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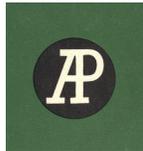
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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

About 200 friends and colleagues of **Tom Eblen** gathered Sunday in Kansas City's historic Union Station to share memories of the newspaperman and educator who touched so many lives in his 80 years.

Eblen died June 10 and his wife **Jeannie**, daughter **Courtney** and son **Matt** put together a program that attracted many from The Kansas City Star, where he served as managing editor; from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas, where he was general manager of the student daily newspaper and taught editing and reporting classes, and other newspaper friends and colleagues from all walks of life.

Former Kansas City assistant chief of bureau **Peg Coughlin**, now an AP elections coordinator, joined me in representing the AP.



L-R: Matt Eblen, Courtney McCain, Jeannie Eblen and Paul Stevens. Photo by Peg Coughlin.

I had the privilege of being one of the speakers and focused my remarks on the many young journalists Tom pointed toward the AP in his years at the journalism school - including **Sally Buzbee**, AP's executive editor, and **Colleen McCain Nelson**, a Pulitzer winner at the Wall Street Journal who is now editorial page editor of The Star.

Tom, a charter member of Connecting, believed in the importance of The Associated Press to the news industry and while he was managing editor at the Star, he was twice elected a member of the APME's national board of directors. He helped build the Kansas APME when I served as Kansas City bureau chief.

Every year of his working life, Tom would take the AP Stylebook and mark changes in each new edition. The last one he was able to mark himself was in 2011. Several weeks ago, his wife Jeannie ordered two 2017 Stylebooks, one for her and one for their daughter Courtney who uses it in her work.

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Sharing my latest Spotlight column for The Messenger in Fort Dodge, Iowa, from Sunday on a Californian who proved that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade - on in the case of **Kay Filice**, fresh vegetables.

Like all of us do at one or more times in our lives, she had a life-changing decision to make. And has never looked back.

Read more [here](#).

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We lead today's issue with an article on former AP newsman and executive **John "Jack" Koehler**, who fled advancing Soviets as a boy in Germany during World War II, grew up to report from there for The Associated Press and served briefly in Ronald Reagan's White House. He died in 2012 at 82.

The thrust of the story was how Koehler served as Reagan's communications director for just 12 days - compared with the 10-day tenure of President Trump's communications director Anthony Scaramucci.

Here's to a great week ahead.

Paul

The Last White House Comms Director To Resign This Quickly Was A Nazi Youth

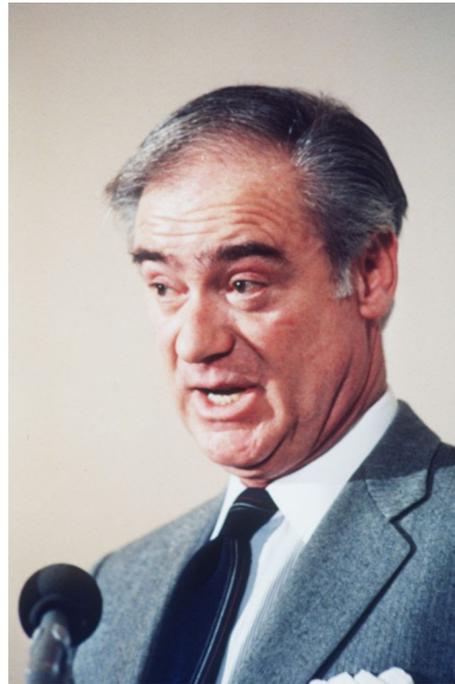
By ERUCA SNOW

Fast Forward

After 10 days, Anthony Scaramucci is out as White House communications director - but he's not the only one who graced the West Wing for less than two weeks.

John Koehler served as Ronald Reagan's communications director from March 1 to March 13, 1987. He also belonged as a child to Jungvolk, a Nazi youth party.

Koehler, who died in 2012, insisted he resigned to let the newly appointed chief of staff choose his team members, and not because it had become known that he had once belonged to Jungvolk, according to his [Associated Press obituary](#). He admitted that he belonged as a 10-year-old to what he called "the Boy Scouts run by the Nazi Party."



Koehler was involved with the party for six months, according to United Press International, and Reagan hadn't initially known about his membership before he appointed him. Koehler volunteered as an air raid police runner to avoid the Hitler Youth, later volunteering to serve as an American interpreter, according to another obituary. After World War II, he worked in U.S. counterintelligence then and immigrated to the States in 1954, eventually gaining citizenship and enlisting in the Army.

