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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 25th day of July 2019,

We lead today's issue with the announcement by AP photo director (and Connecting colleague) **J. David Ake** of major changes in the AP's global photo leadership team.

Among the changes - **Tony Hicks** will become deputy director of photography/international, based in London. "We recognize the world is not flat with New York in the center, and we need around the clock and around the globe photo leadership," Ake said.

We also bring you the news that **Pauline Arrillaga**, AP's enterprise editor since 2014, will leave AP after 27 years of service to join the Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University. While sad to see our Connecting colleague leave the AP, we wish her the best in her new career chapter.

Have a great day!

Paul

AP announces changes in global photo leadership team

J. David Ake, AP's director of photography, recently announced the following appointments in the AP's global photo leadership team:

We recognize the world is not flat with New York in the center, and we need around the clock and around the globe photo leadership. To make that happen, I'm really happy to announce **Tony Hicks** will assume the role of Deputy Director of Photography/International based in London. Tony and I will work as a team, so when I'm unavailable, he is and vice-versa. We will both work closely with AP's all-format regional management teams, and **Ian Phillips**, to help advise and guide those teams and our photographers to ensure that AP's photo report is world-class and competitive.

Tony will continue to have hands-on management of the Europe and Africa photo operations, working with Europe/Africa news director **Anna Johnson**, and will use his expansive knowledge of international photo operations and client needs to help guide our coverage globally.

Jackie Larma will step away from her role as Regional Photo Editor in Philadelphia for a year (or so) to work directly with me on special projects to, as she likes to say, "fix things." Some of her first projects will be photo galleries and picture linking, training text editing desks to pull filers for use as story matchers, photo department

integration with Playbook and what to do with all of the archive material sitting on personal hard drives worldwide -- and that is only her first week.

Enterprise Photo Editor **Enric Marti** will become Deputy Director of Photography/Global Enterprise. His role will be to make our photography better. And, along with **Maye-e Wong**, he will work for ambitious photo-led projects both off the news and agenda setting. He will continue to report to enterprise team leader **Marjorie Miller** with one of those AP famous dotted lines to me for photographer development and coaching.

Deputy Director of Photography **Denis Paquin** will take on global sports coverage and photo operations world-wide. **Tim Donnelly** and **Laurie Jamais** will continue to report to Denis. We are taking a serious look at how we cover sports in the changing and challenging news market. Denis will be at the forefront of that.

Still in the works, but the positions are posted, are Assistant Director of Photography/Global Entertainment and Assistant Washington COB for Photos. News on those fronts soon. We also expect the Latin American deputy news director focusing on storytelling and photography to be named soon.

Please join me in welcoming the new photo leadership team.

AP's enterprise editor Pauline Arrillaga to join Arizona State journalism school

Pauline Arrillaga ([Email](#)), a 27-year veteran of The Associated Press who has overseen AP's enterprise journalism in the United States since 2014, is joining the Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University where she will lead a team of students who will cover health care issues with a particular focus on Latino and Native American communities.

"I started with the AP as a 21-year-old editorial assistant and then intern, with wide-eyed hopes and expectations," she told Connecting. "Twenty-seven years later, I'm saying goodbye after having the good fortune to fulfill so many of my dreams and goals. I'm grateful to each and every person who helped me along the way, and I'm even more grateful for the many friends I've made along the way."

AP Managing Editor **Brian Carovillano**, who called her departure "a big loss" for the AP, said in a note to staff:



"Pauline has been an AP journalist for most of her life. Seriously. She started as an intern in Dallas in 1992. She has covered state government in Austin, been a correspondent on the border, a desk supervisor, and for many years, an award-winning national writer. In 2005 she won the prestigious Livingston Award honoring the top young journalists from around the world. And she has long served as a trainer and writing coach both for AP colleagues and outside journalism groups. Since 2014, Pauline has served as U.S. Enterprise Editor, working with regional reporters and leading a team of national enterprise reporters to produce some of our most ambitious and distinctive journalism, including some of the immigration coverage that

was a finalist this year for the Pulitzer Prize in national reporting."

She will be a Professor of Practice at ASU, directing a new initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to provide in-depth health care coverage about underserved communities across the Southwest - with a focus on the Latino and Native American population.

Click [here](#) for the ASU news release on her hiring.

