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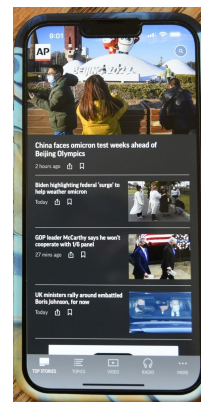
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King Charles III, Camilla, Queen Consort and other members of the Royal family follow the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II as it is carried into Westminster Abbey ahead of her State Funeral, in London, Monday Sept. 19, 2022. The Queen, who died aged 96 on Sept. 8, will be buried at Windsor alongside her late husband, Prince Philip, who died last year. (Jack Hill/Pool Photo via AP)

Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this Sept. 19, 2022,

The Associated Press and all the world's media will be presenting extensive coverage today of state funeral services for Queen Elizabeth II. Click [here](#) for the latest from AP.

Over the weekend, Connecting received some fine stories relating to her death and I thought I would bring you those in today's issue - along with a few AP stories that caught my eye.

I look forward to your story and photo submissions of the funeral and on any other topic.

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

Paul

Queen's death triggers media bonanza in works for decades

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — When word came that Queen Elizabeth II was close to her death, media organizations around the world sprang to life, dispatching reporters to a royal castle in Scotland and breaking out coverage plans decades in the making.

At age 96, the queen's passing was hardly a surprise. Still, the British royal succession is a media event on steroids that will culminate in Monday's live coverage of funeral services from Westminster Abbey.

"It's something I've always sort of dreaded and anticipated and worried about," said Deb Thompson, assistant London bureau chief for CBS News in the United States, recalling nights spent obsessing over the details.

So far, it's all gone smoothly and she pronounces herself awed by the spectacle.

Woe to those who didn't plan ahead, however.

The director of U.K.'s Foreign Press Association said the organization has been inundated with requests for accreditation from television and radio broadcasters all over the world. The association tries to help them navigate government and royal protocols.

Read more [here](#).

Queen's death is reminder of disappearing WWII generation.

By DANICA KIRKA

LONDON (AP) — The long good-bye for Queen Elizabeth II is a reminder of a broader truth playing out with little fanfare across Britain: The nation is bidding farewell to the men and women who fought the country's battles during World War II.

The queen, who served as a mechanic and truck driver in the last months of the war, was a tangible link to the sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines and others who signed up to do their bit in a conflict that killed 384,000 service personnel and 70,000 British civilians.

But like the queen, even the youngest veterans of the war are now nearing their 100th birthdays, and a steady stream of obituaries tells the story of a disappearing generation.

"It's extraordinary how that sense of the passing of time is felt very keenly at the moment," said Charles Byrne, director general of the Royal British Legion, the nation's largest armed services charity.

"The queen was a personification of that generation ... and with her passing, it just drives home the sense that time is moving relentlessly, as it does."

Read more [here](#).

LONDON DIARY: Reflections from the queue to mourn the queen

By SAMYA KULLA

LONDON (AP) — A foreign correspondent, a consultant, a businessman, a retired accountant and his wife stand in a line for nearly eight hours.

That is how this story begins, once I claim my spot among a growing queue of mourners coming from all corners of the United Kingdom and the world to pay their last respects to Queen Elizabeth II in England's capital.

It ends when the five of us exit the majestic hall — each in awe, in our own individual way, of the forces of change that swirl around us.

One step into the line, a volunteer named Kofi jots down my number; a wristband later confirms I am No. 3,017 in the queue.

I look back, and the chain of people has already grown by a dozen. It will stretch for miles along the south bank of the River Thames toward Westminster Hall, where the late queen is lying in state ahead of her funeral on Monday.

We were told to expect this. Long waiting times, potentially for 30 hours, in lines that could stretch more than five miles.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Peggy Walsh.

Extra: The Queen and I

[Mort Rosenblum](#) -

AMPUS, France—My first encounter with the Queen ended with an Indian Ocean odyssey to polar opposite archipelagos: Maldives, still a medieval Muslim time warp hidden among coral fantasia, and Seychelles, then fun-loving islands where Sex on the Beach was not a bar drink.

That was in 1972 after a five-week visit to Southeast Asia in a world entirely different from today. Elizabeth II and Prince Philip sailed on their yacht, Britannia. A few reporters flew ahead on a Royal Air Force transport. We had an awful lot of fun, but I don't think the queen did.

