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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this July 12, 2021,

Connecting's mailbox filled up over the weekend – and I thank you for your contributions. I put this together last night in between Uno games, swimming, tours of Lawrence, bowling and other great activities with the grandkids in town.

Did you turn 80 or 90 years old in the past few months? If so, let me know so I can be sure to include you in the Connecting 80s/90s birthday list that will run tomorrow.

Here's to a great week ahead – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Fond memories of new AP retiree Joyce Rosenberg

Linda Barnas (Email) - One of the things I most admire about Joyce is her love for animals, especially cats. Before Lizzie, Sebastian and Leo, there was Mitzie, and her childhood cat Moishe. Joyce's devotion to Mitzie's care as Mitzie got older and sicker was amazing. On her way home at night from the City Bureau, she would often stop at a Chicken Ranch to get some plain chicken to feed Mitzie, who was suffering from diabetes and other ailments. She gave Mitzie insulin shots and took great care of her until the end.

Joyce's sensitivity to suffering also applied to humans as she helped direct stories about the AIDS crisis in New York City. I remember puzzling with her over how to diplomatically write about safe sex practices in ways that would get out the needed information without being too shocking for the times.

Joyce also has a wicked sense of humor. She was at a Passover seder at my apartment when giggles emerged from her and another guest as we came to the part in the service about the exodus from the house of bondage. The two were chuckling over an idea for a new theme restaurant and what it might entail: the International House of Bondage. You can imagine the wait staff's outfits! To this day, I can't pass an IHOP without thinking of Joyce.

A wonderful journalist, a wonderful friend to so many, and a true mensch.

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Dave Carpenter (Email) - I worked with Joyce mostly from afar during stints as a business writer in San Francisco and Chicago. Besides being a top-notch editor with a great eye for stories and angles, she made it enjoyable with her spirit, encouragement, innovative ideas and language way too colorful to make the wire. "Is being a business writer really that much fun?" a colleague once asked, passing my desk as I cackled gleefully, on the phone with Joyce. Working with her, it was. A terrific talent and an AP treasure for the past four decades.

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Charlie Monzella (Email) - I am delighted that Joyce Rosenberg is taking a well-deserved retirement after 44 years with the AP. And what a distinguished career she has had.

I feel honored that she mentioned me in her retirement notice as the one who hired her. I just happened to be the one in the Broadcast Department who had the responsibility for interviewing applicants. But I'm glad that her interview and writing test went so well that hiring her was a no-brainer.

Joyce's time in the Broadcast Department was stellar. And so were her stints in the New York City Bureau and Business News. Joyce has done AP proud with her outstanding writing, editing and administrative skills.

My heartfelt congratulations go out to Joyce. My wish is that her retirement is long and happy.

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Victor Simpson ([Email](#)) – in an email to Joyce that he shared:

I don't think we ever met, I worked in New York in the late 60s and early 70s before I became a correspondent, news editor and COB in the Rome bureau.

Marty (Sutphin, her late husband who was a New York supervising editor) was a standout among such greats as Ed Dennehy, Harris Jackson, Lou Boccardi.

So cool and calm. I still remember how he saved me when I made a horrendous factual error in the lead of an APN Sunday feature on Princeton's eating clubs. I caught the error after it moved on a Saturday as an advance and called the Gen Desk. They have me Marty who fixed it, and said he had seen a lot worse!

Breaking News with Laura Meckler

Sandy Johnson ([Email](#)) – A long interview (in Career Curves) with Laura Meckler, who started out with newspapers in Ohio, then AP-Ohio, then Washington-AP, before reporting for the WSJ and now the Washington Post. Worth a read. It begins:



"Being consistently good doesn't get you very far. You need to be occasionally amazing." That's advice from Laura Meckler, national education writer at the Washington Post. Her career is living proof, and by being good and occasionally amazing she rose up the journalism ladder to some of the most prestigious newspapers in the U.S., including a coveted stint as White House correspondent for The Wall Street Journal.

In this episode, Laura describes her journey, beginning with a pivotal role as Editor in Chief of her college newspaper. The road to prominence had a series of challenges and curves along the way, but she persevered and leveraged each of her experiences to continually move forward.

Her path is an excellent reminder that most careers don't follow a straight line. The highs, lows, triumphs and failures are all part of the career development process, and they build strength and resilience. How did Laura do it? Listen to this "Breaking News" episode to hear her remarkable story.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting mailbox

On public trust in journalism

Ray Newton ([Email](#)) - The question--restoring public trust in journalism?

My response: Reporting should be straightforward and accurate in all aspects. "Facts" should be verifiable from second- and third-party sources. Slanted words/biased language should be avoided.

