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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

We lead today's issue with a report from Cuba by former AP photo director **Santiago Lyon** on the funeral services for photographer **Desmond Boylan**, one of his closest friends, who died last Saturday while on assignment for the AP in Havana.

The newest member of the Connecting 90s Club is **Charlie Price**, retired Seattle chief of communications for The Associated Press. A birthday party was held for him this past Monday, and AP senior technician **Dave Herron** of the Seattle bureau shares a story on the party and Charlie's career.



**Charlie in 2014**

As we do each quarter, Connecting brings you the latest Connecting 90s-80s Club roster - updated with Charlie's birthday and passage into the 90s chapter.

I look forward to your contributions to Connecting in this new year. Don't be shy. Share your stories.

Have a great day!

Paul

## **Saying goodbye to a longtime friend, Desmond Boylan**



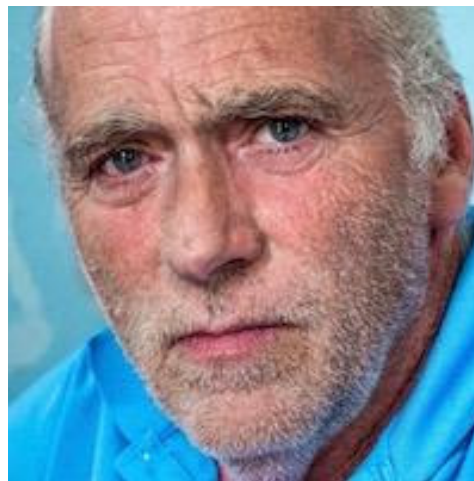
**Grania Boylan, left, mother of photojournalist Desmond Boylan, takes photos during a memorial service in honor of her son on the Malecon promenade at sunset in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. Boylan, a photographer who covered war and conflict across the world before dedicating his life to documenting the daily joys and tribulations of life in Cuba for The Associated Press, died suddenly while on assignment on Saturday, Dec. 29 in Havana. He was 54. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)**

**Santiago Lyon (Email)** - On the afternoon of Saturday, December 29, I received a phone call from Enric Marti, AP's enterprise photo editor and longtime friend with the shocking news that Cuba-based freelance photographer Desmond Boylan had died of a heart attack while on assignment for the AP.

Desmond and I had been friends for 32 years, after starting our careers together in Madrid in the mid-1980s.

In January 1987 I was covering student protests and riots in Madrid, shooting for Reuters, and I kept seeing this young guy getting harassed by the police for trying to photograph the action without official accreditation - he'd come back day after day, despite the rough treatment, and we were astonished and impressed by his persistence and courage. A few weeks later I recognized him in a bar and we struck up a conversation - and that's how I first met Desmond, then a university student with a passion for photography.

Turns out he had been born in London to Irish parents and raised in Spain, while I was born in Spain to American parents and raised in Ireland. That connection and our shared passion for photojournalism marked the beginning of a long and beautiful friendship.



**Desmond Boylan**

For years we were neighbors in Madrid, and he and his wife Gloria invited us to stay for a couple of weeks while we refurbished our apartment. Weeks turned into months - yet Desmond and Gloria never wavered in their hospitality: their friends needed a place to stay and so, "mi casa es tu casa." When Gloria went into labor while Desmond was away, I drove her to the hospital where she gave birth to their son Michael. His mother, Grania, was at our wedding, his sister, Isolda, lived down the road.

So I followed Desmond's career with interest - as he started stringing for the AP in Madrid, then moving on to Reuters, where he became a staff photographer. He covered dozens of major news and sports events, including conflicts and Olympics, and was eventually posted to India and then to Cuba, Gloria's homeland and the place Desmond loved most.

After 20-plus years with Reuters he turned to freelancing in Havana, a move that took him back to the AP and regular assignments from Cuba staff photographer Ramon Espinosa. Desmond was a consummate professional, able to operate wherever he was sent and to capture powerful images that moved viewers around the world. His success with a camera came in large part because of his personality: charismatic, funny, and so likable, he made friends easily because he had a genuine interest in and care for pretty much everyone he met - he always found something in common with the people he was photographing.

