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Colleagues,

The month of May is less than a week away - and for those of us who worked in Indiana, May means the Indianapolis 500 - one of the largest events in the sporting universe and one AP has covered since the 500's birth in 1911. (Winning car - 74.6 avg mph - shown below.)

The 500-mile race will be held on Memorial Day at the world-famous Brickyard track.

Connecting invites you to share your favorite memories of covering the 500, as a writer or editor or photographer, and to whet your appetite, our colleague **John Epperson** ([Email](#)) shares this group photo below from his photo library.



Send along your memories in the next couple weeks.

CORRECTION: I apologize for providing an incorrect email address for **Evelyn Colucci-Calvert** in the Birthday section of Tuesday's issue. Her correct address - eccalvert@ap.org

I look forward to your contributions - the cupboard is bare. Have a great day!

Paul



On Race Day in the mid-1980s, from left, front row: Chuck Robinson, NA, Charlie Bennett, CX, John Swart, CX, Brian Horton, NY, Mark Duncan, CD, Rob Kozloff, DT. Back row, from left: Al Behrman, CS, John Epperson, CX, and Bob Graves, CX. Not shown are

dozens of the NA stringer crew Robinson brought into action each year and had spread around the track. (Photo by stringer Paul Willis)

AP-NORC Poll: For many online Americans, Facebook is a habit

By MAE ANDERSON

NEW YORK (AP) - Social media is a daily way of life for many Americans.

Nearly half of Americans who use the internet say they use Facebook at least several times a day, making it easily the most popular social media site. And Facebook-owned Instagram comes in No. 2.

So whether you're reaching for your phone before getting out of bed in the morning, or logging on to procrastinate during work, chances are you see the little blue "F" icon more often than you take a shower.

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 12 percent of Americans who are online use Facebook "almost constantly," while 34 percent use it several times a day. About 15 percent use it once a day, and only 12 percent of Americans don't have a Facebook account at all.

More women than men check Facebook more than once a day - 57 percent of women compared to 36 percent of men, according to the poll. Younger people are on Facebook more than older people. About 62 percent of adults under 30 check the site several times a day or more, while only 30 percent of adults 60 or over do. About 54 percent of adults 30 to 44 check multiple times a day, as do 43 percent of adults aged 45 to 59.

Read more [here](#).

Rumberg, Garcia named AP deputy sports editors

Oskar Garcia as deputy sports editors for newsgathering and storytelling, helping lead the global department's efforts to report and present the most compelling sports journalism.

The appointments were announced by Global Sports Editor Michael Giarrusso.

Rumberg and Garcia will oversee a team of more than 100 journalists reporting and editing sports news in all media formats across the world. They will direct coverage of breaking news, planned events and enterprise and will lead efforts to integrate new techniques into the core work of developing and presenting distinctive stories to AP customers and emerging audiences.



AP deputy sports editors Howie Rumberg, left, and Oskar Garcia. (AP Photo/Peter Morgan)

"Howie and Oskar have been key drivers for AP Sports for years, finding ways do things smarter and faster for readers and customers," Giarrusso said. "With this team in place, we'll continue to innovate for AP members, providing a comprehensive all-formats report that includes breaking news, game coverage, social-friendly content and enterprise."

Read more [here](#).

Stories of interest

Joan Konner, 87, TV Producer and Journalism Dean, Dies (New York Times)



Joan Konner in her office at the public television station Channel 13 in Manhattan in 1988. Her work won 16 Emmys, a Peabody Award and an Alfred I. du Pont Award. Credit Don Hogan Charles/The New York Times

By SAM ROBERTS

Joan Konner, an award-winning television executive, producer and documentarian who became the first woman to lead the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, died on Wednesday in Manhattan. She was 87.

The cause was leukemia, her daughter Rosemary said.

After raising two daughters, Ms. Konner got a late start professionally, graduating from Columbia's journalism school herself in 1961 when she was 30, almost a decade after she had received her bachelor's degree.

By 1977 she was executive producer for national news and public affairs for WNET/Thirteen, the public broadcasting station of metropolitan New York. From the early 1980s until she left for Columbia in 1988, she was the executive producer of "Bill Moyers Journal," and then the president and executive producer of Mr. Moyers' production company, Public Affairs Television.

Read more [here](#).

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Newsonomics: Still another Tronc drama, as John Lynch re-enters the business (Nieman)

By **KEN DOCTOR**

Tronc doesn't do anything by the book.

Even as much of the company's turbulence looks to be clearing, new questions are emerging about who will next lead the big metro chain.

