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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this July 9, 2021,

Our colleague **Joyce Rosenberg** would have been counted among the ranks of AP retirees for 14 months now. But along came the pandemic...and a decision that she wanted to be reporting on such an important world event.

Today, she completes her career that began and ended in New York – first as a broadcast writer in 50 Rockefeller Plaza headquarters, then as night editor for the New York City bureau and finally in Business News where her byline was a staple of the AP business report.

How does one retire in the age of covid? If you're Joyce, it is done quietly – "I'll check my email, make sure I haven't missed anything that my successor, **Mae Anderson**, needs to know, and then in early afternoon walk about a mile to the office and drop off my laptop and keycard. I have to leave it in my desk (cleaned out three weeks ago) since no one will be there. I actually prefer it this way. Really low-key!"

But Ye Olde Connecting Editor won't let her off the hook so easily – I would welcome a favorite memory you might share of working with Joyce, who plans to remain active with her Connecting family.

**CONNECTING REGIONAL REUNION:** Mark your calendar for Sept. 18-19, the dates for the AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. All are welcome but especially those who have worked or are working in Central, Southeast and/or Southwest AP bureaus. Here's hoping this gathering leads to future AP Connecting Regional Reunions in other cities. Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Saying goodbye to an uncountable number of sweet memories over 44 years with AP



Joyce Rosenberg with Jane Ritter, Malcolm Ritter's wife. Malcolm took the shot at Little Island, a new park built into the Hudson River.

**Joyce Rosenberg** ([Email](#)) - Today is my last day at the AP.

Coincidentally, it is right about this time, 44 years ago, that Bruce Hodgman called and asked if I could come in for an overnight per diem shift in the Broadcast Department. That was my introduction to the AP. If I knew then what I know now, that I had an

amazing career ahead of me, I wouldn't have been so traumatized that day. The shift started out terribly. But by the time it ended, Brian O'Hanlon, who was the dayside filer, told me my last five-minute news summary looked pretty good.

Maybe I can do this, I told myself.

As I wrote in a profile for Connecting over a year ago, I had expected to leave the AP on May 1, 2020, do freelance writing and expand my psychoanalytic practice. But then came the pandemic. My first thought in early March was, this is such a big story, I can't leave right now -- I'll stay till July.

Then I realized my freelance gigs were going to evaporate, and they did. So I waited until now, as I am old enough for full Social Security. In the intervening 14 months, I know I've written many important stories about the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses. I'm glad I stayed. But I'm also really ready to go.

I don't want to go over everything I wrote for Connecting last year, but for the sake of those who didn't read that profile, I spent three and a-half years in Broadcast. I then went on to one of my best jobs in journalism, night editor in the New York City bureau. After five years and a law degree, I went to Business News, where I was a retailing and mergers reporter, then went into managing and had my other great job, directing stock market coverage. That included the markets in the aftermath of 9/11, and the 2008 financial collapse.

The last nine years I have been a full-time reporter covering small business, which I had already been writing about part time for more than a decade. Writing full time wasn't my first choice, but I've heard from business owners and other readers how much my stories mattered, even before this terrible last year. Every now and then, when I'd be interviewing an owner who I found through a query or online search, they'd tell me they'd been reading my stories for years. Well, gee, you can't buy that kind of validation, can you?

My heart and strengths have been in spot news. I began my career at WINS, an all-news station in New York, and NBC Radio. The thrill of getting a breaking story out, now, has never gotten old. My most memorable moments at AP were waiting for a midnight subway workers strike deadline in the city desk and writing the bulletin as the stock market reopened after 9/11.



Lizzie and me -- that's what my Zoom calls often are like.

I know that when I turn my laptop and key card in today, I'll feel some pangs. I met some of my dearest friends over the decades at AP. Soul mates, mentors, big and little brothers and sisters. I met the greatest loves of my life at AP and married one of them, Marty Sutphin, who sadly passed away in 2000 at the age of 69. Coincidentally, my stepdaughter Kathleen, the oldest of Marty's three children, retired from teaching July 1.

I don't use the word "retire" for myself. I know, according to the AP, that's what I'm doing. But I'm planning on expanding my practice, am in a doctoral program in pastoral counseling, will be teaching and doing freelance writing. And I hope, enjoying being my own boss.