Connecting mailbox

Ed Smith radiated reassurance to members in east Tennessee

Kristi Chew ([Email](#)) - Ed Smith seemed to radiate reassurance to the members in East Tennessee. They really liked him. He was friendly, unflappable and knowledgeable about our communications systems. He was a fun storyteller. And he had a great sense of humor. It all seems to belie the seriousness with which he took life in some respects. For instance, I did not know about his work, after retirement, with the Knox County Juvenile Justice Center, or that he was a missionary in Africa. I did know he was a caring person, passionate about his family.

Rest In Peace, Ed.

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In praise of Lou Boccardi's Apollo 11 recollections

Cecilia White ([Email](#)) - Lou Boccardi's recollections of AP's coverage of the moon landing 50 years ago (in Tuesday's Connecting) was outstanding. Wonderfully written and woven.

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St. Bride's - The Journalists' Church



Kevin Walsh (Email) - If any of your Connecting readers are planning a trip to London, they should definitely include a visit to St. Bride's Church on their itinerary.

Located on Fleet Street, St. Bride's is known as "The Journalist's Church." The site has a rich history dating back to Roman times and has been connected to the printing and newspaper industry since 1500.

This was our second visit to St. Bride's in two years. Definitely a hidden gem in London.

Here is a Google [photo album link](#) and the [church website](#) for anyone interested. Note the multiple references to the Associated Press.

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AP used covert shortwave radio to signal Hauptmann verdict

From RF Café

February 13, 1935 was probably the first case of a major news organization incorrectly reporting a courtroom verdict because of a radio communications fail - the birth of Fake News! The Associated Press (AP) thought it was being uniquely creative - and sneaky - during "The Trial of the Century" involving the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindberg's young son. A reporter secreted in a miniature shortwave transmitter, concealed within a leather brief case. A receiver station above the courtroom stood ready to copy the agreed upon code, based on the verdict, and send the results to its newspaper feeds. Little did they know that a competing news agency had the same idea, but used a different code. The AP operator received the New York Daily News code assuming it was from the AP mole. It immediately sent the story to hundreds of editors across the world.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Terry Wallace.

Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Republican lawmaker complains to Mueller about lack of Fox News in his report (Washington Post)

By Erik Wemple

Media critic

Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-Ariz.) should send a letter to Fox News saying the following:
Do more investigative journalism. Break more news.

That is the most logical recourse in light of her questioning of former special counsel Robert S. Mueller III on Wednesday in another one of those congressional super-hearings. True to both his own preference and Justice Department instructions, Mueller - at least in his testimony Wednesday morning before the House Judiciary Committee - stuck closely to the text of his two-volume report, which was released in April in redacted form. "I direct you to the report" was Mueller's mantra for these proceedings.

But the report is the problem, Lesko suggested in her five allotted minutes of questioning. Here's a look at the exchange:

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

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Local news deserts are getting some relief (Axios)

By SARA FISCHER

News deserts in cities and small towns all over the country are beginning to capture the attention of big tech companies, donors, regulators and advocacy groups who want to step in and save local journalism.

Why it matters: Newspaper closures that started in rural America are creeping towards small and medium-sized cities. Often, the closing of local papers leaves communities without the watchdogs that can keep municipal governments accountable and productive.

Driving the news: McClatchy is creating a local news outlet to serve Youngstown, Ohio, just weeks after the city's daily newspaper, The Vindicator, announced it would be closing,

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

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LOSING THE NEWS (Pacific Standard)