Koehler, a former Associated Press executive from Germany, said if he was denied the White House position because of his past, it would be "a black day in journalism."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Byron Yake.

Dear veteran journalists, you deserve better



By KRISTEN HARE, Poynter

I never get used to it: the layoffs and buyouts, the shrinking of newsrooms, the doing of more and more with less and less. You'd think, as someone who's covered the media for nearly four years, that I would have by now.

But I remembered recently that I haven't when one of the reporters I respect the most in this industry shared on Facebook that he'd been laid off. Roy Wenzl (above) was a skilled and tough reporter from The Wichita Eagle (a McClatchy paper). He won awards. He told amazing stories. And he covered his community like someone who lives there and loves it.

More than a decade ago, Roy approached me at a National Writers Workshop (which Poynter used to put on around the country) and said something to the effect of "your work is so good." I was speechless. As a young features reporter at a small daily newspaper, I had no idea what I was doing and looked everywhere I could for people who did.

Roy became one of those people, if not the person. He gathered together a small group of us, a club of Midwestern writers devoted to narrative storytelling. We were all given placemats Roy collected from Green Dragon Tavern in Boston, the headquarters of the American Revolution. He called us the Green Dragons.

Roy read my stuff and told me what stunk. He recommended me for a three-day writing workshop hosted by the Virginian Pilot, where I got to drink beer and talk about craft with amazing journalists on the outer banks of North Carolina. He put me in touch with reporters at other outlets when job opportunities came up and helped me navigate what those newsrooms were really like.

He did the thing that young journalists need - he was there.

This week, Roy wrote a really beautiful essay about losing his job but keeping the thing it taught him best to do - really seeing and living in the world.

And I thought: Here he is again, teaching me something.

I've seen a lot of reactions when journalists lose their jobs: Sadness, regret, relief, anger, worry, opportunity. It seems like we mourn their losses and the injustice of an industry that's still slipping and stumbling down a steep slope, and then we move on to the next news cycle until it happens again. Often it happens again the next week.

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And while the list of journalists taking buyouts from The New York Times keeps growing and getting noticed, people all around the country, like Roy, are leaving rather quietly.

They deserve better. He deserves better.

I don't know what that better is.

A call? A card? An open tab at the bar down the street? Can we help them find other work? Connect them with the contacts we now have (that they helped us start to get?) Share the new things they're trying everywhere we can?

Most journalists have their own Roys - people who stepped up and, without being asked, pushed them forward. I looked through 12 years of emails and messages, and they're all me asking for something: advice, support, attention.

Now, what can we do for this generation of journalists who are suddenly without newsrooms?

I'm not sure. So I'm asking.

And Roy, if you want to have a beer or five, they're on me.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

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Here is the blog that Roy Wenzl wrote about losing his job:

HOW NOT TO SLEEP WHILE LIVING

By **ROY WENZL**

In the summer of 2003 I waded through mud, chased snakes, caught butterflies and got my hands dirty while reporting a series of stories for The Wichita Eagle called "Hidden Kansas." The stories changed my life, startled me, stirred deep emotions -and made me feel more alive to this day.



You can do a version of this yourself - make yourself feel more alive. Even if you don't write a story series.

I've been thinking about Hidden Kansas since I lost my job last month. I need to tap into that wonderful vibe again. Why? Because in my anxious search for a new livelihood, I can already see that I'm feeding anxieties too much-and sacrificing what's more vital. I'm no longer paying happy enough attention to life-giving scenes and natural art flourishing just outside my door. I'm not trying to write a sermon here about how we all need to stop and smell the flowers. But ... what's the point of having a job if you aren't living life around it?

Read more [here](#).

AP**BEAT OF THE WEEK**

'They kept us as slaves': AP Exclusive reveals abuse claims against church



Former members of the Rhema Community Evangelical Ministry stand in a park in Franco da Rocha, Brazil, in the greater Sao Paulo area, May 28, 2017. Over the course of two decades, the U.S.-based Word of Faith Fellowship church took command of Rhema Community and another congregation in Brazil, enforcing a strict interpretation of the Bible through rigorous controls and physical punishment, The Associated Press found. AP PHOTO / ANDRE PENNER

"They kept us as slaves."

One man's tearful revelation to AP national investigative reporter Mitch Weiss helped unravel a horrible secret - the former congregant of the World of Faith Fellowship sect was among hundreds who'd been dispatched from the church's two Brazilian branches to the U.S., where many say they were forced to work for little or no pay and physically or verbally assaulted.

