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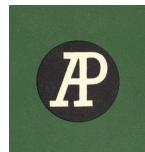
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

In the news on Wednesday was the story, broken by The Washington Post (and carried in Connecting), that National Public Radio news chief **Michael Oreskes** had been placed on leave following sexual harassment accusations, some dating to when he was Washington bureau chief at The New York Times in the 1990s.

NPR president and CEO Jarl Mohn asked for and received Oreskes' resignation Wednesday morning.

Oreskes was a vice president and senior managing editor at The Associated Press from 2008 until he joined NPR in 2015 and - in the AP story below - an AP spokeswoman would not discuss whether there had been issues raised about Oreskes' behavior while he worked there.

Illustrating the issue's sensitivity, the AP story continued, AP's executive editor **Sally Buzbee** circulated through the newsroom Wednesday to remind groups of employees about the news organization's policy on sexual harassment and to encourage them to report any episodes that they have encountered.

Two reminders:

Books: By the end of the week, please get to me information on any book you've written in the past year, to be compiled into a roundup that will be published next week. I need about 250 words on your book, a current headshot and a picture of the book cover. Thanks to those who have already sent in their submission.

Birthday: On November 8, AP's oldest retiree - **Max Desfor** - will celebrate his 104th birthday. I invite you to join me in sending Max a birthday card with your best wishes. His address is [15115 Interlachen Drive, Apt 1018, Silver Spring, MD 20906](#).

Have a great day!

Paul

NPR news chief Oreskes ousted after harassment allegations

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Oreskes was ousted Wednesday as National Public Radio's news chief following sexual harassment accusations, some dating to when he was Washington bureau chief at The New York Times in the 1990s.

Oreskes had been placed on leave by NPR following a report in the Washington Post Tuesday about two women who said that he suddenly kissed them when they

were discussing job prospects at the Times. Subsequent to that story, NPR received another complaint about Oreskes' behavior at the radio network from a current employee, said Jarl Mohn, the company's president and CEO.

Mohn asked for and received Oreskes' resignation Wednesday morning. Chris Turpin, NPR's vice president of news programming and operations, was appointed temporary leader of the radio network's newsroom.



Oreskes said in a statement that he was deeply sorry to the people he hurt.

"My behavior was wrong and inexcusable, and I accept full responsibility," he said.

Read more [here](#).

NPR bosses knew about harassment allegations, but kept top editor on job

By Paul Farhi

The Washington Post

NPR's senior management was aware of multiple harassment complaints by women against its top newsroom executive during the past two years but took no action to remove him from his job until news reports about his conduct appeared on Tuesday.

The public broadcasting organization formally severed ties on Wednesday with Michael Oreskes a day after The Washington Post reported that he had been accused of making inappropriate advances toward two women when he ran the New York Times's Washington bureau nearly two decades earlier.

NPR itself reported Tuesday night that a third woman, a 26-year-old assistant producer named Rebecca Hersher, had complained to NPR's management about a sexually oriented conversation that Oreskes initiated in October 2015.

NPR's chief executive, Jarl Mohn, and chief legal officer, Jonathan Hart, were aware of all three allegations against Oreskes but didn't act to remove him until Tuesday, after publication of The Post article.

Oreskes's behavior, and the organization's response to it, has stirred a virtual rebellion in NPR's newsroom, particularly among female employees. In a draft petition signed Wednesday by dozens of women, including some of its best-known hosts and correspondents, the women wrote: "We are profoundly concerned by how NPR has handled sexual harassment reports and senior management's insufficient efforts to create a workplace environment free of harassment and one that ensures equal opportunity for all employees."

Read more [here](#).

Want readers to read your story? Remember the Frandsen Graf

Jack Limpert ([Email](#)) - in his blog, About Editing and Writing, featured this story in Wednesday's issue:

Mike Feinsilber (25 years with UPI, 25 years with the AP) was a reporter in New York, Saigon, and other places and he's covered Congress and 18 political conventions. He is now part of a lunch group of retired Washington journalists that often talks baseball and while he's never seemed that knowledgeable about the game he says he once followed the Stroudsburg (Pa.) Poconos and the Brooklyn Dodgers before they moved westward.

