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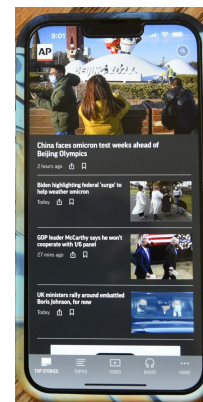
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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Feb. 9, 2022,

For those of you who think Ye Olde Connecting Editor has inside knowledge of AP operations, well, this one's for you.

Tuesday's Connecting featured a story that **Ellen Knickmeyer (Email)** was among 11 named to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame – and we called her a “former Associated Press journalist.” Wrong! Our story correctly said she had a distinguished overseas career with the AP, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal. But it did not say she rejoined the AP in 2014 when she returned to the U.S., in the San Francisco bureau, and has since 2018 been a member of the Washington staff, where today she covers foreign policy, national security and climate.

In the painful process of this realization, at least we gained a new Connecting subscriber... Welcome, Ellen!

Our colleague **Norm Abelson** turned an afternoon of housekeeping through old papers, some that go back 70 years, saved from his days with the AP. And our nonagenarian colleague decided, why not share some of his findings with his Connecting colleagues.

Even the Bulletin Kill that he was involved in, sorta. It's our lead story today and comes with an invitation to share your own experiences in going through your old stuff.

Colleague **Bill Hendrick** spent 30 years with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution after eight years with The Associated Press, but he says that today he feels more AP than J-C and explains why in a delightful profile he offers to his colleagues.

He notes that he didn't include everything. For instance:

*"Youngsters won't appreciate or even be able to fathom the dictation story. and I left out a story about covering a coal mine disaster and hauling ass down a hill to call in the bulletin that 13 more men had been killed because there was only one phone within five miles. So I ran straight threw a bunch of weeping widows and family members. But, ah, those were the days. Or the nights Terry Anderson and I got tear-gassed covering an anti-busing riot in LX. I don't know how old you are but in those days, we only used one byline. I got one one night, Terry got one the next. Now we see six bylines on NYtimes stories."*

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Didn't I ever throw anything away? - How about you?

**Norm Abelson** ([Email](#)) - In the endless struggle to thin my mountain of old papers, I recently came upon a pile of stuff, some of it dating back 70 years, from my first days at The Associated Press.

They range from the memorable to the picayune. They're in turn funny, sad, angering and odd. There are pay stubs, OT payments for covering big stories, expense account receipts, reprimands from the big boss in Boston – and a few congratulatory notes when I scored a beat. I was even once – horrors - involved in a "bulletin kill."

Let me get that kill thing, at least what I remember about it, out of the way up front.

Back in the '50s, during the hey-days of the McCarthy Era, New Hampshire - then a politically conservative state - decided it needed a mini-Commie probe of its own. Old Lefties were pulled off their farms and homes by the attorney general to either publicly pledge their loyalty or confess and face the consequences. Not much of

substance came out of it, but it sure generated a lot of news coverage, including the "kill."

I had been an AP newsman for less than a year when it occurred. It seems I punched out the offending material (an accusation of communism) as I received it from my boss, the correspondent, reporting from the scene. Yet the letter of reprimand was addressed not to him, but to me. At the bottom was this "cc" to the guy who dictated the stuff. "I understand you furnished the offending material from the statehouse." I guess I'm not still p.o.'ed about it - not much.

Here's a taste of the picayune, in a memo to me from the COB:

"I reduced your expense voucher re the Hanover trip by 45 cents...if you had not driven earlier in the week, only the first 125 miles on 11/8 would have been paid at .10 per mile, with 5 miles at .09."

I also came upon a batch of OT and expense slips, examples dating from 1954 – 1962. The subject lines give a clue as to the variety of stuff AP reporters are called upon to cover, even – or maybe especially - in a small, two-person office.

Hurricane Edna & NH prexy primary

Coverage of airliner crash

Night lead Manchester sex slaying

Covering Ike arrival for Old Man of the Mountains anniversary visit

Commie probe figure jailed for contempt

Staffed court hearing re Red probe jailing

Eisenhower – NH prexy primary developments

Staffing Sen. Estes Kefauver prexy campaign tour

Staffed Xgr on three bills to legalize dog-racing

Brown Co. lumber-jack strike

Six killed in Nashua truck-train collision

Collecting comments re NH Red probe before US Supreme Court

Three tots die in home freezer tragedy

Ex-Gov. Sherman Adams makes first comments since resigning as Ike's chief of staff in scandal

Exclusive jail interview w/youth who hours earlier murdered his parents & siblings  
Vice Pres. Johnson arrives in Concord for senior GOP Senator's funeral

## Connecting profile – Bill Hendrick



ABOVE: That's me opening a door to the AP office at the Georgia Capitol was in 2015 when AP hired me to help 'em cover the Legislature for three months.

