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Colleagues

Good Tuesday morning on this the first day of October 2019,

Connecting colleague **Ed Bell** was recognized by many of us as one of the AP's best during his career with The Associated Press that included work as a regional television executive and Boston chief of bureau.

Retired since 2005, Ed is now making his mark in his community of Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he was honored last week by the Chamber of Commerce as its Person of the Year.

We lead with that story as Connecting arrives on the first day of October. Many of you are like Ed in making contributions to your fellow man post-retirement. Don't be shy. Share your story. It might inspire a colleague to do the same.

Have a great day!

Paul

**Marblehead Chamber of Commerce  
presents Ed Bell with person of the  
year award**



**By William J. Dowd**

Marblehead resident Ed Bell accepted one of the town's highest honors: The Rey Moulton Person of the Year Award to a standing ovation from a Corinthian Yacht Club crowd on Thursday night.

Bell's wide-ranging service activities and leadership across a handful of local organizations and the Marblehead Council on Aging Board earned him the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce accolade.

When Bell retired from a lifelong journalism career in 2006, volunteering became his full-time vocation.

"I retired from the Associated Press a dozen or so years ago after 50 years of [around-the-clock] work," said Bell. "I looked forward to sleeping in and relaxing."

But shortly after retiring, a friend convinced him to join the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor, whose membership convenes meetings at "the ungodly hour" of 7:15 a.m, he said. However, he added their "service above self" motto and service projects hooked him.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Lumpkin.

## 'I don't grieve out loud, but I'll always miss Karen'



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Paul Shane's wife Karen died Saturday of complications from Alzheimer's disease. She was 77. His address is: [1220 N. 13th St., Whitehall, PA 18052](#). He shares these memories with his Connecting colleagues.)

**Paul Shane (Email)** - Karen and I were married 58 years ago at the tender ages of 19 and 21. We met in high school - and as I like to say, "There were some long days, but the years went pretty fast."

We have five children, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Karen was preceded by her parents and a sister. She is survived by four sisters and a brother.

Karen kept our family together all those years while I was out having AP photographer fun. She tolerated over 20 years of me commuting five hours a day going from the Pennsylvania Poconos to New York City.

As the wife of a Wisconsin staff photographer and of the Pennsylvania Newsphoto editor, Karen attended state membership meetings where she became popular with member spouses and became de facto hostess for spouse activities during the business meetings. One year, Milwaukee COB Henderson was more upset at Karen's absence than mine.

Two years ago, due to Karen's progressing illness, we moved from our retirement home at Hilton Head Island back to Pennsylvania to be near daughters.

I don't grieve out loud, but I'll always miss Karen.

## Connecting mailbox



### ***Contributions sought to build journalism scholarship created in Jon Wolman's name***

**Sandy Johnson** ([Email](#)) - Jon Wolman's family and his long-time friend Owen Ullman are seeking to increase the size of a journalism scholarship created in Jon's name at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



It is endowed to provide a \$1,000 yearly scholarship, but Owen, who retired in February from USA Today, would like to increase it with donations from those who knew Jon.

Jon, who over more than 45 years in journalism served as editor and publisher of the Detroit News and previously worked as a reporter, Washington bureau chief and executive editor at the Associated Press, died April 15 in Detroit. He was 68.

If you would like to make a contribution, contact Owen at - [owenullmann@gmail.com](mailto:owenullmann@gmail.com)

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### ***Reporters ought to keep opinions to themselves***

**Harry Cabluck (Email)** - Thank you, Mike Holmes, for confirming a very good reason for a journalist to avoid Facebooking/twittering (see Monday's Connecting).

1) Reporters ought to keep their opinions to themselves. Airing their thoughts on Twitter or in any other public forum is foolhardy.

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## ***AP Photo of the Day***



*The coffin of former French President Jacques Chirac is carried out of his last service in Paris on Monday. Francois Mori, Pool/AP Photo*

## **New-member profile: Matt Volz**



**Matt Volz with twin girls Karen and Anna**

**Matt Volz** ([Email](#)) - I've been working for the AP since 2002. I was hired for two consecutive nine-month legislative relief stints in Jackson, Mississippi, and learned the ropes from the great Ron Harrist. I remember my first time working a solo nighttime supervisor shift and being in awe that I was somehow the lone gatekeeper of Mississippi news for those few hours. The awe didn't exactly go away, but it was



tempered by the realization that gatekeeping mainly consisted of writing a half-dozen sports stories off box scores each night.

