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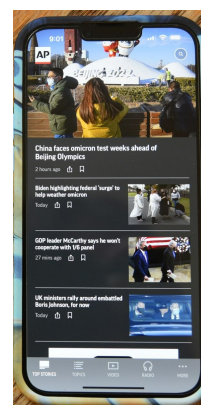
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## Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this Nov. 15, 2022,

It was mid-September when the AP began notifying eligible staff of the Special Retirement Option - available this year to employees age 60 or older who may be considering retirement. The SRO is voluntary, and would allow them to take their pension benefit as a lump sum. Staff who accept the SRO will end their employment on Nov. 22, 2022.

Connecting has brought you a few stories of the careers of colleagues who have elected to take part in the program – and today's issue brings you more.

Familiar names with great careers will be exiting the AP soon – and I feel privileged to help tell their stories. If you are taking the SRO and would like to share your career story, please drop me a note. (A reminder that each issue of Connecting is entered into the AP archive system, so it's a way future generations will know what you accomplished.)

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Sheila Norman-Culp's retirement: 'A meteor strike we on Europe team did not see coming'



Sheila Norman-Culp in the London newsroom

**James Jordan, AP News Director, Europe and Africa, in a staff note Nov. 5:**

The time has come to face a meteor strike that we on the Europe team did not see coming: Sheila Norman-Culp is going to retire this month after 39 years at The Associated Press.

Sheila joined The AP at its New York headquarters in 1983 as a spokeswoman on AP's corporate communications team. After serving as editor of AP World magazine, she switched to AP's news division and went on to its Cheyenne, Wyoming, bureau. She returned to New York, working her way from the computer news desk to the world desk, the foreign desk and then becoming the AP's AMs (daytime) news supervisor,

overseeing the AP's six main desks: Washington, National, International, Sports, Business and Entertainment.

In 2006, she moved to Zurich on a sabbatical to be with her husband, then helped sports cover FIFA at a tumultuous time. In 2008, AP dragged her over to London to be a supervisor on the Europe Desk, where she became a driving force for the whole AP Europe team. She was the non-sports editor for London's 2012 Olympics, designed a chat for the AP to crush its rivals on Nobel coverage, and pioneered what later became "the latest" by doing a running story on the 2011 royal wedding. And she is still proud of that "Dirty Game" global soccer investigation into match-fixing.

Along the way, she won an APME feature writing award, co-wrote the breaking 9/11 news story and mentored scores of AP journalists through countless urgent series.

A bash at a London pub isn't possible this time for Sheila has moved back to the U.S. Still we are going to shower her with love and gratitude at a Zoom retirement party on Friday, Nov. 18, at 1600 GMT. Her last day at work will be Nov. 22 and she will be sorely missed by all.

(Connecting readers: drop a note to Paul Stevens if you'd like Zoom link information.)



This photo from 2001 shows Sheila in front of AP headquarters at 50 Rock being interviewed by the Today show on how news agencies handle news flow.

And this from Sheila:

Despite how physically hard it is to work at The AP -- the long hours, the different shifts, the high pressure events like war zones, elections, natural disasters or Olympics -- it has the best mission statement of any company you could work for. The AP brings unbiased news to the world. It's impossible not to be proud of that.

I came to the AP when I was quite young, and my AP colleagues raised me. It took me years to be as fast and fluent in heavy breaking news as I am now. I owe so much to them. And then when I got older, I ended up learning so many other skills from my younger AP colleagues. The AP is blessed to have depth like that.

I will miss all the daily chats I have with dozens of colleagues every day -- but as Monty Python said, "I am not dead yet!" Anyone can reach me at my home email: [snormanculp@gmail.com](mailto:snormanculp@gmail.com) I will be reading AP news every day still as I embrace a whole new set of challenges.

## A salute and farewell to members of AP's Local Media team

**Michael Fabiano, AP head of the Americas Business, in a Nov. 11 note to staff:**

Six of our team members in Local Media will retire before the end of the year: Pam Collins, Donna Davidson, George Garties, Rosemarie Mileto, Eva Parziale and Marcia Schiff.

