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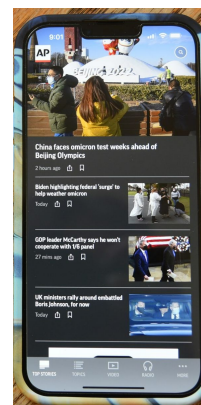
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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this March 6, 2023,

Today's Connecting brings word of the death of **Clarice Maue**, who served as a receptionist for the AP's Washington bureau for 13 years.

Our colleague **Merrill Hartson**, a veteran journalist in Washington, brings you the story. Maue died Feb. 24 at her home in Temple Hills, Md., at the age of 83.

If you have a favorite memory of working with her, please send it along.

Here's to the new week! Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

# Clarice Maue – ‘gatekeeper’ for AP’s Washington bureau for 13 years – dies at 83



An afternoon in November 2014 which found friends (from left) Daphne Bredeck, AP's Clarice Maue, The Queen of England cutout and AP's Mary Pennybacker at the Queen's Grocer Home Show shopping for teas, biscuits and other items English." Photo by Margaret Callahan.

**Merrill Hartson** - Clarice Maue, a native of the United Kingdom, who served as receptionist for the largest domestic U.S. bureau of The Associated Press, has died.

Maue, 83, passed away Feb. 24 at her home in Temple Hills, Md., according to her family. No cause of death was immediately announced.

From June 1994 to December 2007, she served - essentially - as gatekeeper for the news organization in Washington, D.C. She typically was the first person a visitor would encounter,



and Maue doubled as switchboard operator at the front desk.

She greeted guests cheerfully, but her soft-spoken demeanor didn't curb her aggressiveness in notifying staff if someone was trying to reach them by phone, or was shadowing her desk. She was keenly sensitive to the deadline pressures felt daily by staff people in the spacious newsroom behind her.

Born on Oct. 13, 1939, in Rubery, United Kingdom, Clarice Price Maue was educated at Wasely Hills High School, relocating in the early 1960s to United States. She settled first in Michigan and subsequently moved to Virginia and, finally, Maryland, where she worked as a sales associate at Brooks Fashion.

Away from work, particularly following her retirement, Maue spent most of her time with family, and she occasionally returned to Great Britain. She often celebrated her British heritage close to home in Maryland, as well, frequently lunching with friends and enjoying cups of English tea cups of English tea and at British Ladies Clubs.

At one get-together, she posed in Maryland in November 2014 with friends and a card-board cut-out of Queen Elizabeth II.

Maue is survived by a son, Gary Maue and granddaughter, Maxine Maue, who shared her home in Temple Hills, and son Alan Maue and granddaughter Clarissa Maue of Capital Heights, Md.

No funeral plans were announced.

## AP's journalism from Mariupol 'saved tens of thousands of civilians'

*AP journalists were the only international team to remain in Mariupol when it was under siege.*

By Charlotte Tobitt  
PressGazette

Associated Press journalists who stayed in Mariupol to report on Russia's siege of the Ukrainian city last year saved "tens of thousands of lives", it has been claimed.

Two of the AP team, the only journalists for an international news organisation who stayed in Mariupol amid a communications blackout in the city soon after the war began last year, were recognised at the RTS Television Journalism Awards on Wednesday night.

Producer Vasilisa Stepanenko was named Young Talent of the Year while video journalist Mstyslav Chernov, who himself won best young talent in 2015, was awarded Camera Operator of the Year.

They, along with photographer Evgeniy Maloletka, spent 20 days documenting the Russian bombing before they were helped to escape in fear of Russian soldiers targeting them.

Chernov was not present at the awards, as he was filming near Bakhmut as a battle for the city raged on.

Derl McCrudden, AP's vice president for global news production, accepted the award on his behalf and described an "extraordinary" message AP received from a special adviser to the now-exiled mayor of Mariupol in January this year.

"He thanked us for their work and he told us that AP's coverage of Mariupol became a central point in the negotiations with Russia over the opening of humanitarian gate corridors for the civilian evacuation of the city. He said, without exaggeration, you saved several tens of thousands of civilians and it's difficult to overestimate your personal contribution here.