I recommend that writers and reporters read—or read again—the AP Statement of News Values and Principles as it appears in the Stylebook.

I hope (but I am skeptical it ever will happen) that television and social media commentators will read and accept those same values and principles.

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A second 'last day' with the AP

Sally Stapleton ([Email](#)) - One should only have a last day at a beloved news organization once, but I was lucky enough to be part of the Associated Press twice. Friday was my last day there as I'm headed to Magnum Photos in a week. I'll be the senior account manager in the New York office to work with documentary and photojournalism projects while liaising with my counterparts in London and Paris.

Connecting has written before about my family history in journalism as I'm a third generation with roots in small-town Missouri newspapers. It's part of who I am and the AP has been a grounding center and a source of pride.

However, I'm writing not to share personal news but to recognize Paul, who makes last days feel less final. His public service keeps all who depart still aligned with the AP and I thank him for it.

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Inflation

Kevin Noblet ([Email](#)) - A good [AP story](#) today by Darlene Superville on Biden's habit of whispering a point carried this note: "This story has been corrected to show the infrastructure deal was \$973 billion, not \$973 trillion." It's a sign of the times. We used to mix up millions and billions."

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Popular zombies that refuse to die

Adolphe Bernotas ([Email](#)) - Charles McFadden points out that anachronistic expressions once used in speech and news cliches for the most part have been

discarded – making a Xerox, sounds like a broken record, hold your horses etc.

Yet, these popular zombies refuse to die:

-- “cinder blocks” live on, even though they were generally abandoned in construction around World War II, replaced by concrete blocks.

– “phones rang off the hook” won't stop ringing even though the last telephone was hung on a hook in 1208 BC.

-- “flashbulbs popped” keep on popping even though flashbulbs haven't been used in or with cameras for about 60 years, supplanted by strobe lights.

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Wowed by the Blue Angels



Bill Kaczor (Email) - I drove out to Pensacola Beach to take in an air show by our hometown heroes, the Blue Angels, last Thursday, the first of three daily shows (the first two are technically "practices."). It normally is no more than a 10-minute drive from my house but took nearly an hour to get there due to the thousands who wanted to see the Blues perform a full Pensacola Beach show for the first time in three years. Last year's show was cancelled due to covid and the 2019 show consisted of just a few fly-overs as the Gulf of Mexico was too rough to send out the safety boats required for a full show. It also was the first local show featuring the Blues new F/A-18 E and F Super Hornet jets replacing the ordinary Hornets they used to fly. Attached are some "skyshots" I took of the Blues in action. I have posted more on flickr. Here's a link: [Blue Angels 2021 | Flickr](#)

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My last car – a long-ago memory

Paul Colford (Email) - My modest contribution to Connecting's "My First Car" series was, in fact, written for The New York Times 44 years ago.

See it [here](#). (My surname was misspelled in the byline, but not in the bio /tagline.)

The story begins:

UNLIKE Lassie, who came home, my beloved 1964 Chevelle is gone for good, I fear. It was stolen on Feb. 25, snatched as I groaned with the flu at my home in Jersey City.

If I had been at work that Friday, the car would have been 17 miles west, too. If parking space had been available nearer my front door, a neighbor might have spotted the thief. If, if, if. There area million of them.

The policeman at the precinct headquarters said that, because of the ear's age—it had nearly 115,000 miles on it—someone probably had taken it for a joy ride.

Here's a postscript to my story:

Car turned up weeks after this piece ran in the Times. A filthy mess, inside and out. The driver, charged with failure to operate a vehicle without a license, state registration and proof of insurance (as I recall), claimed I had let him use the car.

Parked again on the street in my Jersey City neighborhood, the car drew a series of mean-looking characters; they drove slowly by the Chevelle time and again.

I sold it for \$50 to a "friend," who never paid me. He removed the back seat and discovered an array of glassine envelopes of heroin, likely bagged for ready street sale.

Now I knew why it had been such a magnet of curiosity among the hard men who slowed down to check it out, as I continued to mourn its passing.

Best of the Week

**Reporter's instincts, deep preparation
break stunning news of Cosby case
reversal and prison release**



Bill Cosby reacts outside his home in Elkins Park, Pa., June 30,2021, after Pennsylvania’s highest court overturned his sex assault conviction and released him from prison. AP PHOTOS / MATT SLOCUM, MATT ROURKE

Comedian Bill Cosby had been in a Pennsylvania prison for more than two years last December when the state’s high court took on his appeal of his sexual assault conviction for drugging Temple University employee Andrea Constand for sex in 2004.

