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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 15th day of August 2019,

It is with sadness that Connecting brings you the news of the death of our colleague **Carol Stark**, editor of The Joplin (Missouri) Globe, who died Wednesday after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

I got to know Carol from the time I came to Kansas City in 1984. A fine journalist and an even finer person, she was one of the strongest supporters of the AP in the Show Me State. Her shining moment as editor came in directing the Globe's coverage of the 2011 tornado in Joplin that killed 158 people including a member of its staff.

In the midst of the tornado chaos, Carol unhesitatingly agreed to welcome a Missouri Press Association-sponsored documentary film crew in The Globe newsroom. Former AP Jefferson City Correspondent and Missouri Roving Reporter **Scott Charton** led the crew in documenting how The Globe not only covered the disaster, but dealt with its own losses.

"Carol never sought the spotlight, but her calm, steady leadership came through as she not only met relentless deadlines but nurtured a hurting staff and rallied them to some amazing journalism. She was the embodiment of a caring, committed community newspaper editor," Charton recalled Wednesday. The documentary, "Deadline In Disaster," went on to win the Midwest Regional Emmy for Best Documentary, and it has become a staple for presentations to journalism classes and press meetings. Click [here](#) for a link to the film trailer that includes Carol.

Paul

Joplin Globe Editor Carol Stark dies after battle with cancer



Carol Stark, editor of The Joplin Globe, who died Wednesday at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis after a long battle with cancer, was remembered by friends and co-workers for her professionalism, warmth and humor.

Stark, 61, was recent past president of the Missouri Press Association and will be inducted into that organization's Newspaper Hall of Fame in September, only the second person from the Globe to receive that honor.

Donna Barrett, president and CEO of CNHI newspapers, the Globe's parent company, remembered Stark for her warmth and her wit.

"Carol was an outstanding journalist and woman," Barrett said in a statement. "She was strong, funny, warm and wise, which is why she was tapped for leadership roles in CNHI and the Missouri Press Association. Everyone gravitated to her, and we all benefited from being around her."



Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

Carla and Marc Humbert to celebrate 50th anniversary when hosting Upstate New York AP reunion



From way back when (1969). Marc and Carla Fleck Humbert



Carla and Marc (December 2015, beach bar in Nassau, the Bahamas)

Marc Humbert ([Email](#)) - I was not at

Woodstock!

Not that we didn't think about going. I was working at The Saratogian newspaper - then a Gannett-owned daily - in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., covering city and county politics, cops and whatever else came my way. And, my girlfriend and I had just made the decision to move in together. First, we decided we had to sit down with her parents and tell them the good (or bad, depending on your perspective) news. We didn't want to wait, so instead of heading to Woodstock, we headed south to Tsatsawassa Lake for the weekend and the talk.

On Saturday night, we were sitting together on a porch glider talking about how we would handle the discussion the next morning. Carla was very nervous about how it might go. My response: Why don't we just get married? And, we did, that October. The conversation with Carla's parents went quite smoothly.

So this Saturday, 50 years later, Carla and I will celebrate the golden anniversary of our engagement. We will be at Tsatsawassa Lake (where we now live) and, as it turns out, we will be joined by a lot of good friends. We are hosting a reunion of current and former AP upstate New York staffers. Should be quite the party!

Your stories from Woodstock - 50 years ago



Kevin Noblet ([Email](#)) - Above is a shot of me and friends after we left Woodstock. I'm the one on the left, shouldering the tent we stayed in.

I was 16 and went to the festival with a brother, Jon, then 18. (In the photo, he's third from the right, in dark-framed glasses.) Our mother drove us up there from Stamford CT in the family Chevy station wagon and dropped us off with the big Sears tent, a Coleman stove and a cooler full of minute steaks, hot dogs and other food. We arrived late Wednesday, two days before the music started, but the festival already had begun. The sun was setting in haze from little bonfires, fed by damp hay from the freshly mowed fields.

"Smells like a lot of pot. Maybe I shouldn't leave you here," my mother said. But she did.