"It's a rare moment where journalism has a real and substantive impact," McCrudden said.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

## **NPPA honors Thomas Kennedy, Sharon Farmer, Boyd Huppert and other exceptional visual journalists with inaugural new awards to be presented at Northern Short Course on March 18**

Athens, Ga. — When Joseph Costa founded the National Press Photographers Association more than 75 years ago, the organization quickly grew into a home where visual journalism is celebrated. Three years later, NPPA handed out the first Joseph Sprague Memorial Award, our top honor to recognize those who exemplify the highest standards and greatest contributions to our organization and industry.





## Tom Kennedy, Sharon Farmer and Boyd Huppert are the 2023 NPPA recipients of the Founders Award.

Today, we come together again to celebrate the giants among us, now with a redesigned list of top NPPA Honors and Awards. The Sprague Award, for instance, is now called the NPPA Founder's Award. As our awards have done for more than 70 years, they honor those who have made outstanding accomplishments, leaders who advance NPPA's goals, people who fight for First Amendment freedoms and educators who inspire. The legacy awards from previous years are listed below the new descriptions.

The NPPA has awarded its highest honor, the Founder's Award, to Tom Kennedy, Sharon Farmer and Boyd Huppert for advancing our industry through their mastery of the craft of visual journalism and dedication to educating the next generation of storytellers. The Founder's Awards and other inaugural top honors will be presented by NPPA immediate past President Katie Tarasov at a reception March 18, 2023, at the Westin Tysons Corner, Falls Church, Virginia. The event takes place at the conclusion of the 40th Northern Short Course and will also celebrate winners of the NSC Contest. Register now for the NSC and awards reception.

Read more [here](#).

Among those honored with Associated Press ties:

**Sharon Farmer** – photo/assignment editor with the AP's Washington bureau, 2001-04.

**Richard Drew** - awarded the NPPA Longevity Award for 52 years as a photographer for The Associated Press. Currently a staff photographer based in New York.

**Santiago Lyon** - awarded the NPPA Innovation Award for revolutionizing the industry through his work with Adobe's Content Authority Initiative (CAI), which is establishing an open industry standard for authenticating digital content. He is the head of advocacy and education for the Adobe-led Content Authenticity Initiative. Served as AP photographer before being appointed VP/director of photography for AP until 2016.

(More detail on each can be found in the story.)

## The last New Jersey reporter on Capitol Hill just got laid off

In a [Washington Post story](#), Elahe Izadi's lead: Anyone elected to Congress from New Jersey in the past decade had Jonathan Salant watching their every move.

As Washington correspondent for the Newark-based Star-Ledger and several affiliated media outlets, Salant combed through campaign finance reports, monitored voting patterns and cornered congressmen in Capitol hallways to answer his questions. He

broke the news about funding for a long-awaited tunnel and discovered that an incumbent with no chance of losing was spending millions in his reelection campaign.

Most Capitol Hill reporters “just don’t report on what a congressman in a safe Democratic district in New Jersey is doing day-to-day,” Salant explained. But that’s what Salant did as the last remaining reporter for a Garden State publication in Washington — until this week, when he was laid off.

Our colleague **Marc Humbert** ([Email](#)) comments: This is terrible for journalism in general and the people of New Jersey specifically. Jonathan Salant is no ordinary reporter. He is one of the best. He gets to work early, stays late and knows what is important. He does it because he cares about democracy and giving people the information they need to make the decisions that protect our nation. I have known Jonathan since his days in Albany when he covered state government and politics for a Syracuse newspaper. And, he later became an AP colleague when he joined our Washington staff. In addition to being a wonderful reporter, he’s also a hell of a softball coach.

## Betting on social media as a news destination for the young



John D'Amico, deputy executive editor for The News Movement (TNM), a social media news operation re-imagined for Gen-Z consumers, left, reviews video with reporter Kimberly Avalos, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in New York. TNM uses a staff of reporters with an average age of 25 to make tailored news content for sites like TikTok, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

By DAVID BAUDER

## AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If young people are spending so much time on social media, it stands to reason that's a good place to reach them with news.

Operators of the News Movement are betting their business on that hunch. The company, which has been operating for more than a year, hopes to succeed despite journalism being littered with years of unsuccessful attempts to entice people in their 20s to become news consumers.

The brainchild of former Dow Jones executives, the News Movement is using a staff of reporters with an average age of 25 to make tailored news content for sites like TikTok, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.

"You really have to stay humble and stay open to different trends and ideas," said Ramin Beheshti, president and a founder of the organization with former Dow Jones CEO Will Lewis. "We've built a newsroom that reflects the audience that we're trying to go after."

