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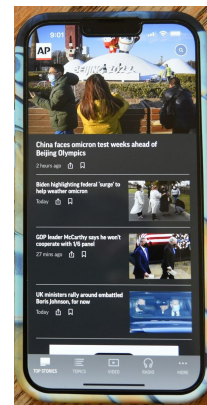
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Dec. 6, 2023,

AUTHORS! AUTHORS! – The annual Connecting issue featuring books published in the past year that were written by Connecting colleagues will be published next week. So...if you have written a book in the past year and would like to share it with colleagues, please send me: 350-word summary of the book and a jpg image of the cover, and a jpg headshot image of you. **DEADLINE is Friday, Dec. 8.**

The recent death of former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger at age 100 has rekindled spirited debate about his legacy as one of the most consequential and controversial foreign policy figures in American history. For example, critics point to Kissinger's role as President Nixon's national security adviser in directing the secret bombing of Cambodia in the years 1969 to 1973 as one of his most egregious endeavors, with historians estimating that the 500,000 tons of U.S. bombs dropped on Cambodia during this period killed as many as 150,000 civilians and led to a decade of murderous civil war.

Pulitzer Prize-winner **Peter Arnett** was one of the many AP correspondents who covered both the Cambodian and neighboring Vietnam wars, and in a story for today's Connecting reveals a little-known initiative to involve Kissinger in securing the release of several journalists from American and other news organizations believed held in captivity by Communist forces in Cambodia.

JULIE PACE SPEECH: An emergency matter forced AP Executive Editor Julie Pace to cancel her remarks at Northern Kentucky University last month but she'll be on campus Thursday evening (Dec. 7). If you are in the Cincinnati area, join us in person. If not, join us virtually. Her talk, "Journalism in the 21st Century: Rising to the Challenge," will examine how the AP and journalism in general is responding to distrust in the media as well as other unique and emerging challenges, including A.I. You can attend [online by registering to receive the link](#). Online guests will be able to ask questions using the Q&A link on Zoom. Talk is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EDT. The talk is part of NKU's community lecture series, Six@Six. AP has been a participant since the series' inception in 2015. Questions? Mark Neikirk at neikirkm1@nku.edu

Ye Olde Connecting Editor sends heartfelt thanks for your wonderful birthday wishes - and the assurance from most all of you that I am not a Slacker. I got the chance on my birthday Tuesday to spend some time with two of my favorites from my Kansas City bureau days - **Kia Breaux** and **Cliff Schiappa** - and with Connecting colleague/friend **Shirley Christian** - who talks Truffles in today's Final Word. Onward!

Have a great day - be safe, stay healthy, live it to your fullest.

Paul

The value of really listening

Steven Paulson - I want to thank Paul Stevens for reminding us to sit down with our parents while we have the chance and listen to what they have to say.

My father died while I was in Japan working for the AP, and after he was gone, I realized I had a lot of questions that would never be answered. I was angry because he wasn't there for us while we were growing up. He was working to help develop the space program at Cape Canaveral, and there was a lot of pressure to fulfill President Kennedy's vow to land a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s. There were a lot of 12-hour days and a lot of divorces. We didn't speak for years, and I later realized the sacrifices he made. He asked his boss for one of the few favors he ever sought, to allow me to use his Pan Am benefits to travel the world. I still have a copy of the letter he wrote to his boss asking him to approve one adventure involving 55 flights to 50 countries around the world, on almost every flight Pan Am served. I got as far north as Moscow, and as far south as Tanzania, Australia and South America. I know my father would have liked to use those benefits for himself.

I learned later that my mother, who died of cancer when I was young, played the bass fiddle in high school. I learned that my grandfather rode a motorcycle around Iowa in the 1920s, and bought a plane that he flew all over Iowa delivering tools after I found a copy of his flight records in a box. Later in life, I got a copy of a diary from my other grandfather telling the story of how he was a fisherman in Norway and escaped death

because he was sick the day his coworkers set out in a boat and died in a storm. I also learned to listen from Connecting associate Waka Tsunoda, an assistant to executives on the World Desk in New York, who helped me understand Japan before I went to Japan for the AP. She taught me the value of really listening, which in Japanese is known as *tatamae* and *honne*, the difference between what you say and what you really mean. Look for the *honne*.

APME reaction to Carol Nunnelley passing

Mark Mittelstadt - The death of Carol Nunnelley, former director of grant-funded projects for the Associated Press Managing Editors, renamed Associated Press Media Editors, brought an outpouring of praise Tuesday from former presidents and board members of the association:

What a tremendous loss. I so enjoyed working with Carol on the Credibility Roundtables project. She was so dedicated to APME. - Karen Magnuson, APME President, 2007, retired editor Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, N.Y.

I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Carol was a delight and always had a smile when she greeted you. - Otis Sanford, APME President, 2010, retired editor, The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Working with Carol was a highlight of my years with APME. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. - Ed Jones, APME President, 2003, retired editor, The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg, Va.