All six have served for decades in various roles from sales; to reporting, editing and managing; to running member contests, writing contracts and ensuring that entitlements, billing and opportunities are accurate. Their dedication, talent, skills and expertise are not easily replaced, and all are going to be missed greatly.

**[Eva Parziale](#), Managing Director, U.S. Media Groups**





Eva retires after 38 years in the cooperative. She joined AP in 1984 as a vacation relief staffer in San Francisco, returning in 1985 as a part-time photo librarian in New York while a graduate student at Columbia University. She moved later that year to Florida to become a reporter in the Miami bureau. Through the 1990s, Eva held various editorial and management positions, including correspondent in Portland, Maine; news editor in Columbia, South Carolina; assistant chief of bureau in Kansas City; and bureau chief in Portland, Oregon.

She served as director of the AP Photo Archive/Wide World Photos from 1997 to 1999 before being named bureau chief in Ohio, adding responsibility for AP newspaper members in Michigan in 2011. In 2012 she was named a regional director to manage the AP's business in the East. With consolidation to two directors in 2019, Eva's portfolio of responsibility doubled for broadcast, newspaper and digital revenue in the

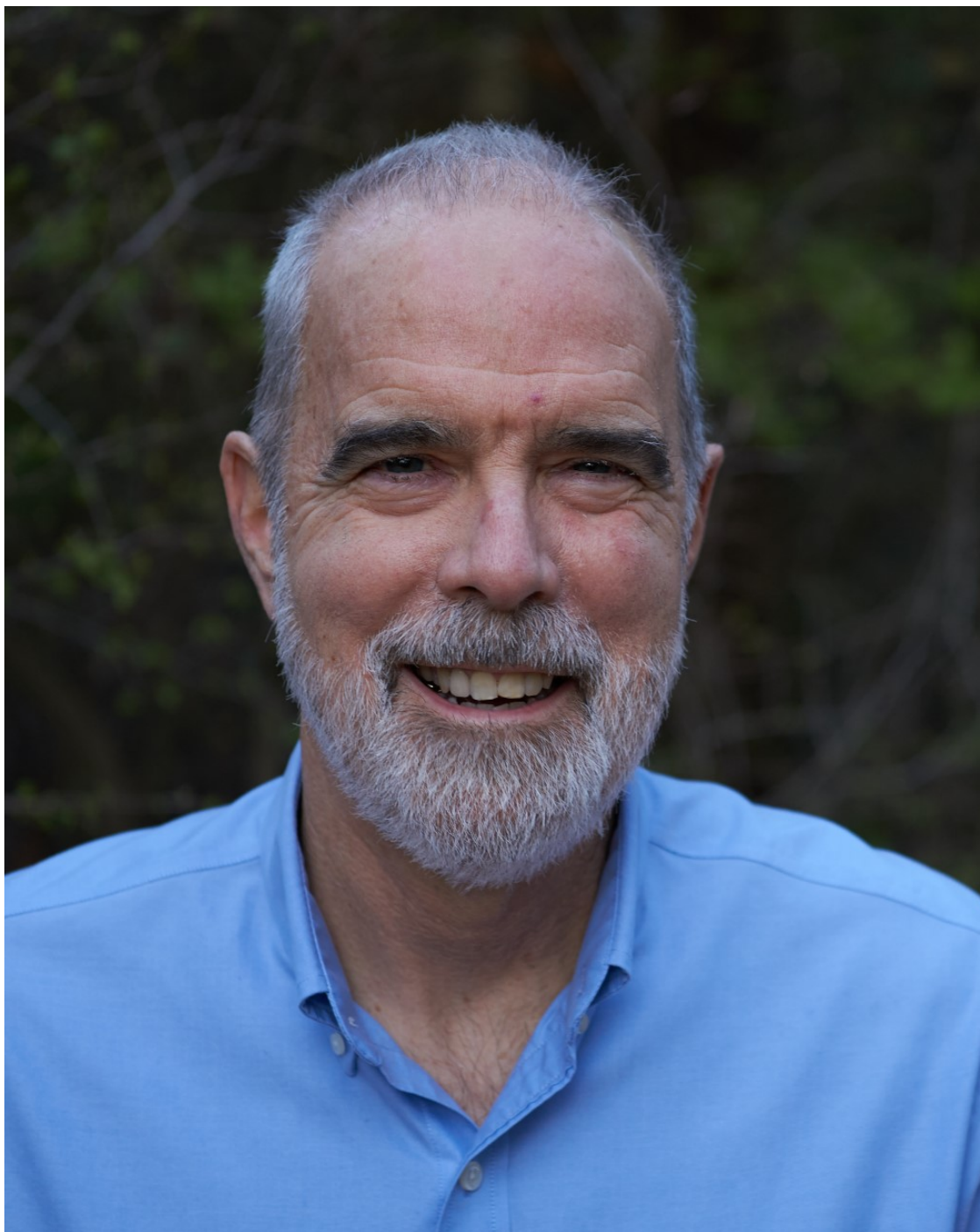
eastern half of the United States. Since 2021, Eva has been managing director of key accounts, responsible for leading the team that oversees the AP's largest newspaper, television and radio groups, as well as government and key corporate accounts.