Britannia tied up at Male, Maldives' minuscule capital, in water clear enough to see parrotfish frolic on the sea floor. Instead of jumping in, the royal couple traipsed off to

a fish plant, gamely ignoring the stench, and then hobnobbed with officials, schoolkids and the four resident Brits.

On that trip, and others like it in various far-flung places, I watched a purely symbolic monarch work hard to fortify humanity in a world bent on destroying itself. She dined with dictators, only subtly appealing to their better natures. In remote villages, she lit up lives.

Fifty years later, her impact can't be measured. But her mark is indelible. People who waited 30 hours to file past her casket and all those who now gather in London for a last goodbye show her legacy. Great Britain, though diminished these days, still punches far above its weight.

Read more [here](#).

My interactions with the Queen

[Barry Shlachter](#) - Seems a lot of folks are writing about their interactions with the late Queen Elizabeth II. I've resisted the urge.

Until now.

I don't know if I can add anything, but I did have several run-ins... I could cite my chat about horses with her and Prince Philip in 1983 when I was AP's East Africa correspondent (Under COB Jim Peipert) in Nairobi during which I felt extremely sorry that she had to speak to people like me, whom she ordinarily wouldn't seek out. I remember the British tabloid hacks in a tight scrum in a corner eyeing everything while Elizabeth never approached them; one told me they called themselves, 'The Reptiles.'

Later I covered her for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram when she visited Texas. in 1991 In San Antonio, the awful Daughters of the Texas Revolution basically assaulted the Queen. At the time, they ruled the Alamo with an iron fist, angrily chiding anyone who dared take a photo "in our sacred shrine." Yet here, the biddies lept from the crevices to flash photos in the face of a very startled monarch.

My first exposure to the royals was shortly after I was taken on as a "local hire" by the AP's Tokyo bureau. It was 1975 and just before their arrival, AP's Japanese photo staff went on strike. So I did double duty as a reporter and photographer. It was my first month, I think. Somehow my Japanese kicked in and I understood Emperor Hirohito's Zen response to Prince Philip's question on the palace grounds: "Are there fish in the stream?" To which, the former deity replied: "No. But in summer there are fireflies." (Not believing what I had just heard being amid loud clicking Nikons, I turned to an Imperial Household retainer, and asked, did the emperor actually say: いいえ、しかし夏にはホタルがいます. Yes, he had.

I made friends with an older British photographer at that palace press opportunity; he was realizing a lifelong dream to turn pro after retiring from a career in insurance. That night, I sneaked into Prime Minister Miki's official residence, then into the basement kitchen. There, Nobuo Murakami, the renowned chef from the Imperial

Hotel, was preparing the state dinner. I had watched his TV cooking show ("Kyo no Ryori" - "Today's Dish" on NHK that made French cuisine accessible to Japanese home cooks) and told him I was a fan.

Murakami sat me down, and fed me my own share of the Queen's five-course banquet, complete with paired wines. I was quite tipsy by the time I was handed a brandy snifter. Despite being wobbly, I was mistaken for a British embassy employee or security man and, dressed in my only suit, I had the run of the official residence. A phone in a hallway allowed me to dictate a sidebar that the Queen had traveled all the way to Japan only to find herself eating a French meal.

Then I stumbled outside, still more than a bit inebriated. Beyond a barrier was the UK press contingent, including my photographer friend, who was quite agitated. "BAH-ree, Bah-ree!" he shouted. "Look, they're flying the Union Jack upside down!" I looked up and saw the British flag attached to a flag pole. I asked, how can you tell? "I was in the Royal Navy! I know when it's upside down. And it's a distress signal. Quite the insult."

I made my way back inside, just as the Queen and Prince Philip walked past me and toward the banquet hall. I fell in behind their bodyguard. As we entered the hall, the Japanese Self-Defense Force band inexplicably struck up, "London Bridge is Falling Down."

Thinking all the wine is making me hear things, I walked up to the conductor and asked, what did you just play? "Rondon no hashi o chiru." (I knew all the words he spoke, but thought the verb "chiru" was only used when cherry blossoms fell from a branch...)

