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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Two of our Connecting colleagues urge their fellow journalists to be sure they read a story by James Risen of The New York Times that was featured in Thursday's Connecting.



**James Risen**

**Mike Waller** called it "a fascinating account of the government war on the press and how the Times editors dealt with it, rarely with any urgency."

**Tad Bartimus** said "The Intercept piece today should be mandatory reading for all of us in journalism, our families who are so affected by our unique, often gut-twisting profession, and everyone involved in First Amendment issues... especially judges. James Risen has long been one of my heroes. He has not, in my view, been well supported by reporters and editors who continue to benefit from his lonely fight to protect all our profession constantly under attack."

[Click here](#) for a link to the story by Risen.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

## An eerie coincidence

PAGE 26 OF JOURNAL WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1979 CONTINUED

2245 Initial check - Lt. Roberts - Alamo - Bundy sleeping

2330 Bundy awake & pacing

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1979

2415 Sleeping

0420 405 water closet opened & inspected - Alamo

0530 Breakfast - grits, scrambled eggs, prunes, coffee, bread

0600 Sleeping

0630 - 0945 Sleeping

0945 Sleeping - security check revealed plastic tray from dinner

1000 Phone calls

1145 Lunch

1310 Returned to cell

1340 Attorney to interview room

1350 Bundy returned to cell - attorney left

1555 Attorney interview - 2 attorneys

1718 Bundy put back in cell 405

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1979

0145 (405) water closet opened & inspected - Alamo

0530 Breakfast - 2 milks, 2 orange juices, 4 cereals, 2 eggs, & butter

0940 To lobby for long distance phone call

1000 Under glass visit 4th floor - Carole Boone

1130 Returned to cell & strip searched

1330 Bundy to interview room with 3 attorneys

1445 Returned to cell

1520 Interview with Attorney D. Markus

1555 Interview also with Associated Press Reporter

**Dan Sewell (Email)** - I had just opened a package that arrived the other day containing a copy of the Dade County (Fla) Jail Log for the time Ted Bundy was held there during his trial for the Chi Omega sorority murders (I saw it online and wanted it because I figured there would be some reference to me - note bottom of this page at 1555 says 'interview with AP reporter.' A nice scoop with Bundy's first interview after his conviction, long story short how I got it would be persistence and luck.) Any way, maybe 10 minutes after, I show this to Vickii Dickerson Sewell she calls to me "they just showed a picture of Bundy on TV." Why on Earth would a local newscast

have Ted Bundy? Turns out an upcoming movie with Zac Efron playing him will shoot in Cincinnati. Strange....

Rick Spratling was the lead reporter on the trial in Miami, with daily help from long-time AP court stringer Milt Sosin. I did some sidebars and after the trial concluded, I was assigned by news editor Cindy Rose to come up with a weekend story. My idea was on Bundy's mental state, how he was reacting to the conviction, how he was spending his time. So I went to the jail to interview Bundy's visitors and jailers. I wasn't getting much, but kept hanging around for hours, hoping for more. Eventually, there was a shift change and a new supervisor asked me who I was there to see, and I told him "Ted Bundy." So he took me up to where Bundy was meeting with an attorney. Bundy was surprised I was there, but laughed when I told him how I had gotten there and agreed to an interview. We had a great-played spot story, and I also had material for the weekend story.



**Ted Bundy**

## Connecting mailbox

### *Lindel Hutson's daughter advances in chefs' competition*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Lindel Hutson's daughter Sarah Wade won a competition of four chefs on The Food Network's Chopped on Tuesday and will compete again on Tuesday, January 30, with the winner getting \$50,000.)

**Jack Ronald** ([Email](#)) - I wanted to send along our congratulations to Lindel Hutson for Sarah's win on Chopped this week.

Quite an accomplishment.

We stopped at Lulu's in Allston, where Sarah is head chef and general manager, a few years back when we were visiting our daughters in Boston for Thanksgiving.

Great meal and wonderful time. Unfortunately, Sarah was in Oklahoma with her parents for the holiday.

We pulled together enough technical savvy to record the show on our DVR and watch it at an hour that was more convenient for an early bedtime.

Sarah now advances to a \$50,000 episode a few weeks down the road. Keep your fingers crossed.