He was also extraordinarily generous - helping photographers all over the world with their careers. A wave of grief crashed over Facebook and through the photojournalism community when the news broke of his untimely death.

So when Enric called, I knew I had to go to Havana to say goodbye, and to see Gloria, as well as Grania and his son Michael, who were flying in from Madrid.





**At Santiago and Emma's wedding in Pedraza Spain, April 6, 2001 - from left: Gloria Gonzalez, Desmond Boylan, Santiago Lyon, Emma Daly, Julio Fuentes (Spanish reporter for El Mundo newspaper killed in Afghanistan in 2001) - foreground, Michael Boylan.**

My wife, Emma Daly, a former journalist, and I jumped on a plane and arrived in Cuba on Monday.

Enric and photographer Eliana Aponte, Ramon's wife, picked us up and took us to the viewing at a local funeral parlor.

And there he was - unbelievably - his serene and familiar face visible through a glass window in his casket.

His end came quickly and, it seems, without suffering. On assignment for the AP to cover preparations for the New Year, Desmond felt ill while driving through central Havana. He stopped to ask for help and was taken into a Cuban family's home, where he died of a heart attack a few minutes later.

So on a sunny, breeze Tuesday afternoon, on the first day of 2019, dozens of Desmond's family, friends, and colleagues gathered on the Malecón seafront promenade to say goodbye.

Two Cuban musicians, longtime students of traditional Irish folk music, sang some hauntingly beautiful songs in Gaelic accompanied by Irish bagpipe music. I said a few words about our friendship and what a wonderful person he was and then his son played Stairway to Heaven and we scattered his ashes into the sea. We tossed flowers from his funeral wreaths into the water and toasted Desmond with Cuban rum and malt whisky to a soundtrack of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd, while curious tourists wondered what was going on.

The AP team in Havana - Ramon, Havana bureau chief Mike Weissenstein, AP television producer Milexys Duran, cameramen Osvaldo Angulo and Ariel Fernandez, APTN boss Chris Gillette, reporter Andrea Rodriguez, office staff Isabel Pasos, Yanelis Miranda, Sonia Cepero, and driver Pedro Figueredo - did an incredible job with help from Enric, deputy LatAm news director Fernando Gonzalez, and photo editor Leslie Mazoch, to support Desmond's family and ensure he made this final journey in dignity and well attended.

It was a privilege to share this emotional and intense couple of days with Desmond's family and friends. He will be sorely missed and we extend our deepest sympathies to the Boylans.

## **Family, friends gather to celebrate retired Seattle CoC Charlie Price's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**



**Charlie Price (seated)) holds the faceplate from an APPI selector that was presented to him by AP senior technician Dave Herron. Dave labeled the back of the faceplate with his**



**full name and it became a personalized key ring. It should also prove to be a tough to LOSE! He loved it!!**



**At the 90th party, from left: Charlie Price, Sandy Olson, Everett Olson, Sherry and Dade. Everett 'Oly' Olson is an old friend and former System Admin at the Seattle Times for 27 years. Sandy is his wife. Sherry is a friend from the Flight Restoration Center. Dade is Charlie's grandson.**

**By Dave Herron ([Email](#))**

**AP Senior Technician - Seattle**

Charlie Price's 90th birthday party was held this past Monday. Many family members and friends were on hand to celebrate the special day for the longtime Seattle chief of communications who retired in 2000.

Former ACoC Pat Carrico and I were also present at the party, which was held at Harbour Pointe Senior Living Center In Mukilteo, Washington, where Charlie lives.

My recollection of Charlie's history with AP is short, but no less amazing. After serving in the Air Force, he worked for AP for 47 1/2 years, retiring in 2000 at the age of 72. His daughter Cindy said he started with AP in New Orleans where one of



his favorite memories was meeting Dick Van Dyke, who was working at WDSU-TV at that time.



