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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 16th day of December 2019,

Jules Loh's holiday ode to the nation's newspapers was a most popular read in Friday's Connecting and it sparked an idea: How many of the 49 newspapers he named have you actually visited?

So in The Final Word for today, we repeat his column so you can read and send along your answer. And perhaps a favorite story from one of those newspapers.

In Friday's Connecting, we asked those of you who left their AP career and returned later to share your story of how and why.

Thanks to **Walter Mears** for being first to respond. Now we'd like to hear from you.

My faithful co-editor **Ollie** is definitely a snow dog and awaits his leash and our walk through five inches of freshly fallen snow, so out the door we go!

Here's to a great week ahead!

Paul

I was back where I belonged, home at the AP. For good.

Walter Mears ([Email](#)) - On your Connecting question about leaving and returning to AP, I did so briefly (9 months) in 1974-5.

I was ACOB in Washington at the time and found myself bogged down in paperwork and memos when I wanted to be reporting and writing. The Detroit News contacted me about becoming its Washington bureau chief, offering significantly more money than I was earning, plus a company car. I was not looking - they came to me with an offer that seemed too good to refuse.

I agreed to it and left AP but soon realized it wasn't going to work.

I missed the urgency and central role of the AP in news coverage.

So I reversed course, returning to the AP as a special correspondent. I did so for a lower salary than I had been making. But as they say, money isn't everything. I was more satisfied and productive in my work. I was back where I belonged, home at the AP. For good.

Julie Klugman: 1944 - 2019

(Julie Klugman was the wife of Connecting colleague Craig Klugman, longtime editor of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette. His email is - cklugman2@comcast.net)

Julia Sue (Terpening) Klugman, 75, of Fort Wayne, a retired media clerk at Harrison Hill Elementary School and mother of two children, one of whom blessed her with a grandchild and both of whom made her proud every day, died Friday, December 13, 2019.

She was born on July 15, 1944, in Harrisburg, Illinois, and fondly called herself an army brat, having grown up on half a dozen army bases, including those in Japan and Germany. She attended Knox College, in Galesburg, Illinois, graduating with a degree in chemistry in 1966.

Before Fort Wayne and Harrison Hill, Julie worked as a food chemist, teacher, and store manager in the Chicago area. She moved to Fort Wayne in 1982 after her husband accepted a job there. She started volunteering in the Harrison Hill media center. After her children left the school, she worked part time there and was later promoted to head it. She retired in 2012.



She is survived by her husband, Craig, to whom she was married for 48 years; a son, Joshua, in Philadelphia; a daughter, Carolyn (Nathan) Jones, and her beloved granddaughter, Marigold, in Cambridge, Massachusetts; two sisters, Maxine Stavros and Donna Floyd; and four brothers, Robert, John, William, and Edmund Terpening.

A memorial service and time of sharing will be 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, [6424 Winchester Rd., Fort Wayne](#) with a gathering of family and friends beginning at 5:00 p.m. Instead of flowers, the family asks that you contribute to the Fort Wayne Community Schools Foundation or to any FWCS school.

Click [here](#) for a link to the obituary.

More holiday odes to newspapers

Bruce Lowitt ([Email](#)) - The extraordinary Jules Loh paean to newspapers (in Friday's Connecting) reminded me of a short Christmas ode to New York newspapers which I heard in the 1960s. I have no idea who wrote it (Google was no help) but I thought I'd pass it along.

Hark, the Herald Tribune chimes.

Glory to the New York Times.

If Republicans irk you most,

Democrats read the New York Post.

Illiterates have narrow views.

They read the Mirror and the Daily News.

Besides these papers I've debunked,

the Brooklyn Eagle is defunct.

Hark, the Herald Tribune chimes.

Glory to the New York Times.

And if you'll permit me, a personal (but hardly worthy) two-line addendum to Jules' poem:

My career's first stories? I would write 'em

For the Port Chester (N.Y.) Daily Item.