Eva holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. She began her journalism career in 1983 at The Telegraph in Painesville, Ohio. Eva was inducted into the Bowling Green Journalism Hall of Fame in 2000 and The Press Club of Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame in 2016. She resides in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband Dan Delehanty, finance manager at North Broadway Children's Center. They have two daughters, Kelsey, a 26-year-old engineer at Northrop Grumman in Azusa, California, and Maggie, 24, a digital campaign manager at Quotient in Cincinnati. Eva's last day with AP is Nov. 22.

### **And this from Eva –**

From the moment I joined AP in San Francisco in 1984, to my last days walking the halls of AP headquarters in New York this week, I have felt honored and privileged to work with the best people in the news business and for the greatest news organization on the planet. I've learned something new every day, tried not to make too many mistakes, and, I hope, contributed in some small way as a reporter, editor, bureau chief, and accounts exec to furthering the goals of the cooperative over the last 38 years. I will miss everyone and all that we do, but will enjoy watching my AP family continue to "carry light to all the corners of the globe," as Mark Twain so memorably put it in 1906.

**George Garties, Account Director, U.S. Media Groups**



George has been an integral part of the AP for 37 years, responsible for many of our successes in editorial and business operations since joining the cooperative in 1985 in Los Angeles as a reporter. During this stint in southern California (the first of two), George helped cover a plethora of interesting and big stories, including wildfires and earthquakes, obituaries for Hollywood figures such as actor-bandleader Desi Arnaz and director Orson Welles, and a fight over the federal California Desert Protection Act that took him on a 3-day helicopter tour of the state's wildlands with then-Interior Secretary Donald Hodel. In 1987 he participated in an AP-wide investigative project that prompted reforms in laws governing guardianship of the elderly.

In 1989, George transferred to New York and was designated General Desk night supervisor the following year. In 1991, he moved to Phoenix as Arizona news editor, traveling occasionally to join AP's national coverage teams on stories including the

1992 Los Angeles riots, the Northridge, California, earthquake, the O.J. Simpson criminal verdict, and the Oklahoma City bombing. He returned to AP's Los Angeles bureau in 1995 as assistant bureau chief. He was promoted to bureau chief for Colorado and Utah in 2003, COB in Illinois in 2007, then director of local markets for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin in 2015.

George was named director on the Groups team for Americas Media in 2020, where he manages AP's business relationships with major media groups including Nexstar, TEGNA, Scripps, CNHI, AIM Media, the Los Angeles Times and the Dallas Morning News.