In the photo above is the "Charlie's Angels" crew standing in front of what was one of the first C-Band satellite antennas brought online as part of AP's migration into satellite transmission of all AP content. In the photo from left are: ACoC Roy Hays, Senior Technician Doug Remmem, COC Charlie Price, and technicians Jim Corder and Roger Roden.

This was 1979 and Seattle's geographic position made it a great location to test the downlink equipment from. Anyway, it wasn't long after that when the AP Communications crew was heading to all corners of the state to install the large Prodelin or Harris C-Band antennas. We also had to gear up and install these antennas throughout Alaska and Charlie logged some serious air miles as our spearhead to get to the various remote locations so he could perform the needed antenna site surveys. These trips included Barrow (northern most tip) and then went on through Fairbanks, Anchorage, Nome, Kotzebue, Ketchikan, Kodiak Island and Juneau.

During these trips, Charlie made friendships with the Systems Admins who became our first point of contact at the respective member sites. It was a job that required great organization, determination, tact and humor. ALL of which Charlie excelled at!

Ultimately, many newspaper publishers placed their trust in Charlie and some of those who built a dependence on him became life-long friends with him. You have to also think back that ALL this pre-dated the Internet, Twitter and Smartphones! Prior to THAT, the Satellite system which AP put into place was the BEST means of delivering News, Sports, Weather and Photos because it was totally dependable. Anyway, Charlie blazed the trail for us to get'r done.

One of Charlie's favorite past-times has been working on and collecting watches. He learned how to repair all sorts of time pieces! From wrist watches to mantel clocks and even a few larger wall clocks. His favorite personal time piece is a 40-year old Rolex watch which he was wearing on Monday.

Another interest of his was aviation. He has always had a fascination with aircraft. This is probably what took him into the Air Force. Though never obtaining a pilot's license, he did take flying lessons for a time. His older brother, Major William H. Price, was a distinguished pilot and flew B-17s in WW II. Bill later retired in Alaska and is buried in Talkeetna. I remember back in the early 90s, Charlie was heading to Anchorage to for AP work and he had arranged to have a custom-made wooden propeller blade made with his brother's name etched in. The prop blade was fair-sized, about four feet in length, and BOY was it HEAVY! The prop blade was also preserved in many layers of marine varnish. Charlie had that blade shipped up with him. Then, before he returned to Seattle, he took a side trip to Talkeetna and arranged with the cemetery's grounds keeper anchor it at his brother's grave.



**Charlie when he visited the Seattle bureau in 2014.**



Charlie also had a hand in the restoration of a Boeing 247 aircraft. One day when he took me to see the aircraft at the restoration center, he pointed to the cowling covering the right engine and said that he helped rebuild it. (It is shown at left.)

I'm happy to report that after many years of painstaking restoration, this 247 can actually fly and it now sits on display in the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle.

After Charlie retired from AP, he spent many days working at the Flight Restoration Center helping to rebuild a couple Link Trainer Flight Simulators. He and several others who have had some history in avionics, electronics, mechanical, etc. all spent

many hours getting the mechanics and electrical systems to work on the trainers. I believe two of them were restored to fully operational status.

All in all, Charlie is doing well and enjoying. Thanks for taking the time to read up on him!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you'd like to drop Charlie a note, here is his address: Harbour Pointe Retirement Center, Attn: Charlie Price, [10200 Harbour Place, Mukilteo, WA 98275](#).

## Father, son make front page with coverage of 1992 London Bombing



**Myron (right) and Joshua Belkind next to the framed front page of The Oregonian in Joshua's office at Disney ABC.**

**Myron Belkind (Email)** - While our family was together in Los Angeles over the holidays, we went to visit our son Joshua's office at the Disney ABC Television Group, where he is an Executive Director of Broadcast Standards and Practices. We were touched to see a framed front page of The Oregonian of April 11, 1992 featuring my byline over a story from London on a bombing by the Provisional IRA



(Irish Republican Army) in the city's financial district and the main photo of the bombing scene taken by Joshua when he was in the 11th grade at the American School in London.