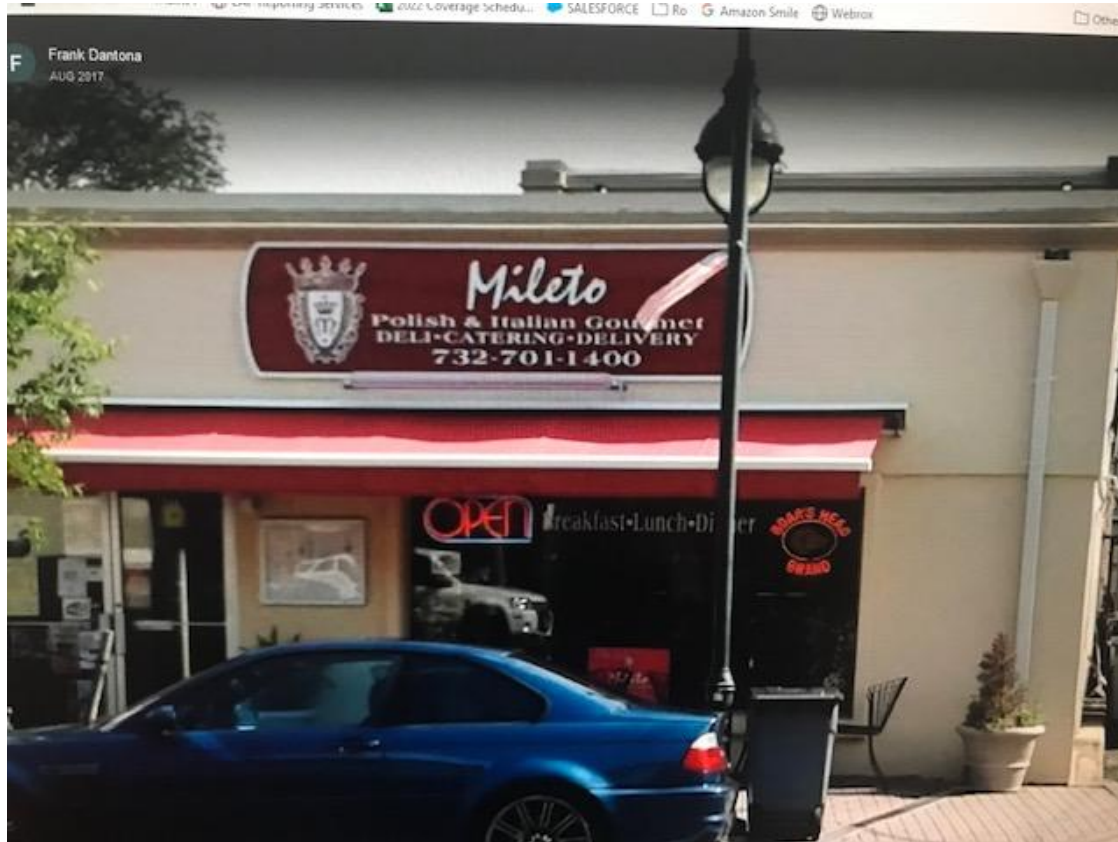
Again, I phoned in a sidebar incorporating the distress signal, the French gourmet dinner and the choice of a nursery rhyme for the royal entry.

After the adventure, my AP bosses, news editor Edwin Q. White and COB Roy Essoyan, expected me to use my housebreaking skills to gain entry to all sorts of places. (President Gerald Ford had a can of Right Guard deodorant in his bathroom at the Imperial guest house...)

Connecting Name Game



Sandy Kozel - I am of Slovenian heritage... the Czech Republic is near Slovenia. And that's where this brand of beer is bottled. Notice the stylized goat on the label? I always knew that kozel in Slovenian meant 'goat,' but didn't think that was the greatest critter to be associated with. But these days, G.O.A.T. is a cool thing to be! Na dravje!



[Rosemarie Mileto](#) - Found this deli but not a relation from what I can tell. They are located in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

Megan Janetsky named Cuba, Caribbean correspondent

In a memo to staff, News Director for Latin America and the Caribbean Eduardo Castillo announced Megan Janetsky is AP's new English-language correspondent for Cuba and the Caribbean:

Megan is a talented American journalist who has been working for the past four years from Colombia as a freelance journalist for The New York Times, The Guardian, National Geographic, The Washington Post and more.