George received a Gramling Scholarship Award in 1999. In 2020, he was inducted into the Lincoln League of Journalists, an award given by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors to professionals whose careers have advanced the cause of newspaper journalism in that state. The award recognized him for his work on Freedom of Information and for fostering collaboration among the AP's members, among other things.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, George began his journalism career in 1979 as a reporter and editor at The Honolulu Advertiser. He resides in Austin with his wife Cathy Futa, who is assistant to the CEO of Glencoe Capital Management. During retirement they look forward to traveling, including visiting their son Josh, a policy analyst at Booz Allen in Washington, D.C., and daughter Adriana, a manufacturing quality control engineer at Via Separations in Greater Boston. George's last day with AP is Nov. 22.

**Marcia Lein Schiff, U.S. Local Markets**





Marcia joined AP in 1987 as a collection representative in the Treasury Department and was promoted two years later to a sales position in Wide World Photos under Patricia Lantis.

Before the digital age, everything was done manually. At 50 Rock, Marcia recalled that Wide World Photos was a hectic office, with old brown telephones ringing on every desk, bike messengers coming in and out and sales reps running down to the darkroom to get prints developed in time for client deadlines.

Marcia fondly remembers spending hours handling negatives of Pulitzer Prize-winning images such as Joe Rosenthal's work at Iwo Jima and Eddie Adams' photos of the Viet Cong execution during the Vietnam War. Marcia also recalled working during historic events such as when tanks mobilized to clear protesters in China's Tiananmen Square in June 1989 and when the Berlin Wall came down later that year.

In the mid-1990s, Marcia witnessed AP's transition to digital photography and became the first person to hit \$1 million in ad hoc photo sales. She eventually began licensing all AP products, including text, video and elections to both AP's ad hoc and subscription customers.

A native of Brooklyn, Marcia is a graduate of SUNY Brockport, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature in 1984.

She considers being hired at AP "one of the greatest opportunities" of her life. "I've worked under four different AP presidents, in three different neighborhoods, made lifelong friends and had great bosses," she said. "I feel very blessed to have worked at AP." Marcia's last day with AP is Nov. 22.

**This from Marcia:**

I had a planned vacation to Rome on Wednesday 11/23 before the SRO, so my first day of retirement begins there. My retirement plan includes world travel with my daughter, Catarina, and good friends.

**Pam Collins, Sales Planner, U.S. Local Markets**



Pam started in 1997 as administrative assistant/personal confidential secretary to COB John Lumpkin and ACOB John Bolt at the referral of then-News Editor Rod Richardson. Her territory encompassed Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana at the time. She has worked out of the Dallas bureau for 25 years despite having responsibilities that encompassed the nation.

After Lumpkin's promotion to vice president in 2004 she became marketing assistant for COB Dale Leach after he transferred from Seattle. ACOB Jim Baltzelle was hired at the time but transferred to Florida, so she then worked with ACOB Barry Bedlan. When Dale retired, she started working with COB Jim Clarke in a broader territory. After reorganization in 2016, she worked with Dwayne Desaulniers as sales planner for New England. Then it was back to working with Clarke and other account directors in the West and Central regions.

Along with regular administrative duties she has coordinated a red carpet 150th AP Celebration in Austin, Texas, at the Headliner's Club in 1998; organized AP board meetings held in Dallas for then-President Tom Curley; handled regional COB meetings/receptions in Dallas; and annual conventions/awards banquets with Dale for APME and broadcaster associations in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

This year she also helped Global Real Estate move the Dallas bureau.

In 2002 she was awarded by the Texas AP Managing Editors - AP Employee of the Year, and, in 2020, the Jack Douglas Award by Texas Managing Editors, their highest award given.

More than all that, she was the first point of contact for members across a vast area. She got the questions answered and the job done for AP customers and employees. She says that while "the ride was wild at times, I would do it again." She's grateful to Sus, Ro, Donna S and Donna D and Dee for the friendships and teamwork.

In the next few months, she will be helping her Mom with the sale of the family home in Kansas City, Missouri. Her parents have lived in Dallas since 2015, but Mom doesn't plan on returning to Kansas City to live alone. After that, husband Frank and Pam plan on a trip to see grandson Kubrick Collins – 3 years old - in Portland, Oregon, and newest granddaughter, Essa Aviana Tejada Collins – almost 7 months old - in Seattle. Pam's last day with AP is Nov. 22.

