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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

The Associated Press issued its annual report for 2017 and it can be viewed by clicking [this link](#).

Today's Connecting brings you the AP wire story done on the AP financials.

And we bring you a report in print, photos and video that features two of our Connecting colleagues. "My Time with the Kings" was a panel discussion conducted at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta. It featured retired AP reporter **Kathryn Johnson** ([Email](#)) and AP Corporate Archives Director **Valerie Komor** ([Email](#)), and Ambassador **Andrew Young**.

[Click here](#) for a link to the mini documentary produced by the Corporate Archives for the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. It was shown to the AP Board of Directors and parts of it were used by the South Desk for its King anniversary coverage.

We also present the first response to our call for advice in the **Self Publishing** arena. Hope to hear from you if you have tips and advice that will help your colleagues who want to publish a book.

And colleague **Peter Leabo** continues our series on Memories of 1968 with an excellent retrospective. Why not share yours?

Have a great weekend!

Paul

'My Time with the Kings'

Featuring retired AP reporter Kathryn Johnson, in conversation with Ambassador Andrew Young and AP Corporate Archives Director Valerie Komor about Johnson's coverage of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement across the South.

"I remember many things about King's funeral at Ebenezer Baptist Church," recalled Kathryn Johnson before a rapt audience, "but one of the most



Kathryn Johnson (center) with Valerie Komor

moving sights was seeing you, Andy, at the altar, with tears streaming down your face." (left) and Ambassador Andrew Young at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library on April 17, 2018 in Atlanta, GA. AP Photo/Robert Ra

For over an hour last Tuesday evening, Kathryn Johnson delivered a personal account of her years covering the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King for the AP's Atlanta bureau. The crowd appreciated her brand of wry humor and vivid storytelling and did not easily let her leave the stage due to an engaging Q&A session.'

The occasion marked the 50th anniversary of the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., which occurred on April 4, 1968. Ambassador Young, one of King's closest aids and a longtime friend of Johnson, praised the accuracy and fairness of Johnson's reporting, saying, "We didn't think of Kathryn as a white female reporter. We thought of her as Kathryn."

Following the panel, Johnson signed copies of her memoir, "[My Time with the Kings](#)," which was published by The Associated Press in 2016. The event was organized by Tony Clark, Director of Public Programs at the Carter Library and Peter Costanzo, Manager of Digital and Archival Publishing for AP.

[Click here](#) for a link to an interview with Kathryn by WABE Radio in Atlanta.

AP reports loss on one-time accounting charges



In this April 18, 2017, photo Associated Press photographs are displayed at AP headquarters in New York. (AP Photo/Jenny Kane)

NEW YORK (AP) - The Associated Press lost \$74 million in 2017, mostly due to one-time accounting charges related to the federal tax overhaul passed late last year.

Revenue fell 8 percent to \$510.1 million from \$556.3 million in 2016, when the company benefited from additional revenue related to U.S. elections, according to the AP's earnings release.

The revenue decline, reported Wednesday, also reflects a shrinking newspaper industry and consolidation among some major online media companies. This is AP's first loss since 2012.

The nonprofit cooperative, which had a profit of \$1.6 million in 2016, sells content to other media organizations.

Read more [here](#).