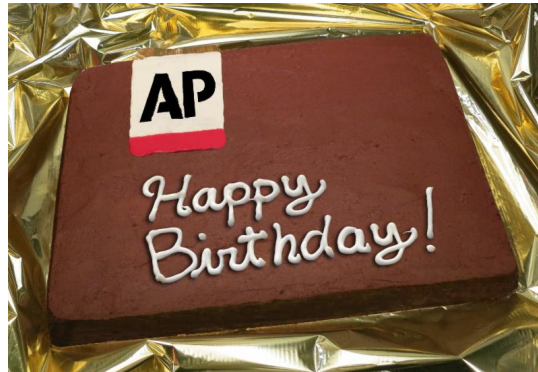
She grew up in the U.S. border state of Arizona, where she began covering the Mexico border and migration. Over the years, she's covered human rights, armed conflict, migration and politics across the region, particularly in the Andes and Central America.

Megan will join our talented team in Havana to report the latest news in Cuba. She will also be responsible to report on the Caribbean, along with Dánica Coto, our Puerto Rico-based Caribbean correspondent.

Megan has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She speaks Spanish fluently.



Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Karen Ball](#)

[John Hartzell](#)

Welcome to Connecting



Kevin LeBoeuf

Stories of interest

Yes, Big Tech Should Pay More for News

Dan Perry - Should Big Tech be made to pay for journalism? With the news industry growing more insolvent by the day, the debate takes on urgency. It features a laissez-faire argument proposing that punishing successful disruptors for media's failures is unfair. But society would be well advised to look at the bigger picture.

The economics are clear. The newspaper industry last year brought in just under \$10b from advertising of which about half was digital; the digital portion is projected to grow slightly while print ads will collapse.

Google, meanwhile, brought in over \$200b in digital ad revenue. Google and Facebook together account for almost three-quarters of the digital advertising total, double their share compared to five years ago. If Twitter ever matures it will also be a factor, since it certainly has the highest proportion of news content appearing on its product. LinkedIn may factor as well.

For now Google, with its virtual monopoly in an amazingly profitable niche, is probably the main issue. Unlike social media, where news content is posted by users or by news platforms themselves, Google deploys news content directly and actively on products around which it delivers ads — in search results and in its news aggregator pages.

Read more [here](#).

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A federal court clears the way for a Texas social media law. (New York Times)

By David McCabe

A federal appeals court on Friday reversed a lower court's order blocking a Texas law that stops large social media platforms from removing political posts, a blow for tech companies that say their content moderation decisions are protected by the Constitution.

"Today we reject the idea that corporations have a freewheeling First Amendment right to censor what people say," Judge Andrew S. Oldham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which is known to be conservative, said in the court's ruling. One member of the three-judge panel dissented from portions of the ruling.

The law makes it possible for individuals or the Texas attorney general's office to sue social media platforms with more than 50 million monthly users in the United States for taking down political viewpoints. The legislation is the product of conservative anger over posts that were taken down largely because they had violated the social media platforms' rules.

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

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Fartlek: The word that won journalists a spelling bee against politicians (Washington Post)

By Meagan Flynn

"Smackeroos."

"Scuzzball."

"Fubar."

Those were just a few of the words journalists and lawmakers were asked to spell at the annual National Press Club's "Press Vs. Politicians" spelling bee Wednesday night, a friendly but fierce competition that the club has hosted since 2013 — with a pandemic hiatus.

But by the end of the night it was The Washington Post's Amy B Wang who emerged victorious, knocking out the reigning champ Rep. Chris Pappas (D-N.H.) after correctly spelling the word "fartlek."

"Fartlek?" Wang asked as the word was given to her, wondering what category of words they were in now.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bill McCloskey.

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Farewell to Outlook, and nearly 70 years of essays, arguments and criticism (Washington Post)

Perspective by Robert G. Kaiser and Steve Luxenberg

Outlook, the print section of commentary and analysis that has graced this newspaper's Sunday edition for nearly 70 years, came into the world quietly on Dec. 19, 1954. No birth announcement appeared in that day's paper. No explanation for curious readers as to why the section formerly called Editorials had a new name. Nothing to indicate that the change was more than cosmetic.

This is Outlook's last edition. A few weeks ago, The Washington Post informed subscribers by email that "the essays and analysis appearing in Outlook will now be found exclusively in Opinions in the A section and online." Befitting the mission that the section eventually embraced — to interpret and witness and seek out unheard voices, and perhaps help Post readers make a little more sense of the world — Outlook will end its run by telling its own story.

