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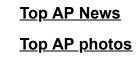


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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 4th day of September 2019,

Our colleague **Ric Feld** - formerly with AP Photos in Atlanta - was looking for a home for a restored AP Teletype - one of the two AP Teletypes that had been rebuilt for display in the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

When only one was needed, Ric saved it in his office for years but after a serious downsize when he moved from Central Florida to Western North Carolina to be near his grandson, he had reached the point where a taker was needed - or it might be trashed.

The AP Teletype has a new home - in the form of a North Carolina community newspaper, one of the oldest independently owned in the state, that used to have a Teletype at its radio station. So the story has a happy ending.

Long live Teletypes! They are a big piece of the AP's history. And if you, like me, have one on display in your home, make sure it finds a good next resting place when the time to downsize arrives.

In our lead item today, former AP bureau chief **Andy Lippman** tells why he feels lucky to have worked with two chiefs of communication - in Indianapolis and Los Angeles.

Have a great day!

Paul

Thanks, Walt and Russ, for all you did for me

Andy Lippman (Email) - I was so blessed to work with wonderful chiefs of communication throughout my career as a bureau chief. Lloyd Swann and Pat Bradshaw both really helped me. It was Walt Tabak in Indiana and Russ Kaurloto in LA who both fill my memory with their professional help and their personal friendships.

Walt was this guy who - when you met him - would look at you with this evil eye and say, "Andy, don't make me mad." So I tried never to make him mad. First, of all, I kind of believed him when he said it.

But then I discovered that Walt and his wife Dot were so beloved that they practically ran the state meetings. The Sunday Bloody Mary brunch was really their

party. In fact, they made the drinks. The fact that Walt, and especially Dot, liked me made it that much easier for me to gain credibility with the members. And Walt would do anything for the members because he had been there for so long. He knew them and almost all of them loved him back.

Dot would invite me over on Christmas Eve just so I could have her mushroom caps stuffed with crab, and she would send me home with food. They embodied love for each other, and if Dot thought someone was doing her husband or the AP wrong, look out.



Walt Tabak

I still miss them both so much.

The other person who helped me as much as he says I helped him is Russ Kaurloto. He became COC a few years after I arrived in LA and is now a vice president for technology at Clemson University.



Russ Kaurloto

I liked to travel with the COC's I worked with, and Russ was a friendly guy who was learning how to be an executive. He was a fast learner. He knew so much more than I did about technology (which wasn't hard). He also knew how I worked with members and we worked well together in that area. Traveling with Russ meant having time to think about what I was doing in my job. He was so involved in the build-out of the LA bureau (as was ACOB Spencer Jones). He and Larry Blasko came up with creative ideas for how things would work.

He was also the kind of person who realized that he had to be out in the newsroom to know how to help

them. He was liked by the editorial staff and they came to him with their problems and he was a well-liked in the newsroom as well as by his own techs.

He never failed when it came to solving a member problem, and he never failed in being a good friend. I am so proud that he went back to school and got his bachelor's degree and now holds such a prestigious position at Clemson (vice president and CIO). He is a role model for someone who knew what he needed to do for future advancement. He not only got his degree, but he was like a sponge when it came to learning what he needed to do for success in the AP.

Looking back on my career in LA, some of my favorite times were shared on the road with Russ.

I owe thanks to all of the COCS I worked with, but Walt (and Dot) Tabak and Russ Kaurloto really made me a better executive and more aware of what real friendship is all about.

Connecting mailbox

Remembering Joe Quinlan

Mike Short (Email) - I hired Joe Quinlan for the AP's Springfield (Massachusetts) office in the 1980s when he was fresh from UMass Amherst. He was energetic and aggressive. I'd like to think that The AP taught him some of the skills he used later as a dogged prosecutor and champion of victims. Those of us who knew him weren't surprised that he had fought off a much larger assailant intent on stabbing him to death.

In today's Boston Globe, columnist Kevin Cullen pays tribute to Joe, whom he had known since college days. Click here to read.

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Beating the Washington Press Corps

Joe McGowan (Email) - In 1962, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, I managed to beat the entire Washington Press Corps by about one hour with a significant story.

I was at that time an AP reporter based in Miami. British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan arranged to meet in the Bahamas with President John F. Kennedy to discuss the Soviet-Cuban situation. They met in a private home which was on a tiny island offshore from Nassau connected to the mainland by a bridge.