Among the newsrooms the company is producing TikTok videos for is The Associated Press. The AP has provided office space for the company and Lewis is vice chairman of its board of directors.

Some of the content would startle a news traditionalist.

Recognizing his friends appreciated calming videos, one staff member created an "explainer" on the midterm elections for Snapchat that used video of a horse being groomed, pizza being made and flowers growing while an offscreen voice discusses politics.

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

### ***BEST OF THE WEEK — FIRST WINNER***

**Strong and competitive all-formats coverage captures Russia-Ukraine War's impact at one year**



**Olha Kosianchuk, 64, cries during a memorial service to mark the one-year anniversary of the start of the Russia Ukraine war, in Bucha, Ukraine, Feb. 24, 2023. Olha's husband was killed during the occupation of Bucha by Russian troops during the first weeks of the war. AP PHOTO/EMILIO MORENATTI**

With no end in sight to Russia's war in Ukraine, AP journalists were tasked with marking the one-year anniversary of the invasion while continuing to produce daily coverage. The result was an ambitious, wide-ranging package that both promoted and built upon the important work AP teams have done over the past year.

The process began months in advance, with AP reporters in Kyiv, Moscow and Tallinn devising a list of story ideas that would aim to show how profoundly lives have changed in Ukraine and Russia and the ripples beyond those borders. The journalists also looked at what could lie in store as we enter a second year of war. Weeks of smart planning and coordination across bureaus and departments resulted in a strong, competitive package that included something for everyone.

The stories included an extraordinary and devastating tale of friendship and loss in Ukraine, a searing takeout on Ukraine's year of pain and nation-building as well as in-depth takeouts on the two men at the center of the war, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In a strong showing of innovation and exclusivity, Erika Kinetz wrote an incredibly telling story that centered around secret recordings the AP obtained of intercepted conversations between Russian soldiers in Ukraine and their loved ones back home. That became the AP's top story for the day, eventually garnering more than 290,000 page views, and it was the AP's most engaged story for the month of February.

Read more [here](#).

***BEST OF THE WEEK — SECOND WINNER***

**Exclusive all-formats Jill Biden interview attracts wide interest — including from**



# President Biden



**First Lady of the United States Jill Biden speaks during an interview with Associated Press White House reporter Darlene Superville in Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 24, 2023. AP PHOTO/BRIAN INGANGA**

How do you know when an interview is getting traction? Here's one way: The president of the United States brings it up on his own just hours later. That's what happened after AP White House reporter Darlene Superville interviewed Jill Biden during her visit to Africa.

The first lady gave one of the clearest indications yet that the president will run for a second term. When the president was asked whether he would run again during an interview with ABC later the same day, he began his own answer by referencing the first lady's comments to Superville.

Superville's interview, newsy on multiple fronts, was also evidence that sometimes you have to say "no" to get to "yes." When AP initially declined to accompany the first lady on her travels to Africa, her office started probing for what might reverse that no-go decision. Superville, who had made multiple unsuccessful pitches for an all-formats interview with the first lady over the past two years, said such an interview might make the difference, and the first lady herself agreed to the exclusive sit-down on what turned out to be the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine.

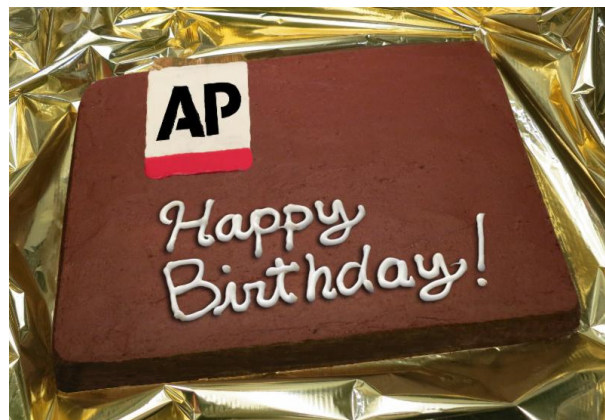
Read more [here](#).

## Connecting sky shot - *Los Angeles*



[Kristine Beardsley](#) – This is LA! The view looking north from Signal Hill, captured with my iPhone.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

## ***Fox libel defense at odds with top GOP presidential foes*** (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News is on an unlikely collision course with two leading contenders for the Republican presidential nomination over the rights of journalists.

In defending itself against a massive defamation lawsuit over how it covered false claims surrounding the 2020 presidential election, the network is relying on a nearly 60-year-old Supreme Court ruling that makes it difficult to successfully sue media organizations for libel.