This breaks my heart. Carol completely upped our game as an organization committed to improving journalism and journalists. And her lovely Southern demeanor upped our classiness factor exponentially. - Suki Dardarian, APME President, 2006, editor, Star Tribune, Minneapolis.

Carol was kind, wise, gentle, brilliant -- and funny. She built NewsTrain into an excellent traveling training laboratory, bringing the best journalists in the business to help coach local newsrooms that could no longer afford sending folks to IRE, Poynter, API. I didn't know she also had founded a nonprofit to help boost local news in Birmingham until reading this ... but it fits perfectly with her entrepreneurial energy and spirit. - George Stanley, host of 2001 APME conference in Milwaukee, former editor of the Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee.

Thank you ... for informing all of this sad news that some of us have known was coming. Even those who knew are stunned, as I am, both at the rapidity of the final decline....and the reminder of what a great journalist, strong leader, tireless worker..... and very classy lady (!)..... we have lost. RIP Carol. - Bob Haiman, APME President, 1982, former executive editor of the St. Petersburg Times, Fla., president emeritus The Poynter Institute, long-time chairman APME Regents.

I'm saddened to learn of Carol Nunnelley's passing. She was a good journalist and a good person. Carol and I worked very closely together when I was president of APME and in succeeding years. She built the APME Credibility Roundtables into a highly successful national program that later morphed into NewsTrain. Carol was someone

who could take the germ of an idea and make it real. She worked well with others and always brought a sense of dignity and ethical leadership to personal interactions. A quiet, powerful force in American journalism -she will be long remembered. - Chris Peck, APME President, 2001, retired editor, The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

I knew of Carol well before I actually met her. I had spoken with her husband when I was researching Birmingham for The Race Beat and was thrilled to put the two Nunnellys together when I met her. Her gentility belied the machine within her; the combination of these two forces in one human being became an exemplar of what it takes to be a trailblazer who soon looks back and sees she's not alone, that others have fallen in line to help do the work. As an Alabamian, I felt a special connection and admiration for Carol (and I frequently wondered if I was among the few who didn't need a translator when listening to her.) I will miss her very much. - Hank Klibanoff, former APME board member, professor, Emory University, former managing editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, presidential appointee to the U.S. Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

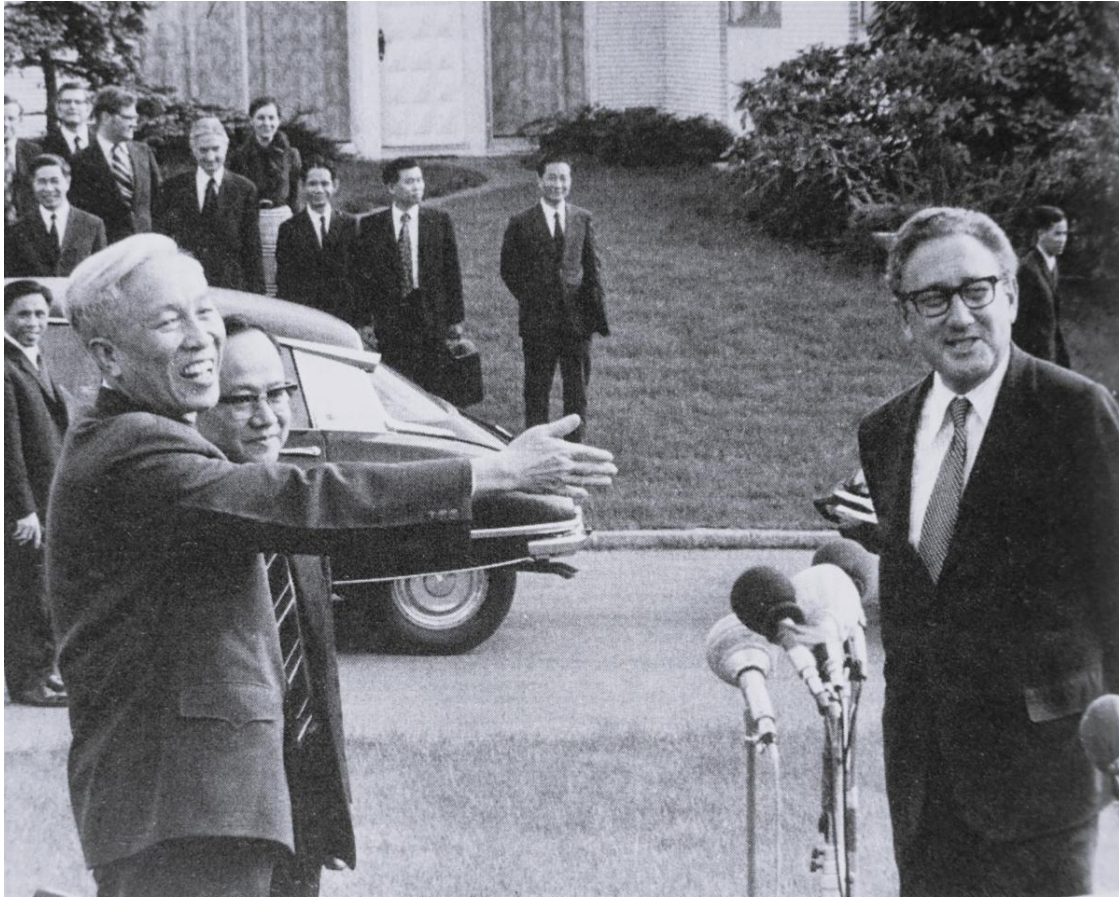
I join the chorus of praise and thanksgiving for Carol. She was an inspiration to me and so many other editors. With NewsTrain, in particular, she and those who followed her raised the skill level and quality of journalism in newsrooms across the country. Many of us worked hard to keep NewsTrain funded and on track until the very end of APME. Carol's legacy lives on in the uncounted journalists whose lives and careers were enriched by her good work and passion for good journalism. Thinking of you all, and of Carol's family. - Alan Miller, APME President, 2015, former editor The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, instructor, Denison University.

