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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

**#worstjobinterviewever**

Borrowing on a theme from a Today show segment this week, Connecting would like to hear from you with details of what you consider your worst job interview. Yep, it's time to come clean with your colleagues.

Ye Olde Connecting Editor will start with his:

As a graduate student at the University of Kansas, I wanted to work on the East Coast and set up a series of job interviews over spring break 1973 that included The Washington Post. J-School Professor John Bremner was a good friend of a woman who was an assistant managing editor of the Post and was able to land me an interview with her. We both knew it was a long shot as I had little experience beyond part-time newspaper and USAF work, but what the heck? Into her office I marched and she asked me for samples of my work. One of them was a story I had written for a journalism magazine about the coverage challenges my friend Lynda Zimmer had at the Arkansas Democrat with the mayor of North Little Rock. "Did you get comment from the mayor?" she asked me after scanning the story. Well, no, I did not, I replied. She proceeded to tell me, gently, that this wouldn't pass muster at the Post and that I should come back when I get some experience elsewhere. I thanked her and exited quickly, lesson learned.

I look forward to your own story. Don't leave me hanging, Please.

Today's issue leads with news of the formation of a new AP beat team covering marijuana.

Finally, Connecting erred in Thursday's issue in the location from which a great photo of downtown Manhattan was taken, by **Rob Kozloff**. It was taken from his 37<sup>th</sup> floor room at the DoubleTree in Times Square, not from an American Airlines flight as described.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

## **New AP beat team for marijuana coverage**



**James MacWilliams prunes a marijuana plant that he is growing indoors in Portland, Maine, Dec. 13, 2017. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)**

In a memo to staff, AP Deputy Managing Editor for U.S. News **Noreen Gillespie** outlined plans for a reporting team that will cover issues related to the legalization of marijuana:

Colleagues:

I'm pleased to announce the latest addition to our group of beat teams: a team focused on marijuana legalization and regulation.

Led by California News Editor Frank Baker, the cross-format team's goal is to use the AP's global footprint to cover this emerging economy, forecast the legal and regulatory showdowns that could emerge, and smartly document how California and other states are changing marijuana culture in America. The team's goal will also be to peer beyond the U.S. and report on supply and economic implications from Mexico and Canada.

Our members and customers have told us this is an area of immense interest to them, and AP's geographic scope places us in a unique position to tell this story from multiple vantage points.

AP has reporters stretching from Seattle to Denver to Maine who have decades of knowledge about the regulatory landscape, state legislation and culture. Together, this team will explore how governments position themselves to reap the benefits of a thriving market, explore emerging issues in advertising and product development, and how a proliferation of pot may influence research trends, among other inquiries.

Baker will work closely with Portland-based reporter Gillian Flaccus and Rockies News Editor Joe Danborn to oversee the team's work. The team will also have liaisons from the business department, health and science and sports, and work closely with other existing beat teams to develop stories. The members:

Reporter Michael Blood, Los Angeles

Reporter Mike Balsamo, Los Angeles

Reporter Paul Elias, San Francisco

Reporter Gene Johnson, Seattle

Reporter Katie Foody, Denver

Photographer Eric Risberg, San Francisco

Video journalist Peter Banda, Denver

Reporter Sadie Gurman, Washington

Video journalist Manuel Valdes, Seattle

Reporter Krysta Fauria, Los Angeles

The team will work closely with News Editor for National Beats Josh Hoffner, who oversees our beat teams, and News Director for the U.S. West Anna Johnson. Please join me in congratulating the members of the team, and we look forward to seeing the work they'll produce in the months to come on this important issue!

Noreen

[Click here](#) for link to this story. Shared by Len Iwanski.

## Connecting mailbox

# Madhu Maron described Jim Donna perfectly

**Sandy Johnson (Email)** - Madhu put into words what I have been thinking about Jim Donna's death. He was my biggest cheerleader but he also knew how to firmly nudge me down the right path. "Help others grow," as Madhu wrote -- perfect description of JMD.

