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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Connecting wants to know if you were working for the AP at the time of the disclosure of the Pentagon Papers - and if so, how the AP handled the stories by The New York Times and The Washington Post.

Colleague **Mark Hamrick** ([Email](#)) wrote to say:

"While visiting AP HQ today (Monday) discussing the movie "The Post" with my former Dallas buro colleague Kristin Gazlay, we both were wondering how the AP handled the Pentagon Papers story. In the film, a key moment passes when papers beyond "The Washington Post" and "The New York Times" published in defiance of the Nixon Administration. One presumes it was an AP story that enabled that next wave of publications, but the film didn't get into that level of detail (as movies tend to do).

Is there someone who could weigh-in on how that transpired, what was going on "behind the scenes," so to speak?

If you've got a memory of this to contribute, send it along today.

Monday's Connecting led with the news of **Mike Cochran's** induction into the Texas Newspaper Foundation Hall of Fame. If you would like to drop him a note, his email - cochranmike@sbcglobal.net

Have a great day!

Paul

His daughter took her first steps of life into Ed Andrieski's arms

Jack Smith ([Email](#)) - I received this from **George Frey**, a long-time AP stringer who worked with Ed and I for many years.

It's a contributing tribute to Ed-who did so much for further the careers of young and upcoming photographers:

George Frey - I was a young stringer at that basketball NCAA event in Provo working for Jack Smith and Ed. I do believe Ed was and has been the only person to smoke in the Marriott Center. Whenever I went in the press room many times I thought about that and smiled. LOL.

Ed gave my first wire service job in Denver the Summer of 1984. I was supposed to have an internship at the Denver Post but it fell through so I went to see Ed. He gave me a roll of film and said bring me back a feature picture. So I did every day for two weeks before he hired me for the rest of the summer. I learned a lot that summer and got hooked on photojournalism. Over 30 years later I'm still at it and Ed taught me a lot.

At the end of the summer we had a party at his house and he cooked up one of his amazing meals he was known for. The other event that took place that night, my first daughter who is now 34 took her first steps of her life into Ed's arms. That made me nervous for many years. LOL.

I had the privilege to work many events with both Ed and Jack. Those two were completely opposite of each other in almost every way except in photography talent, who both were some of the best photojournalists around, and I had the privilege to learn from them. I always called Ed the gentle giant. God's speed, Ed.

Connecting mailbox

Congrats to Mike Cochran, one of true characters in AP lore

Dave Lubeski ([Email](#)) - Congratulations to Mike Cochran on his Hall of Fame induction. He is one of the true characters in AP lore. I first met Mike in Texas at an AP state convention many years ago in Austin. A group of us had ventured out to Sixth Street for some serious imbibing while soaking up the local culture. Mike and I got separated from the group and at one point came to a crosswalk where a group of bikers were gathered, sitting on their hogs giving us the stink eye. I was trying my best not to make eye contact while waiting for the light to change when Mike said to me in a rather loud voice, "So tell me, Dave. When's the last time you kicked a biker's ass?"

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Giving away the story in the headline

Bruce Lowitt ([Email](#)) - Re: The rest of the story in Monday's Connecting:

I once wrote a story about a kid who could tell by the sound of a slap shot or skates who was on the ice for the Chicago Blackhawks. The point of the story was that he was blind, but I wrote it in such a way that it wasn't obvious until halfway into it, and that was the point.

So, of course, the desk headlined it: "Blind boy loves Blackhawks." Argh!

I mention this because the headline of "The rest of the story" gave away the punchline, that it was Rush Limbaugh. Tsk, tsk.

(Connecting editor takes full discredit for spilling the beans in the headline for Jim Hood's contribution.)

Connecting profile - Justin Pritchard

Justin Pritchard ([Email](#)) - joined AP in 2000 in San Francisco as a hire of Anthony Marquez and is now a reporter based in the Los Angeles bureau. He is most proud of investigative work that has changed laws and set new policies in areas from children's jewelry to self-driving cars, though he also enjoyed working as news editor in LA and an editor at the Olympics and World Cup. Prior to AP, Pritchard covered the suburbs for the Providence Journal and Philadelphia Inquirer, Congress for a Washington Post Co. online news service that Y2K killed, and reported out of Cuba and Southeast Asia as a stringer. He is a graduate of Brown University and a native Northern Californian.



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Justin has played a key role in keeping his Connecting colleagues aware of the Anthony Marquez Memorial Journalism Award, an annual scholarship for managing editors of the university newspaper at Fresno State, Anthony's alma mater. Anthony, longtime LA bureau chief, died in February 2017. Justin

reports that in December and January, the scholarship received \$4,265 - largely from current and former AP staffers.