Fortunately, there's plenty of material for a rich obituary. Outlook's life was a full one. There were triumphs, embarrassments, hits and misses in the section's weekly quest to provide a mix of significant reporting, opinions worth arguing about, occasional splashes of humor and tragedy, and new ideas that otherwise might never have made their way into the paper. The work of Outlook's many editors and contributors provoked and enlightened generations of print readers.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

Today in History – Sept. 19, 2022



Today is Monday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2022. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1995, The New York Times and The Washington Post published the manifesto of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee), which proved instrumental

in identifying and capturing him.

On this date:

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

In 1996, IBM announced it would extend health benefits to the partners of its gay employees.

In 2001, the Pentagon ordered dozens of advanced aircraft to the Persian Gulf region as the hour of military retaliation for deadly terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 drew closer.

In 2004, Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') from his top military post.

In 2008, struggling to stave off financial catastrophe, the Bush administration laid out a radical bailout plan calling for a takeover of a half-trillion dollars or more in worthless mortgages and other bad debt held by tottering institutions. Relieved investors sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and around the globe.

In 2020, President Donald Trump urged the Republican-run Senate to consider "without delay" his upcoming nomination to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just six weeks before the election.

Ten years ago: Members of Congress presented the Congressional Gold Medal to Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi (ahng sahn soo chee) in a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. The Justice Department's internal watchdog found fault with the agency's handling of a gun-trafficking probe in Arizona that resulted in hundreds of weapons turning up at crime scenes in the U.S. and Mexico; the inspector general's report referred more than a dozen people for possible disciplinary action for their roles in Operation Fast and Furious.

Five years ago: In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Donald Trump vowed to “totally destroy North Korea” if the U.S. were to be forced to defend itself or its allies against the North’s nuclear weapons program. A 7.1 magnitude quake struck central Mexico, killing more than 360 people and causing more than three dozen buildings in Mexico City to completely collapse. Hurricane Maria barreled toward Puerto Rico after leaving widespread destruction on the small Caribbean island of Dominica. Former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the film “Raging Bull,” died at 95.

One year ago: U.S. authorities flew Haitians who’d been camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland, and tried to block others from crossing the border from Mexico. Members of Afghanistan’s national girls soccer team, ages 14-16, who’d been trying to leave Afghanistan since the U.S. withdrawal weeks earlier, boarded a charter flight with their families to Portugal, where they’d been granted asylum. Streaming services pulled off three big victories at the Emmy Awards, as “The Crown” on Netflix won best drama series, “Ted Lasso” from Apple TV+ was named best comedy series and “The Queen’s Gambit,” also on Netflix, won best limited series.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Rosemary Harris is 95. Actor David McCallum is 89. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 82. Singer Bill Medley is 82. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 82. R&B singer Freda Payne is 80. Retired professional golfer Jane Blalock is 77. Singer David Bromberg is 77. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 77. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 75. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 75. Actor Jeremy Irons is 74. Actor Twiggy Lawson is 73. TV personality Joan Lunden is 72. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (Ian-WAH’) is 71. Actor Scott Colomby is 70. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 70. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 67. Rock singer Lita Ford is 64. Actor Kevin Hooks is 64. Actor Carolyn McCormick is 63. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 62. Actor-comedian Cheri Oteri is 60. Country singer Jeff Bates is 59. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 58. News anchor Soledad O’Brien is 56. Celebrity chef Michael Symon is 53. Actor Victor Williams is 52. Actor Sanaa Lathan (suh-NAH’ LAY’-thun) is 51. Actor Stephanie J. Block is 50. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 49. “Tonight Show” host Jimmy Fallon is 48. TV personality Carter Oosterhouse is 46. Actor-TV host Alison Sweeney is 46. Folk-rock singers-musicians Sara and Tegan (TEE’-gan) Quin are 42. Actor Columbus Short is 40. Rapper Eamon is 39. Actor Kevin Zegers is 38. Actor Danielle Panabaker is 35. Actor Katrina Bowden is 34.

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 as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of

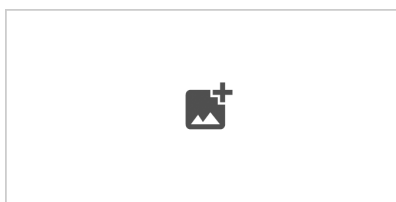
bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

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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