RIGHT: That's me standing in front of The AP headquarters at 50 Rock in 1977. I was going to work on the Foreign Desk in the dead of winter.

**Bill Hendrick** ([Email](#)) - The first time I walked into my first AP office for what I hoped would be the first step in a long career, the grizzled and rumpold old veteran behind the horseshoe-shaped desk saw that I was looking around, baffled.



"You're standing in it," smiled Phil Oramus, a veteran of maybe 40, pointing to my cigarette and standing up to shake hands with the new staffer of 22 who'd just arrived after spending a few weeks of orientation in Atlanta.

I flicked the long ash off my Tareyton and reached out to shake his hand. And the training began the next afternoon when I reported at 3:30 for my first shift and found



my first ash tray.

We had one computer and at least a dozen constantly clacking AP teletype machines in the small office, each whacking away at 66-words a minute.

The state wire, the AAA wire, the BBB wire, the sports wire, the business wire, various regional and national message wires, and others.

The computer was used exclusively for filing copy for radio, mostly radio "splits" and weather bulletins.

For newspaper stories, mostly rewrites of articles in the Birmingham News and the Birmingham Post Herald, we used typewriters with extra-large letters. After finishing a story we'd slip the paper out of the typewriter and into a datafax machine and dial up Atlanta, where it would slowly move a line at a time, to be edited by a desk man, who'd then put it in a tray for one of a half dozen teletype operators to punch onto the wires.

Sounds clunky and inefficient, but this was in early July 1971. And I think it was standard procedure, even for the older guys like Oramus, Bob Ingle and really ancient Birmingham Correspondent Hoyt Harwell, who might have been close to 45.

This method might have just been for the newbies, because I remember using the computer several years later to file bulletins on the death of Birmingham's racist former police commissioner, Bull Connor, and America's very last domestic (non-terrorist) hijacking, when planes were routinely taken over by gunmen and flown to Fidel Castro's Cuba.

I wrote the whole Connor story and except for the bulletin sent adds by fax, but the General Desk in New York took over the hijacking as soon as I filed the bulletin.

Like most new folks, my goal was to "make" probation and be allowed to write a letter after six months to General Manager Wes Gallagher. That meant you'd made it, had job security and wouldn't be fired except maybe for an extremely egregious error. And then, only maybe.

Oramus and Ingle taught me the night shift routine, filing radio news every half hour (or was it every hour?). You'd rewrite the news of the day:

"Here is the latest news from The Associated Press."

First, the highlights.

(You'd write a headline.)

Now, the details.

(You'd write maybe 50 or 100 words, I don't remember, for four or five stories.)

Soon I started making the AAA wire. Hoyt sent me to federal court to cover a hearing on an edict filed by Gov. George Wallace. It was ruled unconstitutional. I ran to a pay

phone and called Hoyt.

“Hey Hoyt, the judge ruled, I’ll be in soon to write it.”

“No,” he said. “Dictate.”

After a couple of years, I transferred back to Atlanta, then after a couple more years to Louisville, then to Frankfort, then back to Louisville and then to New York, where I was promoted to Business News Supervisor. I’d been state news editor my last gig in LX so I guess they thought I could handle people, because I knew nothing about business. My goal was to become a foreign correspondent, so I soon transferred from Business to the Foreign Desk, aka “Cables”. The job entailed rewriting and editing copy filed from overseas staffers and stringers.

AP had a stringer in Tehran named Parvis Rahin (sp?). He began every story, “Shah say...”

Foreign Desk Chief Nate Polowetsky soon sent me to a language school for private Hebrew lessons. But six months later my first son was born, and my wife and I decided we needed to go back to her home state of Georgia; midtown Manhattan was great... only blocks from then AP headquarters at 50 Rockefeller Plaza.