Another brother, Matt, had come along and wanted to stay, too, but that wasn't happening. He was just 10. Mom was pretty easy with us, but not that easy.

As more people arrived in coming days, our blue and yellow tent wound up being a kind of center for people from Stamford, who put up cardboard signs around the area identifying each neighborhood they were from-Springdale, Glenbrook, the Cove, etc. Stamford was, and still is, a city of warring tribes. But we all pretty much got along in the spirit of Woodstock.

On Thursday, a carload of my friends was arriving and my brother and I walked out to the main road to greet them. It was then we realized what a crowd Woodstock was drawing. The road was jammed. People were parking miles away and hiking in. We still somehow met up with our friends who, to my surprise, included my girlfriend, also 16. "Your mom let you come?" I asked. "No. I didn't tell her. I just left," she replied.

In the parlance of the time, that kind of killed my buzz. I suspected I'd be blamed when she got home and the truth came out.

But there was still much fun to be had. Wandering the fields, I saw my first full-daylight skinny dippers in a small pond on the land, tired folks sleeping on the hoods of state trooper cars, the troopers themselves stranded and generally amused by all the hippies around them. Etc etc-all the things that would make the news reports and documentaries.

On Friday morning we settled ourselves early on a blanket pretty close to the stage. The tall chain-link fence around the big grassy bowl we were in was still going up. When it was finished sometime in the afternoon, they announced from the stage that we had to get up, go outside and present our tickets to get back in. There were many thousands of us inside by then and we weren't budging. They asked several times before declaring, "It's a free concert."

We enjoyed the Friday afternoon bands, starting with Richie Havens. In the evening we returned to our campsite and listened from there to others, including Ravi Shankar.

We lit up our Coleman stove and started cooking, and it attracted a hungry crowd that hovered around us in the night. We found ourselves handing out those hot dogs and steak sandwiches until we had nothing left-our five-day food supply gone in no time.

Saturday, we enjoyed the scene for a while, but the mud, chaos and lack of food started getting to us. We decided to leave that afternoon, as did a fair number of others. As we hiked out, lots of people were still hiking in. We made it to our friends' car, and we all jammed inside for the trip home.

When we made it back to the driver's home in New Jersey, I remember him saying, "I wish I was still there." I too felt a pang of regret over not staying to the muddy, hungry, joyful end. Then we posed for this picture.

A match made in AP heaven



Connecting colleagues **Kia Breaux** and **Rod Richardson** became engaged to be married August 10.

Breaux is an AP regional director based in Kansas City, while Richardson, who is a former AP assistant bureau chief in Dallas, is city editor for the City of Kansas City. No wedding date has been set.

The two first met in 1998 through their roles at AP and began dating four years ago.

Breaux has two sons, John, 14, and Jaden, 10. Richardson has three grown children who live in Dallas - Rod II, Brandon and Tasha.

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An update on AP style on Kyiv

By John Daniszewski, AP Vice President for Standards

We are making a significant change in our style for the Ukrainian capital city Kiev. It will henceforth be written in text, captions and datelines as Kyiv.

The change is in line with the Ukrainian government's preferred name and transliteration. The spelling Kyiv also has been gaining usage over the last decade among governments, international bodies and media organizations.

The former spelling, Kiev, will still be seen in AP stories in certain contexts, such as the popular culinary dish, chicken Kiev, and in historical contexts, such as Kievan Rus, the name of the early East Slavic culture and state.

Although the AP prefers traditional English spellings for many cities, including Rome, Moscow and Warsaw (not Roma, Moskva and Warszawa), we regard the Ukrainian spelling of Kyiv as an important adaptation because it is linked to Ukraine's present status. To many Ukrainians, the former spelling Kiev appears outdated because it is associated with a time when Ukraine was part of the Russian and Soviet states, rather than an independent country.

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

What's your guess on AP photos this art is based on

Kevin Walsh ([Email](#)) - Spotted these AP Images during a recent visit to the Tate Modern in London. They were of part of an exhibit by an Iranian artist who takes agency news photos and adds his own twist.