A Washington Post story this week about the Washington Nationals hiring a new manager triggered this email from him:

Post sportswriters Jorge Castillo and Chelsea Janes reported that the Nats have replaced Dusty Baker with Cubs bench coach Dave Martinez without telling us readers what a bench coach does. I suppose he coaches a bench. Easier than managing.

The subject line of the email:

Whatever happened to the Frandsen graf?

Here's a Mike explanation of the Frandsen graf (graf being the wire service shortening of the word paragraph):

"The Frandsen graf" was named after UPI Washington bureau chief Julius Frandsen, its inventor and enforcer. His directive:

When you write a term that might be unfamiliar to many readers-and especially when the term is central to the story-the writer is obliged to make the next paragraph, and not some graf deep in the story, explain the term.

1) We want people to read our stories.

(2) People quit reading stories they don't understand.

(3) So explain yourself.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story.

Where were you on the day JFK was killed?

Ralph Gage (Email) - When John F. Kennedy was shot, I was in Flint Hall, home of the University of Kansas School of Journalism. I was, for some reason beyond my recall, in the office of the legendary Prof. Elmer Beth; this office was across the hall from the location then of the University Daily Kansan newsroom.

Beth and I were interrupted by shouting coming from the newsroom. A classmate from India, whose excited utterances unfortunately were not clearly understandable, was exclaiming over the wire machine. Soon we deciphered that the president had been shot.

The Kansas group marshaled itself to put out an Extra, but I had other business claiming my attention that afternoon.

Though it's all a blur, I drove to Ottawa to meet my fiancee, who by the time of my arrival had had a frantic family conference (panicky -- no telephone dial tone was immediately available because all the lines were jammed.) It had been decided that our wedding, scheduled the following day, and the rehearsal dinner and other activities, would go on as planned.

And so they did!

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Mike Harris ([Email](#)) - I was a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin in September of 1963, and I was a student manager on the football team. That Friday morning, we were getting ready to fly from Madison to Minneapolis to play Minnesota the next afternoon. Only the junior and senior managers made the trips to away games, but I was a sub for one of the older guys who was ill. The whole traveling squad ate breakfast together at the dining hall which served as the training table during the season.

We were supposed to jump on a couple of buses for the trip to the airport, but there had been some kind of screw up and the coaches had to quickly make other arrangements. Somehow they managed to get a fleet of taxicabs to show up. As we road to the airport, we heard the dispatcher on the cab radio: "Hey guys. I hate to have to tell you this, but the president's been shot in Dallas. No other details yet."

We were stunned, but continued to the airport, everyone hoping JFK would be okay. After the plane took off, the excitement of the day took over and most everyone forgot about the shooting ... until the pilot came on the intercom. "I'm sorry to tell you this, but our president, John F. Kennedy is dead, shot by an assassin in Dallas."

The plane remained silent for the rest of the short flight. Coaches and players sat stunned, some crying quietly. One coach tried to act like business as usual, telling the players to stay focused. "We have a game to play." Head coach Milt Bruhn, told him to "shut up and sit down."

After landing at Minneapolis, we took buses to the stadium and did our walk around on the field. But nobody was thinking about football. After arriving at our hotel, we were told that the game would be played the following week and that we would fly home the next morning. The whole trip was surreal and unforgettable.

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Joe Galloway ([Email](#)) - On that sad day I was leaning over the UPI ticker in newsroom of the Topeka Journal. The Journal was AP only while sister Capitol was UPI and AP. Suddenly a UPI bulletin: "shots fired at Kennedy motorcade in Dallas." I yelled at Lee Porter, the Journal ME: "Does AP have shots fired at Kennedy motorcade?" Clearly they did not. Then moved the UPI flash: Kennedy wounded. Still nothing from AP. Lee Porter was sweating bullets as Journal was now on deadline. Minutes later AP finally moved its bulletin. The world had just turned upside down...

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Marc Humbert ([Email](#)) - The day JFK was shot, I was a freshman at Hobart College and a rookie at the college radio station. One of my grunt jobs was to rip the news wire in the early afternoon so it would be ready to be reviewed by the folks who ran the place and went on the air later in the day.