#### **This from Pam:**

I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to work for the Associated Press! May God Bless everyone I was able to work with!

**Rosemarie Mileto, Sales Planner, U.S. Media Groups**





Ro joined AP in 1987 as the receptionist on the 7th Floor at 50 Rockefeller Plaza. Later that year, she transferred to Human Resources as a confidential secretary. It was during that time that Terry Anderson was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon, and HR played a key role leading to his release in December 1991.

In 1995, Ro left AP to work in the Human Resources department of Galaxy Latin America, which today provides DirectTV service to LatAm and the Caribbean. She

rejoined AP in 1996 in Miami as a confidential secretary, where she worked for Jim Reindl for 8 weeks before taking maternity leave. When she returned, she worked with bureau chief Kevin Walsh, followed by Jim Baltzelle.

Ro joined the East Region team in Local Markets in 2016, then moved to the Groups team in 2021. During her tenure with Local Markets, Ro has handled contracts, orders and billing for Group and individual accounts, managed the processes for Colleges, Postal Statements and Members of Record, and, most recently, began working with government contracts and related purchase orders.

After 34+ years with AP, Ro plans to work part time at Disney's theme parks in the Orlando area, where she resides with her family. Ro's last day with AP is Nov. 22.

**This from Rosemarie:**

After nearly 35 years, I'm hanging up my dancing shoes at The Associated Press. Back in February 1987, I could not have picked a better company to work for. Over the past 35 years, there have been so many wonderful memories working in New York and Florida and many unforgettable news stories. But most of all, I had the most AMAZING bosses and co-workers throughout all those years, and I will miss them all very much. I was planning to be there for a couple more years, so this was an unexpected, difficult and bittersweet decision to make. So, the time has come to start a new journey and spend as much quality time with my children and do some traveling. Thank you, AP, for all the memories!

**Donna Davidson, Sales Planner, U.S. Local Markets**



Donna joined the AP in April of 1991, hired by Andy Lippman as an administrative assistant for the Los Angeles bureau. The bureau was in a building that had been vacated by the defunct Herald Examiner newspaper. She was a single mother of a 3-year-old son.

Within just a few months the bureau moved to Figueroa Street and grew to a newsroom of 95, including executives, radio, television, and editorial reporters, photographers and communications staff. Donna handled bureau parking, staff expenses, vendors, timesheets, food, stringers, newsletters and anything else the bureau needed. She ran registration and on-site support for seminars and conferences around the state for the AP Television and Radio News group, the AP News Executives Council and the Nevada Press Association. With her first 23 years in this role she also supported bureau chiefs Sue Cross, Anthony Marquez and John Raess.

Donna joined the Local Media Markets broadcast team as a Sales Planner to work with executives on processing sales orders for radio and television reps around the country. Eventually, the position broadened to include contracts and sales processes for newspapers and digital accounts for the West Region sales team.

After 31 years with The Associated Press Donna hopes to enjoy her life in her beloved California, travel as much as possible, and visit her now 35-year-old son and daughter-in-law in Virginia. Donna's last day with AP is Dec 31st.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Donna is taking regular retirement, not through the SRO.)*

**Michael's note concludes:**

It has been a pleasure working with everyone in this talented and dedicated group. Together you have collectively given over 200 years of service to AP. While an email can't summarize the entirety of your work, please know you have each made a significant contribution to the company and to the world. On behalf of The Associated Press, we wish you all the best in retirement and your future endeavors.

## Bob Macy left us with wonderful memories

[Steve Loeper](#) - So sorry to read of the death of Bob Macy, consummate newsman, loving husband, gracious host. As LA news editor, I would visit Bob in Las Vegas once or twice a year and each time, I was reminded firsthand of his ceaseless dedication and enthusiasm in covering the entertainment mecca. Not to mention how Bob knew, like, everyone.