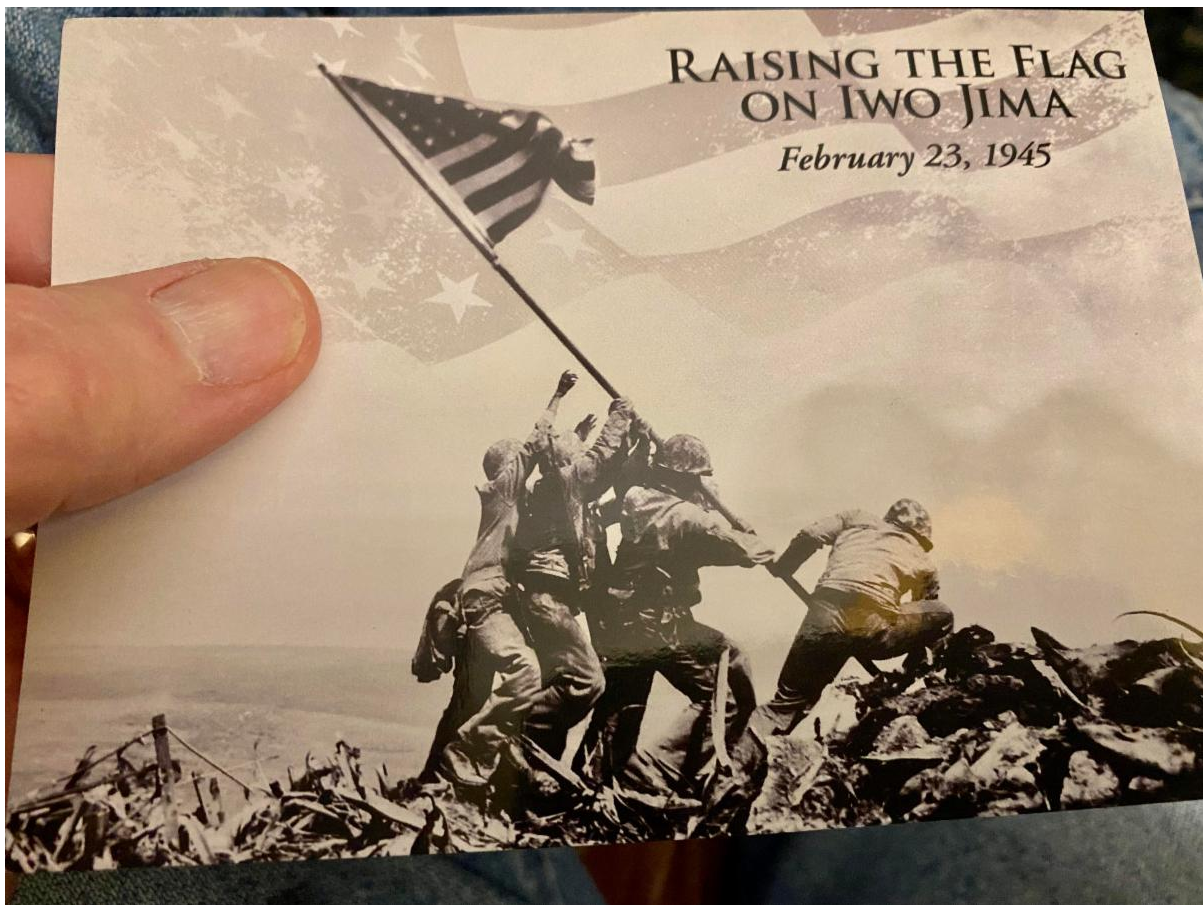
But with AP experience, newspaper jobs were plentiful, and our one-bedroom apartment at 117 W. 58th Street was small. I flew to Atlanta and interviewed at the then separate Journal and Constitution, got a job and soon moved back South.

I had a long and fun career and even got to travel all over the world, but I always loved The AP more than the paper.

Now my sons are middle aged, older most likely than Phil Oramus was that first day in BM. And I have two grandchildren, 10 and 6.

In late 2008, with the newspaper industry crashing, I accepted a buyout and started freelancing, which I hated. Now I’m writing books and my first one, published by a university press, is due out in June. And I’m working on a second now....on newspapers in the 19th century.

## He and Sister Donalda became pen (and stamp) pals



**John Epperson (Email)** - As so many have come forward with notes of their feelings of our departed Sister Donalda Kehoe, I want to put my words into your report Paul.