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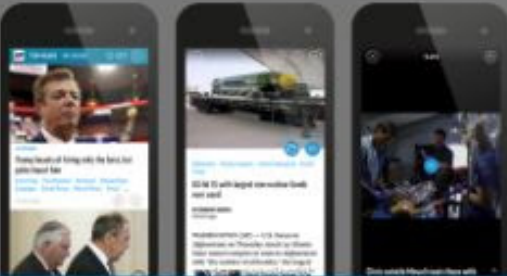
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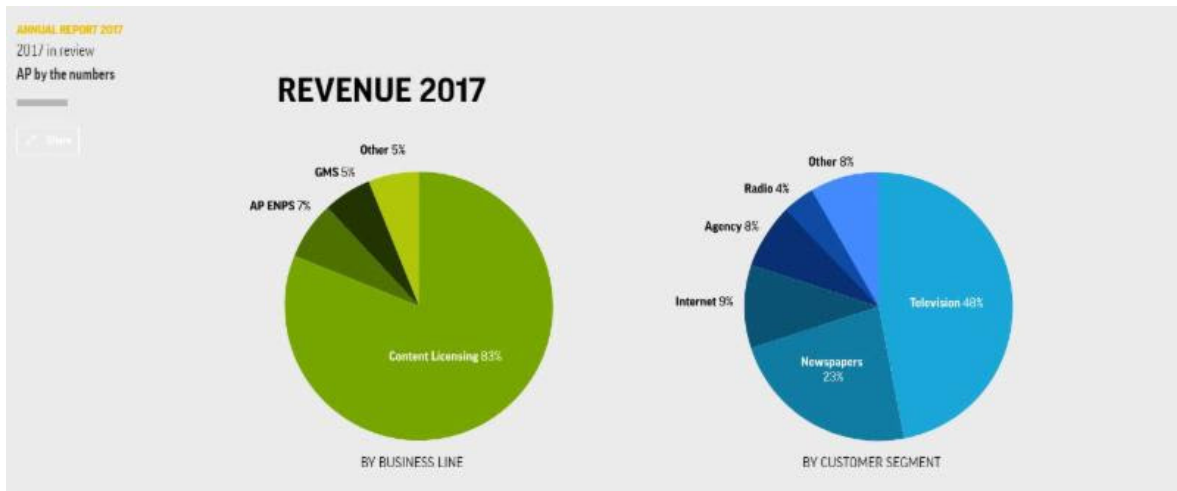


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[Click here](#) for a link to AP Financials report.

Bill Cosby Has a Few Words for the Court



Bill Cosby at the Montgomery County courthouse in Norristown, Pa., where a jury on Thursday found him guilty of three counts of sexual assault. Credit Corey Perrine/Associated Press

By **LIAM STACK**

The New York Times

Bill Cosby has not said much about the sexual assault accusations that have dogged him for years, but when he was convicted on Thursday of drugging and assaulting Andrea Constand he decided to say a few words in the Norristown, Pa., courtroom. Including a crass one aimed at the prosecutor.

The 80-year-old actor, a fixture in American family entertainment for decades, erupted in response to a suggestion by the Montgomery County district attorney, Kevin R. Steele, that his bail should be revoked because he was a potential flight risk and owned a plane.

"He doesn't have a plane, you asshole!" Mr. Cosby shouted. It was all the more startling coming from a man once beloved as the mild Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his hit NBC sitcom, the Jell-O pudding pitchman and the whimsical creator and voice of the character Fat Albert.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Tom Fenton.

Later in the story:

Mr. Cosby refused to answer questions about sexual assault during a taped interview with The Associated Press in 2014. After the interview was over, he told the reporter that he did not want anyone to see the tape.

Instead, The A.P. released the tape, shining new light on the decades-old allegations and helping to ignite a firestorm that caused NBC and Netflix to cancel two of Mr. Cosby's television projects.

"There is no comment about that and I'll tell you why," Mr. Cosby said, when asked about the allegations. "I think you were told, I don't want to compromise your integrity, but I don't talk about it."

After the interview ended, while the camera was running and Mr. Cosby was still wearing a microphone, he said he wanted the tape to be disposed of.

Your Tips on Self Publishing

Joseph Macenka ([Email](#)) - This is in response to Eric Quinones' query in Thursday's Connecting about self-publishing. I went that route in 2014, and I don't regret it one bit.

While I was still working on "Hope Emerges" in late 2012 and early 2013, I spent months reaching out to 27 publishers in an attempt to get my book published. What I found was an industry in complete disarray and unable to identify even basic market trends. I won't bore you with laborious details, but I'll tell you No. 27 initially told me they were very interested in current affairs/military/medical topics -- which covered "Hope Emerges" -- but then called me less than a week later to say what they actually wanted were books about so-called locavores -- millennials who shop at farmers' markets.