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## ***Leabo's moon photos worthy of framing***

**Andy Lippman** ([Email](#)) - There are always great photos gracing Connecting.

I was particularly taken by the moonrise and moonset photos by Pete Leabo in Thursday's edition.

Talk about a picture being worth a thousand words. I don't think there are words enough to describe those scenes.

Those photos belong in a frame decorating someone's office or home.

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## ***On the origin of -30-***

**Ed Williams** ([Email](#)) - Thanks for posting origin of 30.

I required that my students always place 30 at the end of their classroom news articles and I took off points if they did not

Always wanted them to learn a little history of where we came from.

## ***AND...***

**Neal Ulevich (Email)** - Regarding 30 to close an article, nothing exotic, instead a borrowing from telegraphic numerical codes, a kind of shorthand to reduce transmitted characters. This and many others (such as 73 for 'best regards') date back to the Civil War era. I also see that similarly 88 meant "love and kisses." But these days 88 is seen on walls as racist graffiti, 8 being the eighth letter of the alphabet, h, and 88 indicating in hate speak 'heil Hitler.'

For other interesting (and archaic) telegraphic codes, [click here](#).

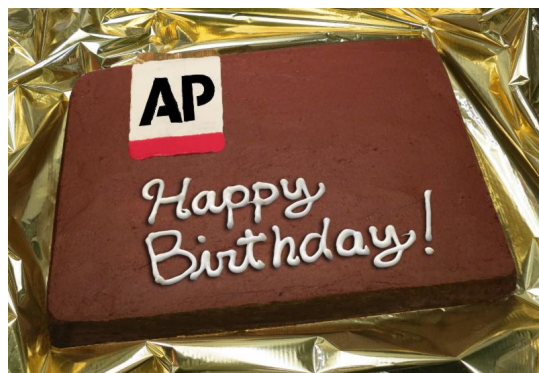
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## ***Questions George Clooney, Lady Gaga are most likely to answer***

**Jake Kreinberg (Email)** - Editor, AP Insights - With the entertainment awards season about to start, we've published a few behind-the-scenes looks into our unique perspectives of celebrities, including this profile of our music editor that provides an insider's look into the questions George Clooney and Lady Gaga are most likely to answer.

[Click here](#) to view.

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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## Stories of interest

***Michael Wolff, From Local Media Scourge to National Newsmaker*** (New York Times)



**In a long journalism career, Michael Wolff has gone from New York Times copy boy to overnight sensation at age 64. Credit Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press**

**By MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM**

Michael Wolff has, for years, been a prime piranha in the Manhattan media pond, using his caustic columns to tear into his lunchmates at Michael's, the Midtown mogul canteen, and cutting a memorable figure at star-speckled dinner parties, clad in Charvet ties and shirts by the London haberdashery Browns.

His arsenic-laced prose was well known among powerful figures like Rupert Murdoch, whose life Mr. Wolff chronicled in a 2008 biography that left its subject displeased. But his nose for first-class gossip kept the machers circling.

Now, the Wolff formula has been applied to a far bigger canvas: presidential politics. It is proving to be his most successful provocation to date.

"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," his insider account of the year he spent reporting from the West Wing, has drawn denunciations from the White House lectern, threatened the career of the Breitbart News leader Stephen K. Bannon and



turned Mr. Wolff, an overnight sensation at age 64, into one of the world's most famous journalists.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Tapping Technology to Advance the Future of Journalism*** (New York Times)



**How do New York Times journalists use technology in their jobs and in their personal lives? Sam Dolnick, an assistant managing editor at The Times who oversees digital initiatives, discussed the tech he's using.**

**By SAM DOLNICK**

You oversee podcasts, virtual reality and other new digital efforts. What does a typical day look like for your media consumption?