I had only met the Sister through Connecting in Spring of last year. We quickly became friends corresponding through the U.S. mail. We never exchanged greetings or letters by email.

She loved getting mail, she wrote to me in her first letter, so I attempted to send along notes and especially postcards from places I thought would interest her.

Sister was an avid postage stamp and postmark collector. She was an active member of the local philatelists club in her community of Dubuque, Iowa.

When corresponding we always sent mail with a variety of current issue or long ago postage, as I too in younger days enjoyed the hobby.

On a recent letter from her in December, she had attached five different stamps, three of which I had never seen. I sent them all back to her with the Des Moines postmark as she would use them as trading material at the stamp club.

It would be our last communication until I sent her the birthday greeting last week as you recommended Paul. As I sat at the desk reading Connecting Monday morning, there it was. The Sister so many of us cared about was gone. I read it several times.

On the desk was a postcard I had written Saturday to Sister. As I said she loved mail. She had recently sent me a good wishes card for Veterans Day.

Going through stuff recently I turned up a picture postcard of Joe Rosenthal's Iwo Jima flag raising.

Sister expressed to me her liking of history, and the anniversary, the 76th, of the taking of that famous image is coming this month on the 23rd. A natural for Sister I thought.

I told her about AP photographer Rosenthal in a short a message and addressed it to her at her residence.

It lays here now with a forever postcard stamp of a sea shell attached.

Sister Donalda Kehoe - a grand woman of faith. May her memory be a blessing.

I know she's gone, but I will still mail the postcard tomorrow.

## Welcoming John Vinocur to Bonn

**Robert H. Reid (Email)** - Both John Vinocur and I arrived in Bonn, West Germany in 1977 – he to the New York Times bureau and I to the AP's office there.

Even for a veteran like Vinocur, Bonn was a culture shock. It was the capital of one of Europe's most important countries on the frontline of the Cold War but with the vibe of a small university backwater where government, journalism and espionage seemed to be the biggest employers.

Until he got his feet on the ground, John would pop by the AP almost daily to exchange rumors, look over our shoulders and kibitz our writing. One day the news editor Sandy Higgins, called from his office to warn me "Vinocur's coming. Close your screen."

Instead I kept the phone to my ear and, with John approaching my desk, started typing as if taking dictation:

EAST BERLIN (AP) - "Tanks rolled into Alexanderplatz today amid rumors that Soviet hardliners were planning to dump East German leader Erich Honecker.

A burly Soviet major armed with a bullhorn climbed aboard a tank and ordered civilians to disperse from the busy shopping square. There was no immediate...."

It would have been a huge story.

Although East Berlin was in the Communist area, the Soviets kept their combat formations well away from the center of the city. Any move to depose Honecker would have triggered a global crisis, upended West German politics and destroyed steps toward detente in Europe.

With his jaw dropping, John wheeled around and raced for the door, presumably to alert the Times. Sandy Higgins stopped him and told him it was a hoax.

Vinocur laughed sheepishly and mumbled "I was wondering why no bulletin."

We didn't see as much of John in the office after that. In 1982 we both left Bonn. He went to Paris and bigger jobs, including executive editor of the International Herald Tribune. I went to Cairo. I'll leave it to others to judge what that signified.

Honestly I don't believe we ever beat John Vinocur on a real story. Often we didn't even come close.

But on that day so many years ago, we got him.

## AP 19th Century notes



NEWSPAPERS that depend upon the Associated Press for their news can not compete with those papers that are collecting their own information by special correspondents. The copyright bill now pending in Congress is to protect these first named old foggy concerns from the wide-awake and enterprising papers that have cast off the worn out and played out machinery of the Associated Press. Enterprise has usually been encouraged in this country, and we have a whim that it will continue to be.

ONE Mr. HARRIS was the representative of the Associated Press at Hot Springs prior to and during the recent rioting and wholesale murder by some cut-throats calling themselves gamblers. He was likewise in the employ of the cut-throats aforesaid. The reports of the bloody affair and the state of popular feeling following it which Mr. HARRIS furnished to the Associated Press entirely misrepresented the facts. So gross and outrageous was his lying that the citizens of the town ordered him to leave the place. Having a powerful faction and the Associated Press behind him he did not at once act upon the suggestion, and he was called upon by the citizens whom he had outraged and summarily driven from the community. This was an exceptional case. Still, it would have been so nice to

have had Mr. HARRIS' Munchausenisms  
copyrighted in the interest of truth and  
the Associated Press.