The photo was an AP worldwide exclusive, as recounted in the following recollection I made during a speech two years ago marking the 65th anniversary of my entry into journalism while in junior high school:

"On April 10, 1992, we heard a large boom as the front doors of our apartment overlooking the River Thames and the City of London financial district blew open. To get around the police cordon, I drove with our son Joshua as close as we could, first over Tower Bridge, and then we walked through the rubble of the bomb and found a helpful security agent at the HSBC building who took us up to the roof so that we could view the deep crater next door of what had been the Baltic Exchange building. Joshua managed to use the ledge of the roof of the HSBC building as a tripod. He then opened the shutter all the way and had exclusive photos that the AP sent around the world. And the next day, newspapers in the United States published a rare father and son byline, with my name over the story and Josh's in the photo credit."

## Connecting mailbox

### *Remembering Mark Olchoway*

**Alan Fram** ([Email](#)) - One measure of how wonderful Mark (Olchoway) was is that I don't have a single, specific story about him helping me through a tech nightmare. Over the years, there were too many to remember. But he was smart, responsive, fast and nice about it. He heard your situation, was on top of it immediately and got it resolved. A thorough professional and a joy to deal with - always.

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### *Wedding news brought tears and a smile*

**Peggy Walsh** ([Email](#)) - The news of Shawn Temple's wedding (in Wednesday's Connecting) brought tears to my eyes and a smile to my face.

She is so beautiful and what a delight to see Margy, Becky and Dan.

I'm sure Wick is looking down with love. As one of the many people fortunate enough to know Wick and Margy, I wish Shawn and Rob a lifetime of love and joy.

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## ***It's a hangar (with an a) for a building housing airplanes***

**Joe McGowan** ([Email](#)) - I got a kick out of the spelling in the caption of the AP wirephoto showing "President Donald Trump speaks at a HANGER at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq." Hanger is to put clothes on and place in a closet. HANGAR (a place to store aircraft) is possibly the most wrongly spelled word in English. Even longtime pilots often advertise their hangar for sale or space available in theirs, but they most of the time spell it hanger. My wife, Babette Andre, a 40-year pilot and flight instructor, finds the spelling error all the time!

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## ***A handy flashlight from 50 Rock days***



**Mark Mittelstadt** ([Email](#)) -Came across this little hand flashlight while finally tackling moving boxes in my garage. It was given to everyone at 50 Rock, probably in 2001 or 2002. I don't recall whether it was pre- or post- 9/11. It turns on when you flip the top up and has a surprisingly bright beam.

## Getting bumped to the head of the class in 2019

By **CAROL STARK** ([Email](#))

Editor, The Joplin Globe

I've noticed lately that I'm swearing with more frequency.

On the other hand, I'm praying a lot more.

Let's hope the latter will cancel out my profane outbursts.

But I'm pretty sure the higher powers gave me a pass on Dec. 17 when my doctor looked me square in the eyes and said: "Carol, your scans are not good."

I appreciated his straightforward manner. He got right to the point. I was at that halfway point in my chemotherapy treatment of the soft tissue sarcoma. I have nodules now in my lungs and in my pelvic area. Those nodules in the pelvic area are multiplying. That's not what is supposed to happen.

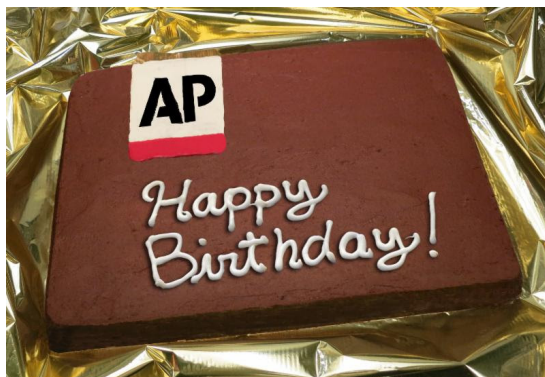


Just as quickly as he delivered the bad news, he made sure he also offered hope. And that's when I realized that I'm getting to skip right to the head of the class when it comes to cancer treatment.