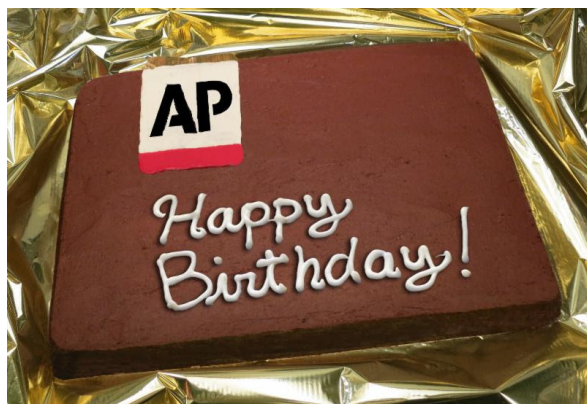
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# An iconic AP photo from 50 years ago



**Hans Madsen (Email)** - Kind of cool when you pass the open book of bound editions and see an iconic Pulitzer winner from 50 years ago on the front page. (Photo by AP's Eddie Adams)

# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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## Stories of interest

***The media today: At Nassar sentencing, 'Thank God we had these journalists'*** (CJR)

By PETE VERNON

THE SENTENCING OF DR. LARRY NASSAR was carried live on cable news and led all three nightly newscasts. The story appears this morning on front pages across the country. And it all began with the work of a team of investigative journalists

The focus of the past week has largely, and rightly, been on the brave women who have come forward to confront Nassar in a Lansing, Michigan, courtroom. But on Wednesday, Michigan Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis also took time to praise the impact of reporters who pursued the case and brought it to light. "Thank

God we had these journalists. And that they exposed this truth and that they continued to cover this story," she said.

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

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## ***New York Today: Maggie Haberman on Reporting*** (New York Times)



**Maggie Haberman working the crowd at a rally for Bernie Sanders in 2016. Credit Damon Winter/The New York Times**

**By JONATHAN WOLFE**

She's been called a "Trump-whisperer," "Trump's favorite foe" and "the best reporter in the room."

Maggie Haberman, The New York Times's White House correspondent, consistently breaks front-page news with deeply sourced articles about the Trump White House.

We recently spoke to Ms. Haberman as part of an interview series in which successful New Yorkers offer advice to newcomers to their industries. She got her start as a clerk at The New York Post and became a reporter there. She also worked at The Daily News and Politico before joining The Times - where her father, Clyde Haberman, has written for more than 40 years - in 2015. She splits her time between Washington and New York City, and we reached Ms. Haberman, 44, at The Times's Washington bureau. Her responses have been lightly edited and condensed.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

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## ***One dangerous year - Threats to journalism, from lawsuits to burnout***



The Columbia Journalism Review and the Committee to Protect Journalists invite you to a special event marking the publication of CJR's winter issue, which is devoted entirely to threats against journalists around the world.

These are challenging, even dangerous times, to be a reporter. The president of the United States has targeted us, autocrats around the world are cracking down on reporters, police and the courts are moving against us. But we are also under threat



from scores of lesser-known dangers, from the toll of a brutal news cycle to sexual harassment in our own workplaces.

Join CJR and CPJ, along with our partners Reuters and the Globe and Mail, for a half-day event exploring today's threats to journalism.

## **ONE DANGEROUS YEAR**

### **Threats to journalism, from lawsuits to burnout**

**Monday, February 12**

2 pm - 5 pm, with cocktails to follow

Hosted at Thomson Reuters

[333 Bay Street, 29th Floor](#)

[Toronto](#)

The afternoon will be broken down into three sessions including:

**Journalism under Trumpism:** The threats against the press articulated by Donald Trump have spread and morphed throughout the United States and around the world. We'll look at which domestic threats have materialized, and which haven't, and will examine threats from within our own industry, including sexual harassment, a lack of workplace diversity, and employee burnout.