I won't defend the quality of this modern art or the potential copyright violation, but it would be interesting to see the original AP Images. Sorry, didn't catch the name of the artist.

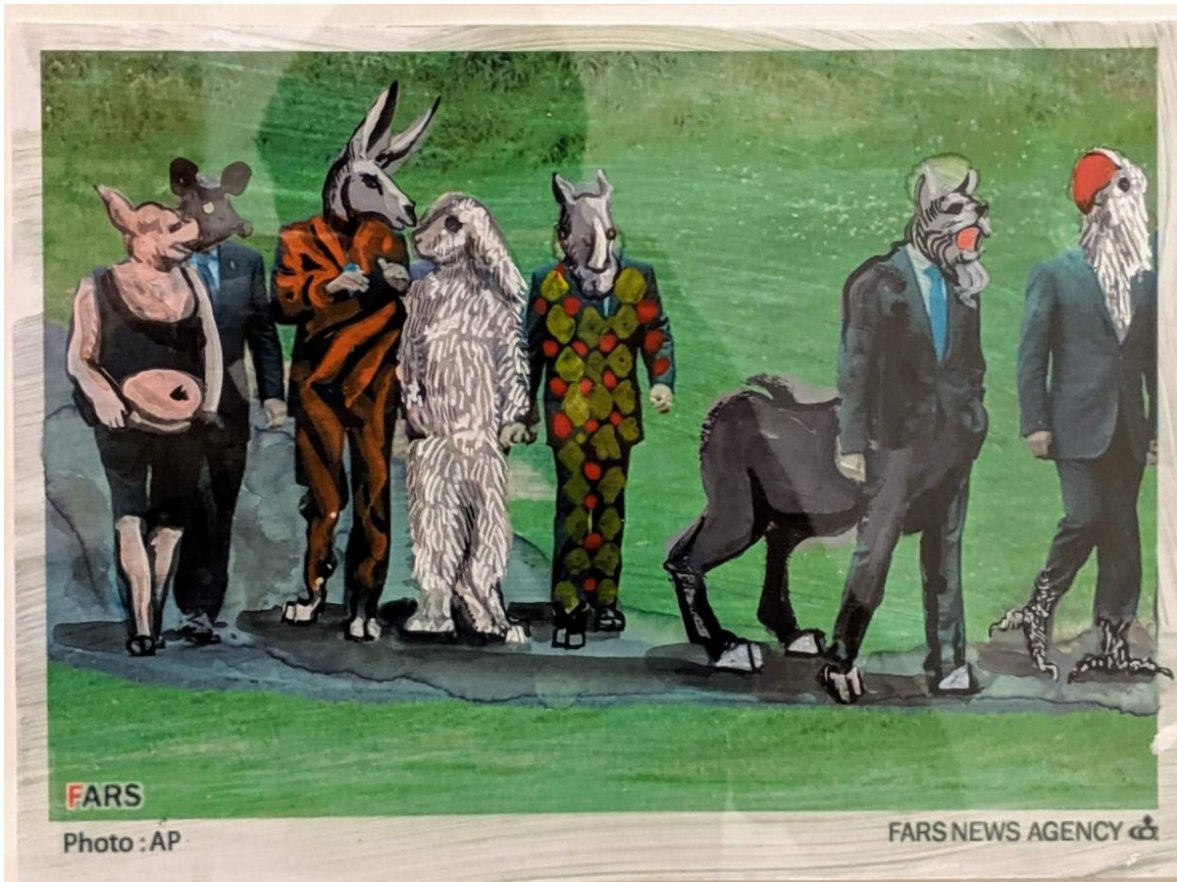
Connecting asked our colleague **Valerie Komor**, director of AP Corporate Archives, for her best guess:



From the Gallery...



The first could be based on Oded Balilty's Pulitzer-winning photo. It shows a Jewish settler struggling with an Israeli security officer during clashes that erupted as authorities evacuated the West Bank settlement outpost of Amona, east of the Palestinian town of Ramallah, on Feb. 1, 2006. Balilty of the Associated Press won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography for this image.



