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## Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020,

My Kansas City Chiefs protective face masks have been sidelined – just as may happen to the upcoming college and NFL seasons.

In their place, my new newsprint mask that arrived in the mail Thursday and makes a nice compliment to the newspaper t-shirt I obtained last fall at the Dead Sea during our trip to Israel.

You have a distinctive mask you'd like to send along – with you as the model? Please share.

Meantime, if you would like to order the newsprint mask I'm wearing, you can contact its maker, **Ronda Churchill**, at [rkchurchill@aol.com](mailto:rkchurchill@aol.com) for further information. Ronda is a freelance photojournalist based in Las Vegas and has been sewing masks since the start of the quarantine as freelance budgets dwindled and her corporate work was canceled; her husband has also been furloughed. The mask is 2-ply 100% cotton sewn in the accordion-type style with comfy elastic for behind the ears. She said most people are donating about \$10/mask. Shipping is free for orders of 1-3 masks. Please add \$4 to orders larger than 3 masks.



One more thought on **Bruce Lowitt**'s great credit card story from Wednesday's edition, from colleague Hal Bock ([Email](#)) – "Bruce Lowitt's credit card story reminded me of a sign my father-in-law posted in his Manhattan delicatessen. It read: "In God we trust. All others pay cash"

Have a great weekend! Be safe, careful and we'll get through this.

Paul

***Connecting series:***  
**Oh, the places you'll go - with that special person you met**

***Herb and Edmund***



**Herb Hemming (left), Edmund Arredondo**

**Herb Hemming ( [Email](#) )** - I will not go into my 12-year battle with alcoholism, but suffice it to say I met Edmund (Andreas Arredondo) at an AA meeting in Eagle Rock, CA. in 1987. We lived a sober life together from that day on for 31 years until his passing Dec.18, 2018, from complications of Parkinson's and Lewy body dementia.

Edmund loved Hollywood. Working at the AP in Los Angeles enabled Edmund to get a bit closer to Hollywood through the Oscars, Emmys, Grammys and the other award shows. He would always be one of our messengers and get to see the stars up close.

Edmund was a collector. In fact, his Elizabeth Taylor collection I donated to the UC Santa Barbara archives. And his Betty Hutton collection I donated to the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences library.

Edmund and I spent little time apart during those 31 years. Neither of us enjoyed flying so we took many train trips. One of the most memorable was our trip back to Columbia, Missouri, so I could show him where I went to school.

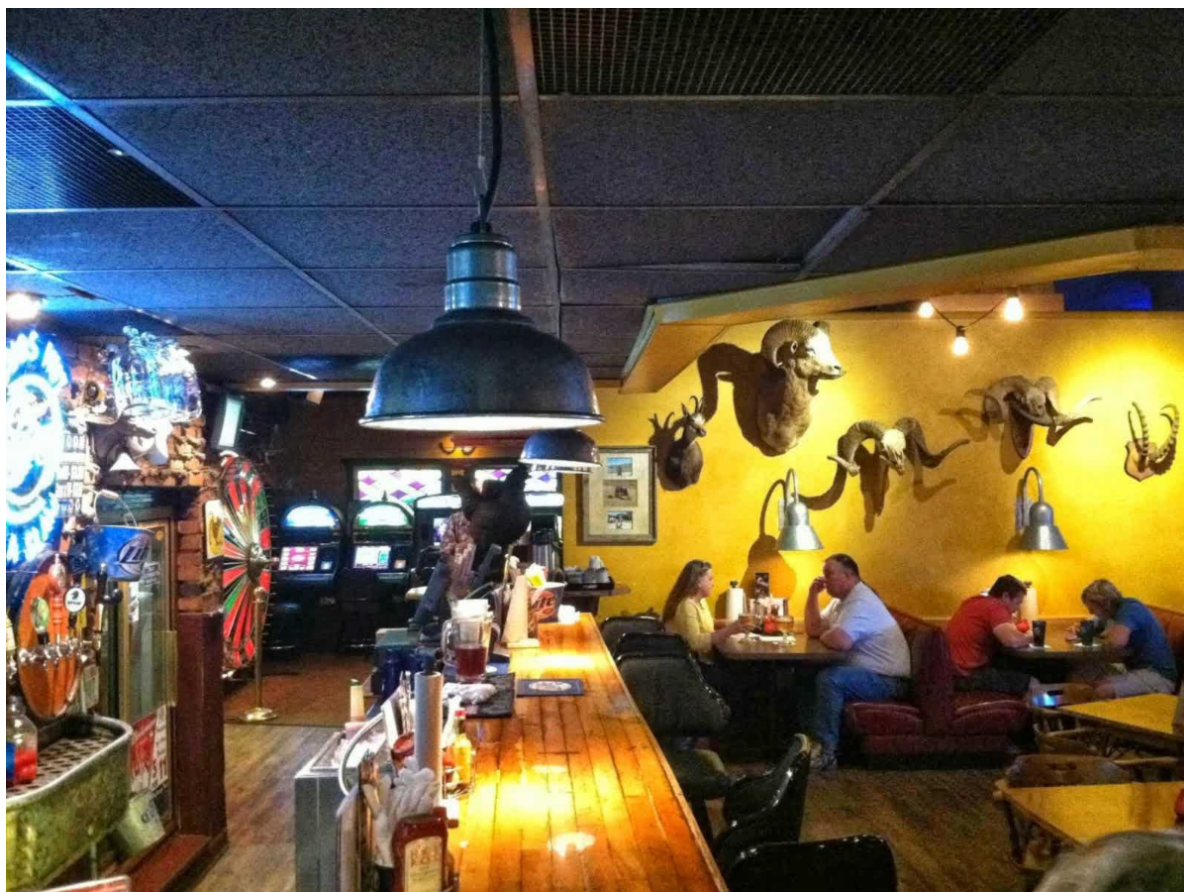
We loved going to theater and concerts, especially the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Edmund brought joy and happiness to my life. But most important, he brought all the “pretty” to my life.