Knowing that APME and its successors recognized Carol's considerable accomplishments and impact while she was active provides some solace to me. Thanks to everyone who helped assure her legacy creation will survive. - Louise Seals, former APME board member, managing editor Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, member of Virginia Communications Hall of Fame, former president Virginia Press Women.

This saddens me. She was such a sweet lady and an incredible journalist. I remember the APME Newtrain well. She did such a great job with it as she did with everything else. I'm praying for her family. - Ken Tuck, former APME board member, former regional editor the Dothan (Ala.) Eagle.

The world just isn't right without Carol in it. She was creative, passionate and extraordinarily dependable. Her mission was to strengthen APME through meaningful training — at a time when corporate training budgets for newsrooms had been eviscerated. Carol was connected in the nonprofit world, and guided a string of APME presidents on making pitches to keep NewsTrain running. It's important to note that APME Regents helped keep this vision alive, a fact that Carol and many of us deeply appreciated. Beyond her bedrock competence, Carol was a spectacular human being. To say she will be missed is a gross understatement. - David Ledford, APME President, 2008, retired editor The News Journal, Wilmington, Del.

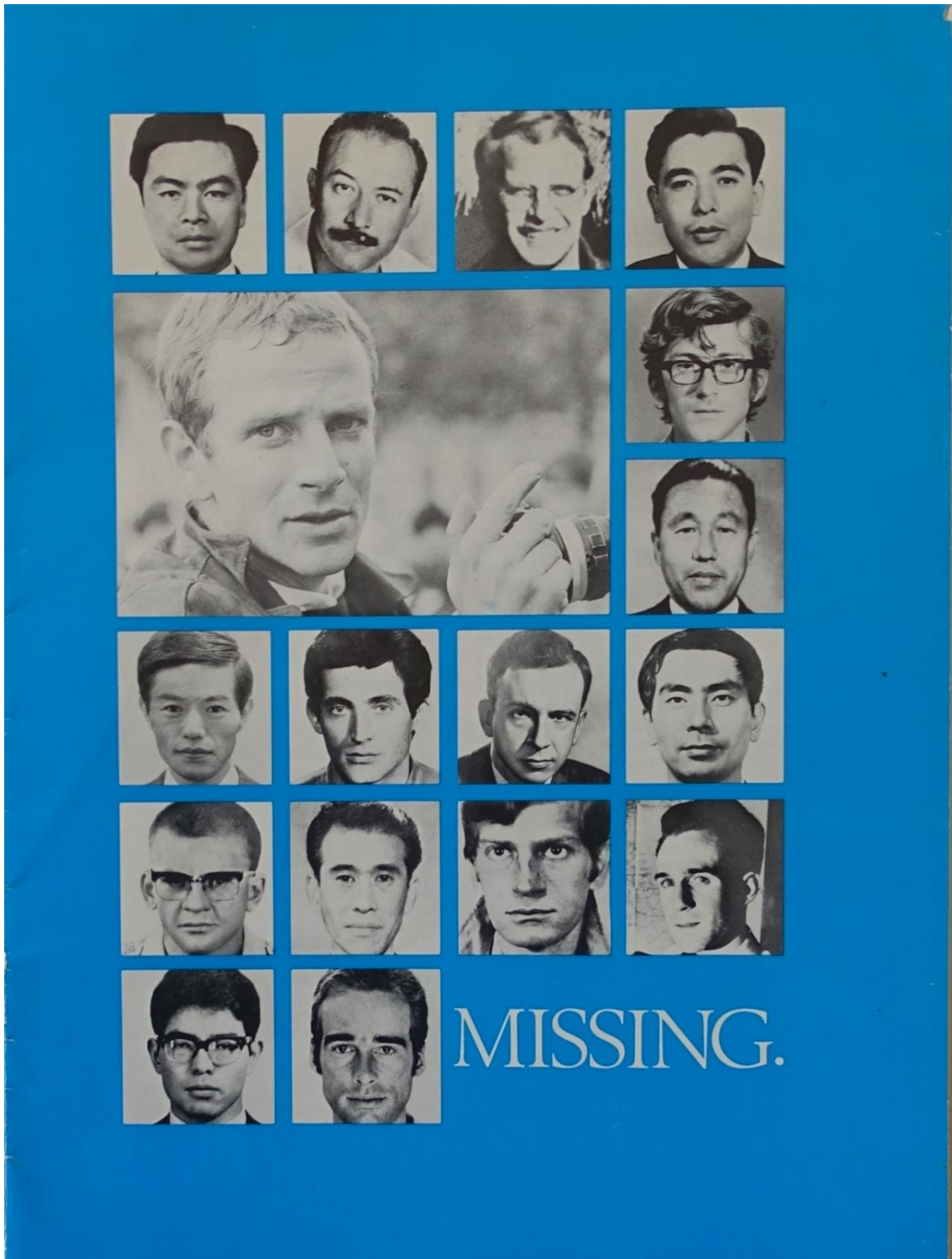
Cronkite vs Kissinger over missing journalists crisis