By BRENT CUNNINGHAM

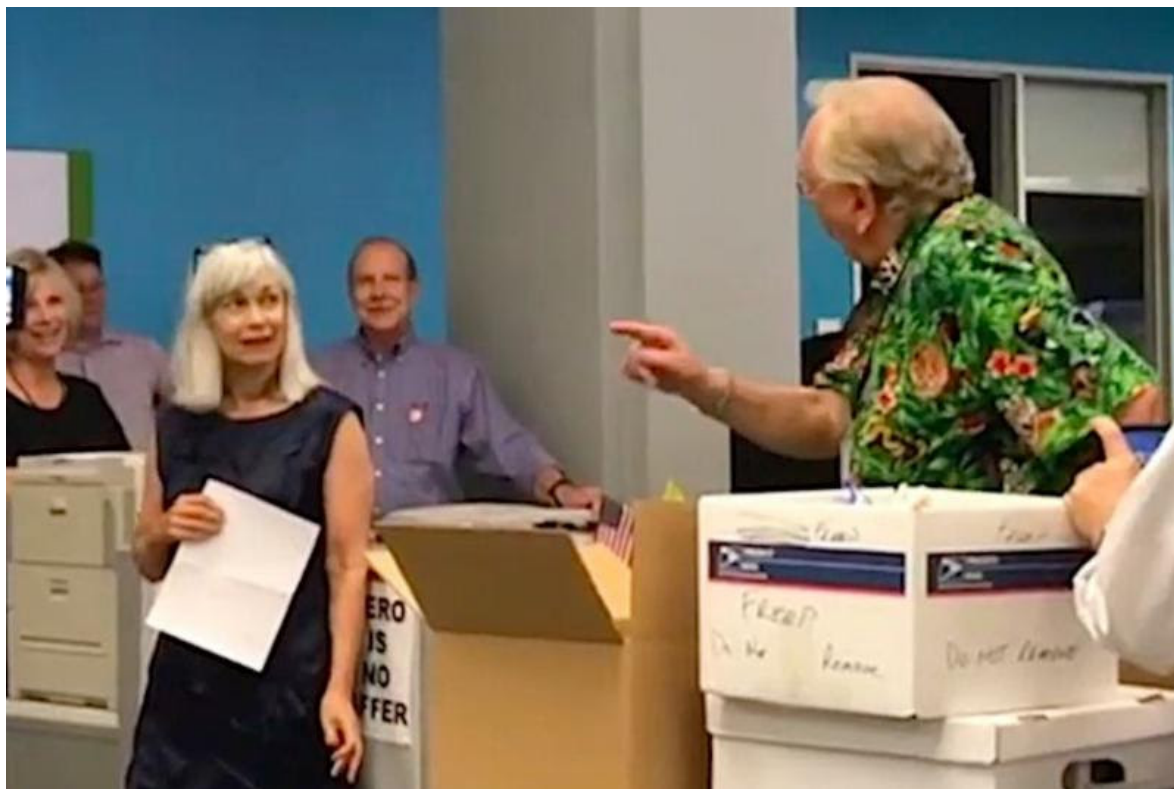
Paul Nyden, a longtime investigative reporter at the Charleston Gazette, used to say he had two tenets that guided his work. The first was: "Figure out who the bad guys are, and fuck 'em." And the second was: "Then fuck 'em again." Not exactly what they teach in J-school. But in West Virginia, where the entire arc of the state's history has been perverted by a seemingly endless run of bad guys, it's not only a justifiable approach to journalism; it's an essential one.

Guys like Johnson N. Camden, one of the state's founding fathers, who sold out to Standard Oil in the 1870s and then conspired with John D. Rockefeller Sr. to crush West Virginia's nascent refining industry, before retiring to a private island off the Florida coast. Or William MacCorkle, a son of the Confederacy who got rich helping outside investors get control of the state's timber and mineral wealth ("I smiled, and the money came," he wrote in his memoir), then exploited racial fears to get elected governor in 1892.

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

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Inga Saffron and Stu Bykofsky Absolutely Savaged Each Other at Stu's Farewell Party (Philly Magazine)



Inga Saffron and Stu Bykofsky verbally attack each other at Stu's office farewell party.

By VICTOR FIORILLO

When it's your last day on the job, assuming you've worked at your job for a long time, there will probably be a toast with some sort of alcoholic beverage. You'll say a few words. Your boss will make some nice remarks. There may be some gentle ribbing. But, all in all, it's a friendly affair - if you are not Stu Bykofsky.

As we told you last week in an interview with the longtime newspaper columnist, Bykofsky's last day at the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News was on July 12th, 47 years after he joined the Daily News staff. The newsroom marked the day by holding a going-away party for the controversial scribe.

Columnist and Bykofsky friend Jenice Armstrong emceed the festivities, and staffers, editors and top brass looked on as various media personalities who have known Bykofsky for decades - former Daily News gossip columnist Dan Gross, Philadelphia Gay News publisher Mark Segal, and fellow columnist Christine Flowers, to name a few - waxed on about the man of the hour for about an hour.