All of the American and British press corps were located in a major hotel in Nassau and a ballroom was converted into a large pressroom. AP was represented by the AP White House fellow and by an AP man from New York headquarters who

specialized in writing about world events. They got to Nassau and found that they were spending many hours in the pressroom waiting for periodic visits by White House press man Pierre Salinger. For hours there was nothing to do. So, they called AP headquarters and said they needed another person. AP contacted Miami bureau chief Paul Hansell and he sent me to Nassau. I wound up sitting in the press room while the two senior AP men went out to play golf or otherwise entertain themselves. On the final day, they got word that Salinger would come in with the final joint communiqué. The two AP senior guys told me I was done and could fly back to Miami, go shopping or whatever. I wasn't needed anymore. I was disgusted at being dismissed that way. I went out and got in my rented car and started up a road along the coastline, trying to figure out what to do. Suddenly, I realized I was coming to the bridge which led to the house where the British and American leaders were meeting. I stopped the car and a couple Secret Service men came over to talk to me. I showed them my press credentials and they approved my presence as long as I did not block or try to cross the bridge. Shortly, a car came over the bridge and I got out of my car and the other driver, Pierre Salinger, recognized me and stopped. He said he had the final communiqué and I might as well have a copy!! He left and I rushed to the nearest pay phone and dictated the communiqué story to AP New York. When the White House guy called, he was told the entire story had moved on the wire about an hour earlier!! The rest of the news media quickly found out that their organizations had received the AP story quite a while ago!!

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AP sighting - NYT Crossword

Harry Dunphy (Email) - Sunday NYT Crossword, 64 across: Sources of N.C.A.A. rankings:

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Setting sun silhouetted by Intrepid



Jim Gerberich (Email) - The Labor Day sun sets on the Hudson River silhouetting the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid, CV-11.

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I was fortunate to have worked half my life for the AP

Hal Bock (Email) - I was reflecting the other day - I do that a lot now that I am a member of the 80s club - of how fortunate I was to spend half my life working for The AP.

I had supportive parents who encouraged me to follow my dreams. If I couldn't play left field for a major league baseball team, I could write about the game. They sent me to NYU to study journalism and I was there when Prof. Hillier Krieghbaum got a call from Ted Smits, who was the AP sports editor. He was looking for someone to work on the 1960 Olympic Desk and Krieghbaum recommended me.

I began my AP career working two summer relief stints, 1960 and 1962, before I was hired to a fulltime spot in November 1963, three weeks before President Kennedy was assassinated. I joined a staff that was a veritable Who's Who of sportswriters, people like Joe Reichler and Jack Hand, Murray Rose and Will Grimsley, Jim Becker and Spike Claassen, Mike Rathet and Jack Clary, Jim Kensil and Don Weiss. It was a classroom of the craft. I soaked it all in. I worked for some terrific sports editors like Bob Johnson, Wick Temple and Terry Taylor.

I got to cover 30 World Series and 30 Super Bowls and countless other major events from the Kentucky Derby and Masters Golf to the Final Four and Wimbledon and many boxing title fights. There were 11 Olympics that took me from Sarajevo to Seoul and Barcelona to Sydney, as well as France and Japan - places I never dreamed of visiting.

I won my share of APSE awards for which I was grateful because they meant that member editors appreciated my work. In retrospect, I don't think left field would have worked out nearly as well.

AP Photo of the Day



James Miranda pauses Monday to mourn the victims of a boat fire off the Southern California coast, which claimed as many as 34 lives. | Ringo H.W. Chiu/AP Photo

Stories of interest

Judge orders White House to restore press pass of reporter involved in confrontation (Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi

A federal judge on Tuesday reversed the White House's decision to suspend a reporter's press credentials, granting a motion that will restore him to his beat.

The ruling was a victory for Brian Karem, a White House correspondent for Playboy magazine and a CNN political analyst, who had been suspended by officials for 30 days in mid-August because of his role in a verbal confrontation with a former White House aide at a White House event on July 11.

He was the second reporter suspended in the past nine months, a step that appears to be without recent precedent before President Trump's administration. Trump banned more than a dozen news organizations, including The Washington Post, from his campaign events in 2015 and 2016 but said he wouldn't do so if he became president.

Read more **here**. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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Young people may download news apps, but they spend very little time with them (Nieman)

By LAURA HAZARD OWEN

Want to see how under-35s are consuming news? You've got to get hold of their phones, and that's exactly what researchers did for a report released this week by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.

The research was conducted by consulting firm Flamingo for Reuters; it's intended to complement Reuters' previously released qualitative study, the 2019 Digital News Report, which looked more broadly at the news habits of younger people. This time around, the research focused deeply on a small group: Flamingo worked with 20 people between the ages of 18 and 35, half in the U.S. and half in the UK: Tracking their smartphone behavior for two weeks, having them complete digital diaries about their offline news usage, and then following up with 90-minute in-home interviews and 60-minute "friendship trios," which allowed for the exploration of the social side of news in a group setting.

