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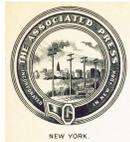
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It's Fleet Week in New York: View from new AP headquarters



Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Connecting colleague **Dave Gwizdowski** shot this photo from his office window in AP's new headquarters building on Liberty Street - a reminder that it is Fleet Week in New York City, beginning Wednesday. Now in its 29th year, Fleet Week - according to an official news release - is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services. It is an unparalleled opportunity for the citizens of New York and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as witness firsthand the latest capabilities of today's maritime services. The weeklong celebration has been held nearly every year since 1984. [Click here](#) for more information.

David Egnor (Email) - has an idea that he hopes his Connecting colleagues will consider and reply to. He writes:

It might be interesting to ask Connecting readers about hostility they faced as reporters from government officials in the U.S. and abroad when the reporters were simply trying to do their jobs..."

On Wednesday, after David made the suggestion, the story broke in Montana on the Republican candidate for a U.S. House seat body-slammng a reporter from The Guardian. Reporters from Fox News witnessed the scene and filed a story that you can read by [clicking here](#).



Gianforte at left; photo by Freddy Monares, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

The candidate, Greg Gianforte, has been charged with misdemeanor assault. Click [here](#) to read the latest story in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

I look forward to hearing your own experiences, which I will share with the group.

For the Friday issue of Connecting, I want to feature any remembrances you might share of colleagues no longer with us, for a **Memorial Day weekend edition**. Please send anything you'd like to share by Thursday evening. Thanks.

Paul

Connecting mailbox

Stanley Greene - 'I wish I had known him'

Cecilia White ([Email](#)) - Thank you for posting the New York Times' obituary for photojournalist Stanley Greene (23 May "Connecting"). I am shocked and ashamed that I was unaware of his uncompromising work. He was brutally honest, in both words and pictures: "You want to sit there comfortably with your newspaper and blueberry muffin, and you don't want to see pictures that are going to upset your morning. That is the job of a journalist, to upset your morning."

I wish I had known him.

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Proud that AP has not gone overboard with Manchester stories

Robert Weller ([Email](#)) - I am proud that AP has not gone overboard with Manchester stories. I was warned on the day at Columbine that too much reporting would produce copycats. It did quickly. Actually, ISIS was slow to realize its potential but has quickly caught up. Remember Hitler used these tactics. That is not AP.

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No Word, but did find book on cast of characters from Poet's Corner

Harry Dunphy ([Email](#)) - Regarding Jack Cappon's *The Word*, I could not find my copy. I think I gave it away to a journalism student.

I did find "Writing from Front Row Seats," compiled and edited by Charles A. Grumich (Simon and Schuster 1971). It included the cast of characters from Poet's Corner, and among others, Lynn Heinzerling, Larry's father, Peter Arnett, Alton Blakeslee, Will Grimsley, John Roderick and Bob Thomas. Jack Cappon wrote the afterword about The AP.

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Two journalists produce a law grad



Betsy and Scott Kraft, both former AP journalists, are the proud parents of a new law school graduate - their son Kevin Kraft, who just graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

How could two journos produce a law grad, I asked Betsy, who worked with me in Albuquerque? "I come from an argumentative family and taught Kevin early!" was her reply. The Krafts live in La Canada, California, and Scott is deputy managing editor of the Los Angeles Times.

Betsy

Kathleen Carroll among four receiving Freedom of the Press Award

Joe Pompeo, Politico - LOTS OF MEDIA HEAVYWEIGHTS AT LAST (Tuesday) NIGHT'S REPORTERS COMMITTEE DINNER - And as you can imagine, the Fourth Estate's fraught relationship with our current administration was heavy in the air at fancy Manhattan hotel The Pierre. "I am honored ... more than anything to be a journalist in these times," said Washington Post executive editor Marty Baron, bringing the curtain down with his closing remarks, which prompted a standing ovation. The co-writers of "Spotlight" were on-hand to present Baron with the evening's fourth and final Freedom of the Press Award. The other recipients were First Amendment law practice Davis Wright Tremaine; ProPublica executive chairman Paul Steiger; and former AP executive editor Kathleen Carroll. Steiger: "Publishing the secrets threatens the secret-keepers. It protects the public interest." Carroll: "I just can't wait to see what holy sh-t stories break tomorrow."

Connecting profile - Joe Galu

Joe Galu (Email) - I really only had two long-term jobs in my life -- 17+ years at the AP and 26+ years on the staff of the NYS Assembly, but I've spent 47 years as a landlord and now own three buildings with 10 apartments, all on one block, and I live on the top floor of a building I built in 2010 (huge mortgage) after a fire destroyed an 1870s building.