As part of my indoctrination, I was told about the wire service bell system to alert clients to important breaking news. I think the station had AP, but am not positive. All I had to know was that the more bells that went off, the bigger the story. And, the bells went off that day and kept dinging. I was the only one there hearing them. I called the station manager or some other much more senior staffer. The news spread quickly and the veterans began flooding into our small office/studio. I stayed around for a bit and then, realizing I was really just in the way, I left and wandered aimlessly around the campus. About a dozen years later, I had the good fortune to begin writing stories for the AP. Now and then, they set off a few bells. That sound always made me think of that November day in 1963.

Connecting profile - Nick Geranios

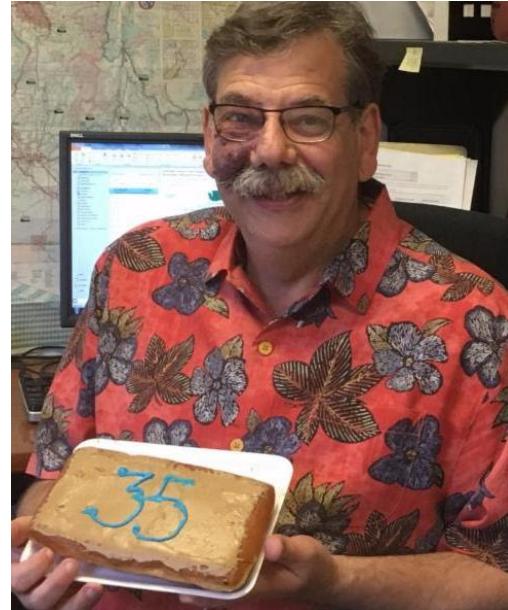
Nicholas K. Geranios ([Email](#)) - joined The Associated Press in Helena, Montana, in 1982 and has worked at the company for more than 35 years. He previously worked in Chicago (1984-86); Springfield, Illinois (1986-87); Yakima, Washington (1987-93); Sacramento (1994-95) and, since 1996, has worked in Spokane, Washington, where he is the solo correspondent.

Nick was born on March 9, 1959, in Athens, Greece. He moved with his family to the United States in 1962 and was raised in Great Falls, Montana.

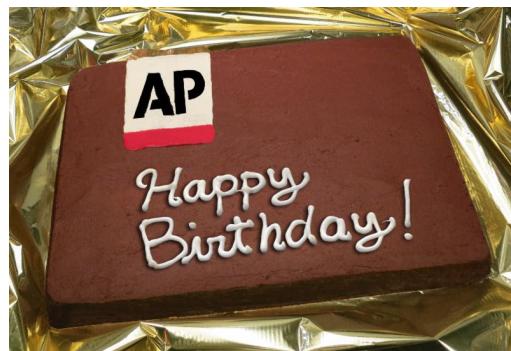
Nick graduated from Montana State University with an English degree in 1980 and worked as a sportswriter at daily newspapers in Worland, Wyoming, and Minot, North Dakota, before he was hired by AP.

Nick married Ann Joyce, a journalist and former AP executive, in 1985 and they have four adult children. None of the kids became journalists.

In his spare time, Nick likes to play tennis, travel, watch movies and smoke cigars. One of these is a noxious habit.



Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

From Hurricanes to Protest Movements, Food Is a Way In (New York Times)



Erin Schrode of World Central Kitchen - a nonprofit chefs association founded six years ago by José Andrés - with children receiving food in Loíza, P.R. Credit Eric Rojas for The New York Times

By KIM SEVERSON

I've been writing about food since the late 1990s, when the food editor at The San Francisco Chronicle lured me to California for a new beat that combined food and traditional news reporting. I was happy to give up what had been a steady diet of crime stories, City Hall meetings and feature editing.

Besides, food had become cultural currency. Restaurants increasingly were the point of a night out, not a precursor to something else. The links between what we ate and our health were becoming stronger. Farmers' markets were springing up and the organic movement was growing fast.