On those 20 young people's phones, Instagram was the primary app: Every one of the 20 had it and spent the most time on it daily. News apps, by comparison, received much less usage. Apple News is pre-installed on iPhones, which helps account for its relative prominence here - but "no news app (with the exception of Reddit) was within the top 25 apps used by respondents...For two of the four individuals who had the BBC news app on their phone during the two-week tracking period; the app represented less than 1 percent of usage time for both."

Read more here.

The Final Word

7 Ways the Printing Press Changed the World (history.com)

By DAVE ROOS

Knowledge is power, as the saying goes, and the invention of the mechanical movable type printing press helped disseminate knowledge wider and faster than ever before.

German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg is credited with inventing the printing press around 1436, although he was far from the first to automate the book-printing process. Woodblock printing in China dates back to the 9th century and Korean bookmakers were printing with moveable metal type a century before Gutenberg.

But most historians believe Gutenberg's adaptation, which employed a screw-type wine press to squeeze down evenly on the inked metal type, was the key to unlocking the modern age. With the newfound ability to inexpensively mass-produce books on every imaginable topic, revolutionary ideas and priceless ancient knowledge were placed in the hands of every literate European, whose numbers doubled every century.

Here are just some of the ways the printing press helped pull Europe out of the Dark Ages and accelerate human progress.

Read more here. Shared by Paul Albright.

Today in History - September 4, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2019. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1998, Internet services company Google filed for incorporation in California.

On this date:

In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

In 1944, during World War II, British troops liberated Antwerp, Belgium.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1972, "The New Price Is Right," hosted by Bob Barker, premiered on CBS. (The game show later dropped the "New" from its title and expanded from a half-hour to an hour.)

In 1987, a Soviet court convicted West German pilot Mathias Rust of charges stemming from his daring flight to Moscow's Red Square, and sentenced him to four years in a labor camp. (Rust was released in August 1988.)

In 1999, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-security agreement during a ceremony in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

In 2006, "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, 44, died after a stingray's barb pierced his chest.

In 2008, with a pledge that "change is coming," Sen. John McCain accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, vowing to vanquish what he called the "constant partisan rancor" gripping Washington. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in a sex scandal, forcing the Democrat out of office after months of defiantly holding onto his job.

In 2017, Texas emergency management officials said at least 60 deaths were attributed to Hurricane Harvey.

Ten years ago: A German army colonel called in a U.S. airstrike on a pair of hijacked tanker trucks in northern Afghanistan, resulting in civilian casualties. (German officials said up to 142 people were believed to have died or been injured; Afghan leaders estimated 30 to 40 civilians were killed.)

Five years ago: Comedian Joan Rivers died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office during a routine medical procedure.

One year ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee began confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on a day that saw rancorous exchanges between Democrats and Republicans on the panel, and a declaration by Kavanaugh that the high court must "never be viewed as a partisan institution." (Kavanaugh would be confirmed in October on a near-party-line vote of 50-48.) Amazon became the second publicly-traded company to reach \$1 trillion in market value, following closely behind Apple. Former Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl was named to temporarily fill the Senate seat left open by the death of John McCain. Comic actor Bill Daily, the sidekick to leading men on TV's "I Dream of Jeannie" and "The Bob Newhart Show," died in New Mexico at the age of 91.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 88. Soul singer Sonny Charles is 79. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 78. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 77. TV personality and veterinarian Dr. Jan (yahn) Pol (TV: "The Incredible Dr. Pol") is 77. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 77. Actress Jennifer Salt is 75. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 70. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPread is 69. Actress Judith Ivey is 68. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 68. Actor Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs is 66. Actress Khandi Alexander is 62. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans Sr. is 59. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 59. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 50. Actor Noah Taylor is 50. Actress lone (eye-OH'-nee) Skye is 49. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 45. Pop-rock singer-DJ-musician-producer Mark Ronson is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 44. Rock musician Ian Grushka (New Found Glory) is 42. Actor Wes Bentley is 41. Actor Max Greenfield is 40. Country singer Granger Smith is 40. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 39. Singer Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say) Knowles is 38. Country singer-musician Tom Gossin (Gloriana) is 38. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 37. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 35. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (NEE'-lah peh-KAYR'-ehk) (formerly with The Lumineers) is 33. Pop-rock singer-songwriter James Bay is 29. Actor Carter Jenkins is 28. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 24.

Thought for Today: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift, that's why we call it the present." - Joan Rivers (1933-2014).

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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