**Dennis Whitehead (Email)** - Returning to my book work that currently involves digging into the 19th century, I came across these two notes from an 1884 Cincinnati Enquirer that may or may not be of interest to Connecting readers. They're rather obtuse.

## Florida Man

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our colleague Dave Tomlin visited family in Florida last month and tried a sixpack of Florida Man IPA after his son in law told him about why Florida Man is a brand. Then Dave saw an AP story last week about Florida Man stealing a car that ended up in someone's house. So he's had Florida Man on his mind.)*



**Dave Tomlin (Email)** - I know I'm coming very late to awareness of the Florida Man phenomenon.

For those even slower off the mark than I was, the meme was born a decade or so ago as a Twitter topic featuring actual news stories about depraved acts committed by a Florida Man. Just last week I spotted this one:

Florida man steals car; train sends it crashing into house

Certainly odd, but quite tame in the grand scheme of Florida Manhood. For example, these three made a top 47 list compiled for the year 2015:

Florida man killed 5 gators, ate them for Super Bowl dinner

Florida man who had sex with dolphin says it seduced him

Florida man puts dragon lizard in his mouth, smacks people with it

And I didn't even read past February.

You may wonder why I'm sharing this disturbing material with Connecting readers. It's because I learned during my "research" that some news organizations believe Florida Man gets picked on more than, say, New Mexico Man, because the state's robust FOI laws improve media access to police reports. But this is nonsense.

As a former First Amendment lawyer and New Mexico newspaper reporter, I can assure you that information is as free in the Land of Enchantment as it is anywhere

else, and police reports here can be just as disconcerting.

But don't take it from me. Ask New Mexico Man, if you dare:

New Mexico man accused of decapitating acquaintance in park, playing soccer with head

## Guy Byam sought danger until the end

**Marc Lancaster**  
**World War 2 on Deadline**

Guy Byam spent less than a year as a BBC war correspondent, but few can match his legacy of reporting from the midst of the action.

That inclination toward the front lines was what helped land him a job in the first place. Early in World War II, Sub-Lieutenant Guy Byam-Corstiaens was a member of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, serving aboard the HMS Jervis Bay.



On Nov. 5, 1940, Jervis Bay was escorting a convoy from Bermuda to Great Britain when the group came under attack by German ship Admiral Scheer in the North Atlantic. Jervis Bay tried to hold the line as the convoy scattered, but ultimately went down with many of its crew. Byam-Corstiaens was one of 68 survivors out of the 254 aboard.

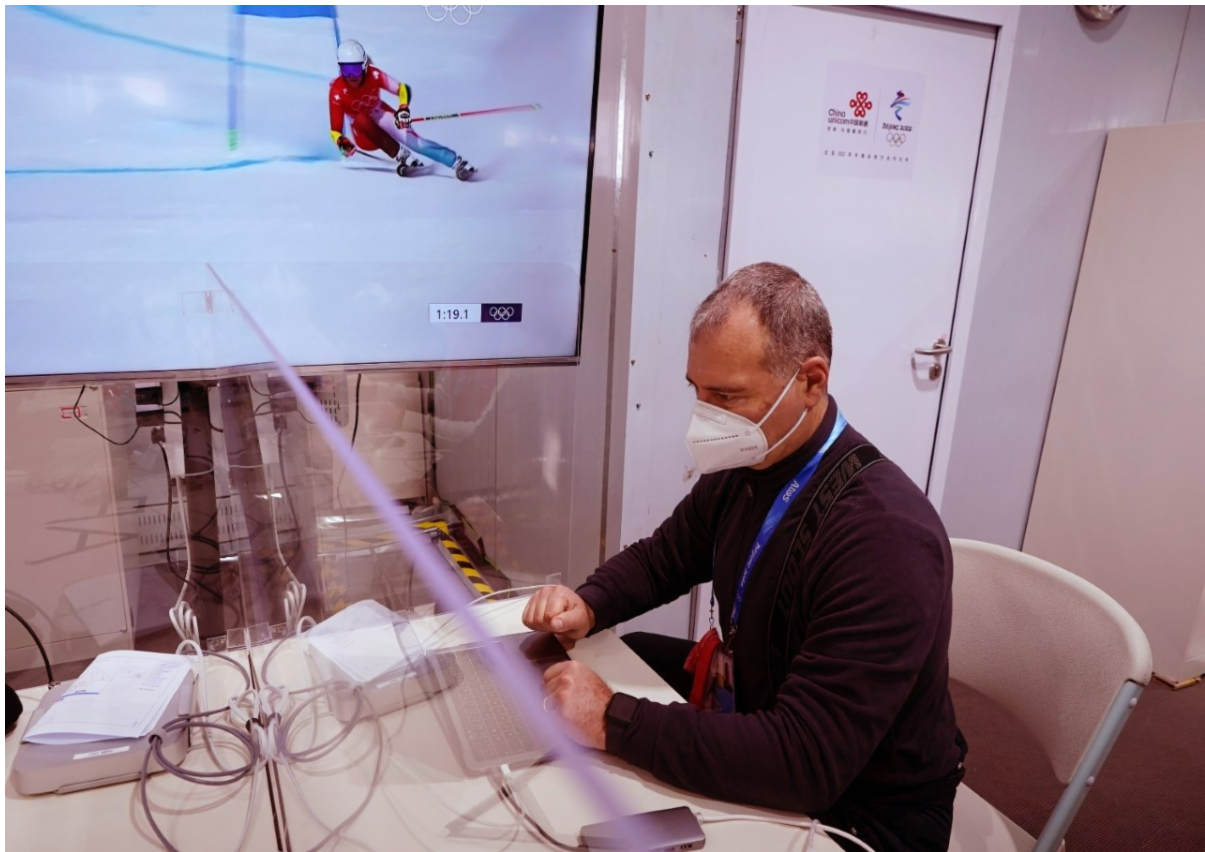
Read more [here](#).

