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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Tis the season for holiday parties and traditions - and Connecting asks you share some of your own.

We kick off the series with posts from **Chris Connell**, on his family's gingerbread house tradition, and **Kia Breaux** and **Rod Richardson**, who were just recognized in competition for Ugliest Holiday Sweaters. Let them explain:



Chris Connell ([Email](#)) - My only contribution was holding up the bare gingerbread walls while Nancy iced them together. Yes, originally with our kids (including a son who majored in architecture) but now a largely solo house raising and decoration by Nancy. Almost, but not quite, too pretty to eat. The demolition will occur by New Year's.

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Kia Breaux (Email) - This photo was taken Dec. 8 at the annual holiday party of the Kansas City, Mo., chapter of Jack and Jill of America. Each year, the chapter holds a holiday party during which there is an ugliest holiday sweater contest. Rod (Richardson) and I won the ugliest sweater competition this year; Rod won in 2016. Jack and Jill of America is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty.

How about sharing your own traditions with your colleagues? Having an office holiday party? Send us photos to share.

Have a great day!

Paul

On the Monday Profile by Brian Horton

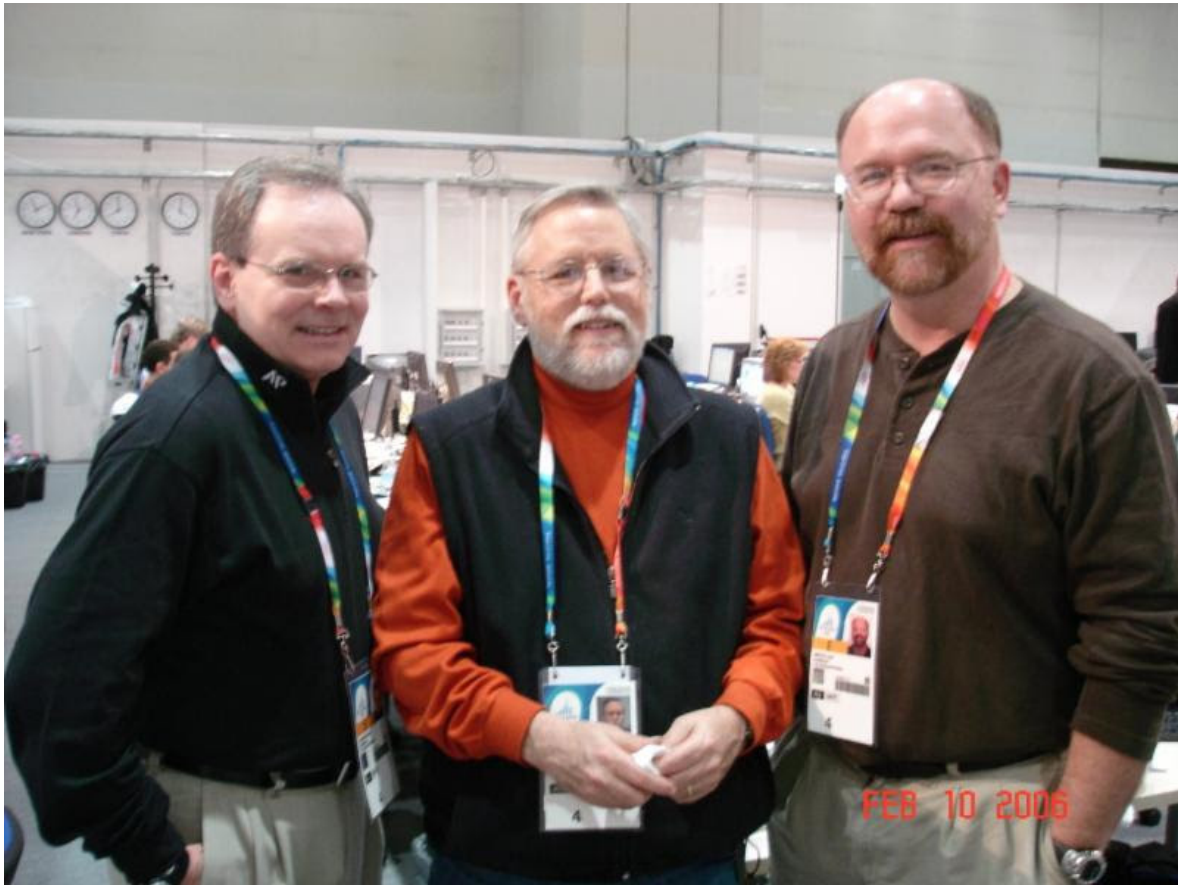
Hal Buell ([Email](#)) - Good story from Brian Horton about his life in AP Photos during the busy news period of the times and the dramatic changes brought about by the transition from analog to digital transmission.