I shut down the search at that point and called CreateSpace, the publishing arm of Amazon. They were easy to work with, assigned me what amounted to my own point person, delivered everything they promised either on time or early, were creative, arranged for an independent review of the book and they were affordable.

Cover design and related expenses amounted to only a few hundred dollars. The only major expense, if I recall, was about \$1,200 for editing services -- and that produced my lone gripe about the process, although anyone reading this who has any substantial AP experience will probably chuckle. My CreateSpace editor changed everything in the 112,000-word book from AP style to Chicago style. Considering that I spent 16-plus years with the AP, that obviously wasn't going to fly, so while she made some great editing catches and excellent content suggestions, I ended up changing it back to AP style.

The book was published in February 2014, and because CreateSpace is owned by Amazon, you've obviously got not only mighty Amazon as a distribution channel, but Barnes & Noble as well. If the book isn't in stock at brick-and-mortar stores, CreateSpace can have it printed and shipped typically in a day or two. CreateSpace also easily arranged for a Kindle version to be offered and distributed.

The only down side to this process? Because you have mighty Amazon and mighty Barnes & Noble in your corner, independent bookstores will loathe you. The chances of them being willing to either carry or order your book are -- effectively -- slim and none, and slim just left town.

So ask yourself up front how important independent sales are to you, because if you go the self-publish route, chances are you'll alienate the indies.

Even though it's been four years, my book continues to sell, and I've gotten tons of positive feedback from folks in the medical and military communities who said it was a tremendous help to them. The book has been well-received in other arenas as well. It was the basis for a documentary that PBS produced and aired in Virginia markets last fall, and the documentary is scheduled to air nationally on PBS right around Memorial Day.

So as far as I'm concerned, it was a best-seller and well worth my effort -- even though it had nothing to do with farmers' markets.



An age of innocence, the end of innocence

Peter Leabo ([Email](#)) - 1968.

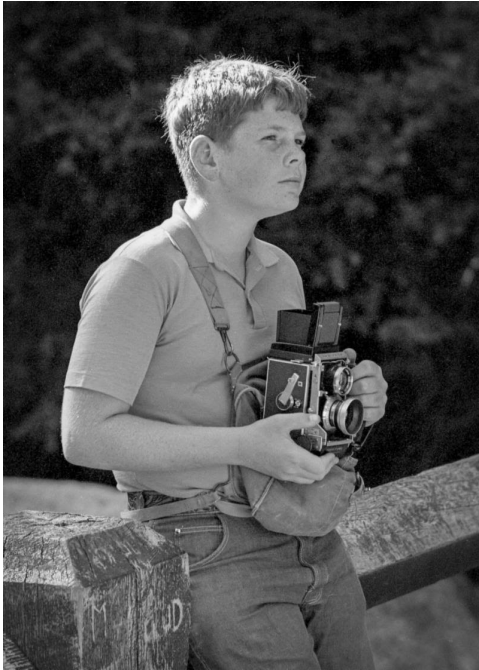
It was a very good year. It was an age of innocence. And it was the end of innocence.

I wasn't stationed in Vietnam. I was stationed in College Station, TX. I was in the seventh grade. Vietnam was a war on our TV in the evenings ... a world away, but in our living room.

And civil rights was more about the hour of my curfew than a color. Brad Smith was the most incredible pitcher I'd ever seen. He was black. He was one of us ... the Alenco Dodgers of the College Station Little League. We never won a game, but we had so much fun losing. We were color blind.

1968 was the year my career in journalism was sealed ... both from a production side as well as delivery.

I was a cub reporter ... actually a "kitten" reporter. Our high school mascot was the tiger. In junior high, we were the kittens. I wrote my very first story for the A&M



Consolidated Jr. HS kittens newspaper, a mimeographed monthly rag with a circulation of roughly 200. The smell of the paper was usually more interesting than the content.

I also had a paper route with the local daily newspaper, The Eagle. As I rapidly lost every hope of ever earning enough money for a Schwinn 10-speed bicycle, I devised a new method of collection management that was not embraced by my employer and we parted ways.