Softbank and Apollo Global Management have reportedly expressed real interest in buying the company, but much more likely is the reemergence of one of the many characters who have upended business as usual in the roiled daily newspaper industry. Tronc's newspapers, staff, and readers may soon be subject to a whole new round of strategic rethinks and re-deployments.

Let's first focus on the potential impact of Michael Ferro's sale of his dominating Merrick Media 25 percent share in Tronc. That surprising sale prompted all kinds of speculation about the future, including mine.

The sale looked like a homecoming story: A McCormick had bought back into the Chicago Tribune's parent company, Tronc. Sargent McCormick, described as a distant relation of the kin of Colonel Robert McCormick - whose tenure defined the Trib historically - was the buyer.

Read more [here](#).

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Imagine Chicago without the Sun-Times: An urgent appeal



Chicago is national, let's look. The complete Sun-Times is inside.

The front cover of the newspaper, April 23, 2018.

The Chicago Sun-Times is the oldest continuously published newspaper in the city.

Every day for 174 years, we have been there for you. Now we need you to be there for us.

We're asking you to please support our daily work by subscribing to our website for \$7.49 a month. That's less than 25 cents a day. In return, you'll get unlimited access to our web content and will help protect the long-term survival of our newsroom.

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

The Final Word

Mealtime, but different menu



Gene Herrick (Email) - Kitty-cat Maggie Mae would like to have a meal, as she watches through a door glass as Mr. Squirrel enjoys his grain, but her meal menu choice is quite different. The pair live in Rocky Mount, VA., one outdoors, and one indoors.

Today in History - April 25, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2018. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1898, the United States Congress declared war on Spain; the 10-week conflict resulted in an American victory.

On this date:

In 404 B.C., the Peloponnesian War ended as Athens surrendered to Sparta.

In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehs-POO'-chee).

In 1792, French highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1974, the "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal as a bloodless military coup toppled the Estado Novo regime.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

In 1993, hundreds of thousands of gay rights activists and their supporters marched in Washington, D.C., demanding equal rights and freedom from discrimination.

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Ten years ago: Three New York police detectives were acquitted in the 50-shot killing of Sean Bell, an unarmed black man, on his wedding day; as news of the verdict spread, many in a crowd outside the courthouse began weeping, while others were enraged, swearing and screaming "Murderers! Murderers!" or "KKK!"

Five years ago: President Barack Obama consoled a rural Texas community rocked by a deadly fertilizer plant explosion that killed 15 people, telling mourners during a memorial service at Baylor University they were not alone in their grief. President Barack Obama joined his four living predecessors to dedicate the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas. Reggaeton star Don Omar was the top winner of the Billboard Latin Music Awards in Coral Gables, Florida, taking home 10 prizes.

One year ago: A federal judge blocked President Donald Trump's attempt to withhold funding from "sanctuary cities" that did not cooperate with U.S. immigration officials, saying the president had no authority to attach new conditions to federal spending. Ivanka Trump drew groans and hisses from an audience in Berlin while defending her father's attitude toward women, but brushed the negative reaction aside as "politics" during her first overseas trip as a White House adviser.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 78. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 74. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 73. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (BYORN ul-VAY'-us) (ABBA) is 73. Actress Talia Shire is 73. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 71. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 68. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 64. Actor Hank Azaria is 54. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 54. Rock musician Eric Avery is 53. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey Rory) is 53. TV personality Jane Clayson is 51. Actress Renee Zellweger is 49. Actress Gina Torres is 49. Actor Jason Lee is 48. Actor Jason Wiles is 48. Actress Emily Bergl is 43. Actor Jonathan Angel is 41. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 41. Singer Jacob Underwood is 38. Actress Melonie Diaz is 34. Actress Sara Paxton is 30. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 22.

Thought for Today: "There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty, or shall fail to do it." - Mary Lyon, American educator (1797-1849).

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.

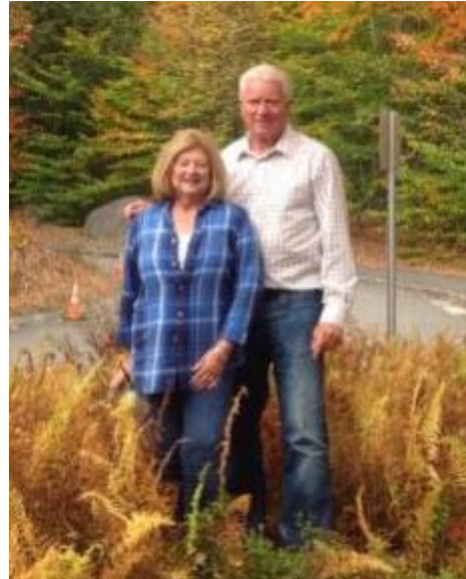
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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