I don't know why journalism, which I have loved so much, wasn't enough for me when I decided 27 years ago to enter analytic training. Maybe I needed the closer contact that being an analyst gives me – as in journalism, I am trying to find out what happened and why, but I'm more than an observer when I sit with a patient. I am helping them understand themselves and hopefully, bring about meaningful change. It is such fulfilling work, even when it is difficult.

The doctoral program at Hebrew Union College was a complete left turn I never expected to make. A colleague proposed it to me and I jumped at it. HUC is the rabbinical seminary for Reform Judaism in the U.S. If I had had a different early life, I would have seriously considered becoming a rabbi; at this point, this course of study is perfect.

Despite my workaholism, I do hope to do the relaxing things I love: reading fiction, walking, swimming, knitting, cooking, seeing my friends. Hopefully traveling. And hopefully have several more years with the last of my three Siamese, Lizzie. She is 15.

I don't have anything profound to say today. But I do want to thank anyone who's reading this and who was with me along the way – in particular, Charlie Monzella, who hired me and put me on this path. I have an uncountable number of sweet memories from the past 44 years, and they include moments with great journalists and wonderful human beings. I also have some moments I would like to blot out, but I guess I'm stuck with them, and don't we all have a few?

It's been great, but even so, I'm glad to be moving on.

## AP Connecting Regional Reunion to be held Sept. 18-19 in Texas

Howdy y'all!

You are invited to the AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19, 2021.

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but we're especially encouraging people who have worked, or are currently working, in Central, Southeast and/or Southwest AP bureaus. This Dallas-Fort Worth gathering could lead to AP Connecting Regional Reunions in other cities.



All events are in or near Arlington, Texas. A group dinner is planned Saturday night, Sept. 18. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, we'll attend the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game, at new Globe Life Field in Arlington.

Please pay your own way. All events are casual attire. A group hotel has discounted rates available Sept. 15-20 (details below).

Email Diana Heidgerd - [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net) - to have the registration form sent to you. Please fill out the registration form & return it (reply via email) to Diana, even if you previously contacted her with an interest in attending. We need an accurate attendance count for dinner & buying tickets for the baseball game.

ARRIVE EARLY?

Feel free to arrive a day or so early, or stay an extra day, to check out (on your own) sites such as:

- \_ Fort Worth Stockyards
- \_ The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza/JFK Memorial in Dallas
- \_ Tour AT&T Stadium in Arlington, home of the Dallas Cowboys
- \_ A side trip, about 100 miles south, to Waco to visit Magnolia Market at the Silos, part of the Chip & Joanna Gaines "Fixer Upper" empire

We'll be sharing/updating a list of confirmed participants so you'll know who's heading to Dallas-Fort Worth for the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion.

#### AP REUNION SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, Sept. 18, 2021.

Late-afternoon drinks & dinner at Rio Mambo Tex-Mex restaurant  
5150 Highway 121  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
817-354-3124  
<http://riomambo.com/Locations/colleyville/>

Cash bar 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

NOTE: Please reserve in advance with Diana Heidgerd, by Monday, Aug. 2., in order to sit with the AP Reunion group. Information is on the AP Reunion registration form.

SUNDAY, Sept. 19, 2021:

Attend Texas Rangers baseball game.

-- Group outing to the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at new Globe Life Field in Arlington. All-you-can-eat seats are \$45 per person, with a minimum of 20 attendees. Group tickets must be purchased in advance via Diana Heidgerd. Transport details pending (car pool, UBER, taxi cabs).

NOTE: Please reserve in advance with Diana Heidgerd, by Monday, Aug. 2., in order to sit with the AP Reunion group. Additional Texas Rangers tickets are likely available, at discounted \$45 rate, after the Aug. 2 deadline, but those seats might not be with the AP Reunion group.

Information is on the AP Reunion registration form.

#### GROUP HOTEL:

SPRINGHILL SUITES DALLAS DFW AIRPORT SOUTH/CENTREPORT  
4360 Highway 360  
Fort Worth, Texas 76155  
817-545-3270

Located SE corner of Highway 183 & Highway 360 South, near Arlington, Texas. Hotel has free breakfast, free parking & free shuttle to/from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Several casual restaurants are within walking distance.