Then U.S. national security adviser Henry Kissinger photographed in mid-1972 with North Vietnamese official Le Duc Tho after revealing progress in secret talks to end the Vietnam War. The cease-fire agreement they negotiated led to the withdrawal of the last U.S. troops in South Vietnam in early 1973. AP PHOTO

Peter Arnett - I had been assigned to New York as a special correspondent in 1971 after eight years covering the Vietnam War. My last major story there was the Cambodian campaign of mid-1970 when a joint force of American and South Vietnamese troops invaded eastern Cambodia several months after the overthrow of the Cambodian president Norodom Sihanouk. The shattering of the Cambodian border moved the war into a formerly neutral country that had previously been off-limits to U.S. troops, and also to journalists. There was a temptation by newsmen who had gotten used to the restrictive routines of covering American troops to use this opportunity to drive off into the Cambodian countryside by themselves for a new angle on the war story. I know because I did it by myself, joining ABC-TV correspondent Steve Bell and his crew in his car a few days after the invasion had started, only to realize we had driven 10 miles across the paddy fields ahead of the invading forces. We were lucky. The extent of Vietcong and North Vietnamese control of the border became quickly evident. Within two months in April and May 1970, 17 international journalists had been captured by communist forces, including Sean Flynn of TIME, Dana Stone of CBS, Welles Hangen of NBC along with four French, seven

Japanese and one each Austrian, German and Swiss. As war coverage began shifting from bases in Saigon to the Cambodia capital Phnom Penh in 1972-73, the media casualties quickly mounted.



With the cooperation of New York AP staff early in 1972 I put together this 16-page brochure printed on photo-quality paper that included photographs and brief descriptions of all 17 journalists reported missing at that time. I included a two-page mission statement from our "American Committee to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia" along with a two-page account of all our activities. We printed several hundred copies of the brochure for distribution to media and official sources in Southeast Asia.

The catastrophic journalist losses on Cambodia's roads galvanized the international press community, and it weighed in with unprecedented active support. An umbrella media group founded by five international media organizations in Geneva announced that it was seeking visas for a delegation to Hanoi "to go to the help of our missing colleagues." In France a "Committee to Free Journalists held in Southeast Asia" sent a petition signed by 1,000 French journalists to Prince Sihanouk asking him to use his good offices to help free the missing. The Phnom Penh press corps organized a "committee for the safety of foreign correspondents in Cambodia" and conducted daily lobbying efforts with local authorities. On September 30, 1970, the secretary general of the United Nations, U Thant, made an appeal on behalf of the missing journalists, followed soon afterwards by a General Assembly resolution expressing "grave concern" over the fate of reporters carrying out dangerous missions.