You can send mailed contributions to Fresno State College of Arts and Humanities Development Office, [2380 E. Keats Ave.](#), M/S MB99, Fresno, CA 93740.

Online: <https://www.fresnostate.edu/advancement/giving/givenow.html>

- Input the amount
- Click "Other" and note *Anthony Marquez Memorial Journalism Award*
- There are optional drop-downs on the site that allow you to include your personal information and a note that will be shared with Anthony's family.

Stories of interest

The (almost) complete history of 'fake news' (BBC)

By **MIKE WENDLING**

In record time, the phrase morphed from a description of a social media phenomenon into a journalistic cliché and an angry political slur. How did the term "fake news" evolve - and what's next in the world of disinformation?

It was mid-2016, and BuzzFeed's media editor, Craig Silverman, noticed a funny stream of completely made-up stories that seemed to originate from one small Eastern European town.

"We ended up finding a small cluster of news websites all registered in the same town in Macedonia called Veles," Silverman recalls.

He and a colleague started to investigate, and shortly before the US election they identified at least 140 fake news websites which were pulling in huge numbers on Facebook.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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A network of news outlets and data agencies wants to unlock untold data stories across Europe (Nieman)

By SHAN WANG

Collaboration and data journalism suit each other. All that's needed to make things work is time - a lot of it.

Stretching data stories across borders and languages is a feat of processes, and the European Data Journalism Network is hoping it's ironed out the right ones. On board are 15 official partners, with news outlets like Germany's Spiegel Online, Netherlands' NRC Handelsblad, and Spain's El Confidencial, as well as European data journalism and visualization agencies such as Journalism++ and LocalFocus. The think tank Osservatorio Balcani Caucaso Transeuropa (specializing in the policy issues of Southeast Europe, Turkey, and the Caucasus region) and the multilingual nonprofit news site VoxEurop are organizing the initiative and shepherding data stories, in what the coordinators call a mostly "bottom-up" approach.

Read more [here](#).

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TSA: TV Crew Tried To Get Through Newark Airport Security Checkpoint With Fake Bomb (CBS New York)

NEWARK, N.J. (CBSNewYork) - At least seven people who said they worked for a TV crew were arrested at Newark Liberty International Airport Thursday, after they allegedly tried to film themselves going through a security checkpoint with a fake explosive device.

The Transportation Security Administration said Port Authority police arrested the group after officers detected a suspicious item in a carry-on bag.

A preliminary investigation indicated that the defendants were all in collaboration and claimed to work for a television network, the TSA said. Some members of the group tried deliberately to carry through the security checkpoint a carry-on bag that with something inside that had "all the makings of an improvised explosive device," the TSA said.

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

Today in History - January 23, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2018. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.)

On this date:

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1516, King Ferdinand II of Aragon, who with his late queen consort, Isabella of Castile, sponsored the first voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492, died in Madrigalejo, Spain.

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1944, Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1977, the original TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1978, rock musician Terry Kath, a key member of the group Chicago, accidentally shot himself to death following a party in Woodland Hills, California; he was 31.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueres, Spain, at age 84.

In 1998, a judge in Fairfax, Virginia, sentenced Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) to death for an assault rifle attack outside CIA headquarters in 1993 that killed two men and wounded three other people. (Kasi was executed in November 2002.)

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of Palestinians poured into Egypt from the Gaza Strip after militants blew up a barrier dividing the border town of Rafah. Michael Chang, winner of the 1989 French Open, was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and IMG creator Mark McCormack and Tennis Week magazine founder Eugene Scott were selected posthumously.

Five years ago: Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered fiery rejoinders to Republican critics of the Obama administration's handling of the deadly attack on a U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, 83, the longtime head of Poland's influential Roman Catholic church at a time when it played a key role in the fight against communism, died in Warsaw.

One year ago: President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the sweeping Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, using one of his first actions in office to reject a proposed accord that was eagerly sought by American allies in Asia. Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo was sworn in as CIA director immediately after the Senate confirmed his nomination, 66-32. Kim Clijsters and Andy Roddick were elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Chita Rivera is 85. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 84. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 75. Actor Gil Gerard is 75. Actor Rutger Hauer is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson is 74. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 71. Singer Anita Pointer is 70. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 68. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 68. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 65. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is 65. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 61. Singer Anita Baker is 60. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 59. Actor Boris McGiver is 56. Actress Gail O'Grady is 55. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 47. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 44. Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 43. Christian rock musician Nick DePatie (Kutless) is 33. Singer-actress Rachel Crow is 20.

Thought for Today: "What is important is to spread confusion, not eliminate it." - Salvador Dali (1904-1989).

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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