The hotel has set aside a block of rooms, for the AP Reunion, at a discounted rate. Use link (below) to reserve a room, rates good Sept. 15-20, 2021. NOTE: The deadline to reserve your hotel room, at discounted AP Reunion rates, is Monday, Aug. 2, 2021.

\_ SpringHill Suites Dallas DFW Airport South/CentrePort, rates \$109-\$114 per night.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1625080570378&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Registration information will be updated as needed. We'll be sharing/updating a list of confirmed participants so you'll know who's heading to Dallas-Fort Worth for the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion.

## Connecting – My Family

**Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)) - I've said it before, and I am saying it again, Connecting, and its editor and creator, and its members, have added a wonderful element to my aging life. Paul Stevens created it, but God must be the motivator.

Yesterday's edition is an example of the human relations, and information, created by famous journalistic retirees around the world. Chris Connell wrote about Amy Klobuchar, and referred to my connection to her father, Jim.

And then there was Bob Myers' item about my picture of Rosa Parks in the International Museum of Slavery, in Liverpool, England, Francesca Pitaro, about my covering the Civil Rights Movement, all of the times Paul has Kudoed me, plus other new buddies I have never seen, or worked with, such as John Epperson, Valerie Komor, Peggy Walsh, Bob Daugherty, Dorothy Abernathy, Sister Donalda Kehoe, Andy Lippman, John Epperson, John Willis, Paul Stevens, Norm Abelson, Jay Reeves, Cliff Schiappa, Dave Lubeski, Peggy Coughlin, Bob Graves, Charlie Arbogast, and Foster Klug. I know there are more, but this is my recall. These, and others, are my "Family."

These are the ones, and others, who give me encouragement, strength, interest in life, and the feeling of being worthwhile in my 28-year career as a photographer/writer with the AP., (1943-1971), and despite my almost 95th year on this earth. (Birthday July 26).

You are my family, my friends, my cohorts, and my inspiration. Thank you, and God bless.

## Should 'black' be capitalized? Not necessarily, say black writers, editors and scholars



**By: Juliette Harris, Poynter.org**

*AP's style is now to capitalize Black in a racial, ethnic or cultural sense, conveying an essential and shared sense of history, identity and community among people who identify as Black, including those in the African diaspora and within Africa. — Associated Press, June 19, 2020*

It's been a year since U.S. news organizations decided that black should be capitalized. Some black journalists had long advocated that mainstream media make the shift and, suddenly in June 2020, it was time to heed that call.

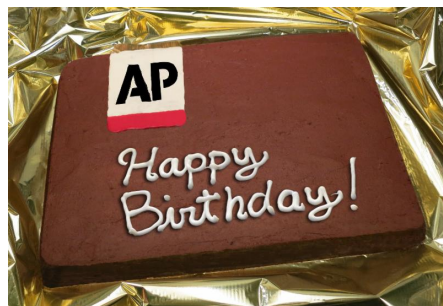
But the “should black be capped” question is a subjective call. Some black writers were elated by the shift, others were ambivalent and some were dismayed. In a podcast, The Washington Post provides a glimpse into the range of thinking on the issue among its black staff members.

Considerations that journalists generally make about black case style can differ from those made by other professional writers, particularly authors who are scholars. Scholars consider the neutral, generic function of the lowercase black identifier.

Journalists and scholars both contribute to the realm of print and digital publication (i.e., the “public discourse”). And right now that wordscape is unsettled. Journalists have the most immediate impact but scholars build the canon of knowledge and culture.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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*On Sunday to...*

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## Stories of interest

### *Critics: Postal Service plans imperil community newspapers* (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER and ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE

The U.S. Postal Service's plan to raise mailing rates could present one more damaging blow to community newspapers already reeling from the coronavirus pandemic and advertising declines, a trade group says.

Rates on periodicals would increase by more than 8% as of Aug. 29, according to agency filings. The price jump is part of a broad plan pushed by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to overhaul mail operations.

The impact of the periodical rate increase is expected to be felt most by small daily and weekly newspapers, as well as rural newspapers, which depend on the Postal Service since they have shifted from using independent contractors for deliveries.