Recognizing that the delivery side was not the money maker, I keenly focused my attention on the editorial photography side of the fence.

Armed with my father's Mamiya C-220 twin-lens reflex camera and a mouthful of braces and headgear (which would surely be the desire of every girl in Jr. HS), I pursued my first crush: the editor ... Ann ... the red-haired girl.

We held hands once. No, I never kissed the red-haired girl. It was probably the Mamiya C-220 (I told myself).

1968 was also the year of my first kiss ... but it was not the result of my photographic prowess or my mouthful of metal, but rather, the direction of a bottle.

Such is life.

So often it's not the talent, the personality, or the looks ... but the direction of a bottle.

An exhibit on the year 1968 in Canberra, Australia

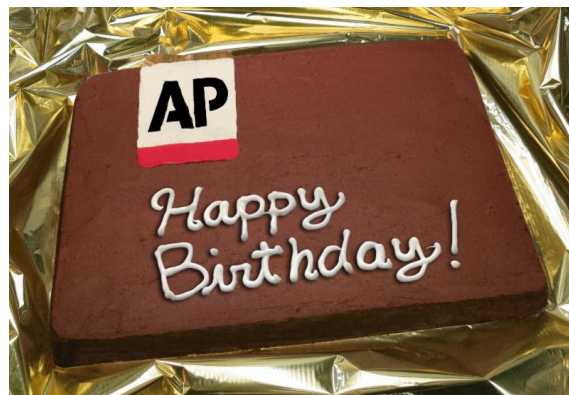
Kevin Walsh (Email) - Lisa and I were at a museum in the Australian capital of Canberra Thursday and ran across an extensive exhibit on the year 1968 -- events across the world and in Australia.

I thought of you and your Connecting readers. Here's a link to some of the photos I took from the exhibit. Feel free to download or share: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gSVhNvadO6RB2z5D2>

Worth adding that approximately 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1972. 521 died as a result of the war and over 3,000 were wounded.

The population of the United States was about 16 times that of Australia's back then, so you can use that multiple to get a more accurate read on the Australian sacrifice during that war.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Editor who posted editorial on blog without permission fired

By Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. - An editor at The Daily Camera who published a critical editorial about the newspaper's hedge fund owners without the publisher's permission has been fired.

Dave Krieger tweeted Wednesday night that he was fired earlier in the day, though he didn't say why.

The editorial page editor posted the piece on a blog April 14 after he said the newspaper's publisher rejected it. It criticized cuts made by Alden Global Capital . Alden owns a controlling interest in Digital First Media, which owns numerous newspapers including The Denver Post and The Camera.

The Post recently published an editorial headlined "As vultures circle, The Denver Post must be saved," calling for the paper to be sold. Editorial Page Editor Chuck Plunkett didn't inform the newspaper's editor or owners of his intentions.

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

[Click here](#) for a blog post "Say Goodnight, Gracie" by Dave Krieger. Shared by Brian Horton.

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Tom Brokaw denies sexual misconduct claim by ex-NBC reporter



2014 photo of Tom Brokaw. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

NEW YORK (AP) - A woman who worked as a war correspondent for NBC News said Tom Brokaw groped her, twice tried to forcibly kiss her and made inappropriate overtures attempting to have an affair, according to two reports published Thursday.

Linda Vester told Variety and the Washington Post that the misbehavior from the longtime news anchor at the network took place in NBC offices in Denver and New York in the 1990s, when she was in her 20s. Variety reports that Vester, now 52, showed them journals from the time that corroborated the story.

Brokaw, who is 78 and has been married since 1962, denied doing anything inappropriate.

"I met with Linda Vester on two occasions, both at her request, 23 years ago because she wanted advice with respect to her career at NBC," Brokaw said in a statement to the two outlets issued through NBC News. "The meetings were brief, cordial and appropriate, and despite Linda's allegations, I made no romantic overtures towards her at that time or any other."

Another woman, who was not identified, made similar claims about Brokaw to the Post.