More thoughts on meaning of 73

John Epperson ([Email](#)) - I have to agree with our ham operator friend on meaning of 73 (in Friday's edition). I have been a ham now since 1971 when still back in j-school at Ball State in Indiana. The 73 originated long ago and was in use by Western Union telegraphers who operated by transmitted clicks on their receiver which then would become the same device used to reply an answer to the other operator. It was a system of time between clicks and numbers of clicks.

When Morse Code came into use with the beginning of use of carrier wave radio transmission, it used a series of dots and dashes, heard as a tone. The numerals 7 and 3 began being used as series of dots and dashes also called da's for these numerals are exactly opposite. Seven is transmitted as da da dit dit dit. Three is opposite, sent as dit dit dit da da. Operators send a signal of friendship at the end of communication. It is easy to send, the opposites numbers.

Every amateur (ham) radio operator in the world knows it. There are many other abbreviations we use. At the end of a two-way communication many operators send or say, QSL, meaning I have received your transmission and confirm it. Some are universal for any radio system on Earth, ie, SOS known as the international telegraphic call of distress. The Morse code equivalent of the open voice call of MAYDAY.

Ham operators, military operators, emergency service and commercial stations all have abbreviated signals.

JE, W0GBT, whiskey zero gulf bravo tango.

QSL your Connecting message.

73.

And look at this, our own signal!!!, -30-

More AP-related scholarships:

Patrick J. Sherlock Scholarships

The News Media Guild, which represents workers at Associated Press, The Guardian US, United Press International, and the Spanish EFE News Service, awards scholarships named after the late Patrick J. Sherlock, president of the union and AP staffer in New York, Maine and New Hampshire.

The scholarships are drawn by lottery to any applying Guild member or his/her spouse or partner, children, parents, grandparent or grandchild, or other member of the Guild member's immediate household, relative, friend or co-worker.

Scholarship candidates must be enrolled full or part time in an accredited degree or certification program in an accredited, post-secondary educational institution. Click [here](#) for further information.

The scholarships are announced by the Guild in-house annually in late spring/early summer to the union's discussion list.

Adolphe Bernotas, who shared this information, adds that "Patrick J. Sherlock is also the late husband of Virginia Pitt Sherlock, one of the incredibly courageous seven AP women staffers who opened AP to women and minorities in the EEOC suit. She had been a General Desk staffer; now practices law in Stuart, Fla."

Hats Off to the Real Media in Washington

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - My heart and pride go out to the real legitimate media folks covering the untruthful the Trump beat, as well as the impeachment process.

I admire the heck out of all of the reporters, especially those great Associated Press folks, on the beat and at the various transmission spots. Their job of trying to make sense of that complicated Congressional process is amazing. Further, trying to be unbiased and handling all of the obvious untruths being displayed awesome.

Further, a big tip of the hat to the great photographers for their spontaneous and alertness to the picture taking that tells the story. I especially am proud of those wonderful closeup facial expression shots that really tell the story of anguish of the Congressional jury. That kind of photography takes constant alertness, and quickness of the shooting finger.

Oh yes, I feel completely useless in my rocking chair now, and visualize so much of being my ole self as an AP photographer, and having the opportunity to be there where the action is.

Newspapers in art - Spain



Statue commemorating the 75th anniversary of Diario Cordoba in 2016. Spotted in Cordoba, Spain. (Shared by Kevin Walsh)

Best of the Week

'What Can Be Saved?': Global series explores heroic efforts to revive ecosystems



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

The 12-week "What Can Be Saved?" series pushed the boundaries of AP's storytelling capabilities with vibrant stories and absolutely stunning visuals.

The brief for the project was anything but simple: find a way to cover climate change's effects on the planet in a way that avoided turning the audience off with a gloom-and-doom or heavily text-centric approach.

The result was "What Can Be Saved?", a sprawling environmental series that expanded the boundaries of AP's visual storytelling. The series traveled to 10 countries on five continents, focusing on everything from attempts to bring back Jamaica's coral reefs, to the conservation of lions and gorillas in Africa, to China's ambitious plans to build a national park system, to a trip down one of Europe's last wild rivers.