He also loved all the AP people I worked with.

*Connecting series:*

## My favorite restaurant – Suds Hut



**Steve Graham ( [Email](#) )** - My favorite restaurant is the Suds Hut on Montana Ave in Helena, Montana.

It's a simple pub with fabulous chicken and good drinks and atmosphere. It gained a casino when gambling was legalized in Montana, but I didn't partake.

I started to eat in the Suds Hut when I was hired by the Montana Legislature in 1973 to establish its first public information office and the Suds Hut is still there.

It remained a favorite after the late Paul Freeman hired me in 1974.

Sadly, since they are no longer with us, former COB John Kuglin and former COC Billy Pratt and I frequently met there when my travels took me back through Helena.

In other travels, I've had the pleasure of eating in such places as Paris' Le Train Bleu in the Gare de Lyon, Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, Peter Luger's Steakhouse and Sardi's in New York and even Gates BBQ in Kansas City (Paul note), but Helena's Suds Hut is on my bucket list because of the memories. (and maybe the chicken, too)

## New-member profile: Frank Niemeir



Left to right - Kevin Chapman, Frank Niemeir, John Spink and Spink's mentor, John P. Filo out for lunch at Fox Brothers in Atlanta Sunday April 7, 2013. Filo shoots on Kevin's set, where he played Detective Lionel Fusco on the CBS crime drama "Person of Interest." John P. Filo's picture of 14-year-old runaway Mary Ann Vecchio screaming while kneeling over the dead body of 20-year-old Jeffrey Miller, one of the victims of the Kent State shootings, won him the Pulitzer Prize in 1971. Filo then went on to work in the AP bureau in Kansas City and Spink was one of his stringers. Spink and Niemeir worked together at the Kansas City Times and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution where Spink still works as a photographer.

**Frank Niemeir ( [Email](#) )** - I worked as a photojournalist for four newspapers, two of which no longer exist.

I am a member of the Kansas City Times and Kansas City Star 1982 Pulitzer Prize winning staff that won Local General or Spot News Reporting for coverage of the Hyatt Regency Hotel disaster.

In addition to placing in the top three and top 10 portfolios in the Pictures of the Year contest, I am the 1987 Missouri Press Photographer of the Year and 1991 Runner-up Georgia Press Photographer of the Year.

I came up with the idea to take the Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar photo contest entries from transparency slides to digital, making it the first photo contest anywhere to go completely digital. (And registered the domain photojournalism.org for that group while I was on their board).