## AP in action at the Beijing Winter Olympics



**Paris-based correspondent John Leicester stands in an isolation room in Beijing, Feb. 5, 2022, waiting for the result of the daily COVID-19 tests that are mandatory for all those at the Winter Games. (AP Photo/Steve Moyes)**





**Rome-based technician Mauro Migliorelli works in the biathlon press venue before the women's 15-kilometer individual race at the 2022 Winter Olympics, Feb. 7, 2022, in Zhangjiakou, China. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)**



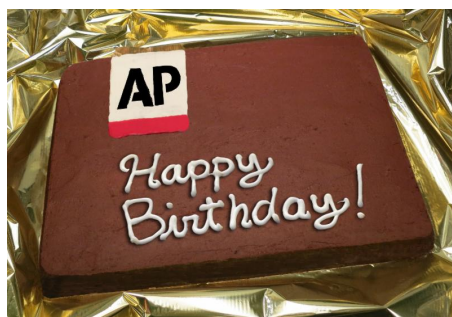


Detroit-based photographer and editor Carlos Osorio edits photos of the women's 15-kilometer individual race at the 2022 Winter Olympics, Feb. 7, 2022, in Zhangjiakou, China. (Photo courtesy of Carlos Osorio)



Asia-Pacific News Director Adam Schreck stops at a kiosk while at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Zhangjiakou, China, Feb. 7, 2022. (AP Photo/Mark Baker)

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Spencer Jones

Doug Waggoner

## Stories of interest

## ***'I'm doing the things I never had a chance to do:' Why leaving journalism and coming back was the right decision*** (Poynter)

**By: Elizabeth Djinis**

Journalism is an industry that is as much a self-identifier as it is a profession.

Some say it's a calling. Others treat it like a self-selecting Myers-Briggs type. Whatever the chosen designation, this view of journalism tends to take on sacred overtones that mask what it actually is — a job.

An industry that polices its own identity must also police who gets to call themselves a journalist and who doesn't. It's perhaps no surprise that an unwritten rule of the journalism industry has always been that if you leave, you don't come back. Of course, there are valid reasons for those rules — journalists who leave to work for corporations or politicians could be perceived to have a conflict of interest if they then tried to report on those issues. And yet there have always been exceptions — after all, George Stephanopoulos was the White House communications director under President Bill Clinton and later became chief Washington correspondent for ABC News. The rules can always be broken, but they're not broken for everyone.