So I eagerly jumped into food writing while keeping my hard news reporter's lens. The pull to merge those worlds has only intensified in my 13 years at The Times, where my editors consider food an essential part of our report.

Read more [here](#).

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The Brooklyn Bloggers Who Brought Down Paul Manafort (Daily Beast)

By LLOYD GROVE

President Donald Trump's indicted former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, owes his criminal legal troubles, in no small measure, to three ordinary Brooklynites.

One of them, Katia Kelly, is a 56-year-old grandmother who photographs and writes about her Carroll Gardens neighborhood on her blog, Pardon Me for Asking. Last February, Kelly revealed that a dilapidated-looking brownstone that was creating an eyesore two blocks from her home is owned by the Washington super-lobbyist.

"I don't know what to make of all this," Kelly wrote on Feb. 16, after examining public records of the 2012 sale of the house and a 2013 renovation permit. "Maybe one of my readers can interpret these transactions?"

Read more [here](#).

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Are relations between science agencies and science journalists at a new low? (Pacific Standard)

By FRANCIE DIEP

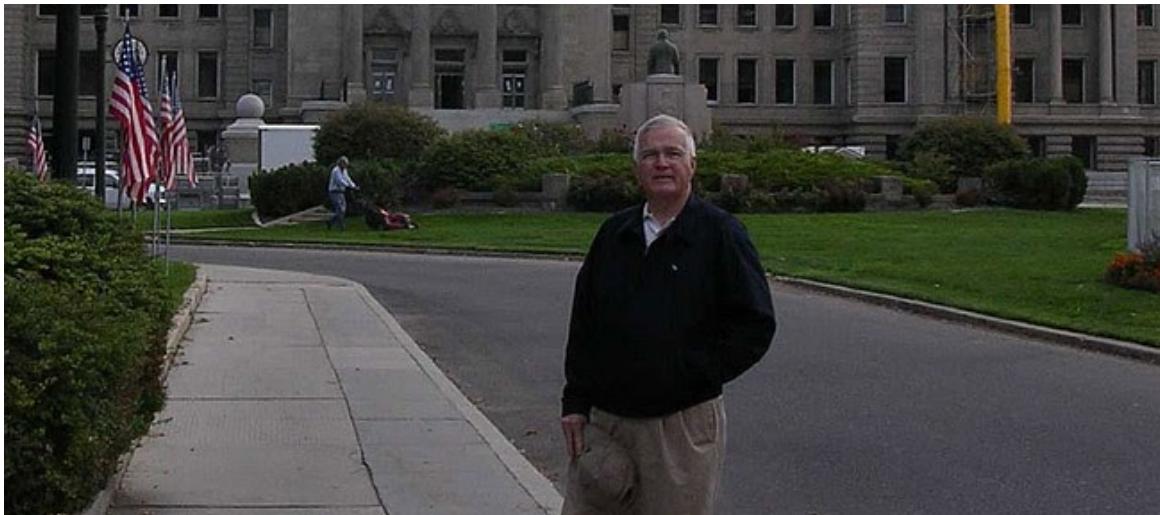
Is the relationship between science agencies and the journalists who cover them at its worst ever? It certainly seems like it. Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a press release calling an Associated Press report-about toxic waste sites flooded by Hurricane Harvey—"misleading" and "yellow journalism." Weeks later, the agency conceded that one of the sites the AP visited was indeed exposing toxic material. Then, last week, the New York Times published a front-page profile of an industry-friendly scientist appointed to the EPA. When the Times asked the agency for comment, a spokeswoman wrote back: "No matter how much information we give you, you would never write a fair piece. The only thing inappropriate and biased is your continued fixation on writing elitist clickbait."

For the EPA press office, such a personal attack "is a real sharp departure from what we've seen in the past," past staffer Dan Fiorino told InsideClimate News.

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

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Former Journal-World sports editor Chuck Woodling dies at 76



Chuck Woodling, sports editor of the Journal-World for 37 years and a resident of Lawrence (KS) for 49 years, died Wednesday after battling the effects of acute myeloid leukemia for nearly four years.