Brian was a dedicated AP staffer with a degree of enthusiasm and spirit that often carried the day. He was a significant member of the team that simultaneously photographed the news and delivered technical innovations.

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Dave Lubeski ([Email](#)) - I enjoyed reading Brian Horton's account of his life in the AP in Monday's Connecting. So many great stories. We really lived the life. I was fortunate enough to be on many of those planning trips to Olympic sites he wrote about and especially enjoyed working with Brian, providing audio sound bites from our AP Radio interviews during the Olympics where he was directing multimedia coverage.

Brian was also a good seat mate on the long flights. One in particular was a 15-hour Los Angeles to Sydney flight where we were upstairs in the bubble of a Qantas 747.



Here are a couple of photos of Brian from those days. The top one is with me and Jack Briggs - two radio guys flanking the multimedia boss - at the Turin Games in

2006. The other is me with Brian the day after closing ceremonies in Beijing in 2008 during a visit to the Great Wall. Although we didn't know it at the time, it was the last AP Olympic assignment for both of us. We both left AP the following year.

I always looked forward to working with Brian on Olympic assignments. He's a solid pro and a good friend. I met Marilyn during one of our Sydney trips in the late 90s. It's good to know she's doing well.

'Truth isn't truth' tops list of notable quotes in 2018



FILE - In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, speaks in Portsmouth, N.H. The assertion that "truth isn't truth," made by Giuliani, tops a Yale Law School librarian's list of the most notable quotes of 2018. Giuliani's statement came in an August interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" when he told host Chuck Todd that Trump might "get trapped into perjury" if he were interviewed in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - The assertion that "truth isn't truth," made by a personal attorney for President Donald Trump, tops a Yale Law School librarian's list of the

most notable quotes of 2018.

Rudy Giuliani's statement came in an August interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" when he told host Chuck Todd that Trump might "get trapped into perjury" if he were interviewed in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

When Todd replied: "Truth is truth," Giuliani responded: "No, it isn't truth. Truth isn't truth." Giuliani later explained he was trying to make the case that having Trump sit down for an interview with Mueller's team wouldn't accomplish much because of the conflicting nature of witnesses' recollections.

The list assembled by Fred Shapiro, an associate director at the library, is an annual update to "The Yale Book of Quotations," which was first published in 2006. Unlike some past updates, this year's list happens to feature quotes only from Americans.

"They are intended to reflect the culture of our time and often it's quotes that are not admirable but quotes that are silly or negative in some way," Shapiro said. "In our current world political scene, the United States maybe dominates that kind of quotation."

THE LIST

1. "Truth isn't truth." - Rudy Giuliani, interview on "Meet the Press," Aug. 19.
2. "I liked beer. I still like beer." - Brett Kavanaugh, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee testimony on his Supreme Court nomination, Sept. 27.

Read more [here](#).

New-member profile: Mick Boroughs



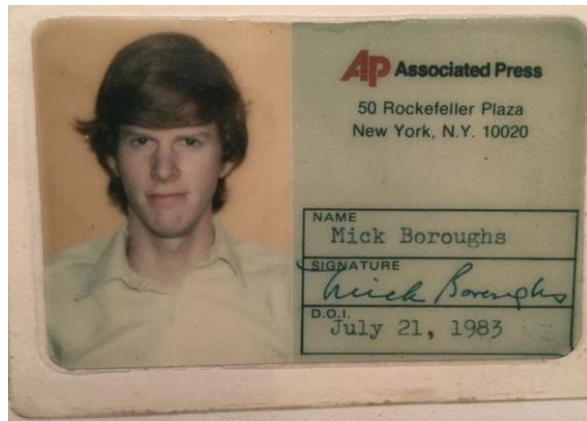
Mick Boroughs ([Email](#)) - (Associated Press NY-Gen Desk 1982-1986):

AP Managing Editor Wick Temple was a 1982 guest lecturer at Western Washington University as I was finishing my bachelor's degree in history and journalism. I asked if AP ever hired people right out of college. They did, he replied, for the copy desk if I wanted to move to New York. It wasn't a newswriting job, he cautioned, but I'd get both feet in the door. My brother already lived in New York City so it sounded like a good adventure to me.

After a summer of changing ribbons and rolls with Chris Carolla and others, I joined the Service Desk team led by Charlie Competello, and a few months later became

the morning General Desk slot person working with Mike Silverman, Bob Barr and an incredible team of national writers and editors.

