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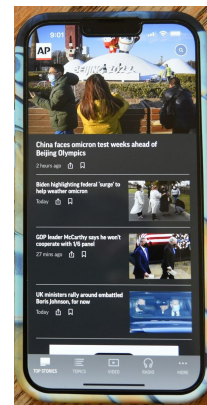
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Sept. 14, 2023,

Loyal Gould led an interesting life.

As you'll read in today's lead story on his death at the age of 86, he was:

A swimmer at Florida State University, a Navy underwater demolition diver in World War II, holder of a PhD, a foreign correspondent for The Associated Press who reported on the erection of the Berlin Wall and escorted a U.S. president on a tour of the wall, a key figure in journalism programs at three universities, a lecturer promoting a free press, and more.

If you have a story to related about Loyal, please send it along.

KUDOS FOR KALBFELD's 9/11 REPORT: In a note from colleague Jim Bagby to Brad Kalbfeld on Brad's Tuesday report on the work of AP's Broadcast News Center on 9/11: "A captivating and awe-inspiring crow's nest recap of an event that still gives us chills. Your recall makes it dramatically clear how AP and AP Radio played such a key role in

alerting the world, blow-by-blow, to an unprecedented act of terror. As we heard the voices, read the words and reacted to the pictures, it was impossible at the time -- even for insiders -- to grasp just how many were scrambling to report the dramatic story. As always, well done."

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy, live the day to your fullest.

Paul

Former AP correspondent Loyal Gould dead at age 86

BY HERBERT G. MCCANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — Loyal Gould, a former Associated Press foreign correspondent who later chaired journalism programs at Ohio State, Wichita State and Baylor universities, has died. He was 86.

Among the highlights of Gould's career was filing almost hourly from Berlin when East Germany's communist rulers built the Berlin Wall in 1961. Gould reported on life in East Berlin after the wall was completed and escorted President Richard Nixon and his daughters when they toured the wall, which divided the city until 1989.

Gould died Sept. 8 at his home in Chicago, six years after he was diagnosed with kidney cancer, according to his wife, Yanling Li Gould.

"He was given 18 months to live when he was diagnosed in 2007," she said. "He lived longer than anyone's expectations. He fought hard."

Gould joined the AP in Nebraska in 1957 as the statehouse correspondent in Lincoln. He was named a foreign news editor and U.N. correspondent in 1958. From 1960 to 1965 he reported from Europe for the AP.

Gould was born in 1927 in Chicago and studied in Germany and Switzerland before graduating from Florida State University. He later earned a master's degree and doctorate in Germanic philology — the study of languages — from the University of



North Carolina. He was an instructor at Texas Technological College and a reporter for the Amarillo Globe-Times before going to work for the AP.

Gould, who served in a U.S. Navy underwater demolition unit during World War II, also reported on the trial of 21 Germans who served in Auschwitz during the Holocaust and the opposition of most Germans to such war crime trials.

After working a year for NBC News in Europe and Asia, Gould was named the director of the international journalism program at Ohio State in 1966. He moved on to chair the journalism department at Wichita State in 1970, and chaired Baylor University's Department of Journalism from 1974 to 1993.

After stepping down from Baylor, Gould hit the lecture circuit, promoting an uncensored press in both Africa and Asia.

Gould's first wife, Ilse, died in 2000. In addition to his second wife, he is survived by an 8-year-old daughter, Loyan Ebba. His remains were cremated and a memorial service will be held Oct. 19 in Chicago.

Click [here](#) for link to this story. (Shared by George Arfield, who said, "I worked with him in Germany. Good, passionate, honest man.")

An insider's view: New book on JFK assassination weakens integrity of journalism

[Joseph Carter](#) - Ex-Secret Service agent Paul Landis's new book and the Times' full-page coverage (9/12/2023) of Landis' contrarian views about the 1963 assassination of President John Kennedy tend to weaken the integrity of professional journalism.

In my insider perspective, these fertilizes cynicism about the validity of reporting six decades ago by multiple investigative journalists and published worldwide by rigorously edited media.

I now write as one of perhaps two surviving reporters who were aboard the White House Press Bus November 22, 1963 at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. In my recollection, most on-the-scene reporters reported hearing "three shots". Reading that Landis' heard only two shots was my first clue of amiss—which joins two or three thousand other books challenging the fact that a lone assassin planned and murdered JFK.