Former President Donald Trump and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, two favorites of many Fox News viewers, have advocated for the court to revisit the standard, which is considered the foundational case in American defamation law.

“It is ironic that Fox is relying on a landmark case that was designed to help the news media play the watchdog role in a democracy and is under attack by Gov. DeSantis, Donald Trump and other figures who have been untethered in their attacks on journalists as enemies of the people,” said Jane Hall, a communication professor at American University.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Inside the Panic at Fox News After the 2020 Election*** (New York Times)

By Peter Baker

WASHINGTON — A little more than a week after television networks called the 2020 presidential election for Joseph R. Biden Jr., top executives and anchors at Fox News held an after-action meeting to figure out how they had messed up.

Not because they had gotten the key call wrong — but because they had gotten it right. And they had gotten it right before anyone else.

Typically, it is a point of pride for a news network to be the first to project election winners. But Fox is no typical news network, and in the days following the 2020 vote, it was besieged with angry protests not only from President Donald J. Trump’s camp but from its own viewers because it had called the battleground state of Arizona for Mr. Biden. Never mind that the call was correct; Fox executives worried that they would lose viewers to hard-right competitors like Newsmax.

And so, on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, Suzanne Scott, the chief executive of Fox News Media, and Jay Wallace, the network’s president, convened a Zoom meeting for an

extraordinary discussion with an unusual goal, according to a recording of the call reviewed by The New York Times: How to keep from angering the network's conservative audience again by calling an election for a Democrat before the competition.

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

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## ***OPINION: It's time to revoke Fox News' press credentials*** (New York Daily News)

By Cheri Jacobus

The political media world has been rocked by the bombshell court filing by Dominion Voting Systems as part of their \$1.6 billion defamation lawsuit against Fox News.

Top executives from Rupert Murdoch on down, and on-air personalities of the network knew the allegations of voter fraud made by Donald Trump and his team were false, yet pushed the "Big Lie" on the air, regardless. Worse, the most influential "talent" privately acknowledged in emails and texts among themselves that the allegations the election was stolen from Trump were not just false, but extremely harmful.

Fox has deep pockets and can afford to take the hit. But can journalism afford it? Consequences beyond the courts for Fox are imperative for the survival of journalism.

The network's decision to give attention, air time, and credence to the unsubstantiated claims of a stolen election was made unapologetically out of fear of Trump supporters, and impact on the stock price of the company. Journalism, democracy, and speaking truth to power were nowhere in these exchanges of the cable network with the highest ratings for "news."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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## ***Conservative Media Pay Little Attention to Revelations About Fox News*** (New York Times)

By Katie Robertson and Stuart A. Thompson

Fox News and its sister network, Fox Business, have avoided the story. Newsmax and One America News, Fox's rivals on the right, have steered clear, too. So have a constellation of right-wing websites and podcasts.

Over the past two weeks, legal filings containing private messages and testimony from Fox hosts and executives revealed that many of them had serious doubts that



Democrats stole the 2020 presidential election through widespread voter fraud, even as those claims were made repeatedly on Fox's shows. The revelations, made public in a defamation lawsuit against Fox brought by Dominion Voting Systems, have generated headlines around the world.

But in the conservative media world? Mostly crickets.

On 26 of the most popular conservative television news networks, radio shows, podcasts and websites, only four — National Review, Townhall, The Federalist and Breitbart News — have mentioned the private messages from Fox News hosts that disparaged election fraud claims since Feb. 16, when the first batch of court filings were released publicly, according to a review by The New York Times.

The majority — 18 in all, including Fox News itself — did not cover the lawsuit at all with their own staff. (Some of those 18 published wire stories originally written by The Associated Press or other services.)

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

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## ***A 10-point plan for the government to shore up local newspapers*** (Editor and Publisher)

**Frank Blethen | The Seattle Times**

Our democracy and its cornerstone — the trusted local independent newspaper — are in crisis. There is no question that the revival of local, independent newspaper stewardship is critical to shoring up the wobbly legs of our democracy.

Today I will share, in priority of positive impact, the actions which can and, in most cases, must be taken by the federal government before it is too late.

As you read the list, keep in mind that localism of ownership is critical and that newspapers should never again become controlled by absent investors who do not care about our communities. Such investors will continue to milk every cent out of local newspapers until they become ghost papers in news deserts, with scant coverage and dire consequences for the health of towns, cities, counties and the nation.

