they see.

Click [here](#) to view. Shared by Bill McCloskey.

## 'Guardians and War on Truth' Time's 'Person of the Year'





**The staff of the Capital Gazette, photographed in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 9, from left: Jimmy DeButts; E.B. (Pat) Furgurson III; Katherine Fominykh; Jeffrey Bill; Joshua McKerrow; Anthony Messenger; Christine H. Gorham; Andrea Chamblee; Rachael Pacella; Selene San Felice; Danielle Ohi; Paul Gillespie; Rick Hutzell; Erin Hardy; Janel Cooley. Moises Saman-Magnum Photos for TIME**

NEW YORK (AP) - Time magazine's 2018 person of the year are the "guardians and the war on truth."

The group is made up of four journalists and a newspaper that Time says "are representatives of a broader fight by countless others around the world.

Time's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal made the announcement Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show. The magazine recognizes the person or group of people who most influenced the news and the world "for better or for worse" during the past year.

The "guardians" are slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland, where five people were shot and killed at the newspaper's offices in June; Philippine journalist Maria Ressa, who has been arrested; and two Reuters journalists detained in Myanmar for nearly a year, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo.



[Click here](#) to read Time's story.

## ***Best of the States***

# **Only on AP: Many of those 'missing' after wildfire are just fine**



**Dixie Singh is shown in Paradise, Calif., in 2017. Singh was among the names on the official list of those "missing" after Northern California's catastrophic Camp Fire virtually destroyed the town. The Associated Press tried calling and found that she was safe with friends, raising hope that others currently listed as missing will turn up, but illustrating the confusion that continued weeks after the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century. Photo/Thomasine Rose via AP**

As the AP reported on the chaos and confusion surrounding the ever-changing list of missing people in the wake of California wildfire that killed at least 85 people, our reporters set out to try to track down more of those people and to show that they were findable, even though they continued to appear on the list of missing, and to show that hundreds were likely not really missing at all.

Dixie Singh, No. 158 on the list, was surprised to get a call from the AP, saying she was "very much alive," and all her friends and family knew it. San Francisco reporter

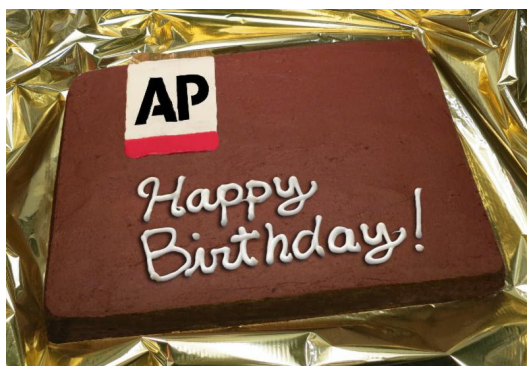
Jocelyn Gecker tracked her down through a public records search by AP News and Information Center researcher Jennifer Farrar.

Meanwhile, Sacramento correspondent Kathleen Ronayne, who has covered the aftermath of the fire, and Washington, D.C., reporter Juliet Linderman, who was in town for the week assisting on fire coverage, tracked down other stories of people who were findable - just not by the sheriff's department. An 82-year-old woman, whose relative had intensively searched for her for three weeks, had marked herself "safe" at a Red Cross shelter the day the fire broke out on Nov. 8. But that information apparently never reached the Butte County sheriff, who had previously told AP's Sudhin Thanawala that his department was regularly checking in with Red Cross officials and cross-checking its list of missing and safe.

Gecker's story laid out how easy it was to find some of the people and highlighted the lapses in the sheriff's record-keeping. The story garnered 21,740-page views and nearly a minute of engagement. The story got wide play throughout California and around the country, appearing on member websites with photos by an AP photographer and photos Gecker worked to get that showed Singh and her partner in happier times.