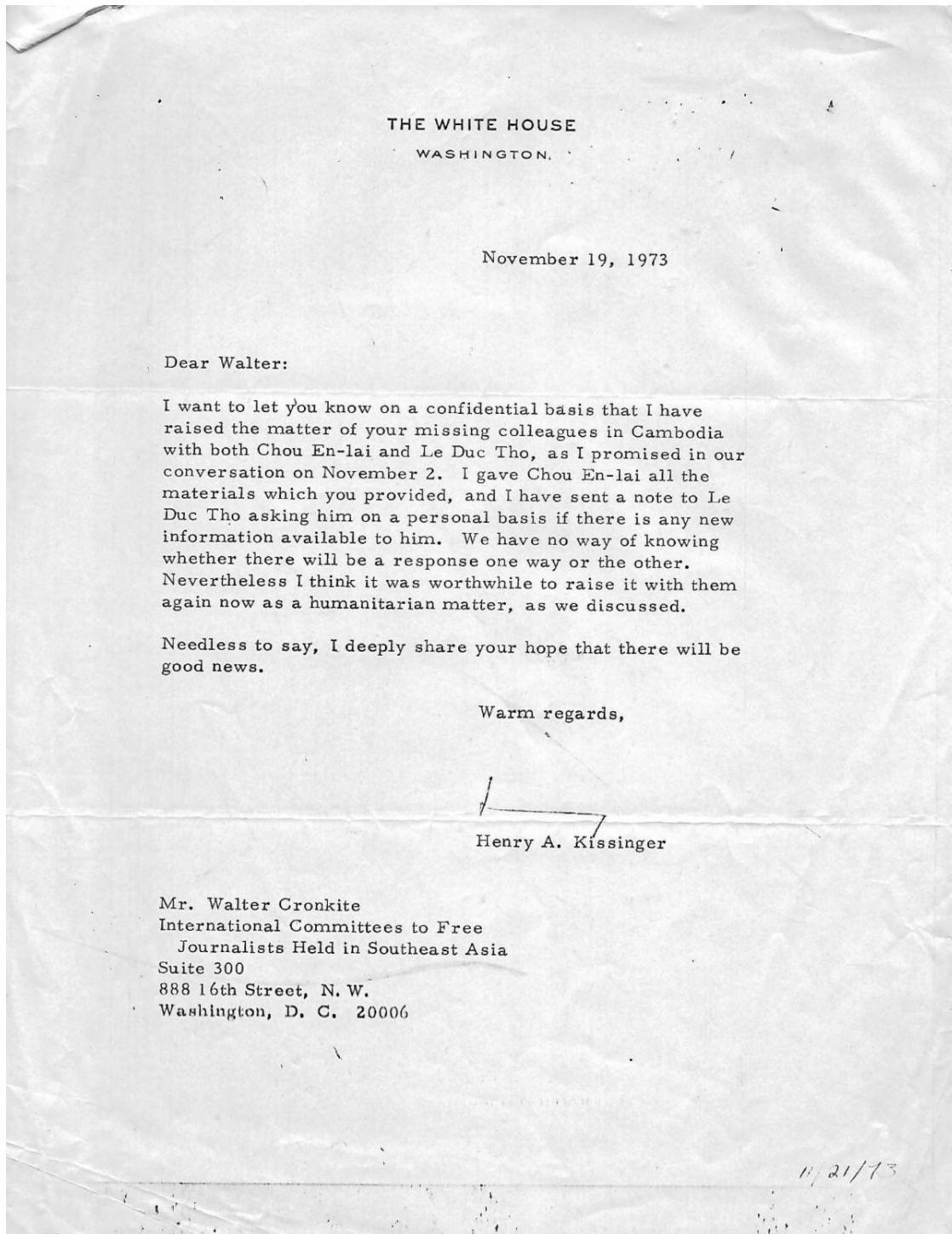
In the United States, mainstream media organizations backed the formation of the "American Branch of the Committee to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia". The initiative for the organization came from Walter Cronkite, then anchorman for CBS Evening News. I had known Cronkite for some time, and in late 1971 he phoned me in New York to meet and discuss what we could do to draw national attention to the media catastrophe in the battlefields of Cambodia. From our New York and Washington meetings with news organizations, there emerged the American committee. Walter Cronkite agreed to be chairman, I agreed to be secretary, and the AP agreed to the appointment of Paris Bureau Chief David Mason as Liaison-Europe.



CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite photographed with Peter Arnett in Washington in the late 1980s. Their efforts to draw attention to the vulnerabilities of journalists in Southeast Asia in the 1970s helped lead to the birth of the Committee to Protect Journalists, now internationally known, of which Cronkite was the founding member, with Arnett a member for many years.