The AP hired me as a regular, full-time employee in the Anchorage, Alaska, bureau after Mississippi, and I became the Juneau correspondent less than a year later. I covered the oil industry's corrupting influence on the Alaska Legislature and the rise of Sarah Palin, and my final story before moving on to the national desk in New York was to call Palin on her cellphone to tell her she won the gubernatorial election.

I was an editor on the last versions of the national, international and supervisory desks before regionalization balkanized those desks. I spent the better part of three years on the overnight shift, and I don't think my body ever adapted to the schedule. I was prepping for my next step as a foreign correspondent, and then-international editor John Daniszewski let me enroll in Russian refresher language courses as prep. Then I got married, and soon after, former Anchorage, Salt Lake and Phoenix editor Linda Ashton told me about a new position being created in Montana - the supervisory correspondent. Looking forward to starting a family in the mountains, I bit.

I've been in Helena since 2010 and my wife and I have three kids. We like Helena a lot. It's like Juneau, a small mountain capital city, except the roads don't dead end into a mountain after 40 miles like the ones in Juneau do. I've been filling in since former Rockies news editor Joe Danborn departed for New York last year, and I've enjoyed working closely with colleagues in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. We're seeing a lot of attrition and positions going unfilled, which has presented us with new challenges and opportunities. That's how I came to contact you, wanting to make sure that Dan Elliott got his due on his retirement.

Non-AP background: Born and raised in southeastern Louisiana, a bachelor's degree in international economics from the University of Richmond and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. I served in the Peace Corps in the former Soviet Union in the mid-90s as those new nations were transitioning from communism to democracy. I worked for a humanitarian aid organization in Kosovo in 1999 after NATO intervened in the conflict between the Serbs and ethnic Albanians. I also worked for two New Orleans-area newspapers before going to Columbia.

## An AP photographer's memories of many years of football coverage

**Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)) - As I sit here in my rocking chair, memories of some of the events that occurred during my Associated Press photographic coverage of various football games floated forth.

The head coach at Ohio State University many years ago was the irascible Woody Hayes. I was at the stadium, about 1970, when OSU was getting ready to go to one of the bowl games. In walks the great St. Louis baseball great Stan Musial. He talked with a few players for a while, and then peeked in the slightly opened dressing room door of Hayes. "Hi, Woody," Musial said. Woody, replied, "I haven't got time for you today, Stan!" So much for that.

At Indiana University one day, about 1948, a rainy, muddy day, an IU player was knocked out of bounds, and he slid on his belly for about eight feet, and jammed his head under one of the player's benches. The players had to get up and pull him out.

In the 50's, I covered a game at Memphis State College (now a university). One of the players was running like heck down the sideline and headed for a touchdown. I ran right alongside to get a shot of it. As we ran rather close, a huge voice from the stands hollered, "Give the ball to Herrick!" The player looked over at me, with a questioning expression, as we continued to run.

In Cleveland, Ohio, about 1946, I was the camera bagboy for photographer Jim Mahler. One of those huge NFL players came off the field next to me. I bent my head backwards, looked up to him, and asked: "Does everyone call you sir?" He smiled in response.

At the University of Iowa, during the 1960's, anything could happen. In the Fall, the fans would throw apples at us folks on the sidelines. In the winter, they threw snowballs. That, in addition to a big cop from Des Moines, who, for whatever reason, monitored the sidelines to keep us away from the player's area. At that time I worked out of Minneapolis. My many forays into and out of Iowa would make a book.

John Croft, Minneapolis Tribune photographer, and I usually covered the same sporting events. One day, covering the lackluster University of Minnesota football game. I commented, jokingly, that the Minnesota kickoff receiver would probably fall on catching the opening kickoff and break his leg. Believe it or not, the receiver did fall, and did hurt his foot.

It was the first year for the newly organized Minnesota Vikings NFL team. Fran Tarkington was the quarterback. The offensive line was very weak, and leaked like a sieve. Fran had to run all around the backfield to escape oncoming defensive players. One day, very early in the first quarter, "Big Daddy" Lipscomb, of the Baltimore Colts, one of the greats, rushed Tarkington, grabbed him by his jersey front, and, with one hand, picked him up, and then laid him on the ground, and saying, "Little boy, you gotta stop this running around. I'm getting tired, and I don't want to hurt you." Tarkington told the story himself.