In response, publishers potentially could be forced to further reduce staff or forgo home deliveries entirely and instead send papers to communal news racks, or even shutter their papers, said Paul Boyle, senior vice president at the News Media Alliance, a trade association representing nearly 2,000 news organizations in the U.S.

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

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## ***Prosecutor: Newspaper gunman killed 5 in revenge for article*** (AP)

By BRIAN WITTE

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The man who murdered five people at a Maryland newspaper acted out of revenge for an article about his prior harassment case that he believed would hurt his ability to get dates with women, a prosecutor said Thursday during a trial to determine whether the shooter is criminally responsible due to insanity.

Anne Colt Leitess, the prosecutor, gave her opening statement after defense attorneys rested their case. Defense attorneys said Jarrod Ramos suffers from multiple forms of mental illness that precluded him appreciating the criminality of his conduct. But Leitess said that while Ramos has personality disorders like narcissism, he does not have serious mental illness that qualifies him to be found not criminally responsible for five murders.

“He has issues with his personality,” Leitess told the jury. “They are things that make him eccentric or odd — not things that make him insane.”

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

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## ***Here are the newsroom layoffs, furloughs and closures that happened during the coronavirus pandemic*** (Poynter)

By: Kristen Hare

*A version of this article was first published on April 26, 2020. It has been frequently updated and reformatted since. It was last updated on July 8, 2021.*

It’s getting hard to keep track of the bad news about the news right now. But we have to. Here’s our attempt to collect the layoffs, furloughs, and closures to journalism in the United States. Please send tips. We’ll try to keep up.

In most cases, these entries link to previously reported stories. In some cases, where there are no links, we’re relying on tips to help show the full impact of this pandemic.

One note: We haven’t figured out a way to track the loss of work for freelancers, but please read more about how the pandemic has hurt their livelihoods here. One more

note: Nearly a year after first publishing this piece, we adjusted the lead and headline from “...layoffs, furloughs and closures caused by the coronavirus” to “...layoffs, furloughs and closures that happened during the coronavirus pandemic.” We want this list to reflect what happened to our industry, including layoffs that aren’t credited to the pandemic. We don’t yet know the full impact of the last year and want to capture as many changes as we can here.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

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## ***Photojournalist Eli Reed wins the 2021 I.F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence*** (Nieman)

Cambridge, Mass.— Photojournalist Eli Reed has been selected as winner of the 2021 I.F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence, presented by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University.

For half a century, Reed’s photography has captured the face of racism and documented human suffering in conflicts around the world. He has photographed deprivation from Beirut to Central America, and filmed the Lost Boys of Sudan, young men Reed described as “living through life-threatening hell.”

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Boomer Opinion: Trump’s near-disappearance is a mixed bag***

Changes were coming in the American news media long before the emergence of Donald Trump. But if nothing else, he accelerated them. In this Boomer Opinion piece, BoomerCafé’s co-founder and executive editor Greg Dobbs, himself a longtime journalist, is sad to see the changes, but he also sees a slim piece of silver lining.

I guess we shouldn’t be surprised that the near-disappearance of Donald Trump from our daily lives— gone from Twitter, gone from Facebook, gone from the White House lawn— has diminished the public’s interest in news. Not that everything Trump ever said or did actually qualified as news, not by its traditional definition anyway, but when a man is President of the United States, everything that emits from his mouth short of a burp arguably has news value. For that matter, even a burp would get reported somewhere.

For Trump, not so anymore.

True, sometimes he really did make news by creating a ruckus, like when he bullied everyone from political opponents to international allies to journalists to the American public, or like when he lied about everything from the pandemic to the presidential election. Now he still bullies everyone he dislikes, and he still lies without

shame, and the right-wing media amplify it all as best they can. But it doesn't get headlines across the board because he no longer commands that bully pulpit. Good riddance.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lindel Hutson.

## The Final Word

*It's how we roll - once again...*



First time in two years-plus with all four grandkiddos under the same roof – a great homecoming for Linda and me from our Hawaii trip. That's Ye Olde Editor behind the wheel, but it won't be long before he's in the passenger seat (assuming Ollie allows.)



