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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

The AP has a new global business editor - congratulations, **Brad Foss!**

And two former AP journalists - **Mary Byrne** and **Lara Jakes** - are highlighted in today's issue of Connecting. Mary is the new editor-in-chief of Olympic Channel and Lara co-wrote with Steve Kenny an interesting piece in The New York Times on challenges of working the night desk when President Trump starts tweeting.

Finally, whether you were born by then or later, a day 76 years ago changed the world forever. It is the lead item in Today in History:

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## AP names Brad Foss as its new global business editor

NEW YORK (AP) - Brad Foss, a former reporter and deputy business editor at The Associated Press, has been named the cooperative's global business editor.



In his new role, Foss will guide AP's coverage of business, industry and finance around the world and in all media formats. His appointment was announced Tuesday by Sarah Nordgren, AP's deputy managing editor for business, sports, entertainment, and health and science.

"Brad is the perfect journalist for this position," Nordgren said. "He has the expertise and drive to lead our business coverage at a particularly important time on issues of economy, technology and beyond, across the globe."

Foss has driven change in several leadership roles in AP's business news department during the past decade. He played key roles in expanding financial news coverage out of states and statehouses, created a real-time economic data product and launched AP's automated journalism initiative.

Along the way, Foss has guided in-depth reporting projects on the financial crisis and the Great Recession, wealth inequality and the effects of technology on the workplace. The business news department has been a leader in digital experimentation and has won numerous awards from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers during his tenure as a leader in the department.

From 2001 through 2006, Foss was AP's national energy and transportation reporter, covering Enron's collapse, airline industry upheaval after 9/11 and the effects of Hurricane Katrina on oil and gas markets.

Before joining AP in 1999, Foss, 45, was a science and medical writer at the University of California, San Francisco, and a reporter and editor at The Mill Valley Herald in Northern California.

A native of Roslyn, New York, Foss earned a bachelor's in anthropology from Lehigh University and a master's in journalism from Columbia University. He serves on the board of SABEW.

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## Connecting mailbox

***Members of AP's business breaking news desk***



**Amir Bibway (Email)** - shares this photo of members of the AP's business breaking news desk who gathered for a lunch in New York recently. Standing, left to right: Damian Troise, reporter; Richard "Jake" Jacobsen, editor based in San Francisco, and Alexandra Olson, reporter. Seated, left to right: Matt Ott, reporter based in Washington; Michelle Chapman, reporter based in Newark; Dorothea Degen, editor; Amir Bibawy, business breaking news and digital strategy editor, and Charles Sheehan, editor.

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## ***A display of glassware and memorabilia***



**Dave Lubeski (Email)** - Your posting of Doug Waggoner's odds and ends photo from his long career is the inspiration here. At my bar in the rec room (aka: man cave) I have a haphazard display of various glassware and memorabilia I have acquired through the years.

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## ***Goofs, we all make 'em - recalling a long-ago night shift in Montana***

**Bill Winter (Email)** - No need to feel badly about your publication this week of the years-old story re Terry Anderson's release. Goofs? We all make 'em.

Late in a long-ago night shift on the desk in the Montana AP bureau, we got a call about a hapless fellow who'd stepped into a public phone booth that evening in some remote burg -- the only kind of burg in that enormous state. As the fellow talked on the phone, there was a loud noise from quite a distance down the street. Followed by the sound of shattering glass. The glass wall of the phone booth, that is. Some doofus down the street had carelessly shot a rifle, and the bullet sailed directly into the body of the phone booth's occupant.

As Howard Cosell might have said: "DOWN WENT THE OCCUPANT!!!"

Well, it was late at night when we got the call, I was tired from an intense evening shift, and the bizarre incident just struck me as funny. So, I sent out an item with a lead along the lines of, "Montanan Joe Jones probably won't choose to use any more public phone booths anytime soon, blah, blah, blah, and so forth."

Real funny, right? Er, not really.

Not until the next day did I learn that the victim in this incident had been hospitalized with serious injuries, an outcome I simply hadn't considered when writing the story.

I was lucky. Bureau chief Paul Freeman, a man perfectly capable of stern corrective conversations when they were called for, didn't fire me. In fact, he said nothing to me at all. He just let me sweat. Punishment enough, I suppose.

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## ***Spending Christmas in a foreign land***

**Mike Tharp** ([Email](#)) - If you have holiday insomnia, you might try [reading this](#). It tells of Christmases spent in Wales, Vietnam and Somalia.

Mike Tharp: Spending Christmas in a foreign land | Merced Sun-Star

Dec 28, 2009 - Christmas away from home. We've all gone through it sometime in our lives. The song says, "I'll be home for Christmas," but once in awhile, we find ourselves far away from where we'd want to be on the most traditional family holiday. Three times it's happened to me. One was lovely. Two were tough.