Woodling, 76, is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carolyn, their two daughters, Carrie Dixon, of Franklin Lakes, N.J., and Gena Woodling, of Lawrence, and grandchildren.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Mo., Woodling received an associate of arts degree from Kansas City, Mo., Junior College, and a bachelor of journalism from University of Missouri in 1963.

"I've lived in Lawrence for almost 50 years and no one ever lets me forget I went to MU, even though I spent just two years of my life there," Woodling was fond of saying.

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

The Final Word





Preprint of Chronicle, shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

Today in History - November 2, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2017. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Marion, Ohio.

In 1867, Harper's Bazaar magazine was first published under the title "Harper's Bazar."

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued a declaration expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1936, the British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1950, playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, died in Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England.

In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after holding him for 17 months.

In 1992, movie producer Hal Roach died in Los Angeles at age 100.

In 2000, American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, became the first residents of the international space station.

Ten years ago: British college student Meredith Kercher, 21, was found slain in her bedroom in Perugia, Italy; her roommate, American Amanda Knox and Knox's Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito (rah-fy-EHL'-ay soh-LEH'-chee-toh), were later convicted of killing Kercher, but both were later exonerated. (Rudy Guede (GAY'-day), a petty criminal who was convicted separately in the case, remains imprisoned.) Choreographer Igor Moiseyev, who transformed folk dance into a legitimate art, died in Moscow at age 101.

Five years ago: Four days before Election Day, President Barack Obama accused Mitt Romney of scaring voters with lies, while the Republican challenger warned grimly of political paralysis and another recession if Obama reclaimed the White House. The New York City Marathon was canceled when Mayor Michael Bloomberg reversed himself and yielded to mounting criticism that it was no time to be running a race in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

One year ago: Ending a championship drought that had lasted since 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series, defeating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in extra innings at Progressive Field. Des Moines Police Sgt. Anthony Beminio and Urbandale Officer Justin Martin were shot and killed while sitting in their patrol cars in separate attacks about 2 miles apart; suspect Scott Michael Greene later pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to consecutive life prison terms. Garth Brooks was named entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 79. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 79. Actress Stefanie Powers is 75. Author Shere (shehr) Hite is 75. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 72. Actress Kate Linder is 70. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 60. Actor Peter Mullan is 58. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 56. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 54. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 53. Actress Lauren Velez is 53. Actor Sean Kanan is 51. Actor David Schwimmer is 51. Christian/jazz singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 50. Jazz singer Kurt Elling is 50. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is 50. Rock singer-musician Neal Casal is 49. Rock musician Fieldy is 48. Actress Meta Golding is 46. Rock singer-musician John Hampson (Nine Days) is 46. Actress Marisol Nichols is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Timothy Christian Riley (Tony Toni Tone) is 43. Rapper Nelly is 43. Actor Danny Cooksey is 42. Rock musician Chris Walla is 42. Actress Reshma Shetty is 40. Country singer Erika Jo is 31. Actor-singer Kendall Schmidt is 27.

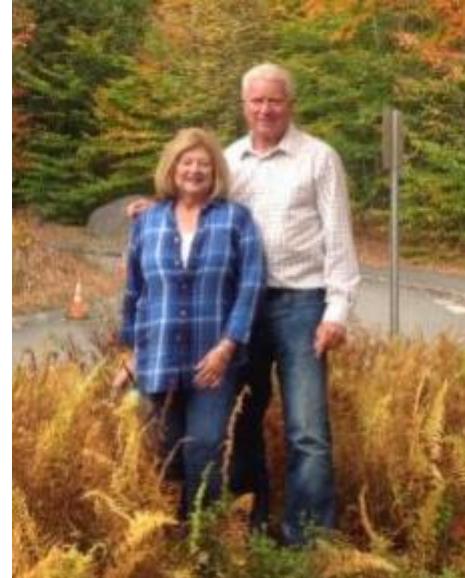
Thought for Today: "If I have done any deed worthy of remembrance, that deed will be my monument. If not, no monument can preserve my memory." - Agesilaus (uh-JEHS'-uh-LAY'-uhhs) II, King of Sparta (c. 444-360 B.C.)

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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