Months later, I transferred to the newly formed Special Services Desk led by Joe Persek, where we repurposed wire stories for scrolling cable news reports and other targeted audiences. Later, I transferred back to the General Desk with Bill Ahearn as managing editor and Barry Hanson as his assistant to file the slow-speed wires, edit and rewrite; working with Ralph Rhoden, Brian O'Hanlon and Jean Claude Bouis. In my free time I took on some feature writing - including a story on the 1986 Statue of Liberty restoration, which had me climbing up scaffolding.

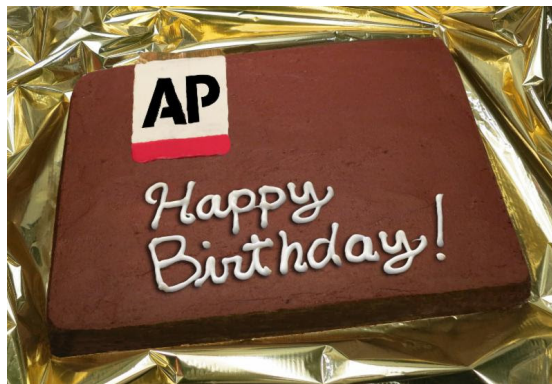


I left AP in the fall of 1986 to return to the Pacific Northwest where my wife and I would raise our three children. I worked for AP member 'Skagit Valley Herald' for nearly nine years covering courts, cops and county government. One of my stories about an abused woman hiring a hit man to kill her husband appeared as a "60 Minutes" episode in 1989. And on election nights, I'd call in ballot results to Seattle's AP bureau.

In 1996 with a third child on the way, I joined Boeing Communications & Public Relations in Seattle. I wrote for the company's weekly newspaper 'Boeing News' and later was editor of its first online news page 'Boeing News Now.' Two years ago I helped plan the company's centennial celebration. Today I work in Boeing's program communications at Everett, Wash., where I continue to enjoy my toil.

One last note ... in the summer of 2014 I returned to Manhattan for the first time in 28 years to look at universities with my daughter Ellie. I felt like Rip Van Winkle at Rockefeller Plaza. The venerable Associated Press Building at 50 Rock had become a Bank of America.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

David Zeeck leaving The News Tribune after 24 years as publisher and executive editor

David Zeeck is leaving The News Tribune (of Tacoma, Washington) next month after 24 years at the paper, the last 10 as publisher.

The McClatchy Co., which owns The News Tribune, made the announcement Tuesday. Zeeck also serves as publisher of The Olympian and The Bellingham Herald and oversees the daily print and digital business operations of the community weeklies in Gig Harbor and Puyallup.

"I've loved every day leading The News Tribune, The Olympian and The Bellingham Herald, and I've given all I've got to the cause of local journalism," Zeeck said in a McClatchy news release. "I feel that the time is right to reflect and pick the next challenge. It's time for someone else to take over and to finish the transition to a digital media future."



Zeeck was The News Tribune's executive editor for 14 years before being named publisher.

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

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'Please Have Mercy.' The Wives of Reuters Journalists Jailed in Myanmar Speak Out (Time)

By LAIGNEE BARRON / YANGON, MYANMAR

The last time Kyaw Soe Oo spoke with his wife before his arrest, he played a prank on her. The Reuters journalist was on a trip to Yangon, Myanmar's former capital, but on Dec. 12, 2017, he told his wife he had returned early to their home in Sittwe, Rakhine State. "Come open the door," he urged. "I'm right here." She fell for it, stepping into the humid evening only to find no one there. Neither of them knew then how long the joke would sting.

Hours after he called home, Kyaw Soe Oo, 28, and his colleague Wa Lone, 32, were arrested. They had accepted an invitation to dine with police, but shortly after they left the restaurant they were apprehended by plainclothes officers for possessing "state secrets." Both journalists insist they were framed to stop them from reporting on a massacre in Rakhine State that implicated state security forces - a claim supported by a police witness and a senior government official. Despite evidence of the apparent set-up, and a police major's admission that the journalists did not obtain secret information, the government proceeded to punish them.

After 265 days in prison, the pair were sentenced in September to seven years in prison for breaching the colonial-era Official Secrets Act. "Where is the justice to sentencing two journalists to seven years in prison just for doing their jobs?" asks Kyaw Soe Oo's wife, Chit Su Win. The reporters are awaiting an appeal hearing on Dec. 24.

Read more [here](#).