I used to begin the day scrolling through my phone while still in bed. Recently I've gotten better at leaving my phone in another room while I sleep - which means that

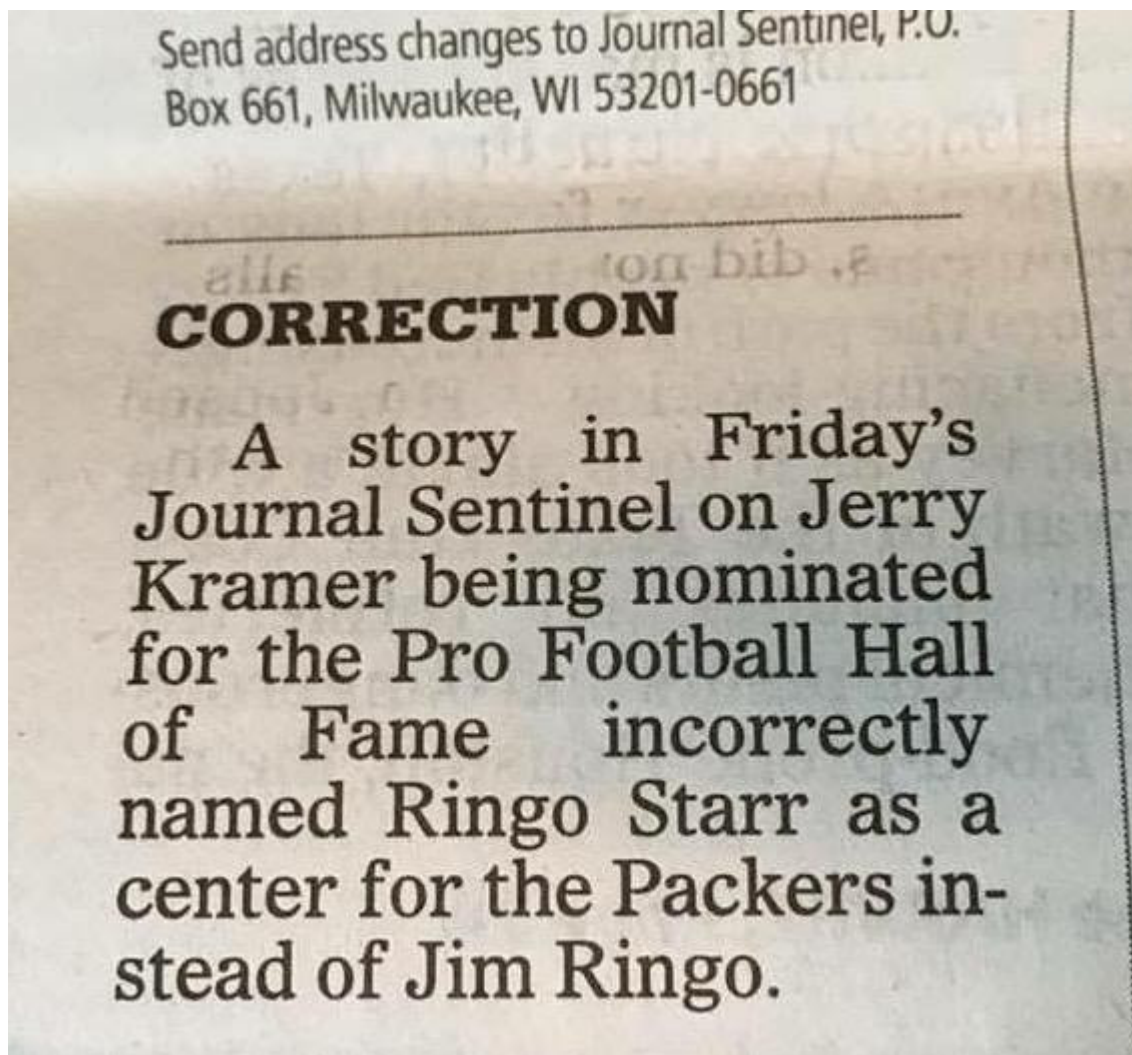
now the first thing I do when I wake up is make a mad dash to retrieve my phone from the living room.

I read several email newsletters, then I read The Times's front page in print, flip to the Opinion pages and scan for other articles to read on my phone during the commute.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Worst headlines bloopers of 2017: The best of Lower Case*** (CJR)



WE LOVE SHARING headline flubs with our readers. This year, we saw many unfortunate editorial screw ups. Below are some of the best we published in 2017.

[Click here](#) to read more. Shared by Richard Chady, Bob Daugherty.