It wasn't uncommon for us to be at a restaurant and have notables like Liberace come up to our table to personally greet the congenial correspondent from the Associated Press. He had that town wired and throughout his tenure, cultivated a new level of respect for the AP among Vegas movers and shakers -- a reputation built upon by his successors that continues to this day.

It's easy to be cynical about the "Sin City" ethos -- especially back in the day. Yet while he never hesitated to question, Bob was never cynical about the scene he covered. He conveyed appropriate amounts of glitter and glamour in his reporting, but was steadfastly serious about his beat.

And there by his side -- often literally, through elections, disasters and visits by his colleagues -- was Bob's beloved wife, Melinda -- a true partner in every sense. My sincere condolences to Melinda and the family.

While several have held the nickname over the years, Bob will always be the real "Mr. Las Vegas" to me.

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[Peggy Walsh](#) - I'll never forget the kindness and confidence Bob gave me at the beginning of my AP career.



In 1977 a Frontier Airline hijacking went from Nebraska to Kansas City to Atlanta and back to Kansas City. The hijacker freed some of the hostages, mostly women, in Kansas City and then forced the plane to fly to Atlanta with the men, most of whom were spouses. After the remaining hostages were freed, the hijacker killed himself and I was assigned to fly to Kansas City for the reunion of the families.

Bob met me at the airport to drive me to the bureau. I was able to talk to the hostages on the plane, but I had scribbled notes on airplane napkins and was afraid I didn't have enough for a good story. Bob's calm encouragement saw me through.

Our paths crossed again in the 80s when Bob and Melinda were in Las Vegas and I was in LA and San Francisco.

Andy Lippman mentioned the western regional AP group, APACAHN. And since Las Vegas was the convention center of the West, I lost count of the times I had the pleasure of spending time with Bob and Melinda even after I left AP for the New York Times.

Not too long-ago Bob and I exchanged emails remembering that first meeting when, as he laughingly said, he was my driver.

Bob was one of those special people who excelled at what he did, loved it and spread that joy to those fortunate enough to work with him.

## No regrets on getting a journalism degree

[Keith Robinson](#) - I was not too surprised by the ZipRecruiter survey showing that 87% of journalism job seekers regretted getting their j-degree and would seek an education in a different, more financially prosperous field if they could do it over again.

Finding not only a good job in journalism but just a job at all in our profession seems to get more difficult every year. And for piddly pay to start.

Looking back on my work in journalism, however, I find that I probably am like many AP retirees who stayed in the profession: We started out pinching pennies to get by week to week but over the long haul became somewhat financially prosperous, at least enough to enjoy retirement without overdoing it. The bigger point is that we became prosperous in ways that money can't buy. To cite some examples, working in journalism:

- Gave us a healthy sense of skepticism. We don't necessarily believe what people tell us, especially those in authority. We doubt them when something doesn't sound right – sometimes, even, when it might sound right but we're not quite sure. That alarm inside us goes off.

- Helped us to better understand the workings of the world, especially in government and politics but also in economics and many other fields. Did we get more knowledgeable, more worldly, over time in our work? Certainly.

– Gave us a greater appreciation for the written and spoken English language. I cringed when I recently heard someone interviewed on TV saying “Me and her went to ...” and a college football running back saying in an interview after having a good day that “I coulda did better.” And then there are the myriad language transgressions on social media. I’m not a flawless linguist, but geez, sometimes it’s difficult to be understanding and overlook the mess. It’s comical. Well, not really.

All are life skills I owe to my rare display of good sense when I sought a journalism degree. Of course, that was 48 years ago. (I double-checked my math. See? I doubted even myself.) Making these arguments to most young people won’t go far. I get that.

I might have become more financially secure in another field – or maybe not. Still, I do not regret getting my journalism degree. It has served me well in many ways.

## *And...about that first job*

**Dennis Whitehead** - As first “jobs” go in journalism, I started out as so many others - working for free or on spec just to get a foot in the door.