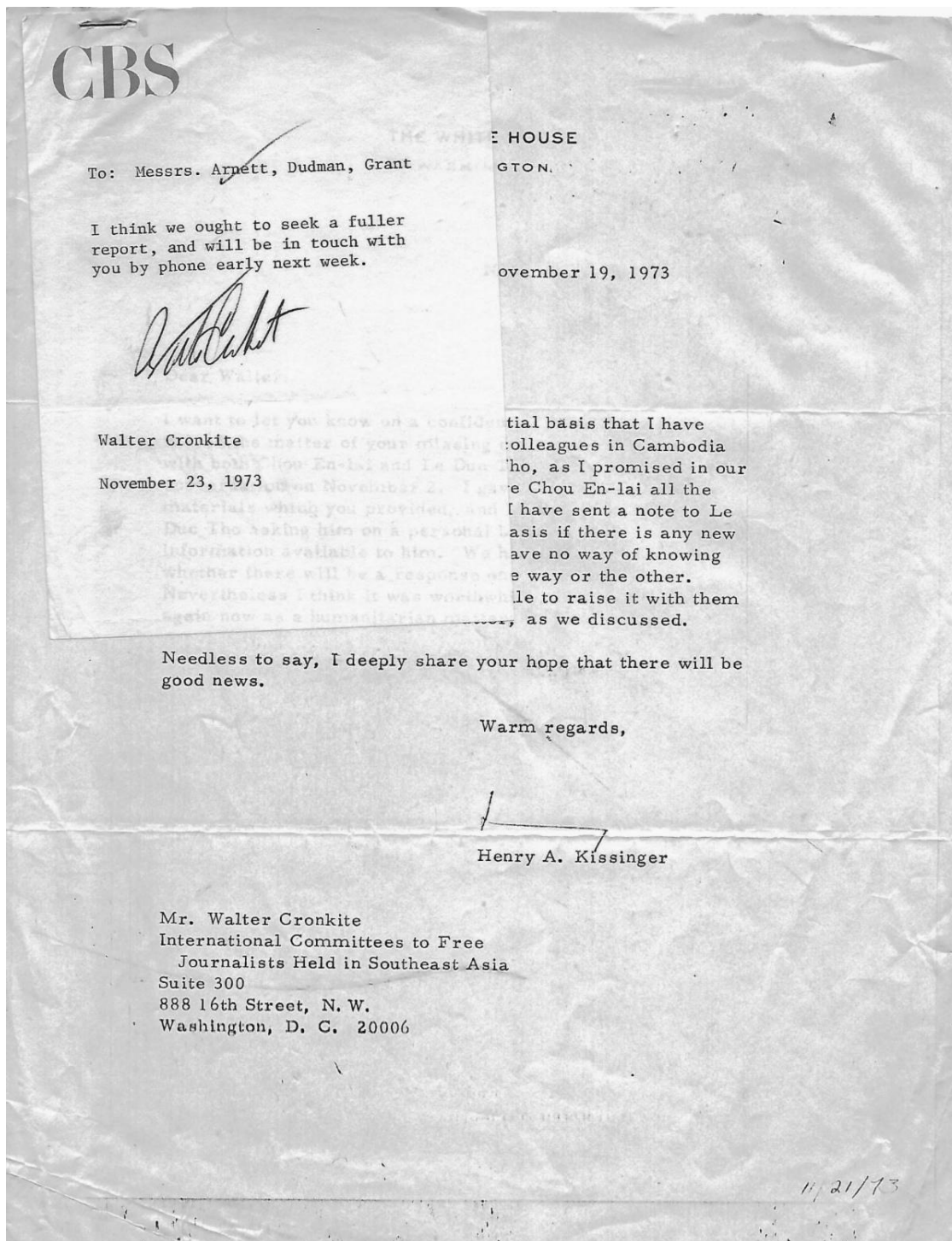
Much financial help was forthcoming for the committee, enough to support the appointment of a former military intelligent specialist, Zailan Grant, to an office in Phnom Penh. A constant stream of information on captive sightings from that office supplemented information from many other sources. But as time passed and the Cambodian war worsened, hope for the missing was diminishing. With prominent CBS staffers still among the dead and missing in Cambodia, in 1973 Walter Cronkite opted for an aggressive campaign "employing all the resources of publicity and political muscle that we can muster," he instructed in a note to me. "We shall need at that time the best thinking that the combined brains of our profession can bring to bear on the problem, and it would be helpful if we all polled our colleagues, contacts, correspondents and other sources for their ideas and suggestions on how we might make contact with the insurgent leaders in Cambodia and/or bring outside pressure on them."

In a meeting at a lunchroom at CBS headquarters in late summer, Cronkite told me he intended to approach Henry Kissinger, newly appointed secretary of state in the Nixon Administration, for assistance. "He's a busy man, but I've asked to meet him at the White House along with you and Zailan Grant and take along our documentation", Cronkite told me. And so it happened, on November 2, a bright autumn day in Washington D.C. just prior to Kissinger's departure for Beijing. I remember the visit for several reasons. One, that on the New York shuttle flight, I was sitting beside one of the most famous faces in America but not one passenger on the packed flight butted into his space. Two, one that humor writer Art Buchwald was crossing the street as we approached the White House and chatted for a few minutes despite amid passing traffic. I remember that on entering the foyer of Kissinger's office, the secretary's female staffers made joyous exclamations of greetings at the appearance of Cronkite. And in meeting Kissinger, I noted it was Henry this and Walter that as Zailan Grant and I observed the friendly scene.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's letter advising the committee of his diplomatic efforts in response to our requests for assistance made during our White House visit.

On November 19, 1973, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger responded to Walter Cronkite's entreaties with a one long graf account of his efforts.



Committee chairman Walter Cronkite's message to committee members after reading the response from Kissinger.

Cronkite passed along Kissinger's letter to others in the committee. That our chairman was not pleased was evident in the curt note attached. When we met soon after, Cronkite was wrathful. He said, "I find it discouraging. Kissinger in our meeting with him when we presented our material seemed most cooperative, material in which we documented our belief that there is a strong possibility that at least some of the newsmen are in captivity. The delicacies of diplomacy may have dictated the language in the letter but it appears to be remarkably aloof from any real commitment to our cause." Cronkite then instructed, "It clearly is necessary for our

committee to call again on Dr Kisinger at the earliest opportunity to seek much stronger representation than this."