Peter Baker's TIMES story notably dissected several riddles published in Landis's book. However, amid the headline that the book "Raises Now Questions" and Baker's opinioned sentence about it "adding new grist to one of the nation's enduring mysteries" are disturbing. This is a strange era when "public opinion" is widely split to the dangerous point of challenging the validity of ethical news media reporting; the rule of law; lawful governments, and even democracy.

My credentials about JFK assassination: By the coincidence that UPI's regular veteran reporter Al Spivak was vacationing, UPI assigned me to his seat on the White House Press bus in Dallas November 23, 1963. I was back-up reporter for Merriman Smith, who earned a Pulitzer for reporting from the "pool car" that day.

My nominal assignment was division overnight editor for UPI writing/editing news for afternoon editions and early morning broadcasts. Over months after the assassination, I edited and reported on the assassination—working to confirm obvious facts or to dispel false claims and multiple suspicions.

Steadily, I wrote, edited and sought to confirm that Lee Harvey Oswald alone had plotted JFK's assassination and fired the rifle found on his normal working area in the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building. His fingerprints were on the scoped rifle and its 3 spent shell casings were in the nook he hastily built by the open window. As a Marine, he was a sharpshooter. The angle and range were ample, I personally confirmed as a veteran who had become an Army sharpshooter.

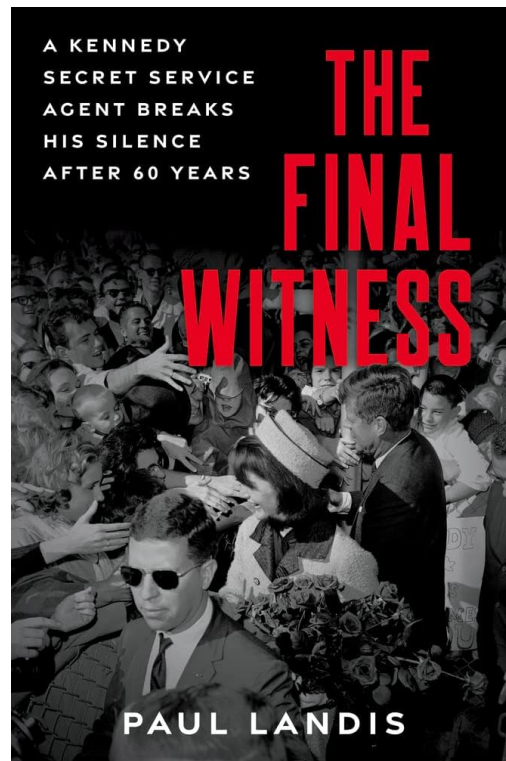
After killing Patrolman J.D. Tippett while fleeing the sixth-floor scene, Oswald was quickly captured by seasoned homicide detectives who, in my view, handled the "suspect" adroitly. Unfortunately, Jack Ruby slipped past officers and fatally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald in cold-blood murder.

Dastardly and off of long-range consequence to public opinion, Jack Ruby denied Lee Harvey Oswald a trial by a jury of his peers. The question about WHO ASSASSINATED JFK fell on the news media.

The reliable, very professional Associated Press and its rival United Press International were healthy competitors in follow-up news reports. International wire services, television/radio networks and major newspapers each had their own teams on the scene for long months. In my reading of their reports—then and in later research—those reports largely blamed Oswald for murder without outside help.

The most reflective time I spent on the subject was with producer Bernie Birnbaum of CBS-TV who spent weeks using Dan Rather as his talent to reach the same widespread conclusions. Birnbaum and I were working on a book exploding the lies and myths when Random House's "Case Closed" 607-page book by Gerald Posner accomplished our goals most powerfully.

Over the decades, I have happenstance written my memories including "I Heard JFK's Death Shots" a decade ago as an Amazon e-book. For the Washington Post, in July columnist Petula Dvokak interviewed me about Robert Kennedy Jr.'s claims about



possible government forces killed his father and uncle which I found offensive and a disservice to the widespread findings and writings of unbiased investigative journalists of six decades ago.

Near the 60th anniversary of that dread, historic day in Dallas—November 23, 1963—true facts remain impossible to change. Despite what the Donald Trump camp claims, there are no alternative facts.

Did the 1963 working press report those facts right? I say “Yes. I’m 99.999 percent certain” So does novelist Stephen King in his 2012 850-page book on the subject adding “The stodgy ole Warren Commission was right: Oswald acted alone”. So were most hard-news reporters.