It was the work of 33 journalists, 15 editors and four translators throughout AP's global newsroom, reaching millions of people across all formats - and not just because Leonardo DiCaprio touted some of the installments on Instagram and Twitter. The series was able to leverage grant money to fund improvements in AP's platform that will serve all our best journalism going forward, including the ability to display full-bleed photos and looped videos. It also reached audiences in new ways, with a highlight in audience engagement being the performance of the mini-documentaries and other online videos.

Read more [here](#).

Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Extra! Extra! Pike Place Market newsstand to close after 40 years (Seattle Times)



First and Pike News, the landmark newsstand at Pike Place Market, will close at the end of December. (Alan Berner / The Seattle Times)

By Nicole Brodeur

After selling newspapers and magazines from around the world on a corner of Pike Place Market for 40 years, First and Pike News is making some news of its own.

Owner Lee Lauckhart has decided to close the landmark newsstand on Dec. 31. The stand was built of words, but the numbers just don't add up, he says. Declining newspaper and magazine readership means declining sales. It's that simple.

"It looks like an unbelievable success story," Lauckhart, 78, said Friday morning. "But the majority of our customers look like me. They're old. And people under 30 don't read printed material. They read it on screens. It's been a digital onslaught."

Lauckhart used to carry 180 different newspapers, but has let that number drop to 55. He once carried 2,000 magazines, but has cut that by about 300.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Philip Glass to write new orchestral work in honor of news anchor Peter Jennings (ABC News)



ABC News Anchor Peter Jennings during 25th Annual NATAS News and Documentary Emmys 2004 Honoring Tom Brokaw at Mariott Marquis Hotel NY in New York, NY, United States. Photo by Marc Bryan-Brown/WireImage

By MARC NATHANSON

Peter Jennings, the ABC News journalist whose voice was known to millions, will be honored by a new work from composer Philip Glass, whose music is known throughout the world.

Glass has been commissioned by Canada's National Arts Centre (NAC) to create a new orchestral piece in honor of the Canadian-born Jennings, who died of lung cancer in 2005 at the age of 67.

The new piece will be an "ode to freedom of the press" that is "developed around the theme of truth in our times," according to NAC officials.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

The Final Word

Connecting's holiday series:

Joy to `The World' (and `The Times' and `The News')

By Jules Loh

AP Special Correspondent

Let us raise a Christmas toast
To the Fargo Forum, Vicksburg Post,
The Times, the News, the Beloit Call,
America's papers, large and small;

To all who bring the news diurnal:
The Elkhart Truth, the Courier-Journal,
Rock Island Argus, joy! wassail!
And here's to the Charleston Daily Mail.

Sing to the season, sing and laugh!
Sing to the Bloomington Pantagraph.
Sing to the Coos Bay World, and bless
The Escanaba Daily Press.

Join the chorus, sing Noel
To the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nonpareil.
Raise your voice and let us hear it
For the Punxsutawney Spirit.

Sing a carol, sing it gaily --
May angels bless the Millville Daily.
Sound a trumpet, ring a bell,
Joy to the Sitka Sentinel!

Lift ye now a cup of cheer
To the Bemidji Pioneer.
Quaff a special yuletide dram
For the Garden City Telegram.

Let no happiness be imperiled --
Hark the Waco Tribune-Herald!
Hail Gazette of Texarkana,
And Star of Muncie, Indiana!

Celebrate! Be not a spoiler;
Hail the Larned Tiller & Toiler,
And hail that journalistic tower,
The ever-current Norwalk Hour.

Betake yourself to a festive pub
And drink to the Kearney Daily Hub.
Shine on, San Antonio Light,
Shine Kansas City Star this night -

This night of wonder, night sublime,
Shine upon the Greenwich Time.
Shine Eagle-Beacon, Lowell Sun,
Reach every newsroom, leave out none:

The Hereford Brand, Tampa Tribune,
States-Item and Times-Picayune.