Two other Yule memories: spending Christmas in the pen in 1970 with the late photojournalist Brian Lanker (a Pulitzer winner in 1973) to do a story he suggested on what it was like to be behind bars on that day in the Lansing, Kan., state penitentiary. And on Christmas Day 1990, I visited prisoner Robert Bardo, in Los Angeles County Jail for shooting actress Rebecca Schaeffer. My story was about stalking. I took my daughter Dylann, 4, with me. She thought it was weird that we had to talk on a phone to a guy behind the glass, but she wished Bardo a 'Merry Christmas.' He wished her the same.

## **'Silence Breakers' named Time magazine's Person of the Year**



NEW YORK (AP) - The "Silence Breakers" - those who have shared their stories about sexual assault and harassment - have been named Time magazine's Person of the Year.

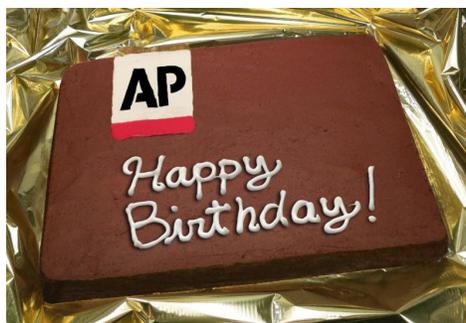
Numerous women have spoken out publicly since October about sexual misconduct by dozens of high-profile men in entertainment, media, business and sports. Time praised those who have given "voice to open secrets, for moving whisper networks onto social networks, for pushing us all to stop accepting the unacceptable." The magazine's cover features Ashley Judd, Taylor Swift, Susan Fowler and others who say they have been harassed.

Time's announcement was made Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show, where longtime host Matt Lauer was fired last week amid harassment allegations. "Today" host Savannah Guthrie acknowledged Wednesday that this year's winner hits "close to home" and mentioned Lauer by name.

Women who spoke out, initially against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein and then others, helped to spawn the #MeToo movement, with millions of people telling stories of sexual misconduct on social media.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***On the Night News Desk When Trump's Tweeting Starts*** (New York Times)

By **LARA JAKES** and **STEVE KENNY**

It has been just over a year since the election of Donald J. Trump forced the political establishment to reconsider how it does business, and in turn upended many of the news media's rhythms.

Mr. Trump is not a 9-to-5 president, and the way he works has complicated the way he is covered. This is especially true at night. Missiles fly, the staff is shaken up, policy is announced. The tweets never stop. They can be deadly serious (an attack on Syria's chemical weapons capability) or unintentionally funny ("covfefe").

On the front lines at The New York Times after the usual working hours have been Lara Jakes, who until last month was the night editor for the Washington bureau, and Steve Kenny, who runs the newsroom at night in New York.

Ms. Jakes, a former correspondent for The Associated Press who came to The Times from Foreign Policy magazine, joined the Washington bureau the same week that Mr. Trump was inaugurated. Her entire experience at The Times has been defined by the Trump administration.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Olympic Channel appoint new editor-in-chief***

A former sports managing editor at USA Today has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Olympic Channel, it was announced today.

Mary Byrne officially started her new role today.

The American will be responsible for leading the Olympic Channel's overall editorial strategy, including the editorial planning and implementation for the platform's digital, social media and news divisions.

She will be based out of the company's headquarters in Madrid and will report to Mark Parkman, general manager of the Olympic Channel.

Most recently, she served as senior deputy editor for ESPN Digital & Print Media where she was responsible for the editorial operations for their digital and print daily coverage in addition to overseeing cross-platform collaboration and integration.



Before that, Byrne's work as USA Today included oversight of their sports pop culture site "For The Win".

Previously, she served as deputy sports editor at The Associated Press for six years where she helped with the organisation's implementation across social media.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Pulitzers change rules for breaking news category*** (Poynter)

**By KRISTEN HARE**

The Pulitzer Prizes announced Monday a change to the Breaking News reporting category, according to a press release.

Previously, a newsroom could only enter the category if the breaking news was local. Now, "breaking news entries will now include coverage related to news events of consequence, whether they are produced by a local, state or national news organization. The award goes to the story, or series of stories, that capture events accurately as they occur and also expands on the initial coverage."

Since 1998, the prize has gone to local newsrooms covering breaking news, including The Denver Post's coverage of Columbine, The Times-Picayune for coverage of Hurricane Katrina, and most recently The East Bay Times for coverage

of the Ghost Ship fire. The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The New York Times have all won for covering local breaking news.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Greece's second city faces life without major local daily*** (IPI)

**By Lambrini Papadopoulou**

On the morning of Oct. 4, 2017, the one million residents of Thessaloniki, Greece, woke up in a city without a major local daily newspaper.