It was all in good fun. Well, that is until Pulitzer-winning Inquirer architecture critic Inga Saffron was summoned to speak.

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

The Final Word



Shared by Bruce Lowitt

Today in History - July 25, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 25, the 206th day of 2019. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, North Carolina, that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner SS Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; 51 people - 46 from the Andrea Doria, five from the Stockholm - were killed. (The Andrea Doria capsized and sank the following morning.)

In 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as The Associated Press reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been allowing poor, rural black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them to die, as a way of studying the disease.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya (sah-VEETS'-kah-yah) became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 1985, a spokeswoman for Rock Hudson confirmed that the actor, hospitalized in Paris, was suffering from AIDS. (Hudson died in October 1985.)

In 1986, movie director Vincente Minnelli, known for such musicals as "Gigi," "An American in Paris" and "Meet Me in St. Louis," died in Los Angeles at age 83.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (YIT'-sahk rah-BEEN') and Jordan's King Hussein (hoo-SAYN') signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

In 2002, Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) declared he was guilty of conspiracy in the September 11 attacks, then dramatically withdrew his plea at his arraignment in Alexandria, Va.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama continued his full-court press to pass health care reform legislation, citing a new White House study indicating that small businesses were paying far more per employee for health insurance than big companies, a disparity the president said was "unsustainable" as well as "unacceptable." Protesters across the world called on Iran to end its clampdown on opposition activists.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with the presidents of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador; afterward, he urged the leaders and congressional Republicans to help ease the influx of minors and migrant families crossing the southwest border of the United States.

One year ago: After a White House meeting, President Donald Trump and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker (zhahn-KLOHD' YUN'-kur) announced they had agreed to work toward "zero tariffs" and "zero subsidies" on non-automobile goods, dialing down tensions that had been rising. Sergio Marchionne (SEHR'-jee-oh mar-kee-OH'-nay), the founding CEO of Fiat Chrysler who saved two carmakers from near-certain failure, died at the age of 66 after complications from surgery in Switzerland. A study published in the journal Science revealed that a huge lake of salty water appears to be buried deep in Mars, raising the possibility of finding life on the planet. Undefeated Triple Crown winner Justify was retired to stud because of swelling in an ankle; the colt had won all six career starts.

Today's Birthdays: Folk-pop singer-musician Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) is 77. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 76. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 68. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 64. Model-actress Iman is 64. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 62. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 61. Celebrity chef/TV personality Geoffrey Zakarian is 60. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 58. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 58. Actress Illeana Douglas is 54. Country singer Marty Brown is 54. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 52. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 52. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (PAH'-woh LAHT'-joh-nehnn) (Apocalyptica) is 51. Actor D.B. Woodside is 50. Actress Miriam Shor is 48. Actor David Denman is 46. Actor Jay R. Ferguson is 45. Actor James Lafferty is 34. Actress Shantel VanSanten is 34. Actor Michael Welch is 32. Actress Linsey (cq) Godfrey is 31. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 24. Actor Mason Cook is 19. Actress Meg Donnelly (TV: "American Housewife") is 18. Actor Pierce Gagnon is 14.

Thought for Today: "Life is not a matter of milestones, but of moments." - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy (1890-1995).

Connecting calendar



July 27 - Services for **Ed Shearer**, a longtime AP sportswriter, will be held Saturday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, [4795 N Peachtree Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338](#). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: **Lazarus Ministries**, [2270 Defoor Hills Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318](#). The family said that so we can thank you, please have acknowledgments sent to: [130 Kimberly Rd, Canton, GA 30115](#). A family contact is Sheri Browne - sheribrowne@att.net

August 6 - A scattering of ashes for former AP Concord and Indianapolis bureau chief **Dave Swearingen**, who died in 2018, will be held Tuesday, August 6, at 10:30 a.m. at Reid State Park, [375 Seguinland Road, Georgetown ME 04548](#). Those attending should meet at the Todd's Point Parking lot and will head over to Half Mile Beach. While there is no formal service, brief remarks will be made. Dave's son Tim can be reached at timswearingen71@gmail.com

August 17 - Albany AP bureau reunion (including other upstate bureaus), 1-5 p.m., Marc and Carla Humbert residence on Tsatsawassa Lake, [68 Marginal Way, East Nassau, NY](#). Contact: Chris McKnight ([Email](#)).

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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