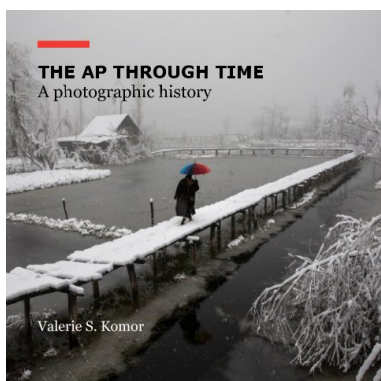
# Celebrating AP's 175th

## AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP's most historic logos. The site can be reached by clicking [here](#).

## AP Through Time: A Photographic History



AP Through Time: A Photographic History” - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP's 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP's development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

## AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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## Today in History - July 9, 2021



### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 9, the 190th day of 2021. There are 175 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 2004, a Senate Intelligence Committee report concluded the CIA had provided unfounded assessments of the threat posed by Iraq that the Bush administration had relied on to justify going to war.

#### On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1937, a fire at 20th Century Fox's film storage facility in Little Ferry, New Jersey, destroyed most of the studio's silent films.

In 1943, during World War II, the Allies launched Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell.

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1982, Pan Am Flight 759, a Boeing 727, crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, shortly after takeoff from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 145 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton tapped Tennessee Sen. Al Gore to be his running mate. Former CBS News commentator Eric Sevareid died in Washington at age 79.

In 1999, A jury in Los Angeles ordered General Motors Corp. to pay \$4.9 billion to six people severely burned when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames in a rear-end collision. (A judge later reduced the punitive damages to \$1.09 billion, while letting stand \$107 million in compensatory damages; GM settled the lawsuit in July 2003 for an undisclosed amount.)

In 2010, the largest U.S.-Russia spy swap since the Cold War was completed on a remote stretch of Vienna airport tarmac as planes from New York and Moscow arrived within minutes of each other with 10 Russian sleeper agents and four prisoners accused by Russia of spying for the West.

In 2015, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley relegated the Confederate flag to the state's "relic room" after the legislature passed a measure removing the flag from the grounds of the Statehouse in the wake of the slaughter of nine African-Americans at a church Bible study.

Ten years ago: South Sudan became the world's newest nation, officially breaking away from Sudan after two civil wars over five decades that had cost millions of lives. Derek Jeter homered for his 3,000th hit, making him the first player to reach the mark with the New York Yankees, who defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, 5-4.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama wrapped up his visit to the NATO summit in Warsaw before heading to Madrid for a visit cut short because of violence back home, where five Dallas police officers had been killed by a sniper and two Black men were dead after being shot by police. Serena Williams won her record-tying 22nd Grand Slam title by beating Angelique Kerber 7-5, 6-3 in the Wimbledon final and pulling even with Steffi Graf for the most major championships in the Open era, which began in 1968.



One year ago: The World Health Organization acknowledged the possibility that COVID-19 might be spread in the air under certain conditions; more than 200 scientists, in an open letter, had urged the agency to do so. The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Robert Redfield, said federal health officials would not revise their coronavirus guidelines for reopening schools, despite criticism from President Donald Trump. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio used a roller to help paint "Black Lives Matter" in front of Trump's namesake Manhattan tower. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of a New York prosecutor's demands for Trump's tax records.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 94. Actor Richard Roundtree is 79. Singer Dee Dee Kenniebrew (The Crystals) is 76. Author Dean Koontz is 76. Football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson is 74. Actor Chris Cooper is 70. TV personality John Tesh is 69. Country singer David Ball is 68. Business executive/TV personality Kevin O'Leary (TV: "Shark Tank") is 67. R&B singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 67. Actor Jimmy Smits is 66. Actor Tom Hanks is 65. Singer Marc Almond is 64. Actor Kelly McGillis is 64. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 62. Actor-rock singer Courtney Love is 57. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 56. Actor David O'Hara is 56. Actor Pamela Adlon is 55. Actor Scott Grimes is 50. Actor Enrique Murciano is 48. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 46. Musician/producer Jack White is 46. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 45. Actor-director Fred Savage is 45. Actor Linda Park is 43. Actor Megan Parlen is 41. R&B singer Kiely Williams (3lw) is 35. Actor Mitchel Musso is 30. Actor Georgie Henley is 26.

## 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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