Alex Sanz promoted to AP global news manager

Alex Sanz was recently promoted to global news manager. He joined the Nerve Center, the hub of AP’s global newsroom, which serves as a center for global news coordination, standards, research, customer communication and audience engagement, in August.

He oversees the AP’s news report in all formats and platforms and works with news leaders on the world’s top stories. He also works with broadcast television networks and television stations in North America to build and expand editor-to-editor relationships with the AP.

In 2017, Sanz was appointed a deputy director of newsgathering, overseeing a team of journalists in the southeastern United States, later leading the AP’s video staff in 27 states, including the central United States. He joined the AP in 2013, reporting for Associated Press Television News, after working as a television anchor and correspondent in Houston, Los Angeles, New York and South Florida.



He is on the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and in 2019 was inducted into its Silver Circle, one of the organization’s most prestigious awards, honoring a lifetime of dedication to the television industry.

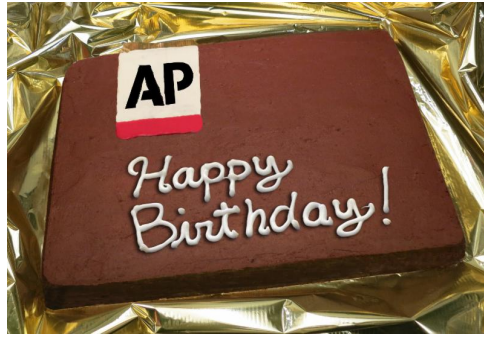
He will remain in Atlanta.

A relaxing afternoon for Lord Otto



John Dowling - Lord Otto of Beverly relaxing in the library of a late summer afternoon. Pondering the cocktail hour to come? (EDITOR'S NOTE: Otto holds court in the Chicago neighborhood of Beverly where he presides over the Dowling Clan.)

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Stories of interest

For several episodes this fall, '60 Minutes' will become 90 minutes (AP)

BY DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The iconic stopwatch won't be reset, but for six episodes this fall, "60 Minutes" will become 90 minutes.

The CBS newsmagazine is stretching on some Sundays when CBS airs an NFL doubleheader, starting Oct. 8. Often, the show doesn't air until 7:30 p.m. on the East Coast those nights (it usually starts at 7 p.m.).

The request to Bill Owens, the show's executive producer, came from top CBS executive George Cheeks, and predated the strikes that have paralyzed Hollywood and left networks looking for more content. Owens said he needed to weigh whether the three extra hours across the six episodes would dilute the broadcast.

"My job is to protect the place," he said. "I don't ever want to harm a hair on the head of '60 Minutes.'"

There will generally be two extra pieces on the 90-minute nights, and correspondents are already lobbying for more time to tell their stories. Extra producers have been brought in. Owens said the additional stories would likely lean toward feature or adventure fare, like one Bill Whitaker is preparing about a motorcycle race on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea.

Read more [here](#).

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Taylor Swift and Beyoncé Get Their Own Press Corps

(New York Times)

By Eduardo Medina

Gannett, the largest newspaper chain in the United States, has announced that it would hire reporters to cover two of the biggest names in music: Taylor Swift and Beyoncé.

Amid the zeal around both artists' record-breaking tours this year, Gannett said in separate announcements on Tuesday and Wednesday that it was looking for two reporters who could capture the significance of their music, their growing legacies and the effect both women have had across the music world.

The two reporters would be writing for USA Today and The Tennessean, the publisher's newspaper in Nashville, where Swift began her career as a country darling before selling out stadiums across North America on her record-breaking Eras Tour.

In its job description for the Beyoncé reporting job, Gannett said on Wednesday that it was seeking a journalist who could cover how the "international superstar and icon's impact is felt across generations," and how she has been "a force in everything from how the country views race to how women think about their partners."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Len Iwanski, Linda Deutsch.

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Dallas Morning News offers buyouts as it seeks profitability (Poynter)

By: Angela Fu

DallasNews Corporation, owner of the Dallas Morning News, announced Wednesday morning that it is offering buyouts that could eliminate as many as 40 full-time and part-time jobs — a 6% reduction in head count.

The company will offer buyouts to all departments starting Oct. 16, including the newsroom. In a press release, the company wrote the buyouts will help reduce expenses as it seeks to achieve profitability.