After two decades of unchecked media consolidation and growing tech dominance, more than a fifth of Americans now live in places with little to no local news coverage. That includes 70 million people living in counties with no local newspaper at all, according to researchers at Northwestern University's Medill School. The current pace of two newspapers failing per week, on average, will increase without federal intervention, swift leadership and new ideas.

Read more [here](#).

# Today in History - March 6, 2023



**Today is Monday, March 6, the 65th day of 2023. There are 300 days left in the year.**

## **Today's highlight in history:**

On March 6, 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.

## **On this date:**

In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell as Mexican forces led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna stormed the fortress after a 13-day siege; the battle claimed the lives of all the Texan defenders, nearly 200 strong, including William Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, ruled 7-2 that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and therefore could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies were first introduced by the National Biscuit Co.

In 1933, a national bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, aimed at calming panicked depositors, went into effect.

In 1964, heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay officially changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

In 1970, a bomb being built inside a Greenwich Village townhouse in New York by the radical Weathermen accidentally went off, destroying the house and killing three group members.

In 1973, Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck, 80, died in Danby, Vermont.

In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of “The CBS Evening News.”

In 1998, the Army honored three Americans who’d risked their lives and turned their weapons on fellow soldiers to stop the slaughter of Vietnamese villagers at My Lai (mee ly) in 1968.

In 2002, Independent Counsel Robert Ray issued his final report in which he wrote that former President Bill Clinton could have been indicted and probably would have been convicted in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

In 2016, former first lady Nancy Reagan died in Los Angeles at age 94.

Ten years ago: Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., a critic of the Obama administration’s drone policy, launched an old-style filibuster to block Senate confirmation of John Brennan’s nomination to be CIA director; Paul lasted nearly 13 hours before yielding the floor. Syria’s accelerating humanitarian crisis hit a grim milestone as the number of U.N.-registered refugees topped 1 million, half of them children.

Five years ago: Top economic adviser Gary Cohn announced that he was leaving the White House after breaking with President Donald Trump on trade policy. Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, a one-time rising star in the Democratic Party, resigned after pleading guilty to cheating the city out of thousands of dollars to carry on an affair with her bodyguard. Schoolteachers in West Virginia announced an end to a nine-day walkout after state lawmakers approved a 5 percent pay raise.

One year ago: A second attempt to evacuate Ukrainians from the besieged city of Mariupol collapsed as Russian attacks made it impossible to create a humanitarian corridor, according to a Ukrainian official. In his first public remarks since resigning over multiple sexual harassment allegations, former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo assailed the “cancel culture” he says was behind politically motivated efforts to remove him. A massive brawl broke out among fans of clubs in Mexico’s top-division soccer league, leaving 14 hospitalized, two of them in critical condition.

Today’s birthdays: Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 99. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 97. Dancer-actor Carmen de Lavallade is 92. Former Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 86. Former Sen. Christopher “Kit” Bond, R-Mo., is 84. Actor-writer Joanna Miles is 83. Actor Ben Murphy is 81. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 79. Rock musician Hugh Grundy (The Zombies) is 78. Rock singer-musician David Gilmour (Pink Floyd) is 77. Actor Anna Maria Horsford is 76. Actor-director Rob Reiner is 76. Singer Kiki Dee is 76. TV consumer reporter John Stossel is 76. Composer-lyricist Stephen Schwartz is 75. Rock singer-musician Phil Alvin (The Blasters) is 70. Sports correspondent Armen Keteyian is 70. Actor Tom Arnold is 64. Actor D.L. Hughley is 60. Country songwriter Skip Ewing is 59. Actor Shuler Hensley is 56. Actor Connie Britton is 56. Actor Moira Kelly is 55. Actor Amy Pietz is 54. Rock musician Chris Broderick (Megadeth) is 53. Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille O’Neal is 51. Country singer Trent Willmon is 50. Rapper Beanie Sigel is 49. Rapper Bubba Sparxxx is 46. Actor Shaun Evans is 43. Rock musician Chris Tomson (Vampire Weekend) is 39. Former MLB pitcher Jake Arrieta is 37. Actor Eli Marienthal is 37.

Rapper/producer Tyler, the Creator is 32. Actor Dillon Freasier is 27. Actor Savannah Stehlin is 27. Actor Millicent Simmonds (Film: "Wonderstruck") is 20.

## 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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