**The global threat:** With the help of data from CPJ, we'll examine where in the world reporters are most under threat and what shape those threats are taking.

**Myanmar, a case study:** Since the detention of two of its journalists in Myanmar, Reuters has drawn attention from press advocates around the world to free its two reporters. We'll update the story from experts involved and place the Myanmar case in the global context.

[Click here](#) for further information and how to register. Shared by Byron Yake,

# **Today in History - January 26, 2018**



## By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2018. There are 339 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

### On this date:

In 1531, a major earthquake struck Lisbon in the Kingdom of Portugal, followed by a tsunami and several strong aftershocks; an estimated 30,000 people died.

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

In 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to head to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon - but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

In 1988, Australians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country as a grand parade of tall ships re-enacted the voyage of the first European settlers. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1993, Vaclav Havel was elected president of the newly formed Czech Republic.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Ten years ago: Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the South Carolina Democratic primary. Maria Sharapova won the Australian Open, beating Ana Ivanovic 7-5, 6-3 for her third Grand Slam singles title. Mirai Nagasu, at 14, became the second-youngest female (after Tara Lipinski) to win the ladies' title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships held in St. Paul, Minnesota. Christian Brando, the troubled eldest son of the late actor Marlon Brando, died in Los Angeles at age 49. Radical PLO leader George Habash died in Amman, Jordan, at age 81.

Five years ago: Thousands of people, many holding signs with names of gun violence victims, joined a rally in Washington, D.C. for gun control. Victoria Azarenka won her second consecutive Australian Open title, beating Li Na 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Ashley Wagner became the first woman since Michelle Kwan in 2005 to win back-to-back titles in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, holding off up-and-comer Gracie Gold in Omaha, Nebraska.

One year ago: Tensions flared between President Donald Trump and Mexico, with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto scrapping a planned visit to Washington and

the White House threatening a 20 percent tax on imports to pay for Trump's proposed wall along the southern border. Actor Mike Connors, 91, who starred as TV's hard-hitting private eye "Mannix," died in Los Angeles. Actress Barbara Hale, 94, who played steadfast secretary Della Street on "Perry Mason," died at her home in Sherman Oaks, California.

Today's Birthdays: Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 89. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 83. Actor Scott Glenn is 79. Singer Jean Knight is 75. Activist Angela Davis is 74. Actor Richard Portnow is 71. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 70. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 69. Producer-director Mimi Leder is 66. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 65. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 63. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 60. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 60. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 58. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 57. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 55. Actor Paul Johansson is 54. Director Lenny Abrahamson is 52. Actor Bryan Callen is 51. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 48. Actor Nate Mooney is 46. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 45. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 44. Actor Gilles Marini (ZHEEL ma-REE'-nee) is 42. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 42. NBA player Vince Carter is 41. Actress Sarah Rue is 40. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 37. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 35.

***Thought for Today: "As long as men are free to ask what they must, free to say what they think, free to think what they will, freedom can never be lost, and science can never regress." - J. Robert Oppenheimer, American physicist (1904-1967).***

## 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.

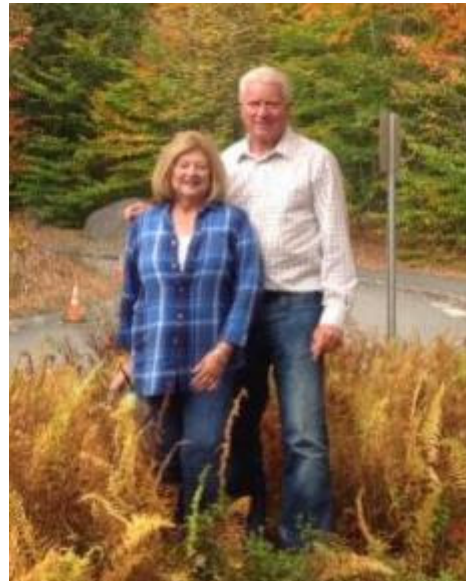
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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