I have done everything I can think of to destroy the Health Insurance industry. I've had 30 surgeries, just one of them semi-cosmetic -- cancer (which I found myself) when I was 50 and found an unexplained lump or bump. Six years ago, while my new building was going up, I had botched intestinal surgery, was in intensive care for 14 days (lost 42 pounds) and was hospitalized 56 days. My gall bladder went somewhere along the way with four bone spurs on my feet, a right shoulder replacement and a bunch of oral surgeries for a cleft palate. I have great blood pressure, ridiculously low cholesterol yet had a heart attack three years ago. They cleaned out one artery and put in one stent.



I'm VP of Albany Civic Theater, write the news script (for the past 23 years) for America's highest rated college radio program -- Homo Radio -- on WRPI (more than 2 million listeners), VP of the 80-year-old Print Club of Albany and secretary to a local SciFi group. I'm gluten-free and prepare my own meals 19 or 20 times a

week. I do a little gardening, exercise on my BowFlex almost every day and have a BMI in the low 20s.

I've traveled to Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, England, Rome, Hawaii and Puerto Rico -- not much. I'd love to get to Cambodia and Turkey, if it's ever a democratic nation again.

AP-USA Today investigation:

Added agony: Justice is haphazard after kids' gun deaths

By Nick Penzenstadler, Ryan J. Foley and Larry Fenn, USA TODAY and The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Amy Pittman learned on her first day in jail to bottle up her grief.

As soon as she arrived, guards took her shoelaces so she wouldn't try to hang herself. Cry too much or scream too loud and she feared they would come back to take everything she had left - her clothes, a sheet, a plastic spork.

But how could she not? How could anyone? Ten weeks before, Pittman was a single mom who worked overnight shifts as a gas station cashier to keep her three kids fed and clothed.

Now, alone in a cinderblock cell, she faced criminal charges for not doing enough to protect them. She pictured her youngest, Christian, 9, in his coffin. Blue shirt neatly tucked. Cold to the touch. Dead at the hands of his 12-year-old brother, who had accidentally shot him in the back.

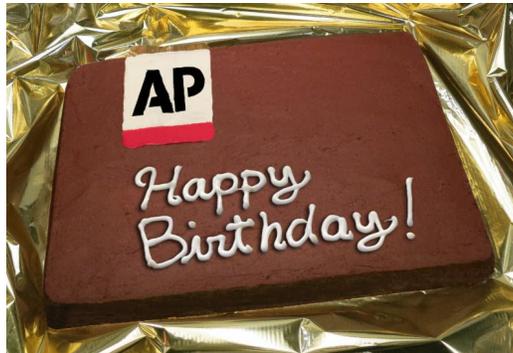
"Five minutes can change your whole life," said Pittman, 38. "I wish every day that I would have stayed home."

Children under age 12 die from gun accidents in the United States about once a week, on average. Almost every death begins with the same basic circumstances: an unsecured and loaded gun, a guardian's lapse in attention. And each ends with the same basic questions: Who is to blame, and should the person be punished?

An investigation by the USA TODAY Network and the Associated Press found those questions are answered haphazardly across the nation.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ed Staats.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Joe Edwards - ejmichael@bellsouth.net

Stories of interest

Americans don't really like the media much - unless it's their go-to news outlets you're asking about (Nieman)

The president of the United States, both an avid consumer and a vicious antagonist of news, will in one breath vilify the (FAKE NEWS) media and in the next praise Fox for its ratings.

The American people have a similarly uneven relationship with the news.

Americans' trust in media fell last fall to its lowest point since Gallup began polling on the issue in 1972, driven in large part by growing distrust from Republicans. But

while a slim percentage of Americans regard "the news media" in abstract as trustworthy, when asked specifically about news outlets they consumed most often, more people had favorable views, according to a new study released Wednesday from the Media Insight Project (a collaboration between the American Press Institute and The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research).

Read more [here](#).

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U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear Free Press mug shot case (Detroit Free Press)

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to hear the Detroit Free Press' challenge of a ruling that allows law enforcement agencies to withhold criminal mug shots in federal cases.

Without comment, the justices included the case of Detroit Free Press v. Department of Justice among those it was declining to schedule for arguments, leaving in place a decision last year by the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In that decision - issued last July - the appeals court ruled 9-7 to overturn its own 1996 decision in favor of the Free Press that had allowed booking photographs to be released publicly.

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

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Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press announces \$1 million gift from Jeff Bezos; new partnership with First Look Media

On Tuesday, at the Freedom of the Press Awards, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press announced a \$1 million gift - the largest personal contribution

in the organization's 46-year history - from Amazon Chief Executive Officer and Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos.