“This will still allow the news department the resources to maintain the same comprehensive coverage throughout Texas while helping to reduce overall headcount and non-headcount expenses,” the press release reads. “Throughout its 180-year history, the Company has evolved in parallel with the city, region, and state it covers. Today’s announcement allows for a dynamic, modern model to maintain and uphold that journalistic responsibility while re-investing in key areas across the organization.”

President and chief financial officer Katy Murray wrote in an email that the company does not have a target amount in savings it is trying to achieve. She added that until decisions are made in October, the company cannot comment on which areas it seeks to reinvest in.

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

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Christiane Amanpour reflects on her 40 years at CNN and explains why her ‘be truthful, not neutral’ mantra is more vital than ever (CNN)

By Oliver Darcy

Christiane Amanpour still remembers her humble beginnings at CNN.

Forty years ago, before she was hired by what was then a groundbreaking news startup, she was an electronics graphics operator at a local NBC affiliate, responsible for the various elements that appear on-air during broadcasts. When she arrived in Atlanta to discuss a role at CNN with a recruiter, she did so with only \$100 in her pocket and a single suitcase.

“The then-recruiter took one look at me and said, ‘Oh, there’s a vacancy on the foreign desk. You’re foreign. Go fill it,’” Amanpour recounted on Tuesday just before she received a standing ovation in the New York newsroom during a 40th anniversary celebration of her remarkable career.

While the job of desk assistant was at the “very, very bottom” of the totem pole (Amanpour said that “you could not get any lower and you could not be paid any less), the position offered her the chance to exit the technical line of journalism and get her foot in the door of the editorial side of the business. From there, with a lot of hard work, she pulled herself up, becoming a script writer, field producer, reporter, and eventually foreign correspondent.

That’s when she was deployed to cover the Gulf War and received a good share of air time reporting from Saudi Arabia. The way she tells it, her fate has been very much intertwined with CNN’s — and in the early 1990s, they were both “exploding onto the international consciousness” at the same time.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Len Iwanski.

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The Colorado Sun, a pioneering for-profit/nonprofit hybrid, moves toward a fully nonprofit model

(NiemanLab)

By DAN KENNEDY

The Colorado Sun is going nonprofit. The five-year-old digital news organization, launched by journalists who'd left The Denver Post following round after round of cuts by the paper's hedge-fund owner, Alden Global Capital, had operated as a rare for-profit exception in the universe of local news startups. Now the Sun is joining its tax-exempt peers.

"Whether I agree with it or not, whether I even like it or not, the reality is that many individuals, many institutions and philanthropic groups, have concluded that journalism should be nonprofit," editor Larry Ryckman said in a phone interview on Monday. "I have my own thoughts on that, but that is reality."

The move was not entirely unexpected. The Sun is one of the projects highlighted in a forthcoming book by Ellen Clegg and me, *What Works in Community News: Media Startups, News Deserts, and the Future of the Fourth Estate*, which will be published by Beacon Press in early 2024. When I interviewed Ryckman in the fall of 2021, he told me that a shift to nonprofit might be in the Sun's future. The Sun has been operating as a public benefit corporation, or PBC, a legal designation covering for-profit organizations that serve society in some way. Among other things, a PBC is under no fiduciary obligation to enrich its owners and may instead plow revenues back into the enterprise.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Marty Steinberg.

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Russian journalist who headed news outlet in Moldova is declared a security threat and expelled

(AP)

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) — A Russian journalist was declared a national security threat and expelled from Moldova on Wednesday on charges of meddling in internal affairs by spreading disinformation, authorities said.

Vitaly Denisov, 56, was head of the news outlet Sputnik Moldova. He was removed from the country under escort and banned from returning for 10 years, Moldova's General Inspectorate for Migration said in a statement.

"The measure to remove the foreigner was ordered in connection with his involvement in the internal affairs of the Republic of Moldova, a fact that endangers the informational security of our country," the inspectorate statement read.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - Sept. 14, 2023



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2023. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin; Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

On this date:

In 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" (later "The Star-Spangled Banner") after witnessing the American flag flying over the Maryland fort following a night of British naval bombardment during the War of 1812.

In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off Pensacola, Florida.

In 1867, the first volume of "Das Kapital" by Karl Marx was published in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.

In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly film star Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel (bah-SHEER' jeh-MAY'-el), was killed by a bomb.

In 1991, the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha (in-KAH'-tah) Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.

In 1994, on the 34th day of a strike by players, Acting Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced the 1994 season was over.

In 2001, Americans packed churches and clogged public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. President George W. Bush prayed with his Cabinet and attended services at Washington National Cathedral, then flew to New York, where he waded into the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers in a flag-waving, bullhorn-wielding show of resolve.