The night before, the storied newspaper Makedonia and its weekly edition, Thessaloniki, had closed down after a long, dark period of conflict between the paper's staff and management over unpaid wages. Founded in 1911, Makedonia was the oldest daily news outlet in northern Greece.

In an unfortunate coincidence, just two years earlier, in October 2015, Aggelioforos, Thessaloniki's highest-circulating paper, had printed its last issue and closed down for good. The move left 110 people out of work.

The dual closures have dramatically altered the media landscape of Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city. Today, only a few local publications with very low circulations remain, in addition to a handful of free tabloids. These papers' offices are understaffed and their remaining journalists have little time to act as watchdogs able to hold local politicians accountable.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

## **Today in History - December 7, 2017**



## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2017. There are 24 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

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### On this date:

In 43 B.C., Roman statesman and scholar Marcus Tullius Cicero was slain at the order of the Second Triumvirate.

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1842, the New York Philharmonic performed its first concert.

In 1909, chemist Leo H. Baekeland received a U.S. patent for Bakelite (BAY'-kuh-lyt), the first synthetic plastic.

In 1917, during World War I, the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff (WYN'-kahf) Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1967, the Beatles opened the Apple Boutique in London; the venture proved disastrous, and the shop closed the following July.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was shot dead by her bodyguards.

In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash. Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan.

In 1993, a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 19. (The shooter was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison.)

In 1995, a 746-pound probe from the Galileo spacecraft hurtled into Jupiter's atmosphere, sending back data to the mothership before it was presumably destroyed.

In 2004, Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zeyeh) was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president.

Ten years ago: Congressional Democrats demanded a full Justice Department investigation into whether the CIA had obstructed justice by destroying videotapes documenting the harsh 2002 interrogations of two alleged terrorists. Two window washers fell 47 stories from a Manhattan skyscraper when their scaffolding failed; Edgar Moreno was killed, but his brother, Alcides (ahl-SEE'-days), miraculously survived (and is still alive).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama asked Congress for \$60.4 billion in federal aid for New York, New Jersey and other states hit by Superstorm Sandy (lawmakers ended up passing a \$50.5 billion emergency relief measure in addition to a \$9.7 billion bill to replenish the National Flood Insurance Program).

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump selected retired Marine Gen. John Kelly to head the Department of Homeland Security, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, the former chief executive of World Wrestling Entertainment, Linda McMahon, to run the Small Business Administration and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad to be the new U.S. ambassador to China. Time magazine named Donald Trump its Person of the Year. A Pakistan International Airlines commuter plane crashed in the north of the country, killing all 47 people on board. A magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck Indonesia's Aceh (ah-cheh) Province, killing more than 100 people. NBC broadcast a live, three-hour production of the musical "Hairspray."

Today's Birthdays: Linguist and political philosopher Noam Chomsky is 89. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 86. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 85. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 80. Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 77. Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench is 70. Actor-director-producer James Keach is 70. Country singer Gary Morris is 69. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 68. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Larry Bird is 61. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 60. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd (cq) Hall is 59. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 59. Actor Patrick Fabian is 53. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 52. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 51. Actress Kimberly Hebert Gregory (TV: "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World") is 45. Producer-director Jason Winer is 45. Former NFL player Terrell Owens is 44. Rapper-producer Kon Artis is 43. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 42. Latin singer Frankie J is 41. Country singer Sunny Sweeney is 41. Actor Chris Chalk is 40. Actress Shiri Appleby is 39. Pop-rock singer/celebrity judge Sara Bareilles (bah-REHL'-es) is 38. Actress Jennifer Carpenter is 38. Actor Jack Huston is 35. Singer Aaron Carter is 30.

***Thought for Today: "The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude." - Thornton Wilder, American playwright and author (born 1897, died this date in 1975).***

## 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.

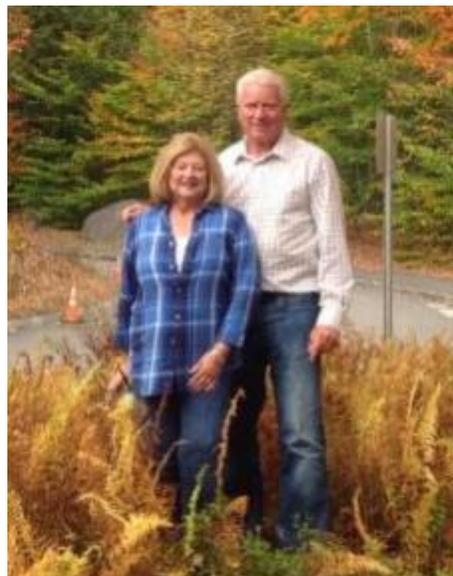
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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