"This generous gift will help us continue to grow, to offer our legal and educational support to many more news organizations, and to expand our services to independent journalists, nonprofit newsrooms and documentary filmmakers," Reporters Committee Chairman David Boardman said. "We'll also be better positioned to help local newsrooms, the places hit hardest by the disruption in the news industry and whose survival is every bit as crucial to American democracy as those entities headquartered in Washington and New York."

Read more [here](#).

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NABJ announces 2017 Hall of Fame inductees; APME board member Michael Days among group (Miami Times)



From left: Michael Days, Aisha Karimah, John Jenkins and Garth C. Reeves Sr.

Publisher Emeritus of The Miami Times Garth C. Reeves Sr. is among The National Association of Black Journalists 2017 Hall of Fame class, the group announced Wednesday.

The induction ceremony will take place at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on Aug. 11 as part of NABJ's national convention. The Hall of Fame

Award is the highest recognition given by the organization. The other inductees include Michael Days, Rev. Aisha Karimah and John Jenkins.

"NABJ is honored to recognize such an esteemed group of African American journalists whose works and lives have epitomized journalistic excellence and a spirit of love, faith and endurance during some very challenging times in our country and the industry," said NABJ President Sarah Glover. "These valiant soldiers without swords not only excelled in their chosen field, they also brought others along with them. We stand on their shoulders."

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - May 25, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 25, the 145th day of 2017. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1977, the first "Star Wars" film (later renamed "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope") was released by 20th Century Fox.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spanish rule with the forming of the Primera Junta in Buenos Aires.

In 1916, the Chicago Tribune published an interview with Henry Ford in which the automobile industrialist was quoted as saying, "History is more or less bunk."

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit his last three career home runs - nos. 712, 713 and 714 - for the Boston Braves in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. (The Pirates won, 11-7.)

In 1942, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, frustrated over being driven out of Burma by Japanese forces during World War II, told reporters in Delhi, India: "I claim we got a hell of a beating."

In 1957, the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York and New Jersey was opened to traffic.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Six-year-old Etan Patz (AY'-tahn payts) disappeared while on his way to a school bus stop in lower Manhattan. (In April 2017, former store clerk Pedro Hernandez, convicted of killing Etan, was sentenced to at least 25 years in prison.)

In 1981, daredevil Dan Goodwin, wearing a Spiderman costume, scaled the outside of Chicago's Sears Tower in 7 1/2 hours.

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America" to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

In 1992, Jay Leno made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," succeeding Johnny Carson.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush signed a bill to pay for military operations in Iraq that did not contain a timetable for troop withdrawals. Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr (mook-TAH'-duh al SAH'-dur) resurfaced after nearly four months in hiding and demanded U.S. troops leave Iraq. Tony Award-winning actor Charles Nelson Reilly died in Los Angeles at age 76.

Five years ago: The private company SpaceX made history as its Dragon capsule docked with the International Space Station. In Syria, more than 100 people were killed in one day in a cluster of villages in central Homs province; U.N. investigators blamed pro-government gunmen for at least some of the killings, but the Syrian regime denied responsibility and blamed rebels for the deaths.

One year ago: President Barack Obama wrapped up his historic visit to Vietnam before heading to Japan, the site of a two-day summit of wealthy nations. It was announced that Texas and 10 other states were suing the Obama administration over its directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that matched their gender identity. (The other states were Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia.) Actor Johnny Depp's wife, actress Amber Heard, filed for divorce in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences after 15 months of marriage.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Robinson is 88. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 83. Country singer-songwriter Tom T. Hall is 81. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 78. Country singer Jessi Colter is 74. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 74. Movie director and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 73. Actress Karen Valentine is 70. Actress Jacki Weaver is 70. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 69. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 66. Playwright Eve Ensler is 64. Musician Cindy Cashdollar is 62. Actress Connie Sellecca is 62. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 59. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 57. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 54. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 50. Actor Joseph Reitman is 49. Rock musician Glen Drover is 48. Actress Anne Heche (haych) is 48. Actresses Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") are 47. Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy is 47. Actress Octavia Spencer is 47. Actor Justin Henry is 46. Rapper Daz Dillinger is 44. Actress Molly Sims is 44. Singer Lauryn Hill is 42. Actress Erinn Hayes is 41. Actor Cillian Murphy is 41. Actor Ethan Suplee (soo-PLÉE') is 41. Rock musician Todd Whitener is 39. Actor Corbin Allred is 38. Actress-singer Lauren Frost is 32. Musician Guy Lawrence (Disclosure) is 26. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman is 23.

Thought for Today: "A historian is a prophet in reverse." - Friedrich von Schlegel, German diplomat and writer (1772-1829).

Got a story to share?



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:

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

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