But journalism's insularity may have finally met its match. A record number of Americans are quitting their jobs, and that includes people in newsrooms. At the same time, media outlets are working to be more diverse and more inclusive. One way to do that is by realizing that not every reporter will follow the traditional "journalism school to elite internship to full-time journalism" path. And even if they do, they won't necessarily jump from outlet to outlet in a linear fashion.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Military Reporters & Editors Association calls for the resumption of embeds***

FEB. 5, 2022 | WASHINGTON, D.C.—Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin: The recent deployment of American forces to Europe provides an opportunity for the U.S. military to showcase how the men and women in uniform undertake the mission asked of them by the U.S. government and the nation.

The Military Reporters & Editors Association is formally asking the Defense Department to allow journalists to embed with the U.S. troops that have been selected to deploy to NATO's eastern flank.

By allowing reporters and photographers to show what life is like for U.S. troops on the ground, in the air, and at sea, the Pentagon will allow the American public to

understand the responsibilities and sacrifices that both service members and their families make.

It has been several years since Americans have had such an opportunity to see and hear directly from troops in the field. We at the Military Reporters & Editors Association look forward to working with you to facilitate embeds going forward. Thank you.

Click [here](#) for link.

## The Final Word

**SHOE** By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



Shared by Adolphe Bernotas

## Today in History - Feb. 9, 2022



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2022. There are 325 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlights in History:**

On Feb. 9, 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on

the moon.

**On this date:**

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin charged that the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1962, an agreement was signed to make Jamaica an independent nation within the British Commonwealth later in the year.

In 1963, the Boeing 727 went on its first-ever flight as it took off from Renton, Washington.

In 1964, the Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS. The G.I. Joe action figure was introduced at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 1986, during its latest visit to the solar system, Halley's Comet came closest to the sun (its next return will be in 2061).

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

In 2009, New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs, telling ESPN he'd used banned substances while with the Texas Rangers for three years.

In 2020, "Parasite," from South Korea, won the best picture Oscar, becoming the first foreign-language film to take home the biggest honor in film.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama freed 10 states from some of the toughest requirements of the No Child Left Behind education law. The Pentagon formally opened thousands of jobs to women in units that were closer to the front lines than ever before. Former skiing champion Jill Kinmont Boothe, who became a painter and a teacher after she was paralyzed during a race and was the subject of a book and two Hollywood films, died in Carson City, Nevada, at 75.

Five years ago: A federal appeals court refused to reinstate President Donald Trump's ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations, unanimously rejecting



the administration's claim of presidential authority, questioning its motives and concluding that the order was unlikely to survive legal challenges. Trump reaffirmed America's long-standing "one China" policy in a phone call with Chinese President Xi Jinping, potentially alleviating concerns about a major shift in Washington's relations with Beijing.

One year ago: The Senate moved ahead with a second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, rejecting arguments that the chamber could not proceed because Trump was no longer in office. House prosecutors opened the trial with graphic video of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and Trump's own calls for a rally crowd to march to the iconic building and "fight like hell" against his reelection defeat; Trump's lawyers insisted that his remarks were protected by the First Amendment. A team of international and Chinese scientists looking for the origins of COVID-19 said it most likely appeared in humans after jumping from an animal. Federal safety officials blamed the January 2020 helicopter crash that killed former NBA star Kobe Bryant and eight others on the pilot's decision to fly into clouds, where he became disoriented. Chick Corea, a jazz pianist who'd pushed the boundaries of the genre, died of cancer at 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Janet Suzman is 83. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 82. Actor-politician Sheila James Kuehl (kyool) (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 81. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 80. Actor Joe Pesci is 79. Singer Barbara Lewis is 79. Author Alice Walker is 78. Actor Mia Farrow is 77. Former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 76. Singer Joe Ely is 75. Actor Judith Light is 73. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 67. Actor Ed Amatrudo is 66. Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is 65. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 61. Country singer Travis Tritt is 59. Actor Julie Warner is 57. Country singer Danni Leigh is 52. Actor Sharon Case is 51. Actor Jason George is 50. Actor Amber Valletta is 48. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 46. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 46. Actor A.J. Buckley is 45. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 43. Actor Ziyi (zee yee) Zhang is 43. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Irina Slutskaya is 43. Actor Tom Hiddleston is 41. Actor David Gallagher is 37. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 35. Actor Rose Leslie is 35. Actor Camille Winbush is 32. Actor Jimmy Bennett is 26. Actor Evan Roe (TV: "Madam Secretary") is 22.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking [Connecting Archive](#) in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career in Albany, St. Louis, Wichita, Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City.

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:

- **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.

- **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?

- **Most unusual place a story assignment took you.**

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