President Richard Nixon and his secretary of state Henry Kissinger confer at the White House early in 1974. Nixon would resign the presidency on August 8, 1974. Kissinger remained as secretary of state in the Ford Administration. AP PHOTO

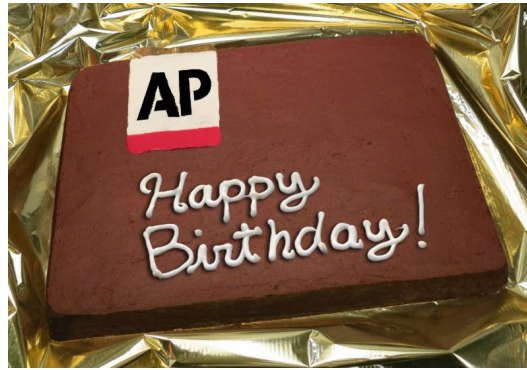
Cronkite was unable to secure an additional meeting with Kissinger to discuss the missing journalists, perhaps understandably as within a few months the administration of Richard Nixon was falling to pieces amid the Watergate scandal, as was America's undisclosed commitment to defend South Vietnam's existence against communist assault. The North Vietnamese and the Vietcong continued to the end of the war to deny knowing anything about the missing. The many efforts to involve Prince Sihanouk in the search on the Cambodian communist side brought no tangible result. The Cambodian conflict was a new kind of war for the world's media with no clear line between safety and danger on the battlefield. It set the stage for the many "little wars" since with journalists running the dangerous roads to get the story.



Peter Arnett (left) and former CBS correspondent Dan Rather at the April, 2016 LBJ Library Vietnam Summit where Henry Kissinger made one of his last public appearances to discuss his controversial career. The two journalists were invited to discuss Vietnam news coverage.

Already in his early 90s and seemingly imperturbable to criticism, I watched as Henry Kissinger served up tired answers to the occasional tough question on the stage at the LBJ Library on April 2016.. "Some say you're a war criminal for what you did in Cambodia. Are you? asked the interviewer. Kissinger, hunched over the mike, speaking in a half whisper, said, "I'm aware that LBJ decided not to bomb Cambodia but the Nixon Administration decided not to tolerate communist use of the border areas. I strongly justified the bombing, it was in the interest of the United States, it justified the civilian casualties. It lessened our own troop losses," Later at a crowded summit dinner I approached Kissinger intent on asking my own questions about the Cambodian war and the journalists who covered it. But his table became overwhelmed by well wishes and selfie takers and my moment was lost.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Opinion Actually, people don't hate the media as much as you think (Washington Post)

By Tom Rosenstiel and Mariana Meza Hernandez

Tom Rosenstiel is the Eleanor Merrill scholar on the future of journalism at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism and a senior fellow at NORC at the University of Chicago. Mariana Meza Hernandez is a member of the Public Affairs & Media Research department at NORC.

As the nation hurtles toward a critical election and the world confronts two wars, the fate of U.S. democracy is complicated by another pressure: the public's low esteem of the media. Trust in the news is at record lows, especially among conservatives, and local news is at risk of dying out completely.

Isn't that the case, repeated in poll after poll and bemoaned by pundits? That sad state hangs over everything, because democracy depends on an agreed-upon set of facts, a free press to discover them and a public square where citizens can find compromise over their differences.

But if you look more closely, the reality isn't so simple — or so dire. There is far more trust in journalism these days than people often contend.

Nevertheless, that exaggerated narrative of media disaster is becoming a problem in itself. It gets in the way of news organizations taking steps to make matters better, and it feeds an anti-press narrative easily exploited by manipulative politicians. If

journalism is going to rebuild its business model and its connection to the public, we need to understand more clearly what people think of it and what they need from it.

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

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The fourth GOP debate will be a key moment for the young NewsNation cable network (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — By airing the fourth Republican presidential primary debate scheduled for Wednesday — again, minus Donald Trump — the young NewsNation television network will almost certainly reach the largest audience in its history.

Yet with two of the three debate moderators associated with conservative media and not NewsNation, including podcast star Megyn Kelly, the event threatens to be at odds with the centrist image the network is trying to cultivate.

“I think it’s an amazing opportunity and allows us to have more people fully sample the network and see who we are and what we’re doing,” said Cherie Grzech, NewsNation’s senior vice president of news and politics.

Read more [here](#).

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Washington Post journalists plan 24-hour strike amid prolonged contract talks (Reuters)

By Steve Gorman and Helen Coster

(Reuters) -Unionized journalists at The Washington Post said they would stage a 24-hour strike on Thursday to protest staff cuts and what they call management's failure to bargain in good faith in contract talks that have stretched on for 18 months.

The planned one-day walkout would mark the first general work stoppage at the Post since the bitter, 20-week pressmen's strike of 1975-76, when Katharine Graham was publisher, according to union officials.

The latest labor clash comes a little more than a month after William Lewis, former publisher of The Wall Street Journal, was named chief executive and publisher of the Post as the venerable Washington daily newspaper was projecting a year-end loss of \$100 million. Lewis is due to take charge on Jan. 2, 2024.