As seven months went by without a decision, legal affairs reporter Maryclaire Dale — who had been instrumental in breaking the original Cosby story — thought there might be something newsworthy in the works. Her instincts led to deep preparation that put AP ahead on one of the biggest news stories of the summer, one that almost no one but the Philadelphia-based Dale had anticipated.

Dale, who has been covering Cosby for years, thought something might be imminent as the month came to a close. She worked with East Desk editor Sophie Rosenbaum on preparation while procuring file photos in case a decision did come down.

Her instincts proved right.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

AP reveals a water crisis at the boiling point for Native Americans, farmers in Western river basin



The Klamath River winds runs along Highway 96 near Happy Camp, Calif., June 7, 2001. Competition over the water in the Klamath Basin has always been intense, but this summer there is not enough water for the needs of farmers, Native American tribes and wildlife refuges.AP PHOTOS / NATHAN HOWARD

AP Portland, Oregon, reporter Gillian Flaccus has long followed a simmering issue in the Klamath River Basin, a swath of rural agricultural land in Northern California and southern Oregon that is ground zero for the fight over an increasingly precious resource in the American West: water.

Amid extreme drought in the region, the U.S. government has stopped irrigation to hundreds of farmers for the first time in history, while Native American tribes along the 257-mile Klamath River are watching fish species hover closer to extinction. Farmers face ruin and tribes that have lived in the area for thousands of years worry their culture will vanish. The situation is attracting anti-government activists trying to politicize a water crisis experts say could be a preview of what communities around the globe could face due to climate change.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting calendar

Connecting Regional Reunion: September in Texas

You are invited to attend the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Group events include a casual Tex-Mex dinner Saturday night, Sept. 18, and going to the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox game on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, at retractable-roof Globe Life Field in Arlington. Pay your own way.

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas. For registration information, email Diana at heidgerd@flash.net Please register by Aug. 2.

Confirmed attendees so far (will be updated) include:

- Amanda Barnett
- Sally Carpenter Hale & Rick Hale
- Joei Bohr & Mark Woolsey
- Pam Collins & guest
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- Brent Kallestad
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Terry Wallace & Liz Eaton

Group hotel:

[SpringHill Suites Dallas DFW Airport South/CentrePort](#), rates \$109-\$114 per night, plus taxes & fees. Available Sept. 15-20 for AP Reunion group. Register by Aug. 2 to get the discounted AP Reunion rate.

See you in September!

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

TV news crews are increasingly threatened with violence on the job (Washington Post)



Rioters at the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol smashed television equipment belonging to the Associated Press. (Jose Luis Magana/AP)

By Paul Farhi

TV reporter Dillon Collier went to cover the aftermath of a house fire in a San Antonio neighborhood Monday morning. A routine story, he thought. But it turned out to be much more than that.

As he interviewed family members on the sidewalk outside the burned home, a man emerged from it shouting epithets at Collier and his station's video journalist Joshua Saunders. The man also had two handguns — one of which he began firing. Collier, Saunders and members of the family scattered as bullets flew in their direction.

Police later fatally shot the gunman after he fired on them from the house. Collier and his colleague were unhurt but shaken. "I think I'm okay," the reporter told The Washington Post on Tuesday evening. "It's going to take a while to process this."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Harry Dunphy, Paul Albright, Doug Pizac, Dennis Conrad.

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Podcast revisits how the biggest stories unfolded on TV news (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — For a broadcast journalist, they are the moments that MSNBC's Brian Williams says you can almost feel people watching you.

Planes crash into the World Trade Center. A president is assassinated. An election is thrown into turmoil. The first human walks on the moon. Daily life is cast aside and people gather around televisions to soak in the news.

How TV and radio journalists handle it when history is suddenly thrust upon them is the subject of a new podcast based on Joe Garner's 1998 book, "We Interrupt This Broadcast." The 12-episode series, which Williams narrates, becomes available on July 20, and new seasons are already in the works.

Hearing some of these moments as they unfolded is chilling, particularly if you were around to hear them the first time. In many cases, a journalist's mundane day suddenly turned into one of the most impactful of their career and all skills are brought to bear.

Read more [here](#).

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Protests erupt in Georgia after beaten journalist dies

(AP)

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Several thousand people protested in front of the Georgian parliament on Sunday evening, demanding that the ex-Soviet nation's prime minister resign over the death of a journalist who was attacked and beaten by anti-LGBT protesters.

Cameraman Alexander Lashkarava was found dead in his home by his mother earlier Sunday, according to the TV Pirveli channel he worked for. Lashkarava was one of several dozen journalists attacked last Monday by opponents of an LGBT march that had been scheduled to take place that day in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

Organizers of the Tbilisi March For Dignity cancelled the event, saying authorities had not provided adequate security guarantees. Opponents of the march blocked off the capital's main avenue, denounced journalists covering the protest as pro-LGBT propagandists and threw sticks and bottles at them.