Read more [here](#).



## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Welcome to Connecting



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## Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list quarterly. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note.)

**90s:**

Mercer Bailey  
Carl Bell  
Albert Habhab  
Gene Herrick  
Elaine Light  
Joe McKnight  
Sam Montello  
Robert O'Meara  
Charlie Price  
Seymour Topping  
Sal Veder  
Harold Waters

**80s:**

Norm Abelson  
Paul Albright  
Peter Arnett  
Malcolm Barr  
Lou Boccardi  
Ben Brown  
Charles Bruce  
Hal Buell  
Sibby Christensen  
Mike Cochran  
Eldon Cort  
Don Dashiell  
Otto Doelling  
Phil Dopoulos  
John Eagan  
Claude Erbsen  
Mike Feinsilber  
George Hanna  
Bob Haring  
Jack Howey  
Kathryn Johnson  
Lee Jones  
Doug Kienitz  
Dean Lee  
Warren Lerude  
Carl Leubsdorf  
Art Loomis  
Joe McGowan  
Walter Mears  
Yvette Mercourt  
Reid Miller  
Charlie Monzella

Greg Nokes  
Joe Somma  
Arlon Southall  
Ron Thompson  
Hank Waters  
Paul Webster  
Jeff Williams  
Joe Yeninas  
Arnold Zeitlin  
George Zucker

## Today in History - January 3, 2019



### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2019. There are 362 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Makkula Jr.

#### On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1868, Japan's Meiji (may-jee) Restoration re-established the authority of the emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns; the upheaval paved the way for Japan's drive toward becoming a modern power.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced the United States was formally terminating diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed the START II missile-reduction treaty in Moscow. (However, the agreement ultimately fell apart.)

In 2008, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses.

In 2013, students from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, reconvened at a different building in the town of Monroe about three weeks after the massacre that had claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six educators. The new 113th Congress opened for business, with House Speaker John Boehner re-elected to his post despite a mini-revolt in Republican ranks.



Ten years ago: After seven days of pummeling the Gaza Strip from the air, Israel launched a ground offensive; Hamas vowed that Gaza would be a "graveyard" for the Israelis. Veteran actor Pat Hingle died in Carolina Beach, N.C., at age 84.

Five years ago: The secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ruled again that the National Security Agency could keep collecting every American's telephone records every day. Phil Everly, who with his brother Don formed an influential harmony duo, died in Burbank, California, at age 74. No. 12 Clemson rallied to beat No. 7 Ohio State 40-35 in the Orange Bowl.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed an executive order disbanding the controversial voter fraud commission he had set up to investigate the 2016 presidential election after alleging without evidence that voting fraud cost him the popular vote; the White House blamed the decision to end the panel on more than a dozen states that refused to cooperate. A brutal winter storm delivered a rare blast of snow and ice to the coastal Southeast, giving parts of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina their heaviest snowfall in nearly three decades.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dabney Coleman is 87. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 83. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 80. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 76. Musician Stephen Stills is 74. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 73. Actress Victoria Principal is 69. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 63. Actress Shannon Sturges is 51. Actor John Ales is 50. Jazz musician James Carter is 50. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 47. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 44. Actor Jason Marsden is 44. Actress Danica McKellar is 44. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 43. Singer Kimberley Locke (TV: "American Idol") is 41. Actress Kate Levering is 40. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 38. Actress Nicole Beharie is 34. Pop musician Mark Pontius (Foster the People) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lloyd is 33. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 33. Actor Alex D. Linz is 30.

**Thought for Today: "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't." - Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).**

## 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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