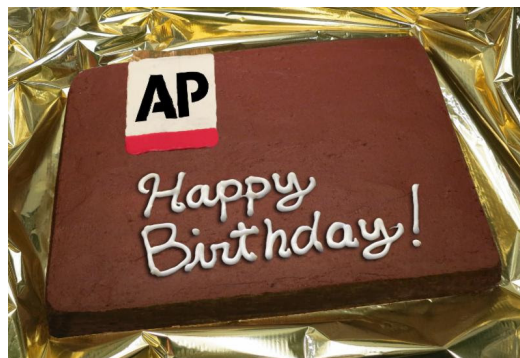
During another Viking game, at Christmas time, I was taking pictures of the Viking's huge mascot, dressed like a Scandinavian Viking, and another person dressed as Santa Claus. I had a temporary caption writer, who was also charged with alerting me if there was a danger from players heading for the sidelines. Yep, two players, still battling each other, came up from my rear and knocked me on my shoulder, sending me flying. A player from Los Angeles came running, only to admonish me to "Keep your eye on the ball." Minutes later, it was half-time. Vike's head coach, Norm van Brocklin, ran by me, knocked my shoulder, and said, "Heh, Gene, welcome to the NFL."

I always enjoyed it when the Green Bay Packers came to town, and I could cover the greats of Bart Starr, and head coach Vince Lombardi.

That also brings back the memory of covering football during a horrible-weather weekend in Wisconsin. I was stationed in Milwaukee. On a Friday night, I covered a night game in Milwaukee at the University of Marquette. The temp was near zero, and the field was frozen to the point the players had to wear tennis shoes for traction. The next morning I drove through a blinding snow storm to cover the Ohio State-Wisconsin football game in Madison. At the game, I could only see one-third of the way across the field. After that game, I drove home through the same storm. Then I got up early and drove through the continuing snowstorm to cover a Green Bay Packers NFL game. I actually followed a snowplow into Green Bay, I shall always remember that weekend.

During my 28-years as an Associated Press staff photographer, I covered a lot of very important straight news events, plus many sporting events, including football. I was so blessed to meet, and cover, some of the really great coaches, including Norm Van Brocklin, Minnesota Vikings, Frank Leahey, Notre Dame, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama, Tom Osborne, Nebraska, Vince Lombardi, Green Bay.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### ***Biden Campaign Urges TV Networks to Stop Booking Giuliani*** (New York Times)

By Michael M. Grynbaum

Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s presidential campaign contacted top television anchors and networks on Sunday to "demand" that Rudolph W. Giuliani, President Trump's personal lawyer, be kept off the air because of what they called his misleading comments about the Biden family and Ukraine.

"We are writing today with grave concern that you continue to book Rudy Giuliani on your air to spread false, debunked conspiracy theories on behalf of Donald Trump," a pair of top Biden campaign advisers, Anita Dunn and Kate Bedingfield, wrote in the letter.

"Giving Rudy Giuliani valuable time on your air to push these lies in the first place is a disservice to your audience and a disservice to journalism," the advisers wrote.

The note, which was obtained by The New York Times, was sent to executives and top political anchors at ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News and NBC, including star interviewers like Jake Tapper, Chuck Todd and Chris Wallace.

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

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### ***We're In the Middle of a Global Information War. Here's What We Need to Do to Win*** (Time)

**BY RICHARD STENGEL**

If the Russians had tried to find a more inhospitable space for our meeting, I don't know how they could have succeeded. I was led into a narrow trapezoidal room with one grimy window in a faceless building off Red Square. It was 10 days before the 2016 presidential election, and I was the last State Department official to visit Moscow before the vote. I had been Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy for almost three years, and a big part of my job had been trying to counter the deluge of Russian disinformation that we saw beginning with the invasion of Crimea in 2014. But I was under strict orders from the National Security Council to not bring up Russian disinformation or interference in the U.S. election. No one wanted any hiccups.

The two Russian officials seemed to be channeling Putin: chilly, inhospitable, inflexible. They made no effort to be pleasant-or even diplomatic. I brought up Russian harassment of American diplomats. They shrugged. I brought up the forced closing of American cultural facilities. They shrugged. I did not bring up Russian interference in our election. I wish I had.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***CPR from Post-Dispatch journalist saves man in Cubs' dugout***

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A videographer who collapsed from a heart attack in the visiting dugout at Busch Stadium is alive, thanks in part to a St. Louis Post-Dispatch journalist.

The videographer, 64-year-old Mike Flanary, was in the Chicago Cubs' dugout Sunday before the game the Cardinals eventually won 9-0 to clinch the National League Central title.

Flanary collapsed and was briefly without a pulse. The Post-Dispatch reports that baseball writer Derrick Gould had CPR training as a youth and rushed to help. The Cubs' training staff and EMTs performed further medical procedures before Flanary was taken to a hospital.

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

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## ***Waycross Journal-Herald ceases publication***

(Brunswick News)

**By TERRY DICKSON**

The Monday edition of the 105-year-old Waycross Journal-Herald will be the last, the publisher confirmed Sunday.