In 2009, death claimed "Dirty Dancing" star Patrick Swayze at 57; former White House press secretary Jody Powell at age 65; and comic character actor Henry Gibson at age 73.

In 2012, fury over an anti-Muslim film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad spread across the Muslim world, with deadly clashes near Western embassies in Tunisia and Sudan, an American fast-food restaurant set ablaze in Lebanon, and international peacekeepers attacked in the Sinai.

In 2015, Rowan County, Kentucky, clerk Kim Davis returned to work for the first time since she was jailed for defying a federal court and announced that she would no longer block her deputies from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

In 2018, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh denied an allegation of sexual misconduct from when he was in high school, saying, "I did not do this back in high school or at any time." (Kavanaugh would later be confirmed by the Senate.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Walter Koenig (KAY'-nihg) is 87. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 83. Singer-actor Joey Heatherton is 79. Actor Sam Neill is 76. Singer Jon "Bowzer" Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 76. Actor Robert Wisdom is 70. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 68. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 67. Actor Mary Crosby is 64. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 64. Country singer John Berry is 64. Actor Melissa Leo is 63. Actor Faith Ford is 59. Actor Jamie Kaler is 59. Actor Michelle Stafford is 58. Rock musician Mike Cooley (Drive-By Truckers) is 57. Actor Dan Cortese is 56. Contemporary Christian singer Mark Hall is 54. Actor-writer-director-producer Tyler Perry is 54. Actor Ben Garant is 53. Rock musician Craig Montoya (Tri Polar) is 53. Actor Kimberly Williams-Paisley is 52. Actor Andrew Lincoln is 50. Rapper Nas is 50. Actor Austin Basis is 47. Country singer Danielle Peck is 45. Pop singer Ayo is 43. Chef/TV personality Katie Lee is 42. Actor Sebastian Sozzi is 41. Actor Adam Lamberg is 39. Singer Alex Clare is 38. Actor Chad Duell (TV: "General Hospital") is 36. Actor Jessica Brown Findlay is 36. Actor-singer Logan Henderson is 34. Actor Emma Kenney is 24.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees,

and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. 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 Central Region vice president based in Kansas City.

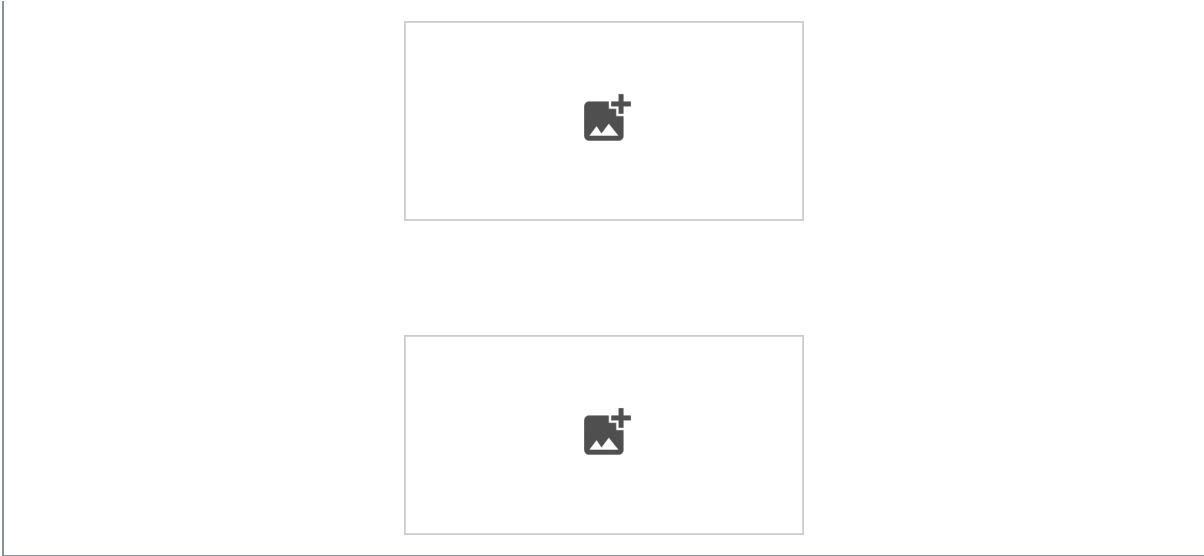


Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

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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