Deck the halls with garlands regal,
Salute the Enid Daily Eagle.

Hang the tinsel on the tree
With a happy thought for the Fresno Bee.
Reserve at least a brief hooray
For a colorful USA Today.

And ere this season's memories fade,
Forget not the Toledo Blade.
Forget not Port LaVaca's Wave
Or the Nugget of Nome... Oh yes, and save

A cheer for the Chieftain and, if you will,
Include the West Plains Daily Quill,
The Portland Oregonian,
The Lumberton Robesonian,

The News-Republic of Baraboo,
The daily Gazette of Kalamazoo,
The Boomerang of Laramie,
The Daily Journal of Kankakee,

The Journal Star, Peoria,
The Astorian of Astoria...
And hundreds more, from sea to sea,
God bless them every one! ... (AP).

Today in History - December 16, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2019. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1859, Wilhelm Grimm, the younger of the story-writing Brothers Grimm, died in Berlin at age 73.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication Variety came out with its first weekly issue.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1982, Environmental Protection Agency head Anne M. Gorsuch became the first Cabinet-level officer to be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to submit documents requested by a congressional committee.

In 1985, at services in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, offered condolences to families of 248 soldiers killed in the crash of a chartered plane in Newfoundland.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

In 2000, President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first African-American secretary of state.

In 2001, after nine weeks of fighting, Afghan militia leaders claimed control of the last mountain bastion of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters, but bin Laden himself was nowhere to be seen.

Ten years ago: Two hundred Mexican Marines raided an upscale apartment complex and killed drug cartel chief Arturo Beltran Leyva in a two-hour gunbattle. Iran test-fired a missile capable of hitting Israel and parts of Europe. Police fired pepper spray and beat protesters with batons outside the U.N. climate conference in Copenhagen. Tiger Woods was voted Athlete of the Decade by members of The Associated Press. Yegor Gaidar, 53, who oversaw Russia's painful transition from communism to a free market economy, died in Moscow. Roy E. Disney, 79, the son and nephew of the Walt Disney Co. founders, died in Newport Beach, California.

Five years ago: Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar, killing at least 148 people, mostly children. Nick Bjugstad

scored the game-winning goal in the longest shootout in NHL history to lift the Florida Panthers over the Washington Capitals 2-1.

One year ago: With the threat of a partial government shutdown looming, the White House dug in on its demand for \$5 billion to build a border wall as congressional Democrats stood firm against it. As a number of probes moved closer to the Oval Office, President Donald Trump and his attorney unleashed a fresh series of attacks on special counsel Robert Mueller and federal prosecutors in New York, while categorically ruling out a presidential interview with Mueller.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights attorney Morris Dees is 83. Actress Joyce Bulifant is 82. Actress Liv Ullmann is 81. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 78. Pop musician Tony Hicks (The Hollies) is 74. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 73. Actor Ben Cross is 72. Rock singer-musician Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top) is 70. Rock musician Bill Bateman (The Blasters) is 68. Actor Xander Berkeley is 64. Actress Alison LaPlaca is 60. Actor Sam Robards is 58. Actor Jon Tenney is 58. Actor Benjamin Bratt is 56. Country singer-songwriter Jeff Carson is 56. Actor-comedian JB Smoove is 54. Actress Miranda Otto is 52. Actor Daniel Cosgrove is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michael McCary is 48. Actor Jonathan Scarfe is 44. Actress Krysten Ritter is 38. Actress Zoe Jarman is 37. Country musician Chris Scruggs is 37. Actor Theo James is 35. Actress Amanda Setton is 34. Rock musician Dave Rublin (American Authors) is 33. Actress Hallee Hirsh is 32. Actress Anna Popplewell is 31. Actor Stephan James is 26.

Thought for Today: "It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit." [-] Sir Noel Coward, English actor, playwright, composer (born this date, 1899; died in 1973).

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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