Most recently I had a photograph taken in 1977 of Ansel Adams with his assistant Alan Ross featured full-page in the book "Ansel Adams' Yosemite: The Special Edition Prints" that came out in October 2019, That photo is also here <https://www.alanrossphotography.com/ansel-adams/>

I've drank a Schlitz beer with Cesar Chavez in California, had an interview with Satchel Paige cancelled on the day that he died and sat on a tour bus with Willie Nelson while he lit up and did his thing. While going down the halls of the White House to go to the Oval Office with the 1985 World Champion Kansas City Royals Vice President George Bush looks at third baseman George Brett and says "You can't go in there unless you're batting .400."

I've authored <http://franksphtolist.com/> since December 1994, and as of today there are 25,976 photojournalists/documentary photographers listed in the photojournalism category.

On the last photo [in this strip](#) of Ray Charles I was sitting center taking photos in his dressing room, at my right was my co-worker reporter asking questions, and at left was a "grip" a young kid who opened the dressing room door, would take fans programs, shut the door and then sign "Ray Charles" on the program, then opened the door and hand back the program to the fan and then would repeat with the next fan.

I've been married to Kathi since 1981 and we have two daughters who are both elementary school teachers, as was my mom, as was her mother, of whom I have a photograph from 1905 when she graduated from teachers college and is shown with four other graduates holding their diplomas.

Since taking an early "voluntary separation" (versus the option of a "involuntary separation") from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution after 21 years in 2008, I have been digging into family genealogy. I found a third great grandmother who before she married my third great grandfather had two out of wedlock children, one with legendary Kentucky frontiersman Simon Kenton, and the other with Daniel Boone's

nephew. Also found a fifth great grandfather who crossed the Delaware river Christmas Eve 1776 with Gen. George Washington's army and have a document where he talks about his time in the army.

## Photos from the lenses of Connecting colleagues

*Sunrise over Lake  
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ugg, Mass.*



Ronald Lizik ( [Email](#) )

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*From father and daughter near Boulder, Colorado*



Paul Albright ( [Email](#) )



Kari Albright ( [Email](#) )

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***Year ago: Kole iPhone capture admitted to juried fine arts photography show***





**Bill Kole ( [Email](#) )** - Thought I'd share this on the theory that everyone can use a little beauty right now. "Sailghosts," an iPhone capture I made almost exactly a year ago on a foggy day on Narragansett Bay, made it into the Plymouth Center for the Arts' juried **TRANSFORMATION 2020** fine arts photography show.

For the hobbyist photographers among us: I never met a filter I didn't like, which is why I mostly confine my photography to the fine arts realm, where with a clear conscience I can make tweaks and manipulations that would get me fired from AP.

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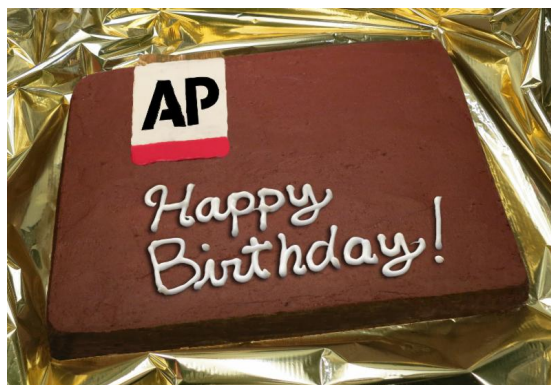
***This rabbit believes in social distancing***



**Neal Ulevich** ([Email](#)) - This rabbit shows up for breakfast or dinner in my backyard, grass being the entre of choice (so far it has left my vegetables, including squash pictured, alone). As an experiment I left a piece of carrot close by. After casing out the snack the rabbit moved it a few feet, sampled...and went back to grass. So much for Bugs Bunny's affinity for carrots.

The rabbit believes in social distancing. It tolerates my presence as long as I'm six feet away.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Carolyn Lessard – [clessard@ap.org](mailto:clessard@ap.org)

*On Saturday to...*

Chris Tomlinson – [chris\\_tomlinson@usa.net](mailto:chris_tomlinson@usa.net)

## Stories of interest

***Legendary Foreign Correspondent Chris Dickey Dies in Paris*** (Daily Beast)



Chris reporting near the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Courtesy Chris Dickey

By Barbie Latza Nadeau

## Correspondent-At-Large

The hardest thing about writing an obituary for Chris Dickey, the legendary foreign correspondent and my friend and colleague for more than 25 years, is not having him edit it. He would have invariably found a better way for me to clumsily try to express how truly inspirational he was to a whole generation of journalists he wanted only to see succeed. Or he would have surely wanted just a little bit more focus on his heroic past as a war correspondent, or to point out how great a grandfather he was, which was a surprising new role for him that he thoroughly embraced. We would have likely argued about finer points and then agreed that he was right.