Dozens of former congregants told similar stories of abuse and exploitation in an exclusive AP multi-format story that earns Weiss, national investigative reporter Holbrook Mohr, and Peter Prengaman, news director in Rio de Janeiro, the Beat of the Week.

The winning pair of stories are part of AP's ongoing investigative series "Broken Faith," which kicked off in late February with a piece detailing how congregants at the small North Carolina-based evangelical church were routinely punched, choked and thrown through walls in a form of deliverance meant to "purify" sinners by beating out devils.

In reporting on the church sect in 2015 and 2016, Weiss had interviewed several former members from Brazil who spoke of suffering, divided families and PTSD from years of abuse.

For their latest back-to-back stories the AP team decided to focus on the treatment of Brazilian church members in North Carolina and the impact on congregants in Brazil.

They pored over documents and interviewed dozens of former Word of Faith Fellowship followers in the U.S. and Brazil, detailing how the secretive sect imposed rigorous controls over its two Brazil churches, isolating congregants from outside society and splitting up families. In addition, former members said Brazilian men were forced into arranged marriages with female American congregants so they could stay in the U.S. past their visas, then were coached on how to lie to immigration authorities.

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It wasn't easy getting the ex-congregants to talk since many were terrified of retaliation from the church, but the reporters eventually convinced them to tell their stories for the first time - all on the record and many on video.

Weiss had to call Andre Oliveira, the former congregant who said the Brazilians were treated like slaves, numerous times before he answered the phone. Church founder Jane Whaley had convinced congregants she was a prophet and that, if they talked, bad things would happen to them or their families.

In Brazil, Prengaman spent months reaching out to former members of the Sao Joaquim de Bicas and Franco da Rocha churches, and eventually interviewed at

least 36 former members. He convinced 11 people to go on camera, and shot more than half the interviews himself. Staff photographers Silvia Izquierdo and Andre Penner provided strong images of the Brazilian church sites and former congregants.

Tracking down documents was equally time-consuming. Some people Prengaman had interviewed provided police records or pointed him to documents from a 2009 hearing in the local state legislature that provided other names to pursue. At one police station, Prengaman spent the entire afternoon getting the runaround. He eventually got what he wanted after calling the office of a Brazilian representative, whose chief of staff intervened on the AP's behalf.

Meanwhile, Mohr was able to locate and convince former members to talk on camera, including Thiago Silva, a National Guard member who had only a few hours before his unit was deployed. Flying into Boston one Tuesday afternoon, Mohr got Silva to explain the "human pipeline" that the former members said Whaley had created between her churches in Brazil and North Carolina.

Another video interview was conducted with an American woman who said she took part in an arranged marriage to keep a church member in the United States.

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The reaction was swift: In Brazil, the justice department told the federal police to reopen an ultimately toothless 2012 inquiry into the sect. The country's foreign ministry said it was reaching out to the U.S. consulates in Brazil and U.S. law enforcement agencies for more information, and added that its Washington, D.C. embassy wanted to interview Brazilians who came to the U.S. via the church. And a Brazilian state lawmaker called on his legislature's human rights commission to hold hearings.

Former followers in the U.S. said they had been interviewed by state and federal investigators only after AP's Broken Faith series began.

The U.S. consulate in Rio said the State Department was digging into potential visa violations. And Jill Rose, the U.S. attorney in Charlotte, confirmed for the first time that her office has an "active, ongoing investigation" into allegations against the sect. Ten former followers in the U.S. disclosed they had been interviewed by state and federal investigators only after AP's Broken Faith series began, and that the focus included allegations of visa fraud, forced labor and the treatment of foreign church members. That's despite years, even decades, of complaints about the church, which has previously escaped almost entirely unscathed.

The stories resonated with readers: Though they were released at 12:01 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, respectively, Chartbeat showed them earning engaged time of 1:30-2 minutes as late as Thursday afternoon. Monday's Facebook post reached more than 134,500 people and earned 10,398 clicks and 2,179 reactions, comments and shares. And the first day's tweets received more than 3,550 clicks and almost 650 retweets. The stories were translated into Spanish and Portuguese, and every major television station and newspaper in Brazil picked up the material and produced their own follow-ups. Over 24 hours, Globo, Brazil's largest news organization, did at least three full segments, heavily crediting the AP. One segment was on its morning show, which has an average viewership of 7.5 million.

For their persistence and old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting in disclosing shocking new details about this church sect, Weiss, Mohr and Prensaman share this week's \$500 prize.