# The Final Word

## *How to Take a Picture of a Stealth Bomber Over the Rose Bowl* (Atlantic)



By **ALEXIS C. MADRIGAL**

The first thought that comes to mind staring at the photograph above is: This has got to be fake. The B-2 stealth bomber looks practically pasted onto the field. The flag is unfurled just so. The angle feels almost impossible, shot directly down from above.

And yet, it's real, the product of lots of planning, some tricky flying, and the luck of the moment. The photographer, Mark Holtzman, has been flying his Cessna 206 around taking aerial images for years, since before the digital-photography days, and he's developed his technique for just this sort of shot.

"The plane is my tripod, and it is a moving tripod," he told me. In fact, the way he took this photograph was literally half-hanging out the window of his plane, his Canon 5D Mark III fitted with a 70-200 mm lens, working the rudder pedals on his craft to put himself in position to fly right over the bomber, as it approached at 200 miles per hour from the opposite direction.

As a dedicated amateur photographer, I spoke with him about the sheer improbability of this photograph, the nerdy technical details, and how you get the authorities to let you fly your Cessna over a B-2.

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

## Today in History - January 5, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2018. There are 360 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 5, 1953, Samuel Beckett's two-act tragicomedy "Waiting for Godot," considered a classic of the Theater of the Absurd, premiered in Paris.

### **On this date:**

In 1066, Edward the Confessor, King of England, died after a reign of nearly 24 years.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State.

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.) "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Elizabeth Dole to succeed Drew Lewis as secretary of transportation; Dole became the first woman to head a Cabinet department in Reagan's administration, and the first to head the DOT.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

Ten years ago: Republican Mitt Romney won the Wyoming caucuses, picking up eight delegates; in a debate three days before the New Hampshire primary, Romney clashed with Mike Huckabee on foreign policy and John McCain on immigration. In a Democratic faceoff, Hillary Rodham Clinton accused campaign rival Barack Obama of changing his positions on health care and "a number of issues"; Obama replied that he'd been "entirely consistent" in his position. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady won The Associated Press 2007 NFL MVP award.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama hailed a last-minute deal with Congress that pulled the country back from the "fiscal cliff," but warned in his Saturday radio and Internet address that he would not compromise over his insistence that lawmakers lift the federal debt ceiling.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump, in a series of tweets, urged Republicans and Democrats to "get together" to design a replacement for President Barack Obama's health care law. Four black people in Chicago were charged with hate crimes in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being tortured. Friends and family members gathered at the next-door homes of Debbie Reynolds and daughter Carrie Fisher in the Hollywood Hills for an intimate memorial to mourn the late actresses.

Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 90. Actor Robert Duvall is 87. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 80. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 78. Former talk show host Charlie Rose is 76. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 72. Actor Ted Lange (lanj) is 70. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 69. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 68. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 65. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 65. Actor Clancy Brown is 59. Singer Iris Dement is 57. Actress Suzy Amis is 56. Actor Ricky Paull (correct) Goldin is 53. Actor Vinnie Jones is 53. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 52. Actor Joe Flanigan is 51. Dancer-choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 50. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 50. Actress Heather Paige Kent is 49. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 49. Actor Shea Whigham is 49. Actor Derek Cecil is 45. Actress-comedian Jessica Chaffin is 44. Actor Bradley Cooper is 43. Actress January Jones is 40. Actress Brooklyn Sudano is 37. Actor Franz Drameh is 25.

***Thought for Today: "Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it." - Author unknown.***

# 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.

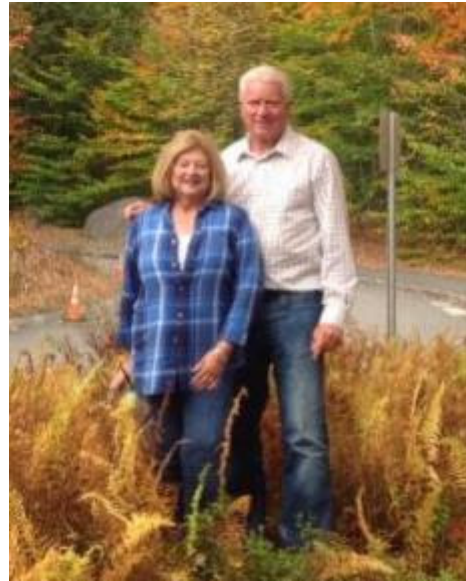
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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