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

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New signs honor Phoenix journalist Don Bolles at site of car bombing (KTAR)

BY KEVIN STONE

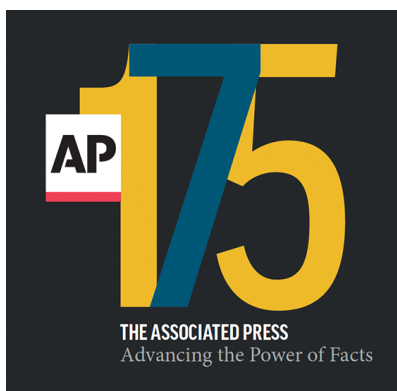
PHOENIX – Street signs honoring slain Phoenix journalist Don Bolles were installed this week at the intersection where he was killed by a car bomb 45 years ago.

Ceremonial blue Don Bolles Way signs went up Tuesday at Fourth and Clarendon avenues, outside the Clarendon Hotel.

The hotel's owner requested and paid for the tribute through the city's ceremonial street sign program.

"On behalf of the city of Phoenix, I offer our thanks to Daron Brotherton – who has owned the Clarendon Hotel since 2019 – for honoring Don Bolles' life and career with these ceremonial signs," Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego said in a press release.

Read more [here](#).



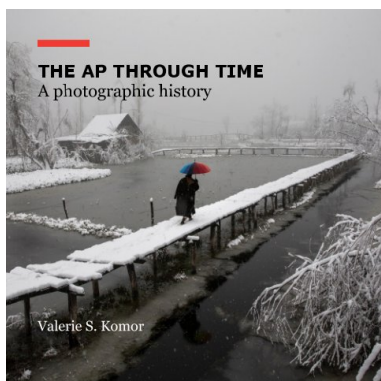
Celebrating AP's 175th

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 12, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2021. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:

In 1812, United States forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1960, the Etch A Sketch Magic Screen drawing toy, invented by French electrician Andre Cassagnes, was first produced by the Ohio Art Co.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released by Capitol Records.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a Black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed a measure creating the Congressional Budget Office. Former White House aide John Ehrlichman and three others were convicted of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

In 1991, a Japanese professor (Hitoshi Igarashi) who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 2003, the USS Ronald Reagan, the first carrier named for a living president, was commissioned in Norfolk, Va.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Arthur Petry, who'd lost his right hand grabbing a live grenade to save his comrades in Afghanistan. A memorial service for former first lady Betty Ford in Palm Desert, California, was attended by Michelle Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rosalynn Carter and former President George W. Bush.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama visited Dallas, where five police officers were killed the previous week by a Black man seeking vengeance for police killings; Obama said a week of deeply troubling violence seemed to expose "the deepest fault lines of our democracy," but insisted the nation was not as divided as it seemed. With hugs and handshakes, Bernie Sanders endorsed Hillary Clinton for president during an appearance in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

One year ago: Florida set a national record with more than 15,500 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in a day. Twenty-one people suffered minor injuries in an explosion and fire aboard a Navy amphibious assault vessel, the USS Bonhomme Richard, at Naval Base San Diego; the fire would burn for more than four days. Actor Kelly Preston, whose films included "Jerry Maguire" and "Twins," died at 57 after a two-year battle with breast cancer; word of her death came from husband John Travolta.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Christine McVie is 78. Actor Denise Nicholas is 77. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 76. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 73. Singer Walter Egan is 73. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 70. Actor Cheryl Ladd is 70. Gospel singer Ricky McKinnie is 69. Country singer Julie Miller is 65. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 65. Actor Mel Harris is 65. Actor Buddy Foster is 64. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 59. Actor Judi Evans is 57. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 56. Actor Lisa Nicole Carson is 52. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 50. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 48. CBS newsman Jeff Glor is 46. Actor Anna Friel is 45. R&B singer Tracie Spencer is 45. Actor Alison Wright is 45. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., is 45. Actor Steve Howey is 44. Actor Topher Grace is 43. Actor Michelle Rodriguez is 43. Actor Kristen Connolly is 41. Country singer-musician Kimberly Perry (The Band Perry) is 38. Actor Matt Cook (TV: "Man With a Plan") is 37. Actor Natalie Martinez is 37. Actor Bernard David Jones is 36. Actor Ta'Rhonda Jones is 33. Golfer Inbee Park is 33. Actor Melissa O'Neil is 33. Actor Rachel Brosnahan is 31. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 30. Olympic gold medal gymnast Jordyn Wieber is 26. Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai is 24.

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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