ONLY ON AP: Tractor-trailer trafficking survivor says people cried for air, begged for water



Survivor Adan Lara Vega speaks from his hospital bed at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, in a still image from an exclusive AP interview, July 2017. Lara Vega described the sweltering conditions that led to the death of 10 people inside a tractor-trailer carrying smuggled immigrants. IMAGE FROM AP VIDEO / FRANK BAJAK

Houston newsman Frank Bajak headed to San Antonio with an overriding goal: Get an interview with a survivor of the immigrant-smuggling nightmare that claimed the lives of 10 people in the suffocating heat of a nearly sealed tractor-trailer.

The challenge was daunting. Survivors had been distributed among seven hospitals in the pre-dawn hours on the Sunday they were discovered in the truck outside a Walmart, with immigration and border patrol guards standing vigil outside their rooms.

Bajak, a veteran former Latin America correspondent who is fluent in Spanish, began his work at an evening vigil outside San Antonio's San Fernando Cathedral. There, a Mexican consular official gave Bajak a tip: She had just directed some relatives of survivors to North Central Baptist Hospital.

Bajak immediately drove there, only to learn from people in the waiting room of the intensive care unit that the relatives had gone. Approaching a nurse, he asked about the survivors. To his surprise, the nurse provided him with the room numbers of three men who were out of intensive care. "They're all actually in pretty good shape," she said. She finally asked Bajak who he was when he asked for the names of the men, and he identified himself as a journalist.

Bajak left, planning to call two of the men who shared a room. Only later did he learn the room had no telephone.

Bajak returned to the hospital early Monday morning. As a janitor vacuumed the empty ICU waiting room, Bajak positioned himself in a chair facing the hall with Room 462, where two survivors were recuperating. A uniformed border patrol guard was sitting outside.

Bajak waited a bit to make sure the guard wasn't coming right back. Then he made for the hospital room.

When the guard walked down the hall and got on an elevator with two Mexican consular officials Bajak waited a bit to make sure he wasn't coming right back. He then made for the room. Inside were two young men. Bajak identified himself and asked both for their cell phone numbers so he could call them later.

One refused, but the other wrote down his number. Bajak jotted the name on the man's hospital ID bracelet, Adan Lalravega, left his business card and went downstairs to a quiet area just above the lobby to call. But the Mexican cell phone number just kept ringing busy.

So Bajak devised a new plan. A few hours later, around lunchtime, the border patrol agent stepped away again, and Bajak entered the room, iPhone at the ready. "I was on the phone with my wife," explained the man, whose last name was actually spelled Lara Vega. He agreed to talk, as he sat up in his hospital bed, shirtless, eating lunch.

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A few minutes into the interview, Bajak said, "I really want to get this on video" and again asked Lara Vega to describe how a smuggler at a safe house near the border had assured him the truck would be air-conditioned. Bajak figured he couldn't risk more than about 15 minutes before the border guard returned. In one of his last questions, he asked if Lara Vega didn't think it ill-advised to climb into a hot, dark tractor-trailer already jammed with other people. "A person makes decisions without thinking through the consequences, but, well thanks to God here we are," he responded.

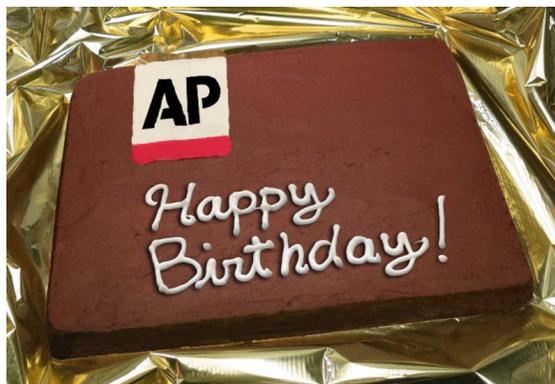
Revisiting the man's room a few hours later to re-check the spelling of his name, Bajak was recognized by the nurse on duty the night before and escorted from the building by security.

Bajak was the only reporter on a highly competitive story to speak directly to a survivor of the tragedy. His cross-format coverage played widely in Texas, across the country and in Mexico.

Bajak's beat was just one highlight of the AP's reporting on the tragedy. Scott McFetridge and Ryan J. Foley reported exclusive details of the past legal and financial problems of the Iowa trucking company that owned the tractor-trailer. Louisville's Claire Galofaro persuaded the driver's fiance in Kentucky to speak with her and obtained records showing the driver's Florida commercial trucker's license had been suspended. Helping to flesh out the story was Houston newsman Nomaan Merchant as well as Austin correspondent Will Weissert and San Antonio-based photographer Eric Gay, the first AP newsmen on the scene.