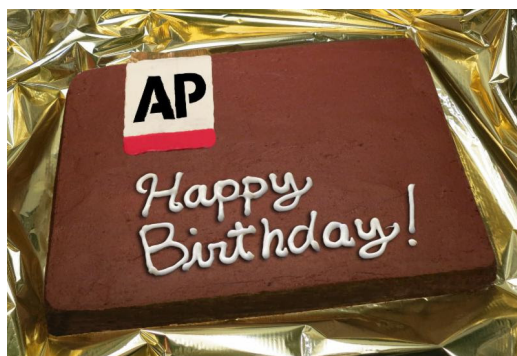
From the Gallery...



The other makes me think of the AP photo by Roberto Borea of the Clinton family walking with their dog, Buddy, toward a helicopter from the White House on Aug. 18, 1998. The family departed for vacation on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., one day after Clinton admitted on national TV that he misled the public about his relationship with Monica Lewinski.

Anyone have their own guesses on what AP photos the artwork was based upon?

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Today in History - August 15, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2019. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

On this date:

In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV.

In 1888, T.E. Lawrence, the British soldier who gained fame as "Lawrence of Arabia," was born in Tremadoc, Wales.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon.

In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1961, as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire in a scene captured in a famous photograph.

In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1995, the Justice Department agreed to pay \$3.1 million to white separatist Randy Weaver and his family to settle their claims over the killing of Weaver's wife and son during a 1992 siege by federal agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

In 2017, President Donald Trump, who'd faced harsh criticism for initially blaming the deadly weekend violence in Charlottesville, Virginia on "many sides," told reporters that there were "very fine people on both sides" of the confrontation and that groups protesting against the white supremacists were "also very violent." (In between those statements, at the urging of aides, Trump had offered a more direct condemnation of white supremacists.)

Ten years ago: U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., visiting Myanmar, was able to secure the release of John Yettaw, an American imprisoned for swimming to the home of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. A wedding tent fire in Kuwait claimed the lives of 55 women and children.

Five years ago: Texas Gov. Rick Perry was indicted by a grand jury for allegedly abusing the powers of his office by carrying out a threat to veto funding for state prosecutors investigating public corruption. (A coercion charge was tossed on

appeal before Texas' highest criminal court voided the abuse of power charge in February 2016.)

One year ago: President Donald Trump revoked the security clearance of ex-CIA Director John Brennan in an unprecedented act of retribution against a vocal critic; Trump later told The Wall Street Journal that Brennan was among those he held responsible for the Russia investigation. In a speech blasting Trump and his "Make America Great Again" slogan, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said America "was never that great," and wouldn't be great until all Americans share true equality. (Cuomo would later say that his words had been "inartful," and that "America has always been great.") A suicide bomber struck a private education center in a Shiite neighborhood of the Afghan capital, killing 34 young men and women; the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Abby Dalton is 87. Actress Lori Nelson is 86. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 84. Actor Jim Dale is 84. Actress Pat Priest is 83. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 81. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is 81. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 77. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 75. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 73. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 71. Actress Phyllis Smith is 70. Britain's Princess Anne is 69. Actress Tess Harper is 69. Actor Larry Mathews is 64. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 62. Actor-comedian Rondell Sheridan is 61. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 58. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu is 56. Philanthropist Melinda Gates is 55. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 53. Actor Peter Hermann is 52. Actress Debra Messing is 51. Actor Anthony Anderson is 49. Actor Ben Affleck is 47. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 47. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 45. Actress Nicole Paggi is 42. Christian rock musician Tim Foreman (Switchfoot) is 41. Actress Emily Kinney is 35. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 35. Latin pop singer Belinda (cq) is 30. Actress Courtney Hope is 30. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 30. Actor-singer Carlos PenaVega is 30. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 29. Rap DJ Smoove da General (Cali Swag District) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live." - Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870).

Connecting calendar



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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