In my case, I’d dropped out of college after hitting a dead-end, drove a delivery truck and framed pictures for a couple of years, until I borrowed a camera from a neighbor and took pictures of a St. Patrick’s Day parade. I immediately fell in love with the medium!

A desire to be a double-threat from the start, I called a friend who was editing a local newspaper and he readily accepted me into the fold, but with one proviso:

“You know, we don’t accept handwritten stories, only typed.” Yikes!

This encounter with “modernity” pushed me into the mysteries of an Olympic manual. Two very weary index fingers and eyeballs later, a career was born! (The index fingers are stronger than ever! Eyeballs, not so much.)

## **A salute to more of our Connecting veterans**

**Steve Graham** - Marines, 1957-1961, Camp Pendleton; Oppama, Japan and Quantico, Va., among others.

**Dave Lubeski** – Army, 1967-68, Germany.

**Carl P. Leubsdorf** - Army, active duty April-October 1961, where I spent most of my time more as a reporter than soldier, then in Reserves until June 1963.

**Mike Tharp** – Army, 1969-70, Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Meade, MD, Vietnam.

# John Brewer and his mentor Lyle Price



John Brewer, left, and Lyle Price

When John Brewer began his 19-year AP career in Los Angeles in 1969, his top mentor was a veteran editor in the AP/LA bureau, Lyle Price.

"Lyle taught me all the ins and outs of AMs and PMs leads, dealing with members, the art of pitching stories to New York for the budget, and he sent me out on story after story so I'd learn how to smoothly dictate from the field," Brewer remembers.

"Lyle made me better than I was . . . so much better than I would have been without him."

Price and Brewer now live about three hours apart in Washington state. They got together Nov. 12 for a long-overdue four-hour lunch at a Seattle-area restaurant, where this photo was taken. Brewer just had his 75th birthday. Price is 86.

## Stories of interest

### *Opinion / How should the media cover Donald Trump now?* (Poynter)

By: Tom Jones

Donald Trump supposedly will have a "special announcement" today — and the buzz is he will announce he is running for president in 2024. Reportedly, some in the

Republican party want him to delay his announcement, and some are hoping he never announces it.

With Trump, nothing is a given. For all we know, his special announcement is that he will have a special announcement next week, or next month, or next year.

But let's assume — because all signs point to it — that Trump does indeed announce he will run for president in 2024.

What does this mean for the media? Vanity Fair's Charlotte Klein has a smart piece: "There's always a risk of him being trolled': A Donald Trump 2024 bid will test if the media's learned anything since 2016."

Klein talks with journalists to see how they might cover another Trump run for president.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Opinion / Woodward and Bernstein honored for work that stretches from Nixon to Trump ... and they're not done yet.*** (Poynter)

By TOM JONES

Fifty years ago, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward of The Washington Post became journalistic legends, reporting on, arguably, the most consequential political story of our time.

It started with the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate building in Washington, D.C. It ended inside the White House.

They wrote hundreds of stories over several years and followed the money. Ultimately, more than 40 government officials were indicted or jailed, President Richard Nixon resigned, and Woodward and Bernstein became icons, inspiring generations of reporters. Their Pulitzer Prize-winning work, which has been described by some as the greatest reporting of all time, led to a best-selling book and the movie "All the President's Men" — considered the gold standard of movies about journalism.

And the legendary careers of Woodward and Bernstein have gone far beyond the Watergate scandal. They've written best-selling books on other topics, appeared on TV as contributors and they continue to make an impact on journalism.

On Saturday night, Woodward and Bernstein were honored with the Poynter Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism at Poynter's annual fundraising gala, the Bowtie Ball, in Tampa.

Read more [here](#).



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## ***Boston Globe names first woman to serve as paper's editor*** (AP)

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Globe named Nancy Barnes as its next editor on Monday, elevating a woman to serve in the top job for the first time in the newspaper's 150-year history.

Barnes has worked as the chief news executive at NPR and has run major newspapers. She announced in September that she would be leaving NPR.

Barnes will be the paper's 13th editor.