For persistence in getting a scoop that gave AP's customers something they could get nowhere else, Bajak wins this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Stories of interest

Sessions vows crackdown on leaks of classified information

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Jeff Sessions pledged on Friday to rein in government leaks that he said undermine American security, taking an aggressive public stand after being called weak on the matter by President Donald Trump.

The nation's top law enforcement official cited no current investigations in which disclosures of information had jeopardized the country, but said the number of criminal leak probes had more than tripled in the early months of the Trump administration. Justice Department officials also said they were reviewing guidelines put in place to make it difficult for the government to subpoena journalists about their sources, and would not rule out the possibility that a reporter could be prosecuted.

"No one is entitled to surreptitiously fight to advance their battles in the media by revealing sensitive government information," Sessions said in an announcement that followed a series of news reports this year on the Trump campaign and White House that have relied on classified information. "No government can be effective when its leaders cannot discuss sensitive matters in confidence or talk freely in confidence with foreign leaders."

Media advocacy organizations condemned the announcement, with Bruce Brown, the executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, saying the decision to review existing guidelines was "deeply troubling."

Read more [here](#).

AND

Jeff Sessions' Attack on the Media Is Worse Than You Think (Politico)

Attorney General Jeff Sessions held a news conference Friday to announce how avidly the Department of Justice was going to investigate and prosecute leakers of classified national security information. From now on, he said, "the Department of Justice is open for business." (An odd statement, to be sure, suggesting that it was previously closed.) Much of what he said was nothing new-really, administrations

have been going after leakers for decades-but the way he said it was clever, and not for the reasons one might think.

It is important to remember that this speech is supposed to be about leaks to the media. The title of the official transcript of his remarks is "Attorney General Jeff Sessions Delivers Remarks at Briefing on Leaks of Classified Materials Threatening National Security." He starts out his remarks by condemning "the staggering number of leaks undermining the ability of our government to protect this country," and explains that "no one is entitled to fight their battles in the media by revealing sensitive government information." So, he's obviously talking about leaks to the media, right? That's what the briefing's about: fighting leaks to the media. We're all on the same page.

Read more [here](#).

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What Makes a Good Editor? A Long List of Stringers (New York Times)

By MELINA DELKIC

When 73 undocumented immigrants were found in an overheated trailer, without water, in a San Antonio Walmart parking lot on July 23, Dave Montgomery was there - at Walmart, in hospitals, at the courthouse for the driver's appearance there and at the Mexican Consulate, reporting for The New York Times.

"I woke up Sunday morning expecting to have a regular, routine day," Mr. Montgomery said. "I was planning on going running and turned on 'Good Morning America' just as it was starting at 6 a.m., my time." When he saw the beginnings of the San Antonio story, he immediately thought: Big story. This is one The Times is going to want to do.

Mr. Montgomery is a stringer, a journalist who is not on staff at a news publication but works on an as-needed basis, often doing the legwork at the scene of a breaking news story and providing "string," or content, for stories.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Top journalist sues Time magazine for 'sex and age discrimination' (Guardian)



The co-founder of the Women's Equality party, Catherine Mayer, is suing her former employer, Time magazine, for gender and age discrimination, making the weekly favoured by President Donald Trump the latest major media company to be embroiled in accusations of institutional sexism.

The case comes soon after publication of BBC salaries provoked outrage at both gender and race gaps in pay, and a year after a series of high-profile sexual harassment cases plunged US TV giant Fox News into turmoil.

It pits one of Britain's most prominent journalists, who wrote a controversial biography of Prince Charles and was shortlisted for the Orwell prize, against one of America's most famous magazines, nearly a century old and with millions of readers. Time's brand is so powerful Trump's golf clubs were decorated with mocked-up covers showing his face. Mayer's suit, filed in a New York court, covers the final three years of her employment at the title, and her dismissal in 2015.

Read more [here](#).

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Fox News host Eric Bolling suspended amid investigation

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fox News said Saturday that it has suspended Eric Bolling, co-host of its late-afternoon news program "The Specialists," while it investigates allegations he sent a lewd photo to co-workers.

Word of the suspension came one day after a HuffPost report relying on anonymous sources stated Bolling had sent a lewd photo to at least three female colleagues at Fox News and Fox Business.



"Eric Bolling has been suspended pending the results of an investigation, which is currently underway," Fox News said in a brief statement.