Roger Williams, whose family has owned the newspaper since his grandfather, Jack Williams Sr., bought it in 1916, said his brother, sister and other stockholders had no choice other than to exhaust their personal funds to continue publication.

Williams, the publisher and principal stockholder, said he gathered the employees Friday and told them of the decision.

"We told them what the situation was. I hate it, but we didn't have any recourse," Williams said.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Robert Meyers.

## **Today in History - October 1, 2019**



## By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 1, the 274th day of 2019. There are 91 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire from a room at the Mandalay Bay casino hotel in Las Vegas on a crowd of 22,000 country music fans at a concert below, leaving 58 people dead and more than 800 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history; the gunman, 64-year-old Stephen Craig Paddock, killed himself before officers arrived.

### On this date:

In 1885, special delivery mail service began in the United States.

In 1890, Congress passed the McKinley Tariff Act, which raised tariffs to a record level.

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

In 1910, the offices of the Los Angeles Times were destroyed by a bomb explosion and fire; 21 Times employees were killed.

In 1955, the situation comedy "The Honeymooners," starring Jackie Gleason, Art Carney, Audrey Meadows and Joyce Randolph, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1957, the motto "In God We Trust" began appearing on U.S. paper currency.

In 1962, Johnny Carson debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," beginning a nearly 30-year run.

In 1971, Walt Disney World opened near Orlando, Florida.

In 1982, Sony began selling the first commercial compact disc player, the CDP-101, in Japan.

In 1987, eight people were killed when an earthquake measuring magnitude 5.9 struck the Los Angeles area.

In 1994, National Hockey League team owners began a 103-day lockout of their players.

In 1996, a federal grand jury indicted Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski in the 1994 mail bomb slaying of advertising executive Thomas Mosser. (Kaczynski was later sentenced to four life terms plus 30 years.) The federal minimum wage rose 50 cents to four dollars, 75 cents an hour.

Ten years ago: The U.S. and five other world powers held high-stakes talks with Iran in Geneva to demand a freeze of its nuclear activities; President Barack Obama, in Washington, called the discussions "a constructive beginning." David Letterman publicly acknowledged having had sexual relationships with some female staffers as "48 Hours Mystery" producer Joe Halderman was charged in a blackmail plot against the CBS "Late Show" host. (Halderman later pleaded guilty to attempted grand larceny and served four months in jail.)

Five years ago: Secret Service Director Julia Pierson abruptly resigned in the face of multiple revelations of security breaches, bumbling in her agency and rapidly eroding confidence that the president and his family were being kept safe. (Pierson was succeeded by Joseph Clancy.) In a striking public rebuke, the Obama administration warned Israel that plans for a controversial new housing project in east Jerusalem would distance Israel from "even its closest allies" and raise questions about its commitment to seeking peace with Palestinians.



One year ago: The marquees on the Las Vegas Strip dimmed their lights for three minutes as officials slowly read the names of 58 people who were killed in a mass shooting a year earlier. Officials in Indonesia began burying hundreds of victims of a devastating earthquake and tsunami in a mass grave. For the first time in major league history, tie-breaking games were needed to decide two division titles; the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 to capture the National League Central Division, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Colorado Rockies 5-2 for the Western Division crown.

Today's Birthdays: Former President Jimmy Carter is 95. Actress-singer Julie Andrews is 84. Actress Stella Stevens is 81. Rock musician Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone) is 76. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew is 74. Jazz musician Dave Holland is 73. Actress Yvette Freeman is 69. Actor Randy Quaid is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Howard Hewett is 64. Former British Prime Minister Theresa May is 63. Alt-country-rock musician Tim O'Reagan (The Jayhawks) is 61. Singer Youssou N'Dour is 60. Actor Esai Morales is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Mark McGwire is 56. Actor Christopher Titus is 55. Actress-model Cindy Margolis is 54. Producer John Ridley is 54. Rock singer-musician Kevin Griffin (Better Than Ezra) is 51. Actor Zach Galifianakis is 50. Singer Keith Duffy is 45. Actress Sherri Saum is 45. Actress Kate Aselton is 41. Actress Sarah Drew is 39. Actress Carly Hughes is 37. Actor-comedian Beck Bennett is 35. Actress Junee Smollett-Bell is 33. Actress Brie Larson is 30. Singer/songwriter Jade Bird is 22. Actress Priah Ferguson is 13. Actor Jack Stanton is 11.

**Thought for Today: "Everybody favors free speech in the slack moments when no axes are being ground." - Heywood C. Broun, American journalist (1888-1939).**

## 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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