The Post is one of many news outlets struggling to devise a sustainable business model in the decades since the internet upended the economics of journalism and digital advertising rates plummeted.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

The Final Word

Breaking News – her truffles business no more

Shirley Christian - It's time to update Connecting readers about the fate of Truffle Pleasures, my attempted chocolate startup business, announced with big headlines last February. The short answer is that I am giving up on it. Not giving up on chocolate, just giving up trying to make and sell it in volume. Let me tell you why:

— More layers of bureaucracy than I ever thought possible. My state government here in Kansas says it is okay to make chocolate products in a “cottage kitchen,” meaning my own, and sell them direct to the consumer, such as at farmer’s markets, but the manager of the market 10 blocks from my house, one of the country’s best, says, “not on my turf,” the folks in Topeka be damned.



— The problem with renting commercial kitchen space is that the time required for the truffle-making process stretches over three days, which destroys the profit potential at the startup level.

— The state agriculture department wanted to know at what point I added the cognac, rum, or crème de menthe to my “product” and has been mulling my answers in its labs at Kansas State University since last summer. It is still the land of Carrie Nation as well as Oz.

— Never mind, I told myself, the Worldwide Web will be my salvation. Most states have relatively few regulations about food sales online. Buyer beware.

— I found a Website designer, himself a longtime seller of high-end pasta, and we started to create a site. While he concentrated on that I supplied photos and descriptions and figured out prices.

— I also set out to understand the challenges of packing and shipping perishable food nationwide in the midst of climate warming. I tested shipments to friends in distant states to see what shape they arrived in and ordered chocolates from existing companies to analyze their shipping supplies and pricing. It wasn’t a happy picture. A shipment I ordered from the West Coast arrived with leaky cold packs! All the while I was also concerned with not wanting to do any environmental damage, so I looked for

eco-friendly packaging, etc. Did I know they sold only a minimum of six flats' worth, one company asked.

-- Then, I sat down and began to do the math, and concluded that I might end up clearing about \$10 an hour even if all the pieces fell into place.

Part of what kept me going in all of this was the news story last summer that the miserable little Twinkie (140 calories and 16 sugar grams of dry sponge cake with some "bioengineered" cream filling) was the main driver in the \$4.6 billion sale of Hostess Brands to the Smuckers folks.

My reaction ala Marie Antoinette: Let the people eat Twinkies.

I want to thank Connecting readers for their support in this; some of you even ordered truffles from me. My advice is not to waste your calories and sugar grams on the stuff in the checkout line, seek out the nearest chocolate shop, one with a kitchen in the back.

Although Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory's truffles taste like cardboard, it has a great slogan: Whatever the question, chocolate is the answer. Agreed.

Today in History - Dec. 6, 2023



Today is Wednesday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2023. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as Calvin Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1962, 37 coal miners were killed in an explosion at the Robena No. 3 Mine operated by U.S. Steel in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.

In 1969, a free concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, California, was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1998, in Venezuela, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez), who had staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier, was elected president.

In 2017, President Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be Israel's capital, defying warnings from the Palestinians and others around the world that he would be destroying hopes for Mideast peace.

In 2018, Kevin Hart announced that he had stepped down as Oscars host following an outcry over anti-gay tweets and comments he had made in the past.

In 2021, the Justice Department said it was ending its investigation into the 1955 lynching of the Black teenager Emmett Till, who was killed after witnesses said he whistled at a white woman in Mississippi.

In 2022, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock defeated Republican challenger Herschel Walker in a Georgia runoff election that ensured Democrats an outright majority in the Senate for the rest of President Joe Biden's term.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 87. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 85. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 82. Actor James Naughton is 78. Former

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 78. R&B singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 77. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 75. Actor JoBeth Williams is 75. Actor Tom Hulce is 70. Actor Wil Shriner is 70. Actor Kin Shriner is 70. Actor Miles Chapin is 69. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 68. Comedian Steven Wright is 68. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 68. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 67. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 62. Actor Janine Turner is 61. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 61. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 56. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 53. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 52. Actor Colleen Haskell is 47. Actor Lindsay Price is 47. Actor Ashley Madekwe is 42. Actor Nora Kirkpatrick is 39. Tennis player CoCo Vandeweghe is 32. NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo (YAH'-nihs an-teh-toh-KOON'-poh) is 29.

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.

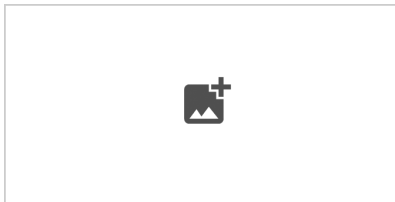
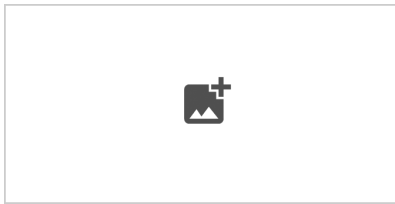
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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