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The Jim Hightower Column They Don't Want You to Read (Texas Observer)

Jim Hightower's latest column, "Free the Free Press from Wall Street Plunderers," takes on the corporate bottom-feeders picking apart what's left of America's newspapers. He names names, singling out Digital First Media and GateHouse Media, which recently purchased the Austin American-Statesman, as the worst offenders - "hedge-fund scavengers" and "ruthless Wall Street profiteers out to grab big bucks fast" by gutting newsrooms. Tough stuff. And apparently too tough for Creators Syndicate, the distribution firm that has long placed Hightower's column in various media outlets.

Last week, according to the Austin Chronicle, Creators informed Hightower that it would not be distributing his column out of fear of retribution from Digital First and Gatehouse. In an email to the Chronicle, Creators Managing Editor Simone Slykhous defended her decision, saying the company was only trying to protect Hightower. "We have more than 200 columnists and cartoonists, and our job is to make sure that our actions do not negatively impact them," Slykhous said.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Len Iwanski.

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McClatchy to centralize design jobs in North Carolina (Sacramento Business Journal)

By Mark Anderson

Sacramento-based newspaper publisher The McClatchy Co. will consolidate the design and copy editing functions of its 30 newspapers across the country into a central hub in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The move is part of the transformation of McClatchy (NYSE: MNI) as it focuses less on print and more on digital publishing. It's also the result of declining advertising revenue and digital disruption, said Gary Wortel, publisher and president of the Sacramento Bee and McClatchy's West regional publisher.

Wortel said the consolidation will affect 30 people now based in the West.

"This consolidation will shift positions in Sacramento to Charlotte," he said via email. "All West News Desk colleagues have been offered jobs at the McClatchy Publishing Center and will have the opportunity to work virtually."

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - December 12, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2018. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 12, 2000, George W. Bush became president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1917, during World War I, a train carrying some 1,000 French troops from the Italian front derailed while descending a steep hill in Modane (moh-DAN'); at least half of the soldiers were killed in France's greatest rail disaster. Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.

In 1963, Kenya became independent of Britain.

In 1977, the dance movie "Saturday Night Fever," starring John Travolta, premiered in New York.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 1995, by three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.

In 1997, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the international terrorist known as "Carlos the Jackal," went on trial in Paris on charges of killing two French investigators and a Lebanese national. (Ramirez was convicted, and is serving a life prison sentence.)

In 2003, Paul Martin succeeded Jean Chretien (zhahn kreh-TYEN') as Canada's prime minister. Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger was knighted by Britain. Keiko,

the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in the Norwegian fjord that he'd made his home.

Ten years ago: A bomb exploded inside the West Coast Bank in Woodburn, Ore., killing Woodburn Police Capt. Thomas Tennant and Oregon State Police Senior Trooper William Hakim. Actor Van Johnson died in Nyack, N.Y. at age 92.

Five years ago: The House voted to ease across-the-board federal spending cuts and head off future government shutdowns, acting after Speaker John Boehner unleashed a stinging attack on tea party-aligned conservative groups campaigning for the measure's defeat. Actor-writer-producer Tom O'Laughlin, 82, creator of "Billy Jack," died in Thousand Oaks, California.

One year ago: Democrat Doug Jones won Alabama's special Senate election over Republican Roy Moore, who had denied accusations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls that allegedly took place when he was in his 30s; it was the first Democratic Senate victory in Alabama in a quarter-century, and came despite an endorsement of Moore by President Donald Trump. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, the city's first Asian-American mayor, died at the age of 65 after collapsing while grocery shopping.

Today's Birthdays: Former TV host Bob Barker is 95. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Pettit is 86. Singer Connie Francis is 81. Singer Dionne Warwick is 78. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 75. Hall of Fame race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi is 72. Actor Wings Hauser is 71. Actor Bill Nighy (ny) is 69. Actor Duane Chase (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 68. Country singer LaCosta is 68. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 66. Author Lorna Landvik is 64. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 61. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 60. Pop singer Daniel O'Donnell is 57. International Tennis Hall of Famer Tracy Austin is 56. Rock musician Eric Schenkman (Spin Doctors) is 55. Rock musician Nicholas Dimichino (Nine Days) is 51. Author Sophie Kinsella is 49. News anchor Maggie Rodriguez is 49. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 48. Actress Madchen Amick is 48. Actress Regina Hall is 48. Country singer Hank Williams III is 46. Actress Mayim Bialik is 43. Model Bridget Hall is 41. Actor Lucas Hedges (Film: "Manchester by the Sea") is 22. Actress Sky Katz (TV: "Raven's Home") is 14.

Thought for Today: "To escape criticism - do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." - Elbert Hubbard, American author and publisher (1856-1915).

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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