Writing this without the crutch of knowing he'll just smooth out the rough parts is truly difficult in so many ways. Chris, The Daily Beast's foreign editor, died suddenly in Paris at the age of 68. He is survived by his beloved wife Carol, his son James, three grandchildren and his sister Bronwen and brother Kevin.

I met Chris in 1997 when he was the Paris editor for Newsweek Magazine and I was a new hire in Rome. We covered a lot of Italy stories together and he would come to Rome and meet high-level sources and diplomats he happened to know here on the side of whatever else we were doing. When we covered the CIA's capture of an Egyptian cleric off of a street in Milan, I was chasing down phone numbers while he was already having an aperitivo with the source I was trying to track down. "Yes, I'm sitting here with Chris," I recall an Italian secret service agent telling me on one occasion when I finally got the number. I could hear Chris chuckling in the background. "We've been waiting for you to call. Why don't you meet us?" That was classic Chris, a great writer and skilled editor, but he was truly the best beat reporter I ever met — friends to spymasters and sheikhs, cardinals and cops, insurgents and intellectuals — and all he ever wanted was for anyone he mentored to try to beat him to a source.

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

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***Fox's Harris Faulkner is used to people making presumptions***



**FILE - Harris Faulkner attends a screening of "A Lifetime of Sundays" at The Paley Center for Media in New York on Sept. 18, 2019. Faulkner will host a special on America's racial reckoning on Sunday at 10 p.m. Eastern. (Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP, File)**

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) — As a Black journalist who works at Fox News Channel, Harris Faulkner is accustomed to people who presume to know where she stands on issues.

She's motivated more than bothered by that.

"When anybody looks at you and looks at your position and think they know who you are, you have the advantage of being able to surprise them," said Faulkner, centerpiece of two weekday hours at Fox and host of a special on America's racial reckoning that airs at 10 p.m. Eastern on Sunday.

Faulkner is the most prominent Black personality at Fox as moderator on "Outnumbered" at noon each weekday, reaching an audience that is overwhelmingly white and conservative during a season of racial unrest over police brutality and calls for a more equitable society.

She sees it as an opportunity to involve them in a conversation they're not often part of.

"To be Black and on the air at Fox News presents a greater challenge than if you're working on any other traditional news network," said Roland S. Martin, host of the digital news show "Unfiltered." "It is difficult. It is a minefield you have to walk."

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Unheard*** (Poynter)

By KRISTEN HARE

The Anchorage Daily News and ProPublica spent a year telling stories about sexual assault and the failings of the criminal justice system in Alaska. That project, Lawless, earned the two newsrooms a Pulitzer Prize.

But they didn't stop working after that, and they didn't stop listening.

Their latest project, Unheard, helped men and women in Alaska tell their own stories. In June, it published in print and online. Now it's an outdoor art installation in downtown Anchorage.

The project online begins with this:

"Alaska has the highest rate of sexual assault in the nation, nearly four times the national average. About one third of women in Alaska have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime. Yet it is a secret so steeped into everyday life that to discuss it is to disrupt the norm.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***USA Today: Navarro's anti-Fauci column didn't meet standards***

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — USA Today says that a column that the newspaper solicited and published from presidential trade adviser Peter Navarro criticizing Dr. Anthony Fauci was misleading and did not meet fact-checking standards.

The newspaper explained the decision in a note by Bill Sternberg, editorial page editor, attached to the column online. Navarro's column originally moved online late Tuesday and was published in Wednesday's newspaper.

Navarro wrote that Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, "has been wrong about everything I interacted with him on."

The newspaper on Wednesday evening also ran a fact-check story by Washington reporter Ledyard King examining five of Navarro's claims.

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

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## ***A Media Critic Focuses on the Crisis in Local News*** (New York Times)

**By Marc Tracy**

Before she became a media columnist, Margaret Sullivan saw the crisis in the American newspaper industry from within.

She spent roughly three decades at The Buffalo News and was the first woman to serve as its top editor, a job she held from 1999 to 2012. "For years, it seemed like it had a license to print money," Ms. Sullivan writes in her first book, "Ghosting the News: Local Journalism and the Crisis of American Democracy," which was published Tuesday.