An attorney for Bolling, Michael J. Bowe, denied the allegations.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

What Is a ZIP Code? (Thought.co)

ZIP Codes, five digit numbers that represent small areas of the United States, were created by the United States Postal Service in 1963 to aid in the efficiency of delivering the ever-increasing volume of mail. The term "ZIP" is short for "Zone Improvement Plan."

THE FIRST MAIL CODING SYSTEM

During World War II, the United States Postal Service (USPS) suffered from a shortage of experienced laborers who left the country to serve in the military.

In order to deliver mail more efficiently, the USPS created a coding system in 1943 to divide delivery areas within the 124 largest cities in the country. The code would appear between the city and the state (for example: Seattle 6, Washington).

By the 1960s, the volume of mail (and population) had dramatically increased as a vast majority of the nation's mail was no longer personal correspondence but business mail such as bills, magazines, and advertisements. The post office needed

a better system to manage the huge quantities of material that moved through the mail each day.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - August 7, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2017. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 7, 1942, U.S. and other allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II. (Japanese forces abandoned the island the following February.)

On this date:

In 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of War was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence.

In 1927, the already opened Peace Bridge connecting Buffalo, New York, and Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, was officially dedicated.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago; all six crew members reached land safely.

In 1957, Oliver Hardy (the heavier half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team) died in North Hollywood, California, at age 65.

In 1959, the United States launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back images of Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit (fee-LEEP' peh-TEET') repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

In 2010, Elena Kagan was sworn in as the 112th justice and fourth woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron's storied record with one out in the fifth inning of a game against the Washington Nationals, who ended up winning, 8-6.

Five years ago: Jared Lee Loughner agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison, accepting that he went on a deadly shooting rampage at an Arizona political gathering in 2011 and sparing the victims a lengthy, possibly traumatic death-penalty trial. Syrian President Bashar Assad made his first appearance on state TV in nearly three weeks. Aly Raisman became the first U.S. woman to win Olympic gold on floor, and picked up a bronze on balance beam on the final day of the gymnastics competition at the London Games. Movie critic Judith Crist, 90, died in New York.

One year ago: An accident on a 17-story waterslide at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City, Kansas, claimed the life of a 10-year-old boy. Jim Furyk became the first golfer to shoot a 58 in PGA Tour history during the Travelers Championship in Connecticut with a 12-under 58 in the final round. (Furyk finished tied for fifth at 11 under, three strokes behind winner Russell Knox.) Ichiro Suzuki tripled off the wall for his 3,000th hit in the major leagues, becoming the 30th player to reach the milestone as the Miami Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 10-7. At the Rio Games, British swimmer Adam Peaty cruised to victory in the 100-meter breaststroke with a world record time of 57.13 seconds. Sweden's Sarah Sjöström also turned in a world-record performance in the 100 butterfly, touching in 55.48. Katie Ledecky of the U.S. crushed her own world record in the 400 freestyle with a time of 3:56.46.

Today's Birthdays: Magician, author and lecturer James Randi is 89. Former MLB pitcher Don Larsen is 88. Actress Verna Bloom is 79. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 75. Singer B.J. Thomas is 75. Singer Lana Cantrell is 74. Former FBI Director Robert Mueller is 73. Actor John Glover is 73. Actor David Rasche is 73. Former diplomat, talk show host and activist Alan Keyes is 67. Country singer Rodney Crowell is 67. Actress Caroline Aaron is 65. Comedian Alexei Sayle is 65. Actor Wayne Knight is 62. Rock singer Bruce Dickinson is 59. Marathon runner Alberto Salazar is 59. Actor David Duchovny is 57. Country musician Michael Mahler (Wild Horses) is 56. Actress Delane Matthews is 56. Actor Harold Perrineau is 54. Jazz musician Marcus Roberts is 54. Country singer Raul Malo is 52. Actor David Mann is 51. Actress Charlotte Lewis is 50. Actress Sydney Penny is 46. Actor Michael Shannon is 43. Actress Charlize Theron (shahr-LEES' THAYR'-ehn) is 42. Rock musician Barry Kerch (Shinedown) is 41. Actor Eric Johnson is 38. Actor Randy Wayne is 36. Actor-writer Brit Marling is 35. Actor Liam James is 21.

Thought for Today: "Happiness, it seems to me, consists of two things: first, in being where you belong, and second - and best - in comfortably going through everyday life, that is, having had a good night's sleep and not being hurt by new shoes." - Theodor Fontane, German author (1819-1898).

Got a story or photos 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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