Linda Henry, CEO of Boston Globe Media Partners said Barnes is "renowned for her commitment to high-quality journalism, her excellent leadership skills, and her passion for innovation."

"She not only brings the leadership experience of being the top editor of two different metro newspapers, but she also transitioned to running a digital and audio newsroom," Henry said.

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

## **Today in History – Nov. 15, 2022**



Today is Tuesday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2022. There are 46 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Nov. 15, 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh (teh-KUM'-seh) Sherman began their "March to the Sea" from Atlanta; the campaign ended with the capture of Savannah on Dec. 21.

**On this date:**

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1937, at the U.S. Capitol, members of the House and Senate met in air-conditioned chambers for the first time.

In 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1959, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, were found murdered in their home. (Ex-convicts Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book "In Cold Blood.")

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1984, Stephanie Fae Beauclair, the infant publicly known as "Baby Fae" who had received a baboon's heart to replace her own congenitally deformed one, died at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California three weeks after the transplant.

In 2003, two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in Iraq; 17 U.S. troops were killed.

In 2019, Roger Stone, a longtime friend and ally of President Donald Trump, was convicted of all seven counts in a federal indictment accusing him of lying to Congress, tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation of whether Trump coordinated with Russia during the 2016 campaign. (As Stone was about to begin serving a 40-month prison sentence, Trump commuted the sentence.)

Ten years ago: The Justice Department announced that BP had agreed to plead guilty to a raft of charges in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill and pay a record \$4.5 billion, including nearly \$1.3 billion in criminal fines. Four veterans were killed and 13 people injured when a freight train slammed into a parade float carrying wounded warriors and their spouses at a rail crossing in Midland, Texas.

Five years ago: Zimbabwe's military was in control of the country's capital and the state broadcaster and held 93-year-old President Robert Mugabe and his wife under house arrest; the military emphasized that it had not staged a takeover but was instead starting a process to restore the country's democracy. (The military intervention, hugely popular in Zimbabwe, led to impeachment proceedings against Mugabe, who was replaced.) Eight members of a family who were among more than two dozen people killed in a shooting at a small Texas church were mourned at a funeral attended by 3,000 people.

One year ago: President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping spoke for more than three hours by video amid mounting tensions in the U.S.-China relationship. Biden signed his hard-fought \$1 trillion infrastructure deal into law before a bipartisan, celebratory crowd on the White House lawn. A Connecticut judge found Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones liable for damages in lawsuits brought by parents of children killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting; the parents sued Jones over his claims that the massacre was a hoax. Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont said he wouldn't seek reelection in 2022 to the seat he'd held since 1975.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Petula Clark is 90. Actor Sam Waterston is 82. Classical conductor Daniel Barenboim is 80. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 77. Actor Bob Gunton is 77. Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is 75. Actor Beverly D'Angelo is 71. Director-actor James Widdoes is 69. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 68. News correspondent John Roberts is 66. Former "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 65. Comedian Judy Gold is 60. Actor Rachel True is 56. Rapper E-40 is 55. Country singer Jack Ingram is 52. Actor Jay Harrington is 51. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 50. Actor Sydney Tamiia (tuh-MY'-yuh) Poitier-Heartsong is 49. Rock singer-musician Chad Kroeger is 48. Rock musician Jesse Sandoval is 48. Actor Virginie Ledoyen is 46. Actor Sean Murray is 45. Pop singer Ace Young (TV: "American Idol") is 42. Golfer Lorena Ochoa (lohr-AY'-nah oh-CHOH'-uh) is 41. Hip-hop artist B.o.B is 34. Actor Shailene Woodley is 31. Actor-dancer Emma Dumont is 28.

## 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.

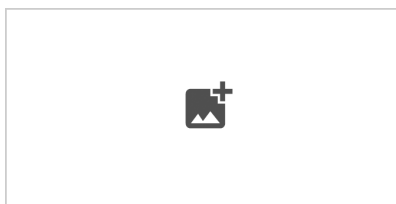
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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