For their collaborative exclusive on a key lingering aspect of the deadly Camp Fire, the team of Gecker, Ronayne, Linderman and Farrar wins this week's Best of the States award.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Trump's Tawdry Tabloid Sagas Reveal Weightier Themes*** (New York Times)



**Stormy Daniels was paid \$130,000 for her silence in October 2016. Federal prosecutors say President Trump had directed Michael Cohen to engage in cover-ups involving two women, including Ms. Daniels.**Credit/Hector Retamal/Agence France-Presse - Getty Images

**By Jim Rutenberg**

Audiences gravitated to the scores of articles and cable news segments about Donald J. Trump, Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal for an undeniable reason: Sex sells.

But there was something more important lurking beneath the salacious surface of the stories about the president's alleged past encounters with a porn star and a former Playboy model.

People who followed the sagas quickly learned that they were in for more than lurid details. Like one of those prestige television series on Netflix, FX, HBO or Showtime, the tale started off sleazy but ventured into weightier thematic territory as it unfolded.

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



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## ***'Prisons need newspapers for the same reasons that the public needs newspapers'***

(Pacific Standard)

**By ALISSA GREENBERG**

Juan Haines is the kind of old-school editor who's disappearing in American newsrooms. He talks to his reporters face to face. He keeps copious, handwritten notes in an orderly notebook. He's hard-headed when he needs to be; soft and funny when that's called for; a dogged reporter and a thoughtful proofreader. He's intensely familiar with his reporters' beats and the context in which they are working- and he should be. He's eaten, slept, lived, and worked there for 23 years.

I met Haines the first time I visited San Quentin State Prison (where, full disclosure, I am a volunteer). He has worked in various editing positions at San Quentin News, one of the country's only prison newspapers, for almost a decade. There, he helps produce a 20-page paper every month with only a few computers and no Internet access. The results reach 30,000 incarcerated and free subscribers across the United States.

Now Haines is spearheading a new project, Wall City, a magazine of prison culture. We sat down recently at San Quentin's media center to talk about rehabilitation, press freedom, and what journalism can and can't do for incarcerated readers.

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

## **Today in History - December 11, 2018**





## By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2018. There are 20 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

### On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1910, French inventor Georges Claude publicly displayed his first neon lamp, consisting of two 38-foot-long tubes, at the Paris Expo.

In 1917, British Gen. Edmund Allenby entered Jerusalem two days after his forces expelled the Ottoman Turks.

In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon - the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Florida, acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

In 2001, in the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that destroyed thousands of people's life savings and wrecked charities. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.) The remains of missing Florida toddler Caylee Anthony were found six months after she disappeared. (Her mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted of murder in her daughter's death.) A suicide bomber killed at least 55 people near Kirkuk, Iraq. Former pinup model Bettie Page died in Los Angeles at age 85.

Five years ago: Time magazine selected Pope Francis as its Person of the Year, saying the Roman Catholic church's new leader - the first from Latin America - had changed the perception of the 2,000-year-old institution in an extraordinary way in a short time.

One year ago: A Bangladeshi immigrant set off a crude pipe bomb in a New York City subway passageway in a botched suicide bombing; it did not fully detonate and

Akayed Ullah was the only one seriously hurt. (Ullah was convicted on terrorism charges in federal court; sentencing is set for April 5, 2019.) A Southern California wildfire exploded in size again, becoming the fifth largest in state history; officials handed out masks to those who stayed behind in an exclusive community where Oprah Winfrey and other stars had homes. Chef Mario Batali stepped away from his restaurant empire and his cooking show "The Chew" as he conceded that reports of sexual misconduct "match up" to his behavior. French President Emmanuel Macron awarded millions of dollars in grants to 18 climate scientists from the U.S. and elsewhere, allowing them to relocate to France for the remainder of Donald Trump's presidential term. The Pentagon said transgender recruits would be allowed to enlist in the military beginning Jan. 1; a ban ordered by Trump had suffered a series of legal setbacks.

**Thought for Today: "It takes a long time to understand nothing." - Edward Dahlberg, American author and critic (1900-1977).**

## 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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