But like many papers, the Buffalo daily has become a reduced version of what it once was. Berkshire Hathaway sold it to the Lee Enterprises chain this year after Berkshire's multibillionaire chief executive, Warren E. Buffett, said most newspapers were "toast."

Ms. Sullivan went on to be the public editor of The New York Times, a post that put her close to the journalists and newsroom leaders whose work she scrutinized as a representative of the paper's readers. The Times eliminated the position, in a much-debated move, about a year into the tenure of her successor, Liz Spayd.

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

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## ***Turkey convicts German newspaper reporter of propaganda work***

By MEHMET GUZEL

ISTANBUL (AP) — A Turkish court convicted a correspondent for Germany's Die Welt newspaper Thursday of engaging in propaganda in favor of Kurdish rebels and sentenced him in absentia to more than two years and nine months in prison.

However, the court acquitted German-Turkish journalist Deniz Yucel of charges of sedition and propagandizing for the network of a Turkish cleric whom Ankara accuses of masterminding a failed military coup in Turkey four years ago.

The court also called for two new criminal investigations of Yucel for alleged insults to Turkey and its president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Yucel was arrested in Istanbul as part of a vast government clampdown in the wake of the July 2016 coup attempt and charged with propaganda on behalf terror groups, including the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. He was held in pretrial detention for a year and has since returned to Germany.

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

## **The Final Word**





Shared by Steve Graham

# Today in History - July 17, 2020



## By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 17, the 199th day of 2020. There are 167 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 17, 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

### On this date:

In 1717, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" was first performed by an orchestra during a boating party on the River Thames (tehms), with the musicians on one barge, and King George I listening from another.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Congress approved the Second Confiscation Act, which declared that all slaves taking refuge behind Union lines were to be set free.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1945, following Nazi Germany's surrender, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1962, the United States conducted its last atmospheric nuclear test to date, detonating a 20-kiloton device, codenamed Little Feller I, at the Nevada Test Site.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.

In 1997, Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.

In 2007, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, on charges related to competitive dogfighting. (Vick later admitted bankrolling the dogfighting operation and helping to kill six to eight dogs; he served 23 months in federal custody, the last 60 days in home confinement.)

In 2009, former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite died in New York at 92.

In 2014, Eric Garner, an unarmed Black man accused of selling loose, untaxed cigarettes, died shortly after being wrestled to the ground by New York City police officers; a video of the takedown showed Garner repeatedly saying, "I can't breathe." (Garner's family received \$5.9 million from the city in 2015 to settle a wrongful death claim.) All 298 passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine; both Ukraine's government and pro-Russian separatists denied responsibility.

Ten years ago: Federal authorities in Puerto Rico arrested alleged drug kingpin Jose Figueroa Agosto after a decade-long chase through the Caribbean. Thousands of gays and lesbians from around Europe marched through Poland's capital, Warsaw, to demand equal rights and more tolerance in the heavily Roman Catholic nation.

Five years ago: More than 1,000 people attended an interfaith service in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to mourn four Marines who had been shot to death at a reserve facility by a Kuwaiti-born gunman. A suicide bomber with the Islamic State group attacked a crowded marketplace in Iraq's Diyala province, killing 115 people.

One year ago: Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was sentenced to life behind bars in a U.S. prison. Prosecutors in Massachusetts dropped a case accusing actor Kevin Spacey of groping a young man at a resort island bar in 2016; the accuser had refused to testify about a missing cellphone that defense lawyers said would support Spacey's claims of innocence.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Donald Sutherland is 85. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 81. Sportscaster Verne Lundquist is 80. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is 73. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 71. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 69. Actor David Hasselhoff is 68. Rock musician Fran Smith Jr. (The Hooters) is 68. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is 66. Television producer Mark Burnett is 60. Actress Nancy Giles is 60. Singer Regina Belle is 57. Country singer Craig Morgan is 56. Rock musician Lou Barlow is 54. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 53. Actor Andre Royo is 52. Actress Bitty Schram is 52. Actor Jason Clarke is 51. Movie director F. Gary Gray is 51. Singer JC

(PM Dawn) is 49. Rapper Sole' is 47. Country singer Luke Bryan is 44. Actor Eric Winter is 44. Actor Mike Vogel is 41. Actor Tom Cullen is 35. Actor Brando Eaton is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih (jehr-uh-MY') is 33. Actress Summer Bishil is 32. Actress Billie Lourd is 28. Actor Leo Howard is 23.

## 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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