Read more [here](#).

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CU Boulder student journalists join nationwide rally to #SaveStudentNewsrooms (Daily Camera)

By Cassa Niedringhaus



CU Independent Editor in Chief Jackson Barnett works on his laptop inside the newspaper office on Wednesday on the University of Colorado Boulder campus. (Jeremy Papasso / Staff Photographer)

University of Colorado student journalists joined a nationwide day of action Wednesday called #SaveStudentNewsrooms to advocate for the online, student-run newspaper, the CU Independent.

The national movement was spearheaded by staff at The Independent Florida Alligator, the University of Florida's student newspaper, and inspired by news that The Daily Campus student newspaper had to re-affiliate with its university, Southern Methodist University.

Student journalists across the country banded together to push a social media campaign and publish editorials that illustrate why student newspapers need financial and editorial independence from university administrators, as well as support from their communities. CUI staff published an editorial and alumni testimonials about the importance of the publication online Wednesday, posted to social media and manned a table in the University Memorial Center.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Covering the Murder Case That Shook Denmark (New York Times)

Times Insider delivers behind-the-scenes insights into how news, features and opinion come together at The New York Times.

By MARTIN SELSOE SORENSEN

COPENHAGEN - It was most unlikely that a Danish murder case would make international headlines, as the killing of the Swedish journalist Kim Wall last August has. But from the beginning this was an unusual case, both in general and to me personally. I've been a freelance correspondent for The Times for a bit more than a year, covering refugees and migration, slave trade and sometimes royal drama. I was based in Istanbul working for Danish media before that and rarely covered crime.

My first email exchanges last summer with Times editors said "Submarine mystery" in the subject line, as we didn't yet know Ms. Wall had died. What we knew at the time was enough: A submarine was first missing, then sunk; the police and volunteers were looking for a Columbia University graduate and prolific freelance journalist with an impressive portfolio of published stories from all over the world.

As in a fictional crime mystery, all the facts were not obvious at once, but came out over days and weeks as the investigation progressed. The inventor Peter Madsen, who on Wednesday was convicted of killing Ms. Wall, spoke a lot - and then changed his explanations. The case was the main subject of conversation for weeks across all parts of society in Denmark. Friends traded theories and rumors, and workplaces came to a standstill.

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

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U.S. Press Freedom Ranking Falls Again, Thanks To 'Media-Bashing Enthusiast' Trump

(Huffington Post)

By MARINA FANG

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump's unrelenting attacks on the free press have created a "Trump effect" promoting antagonism against journalists in the U.S. and abroad, the media watchdog and advocacy group Reporters Without Borders said Wednesday in its annual World Press Freedom Index.

The U.S. dropped two spots in the world ranking, to 45th, from last year. The group, also known as Reporters Sans Frontières, attributed the downgrade to Trump's incendiary anti-press rhetoric and his attempts to curtail media access.


The rankings cite an overall decline in global press freedom, with a "climate of hatred" for the press that is "openly encouraged by political leaders." The report said this is occurring in authoritarian countries that regularly rank at the bottom, including Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Russia, China and North Korea.

But the group also warned anti-media hatred is rising in democratic nations like the United States, which is "disappointing for the country of the First Amendment," Margaux Ewen, the group's North America executive director, said at an event unveiling the rankings. Reporters Without Borders blamed Trump, calling him "a media-bashing enthusiast."

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

The Final Word

One of the 'Greatest Generation' to be honored



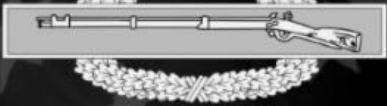


The Honorable Judge Albert Habhab

Albert Habhab, the son of Lebanese immigrants, graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High on January 21, 1944, and entered military service four days later, one of five brothers who served during World War II. Albert was sent overseas in October 1944 as part of General Patton's Third Army, assigned to the Eighty Seventh Infantry Division's 346th Infantry Regiment. His unit participated in the Battle of Metz, during which Albert braved enemy fire to save a Soldier in his squad who was severely wounded and lying in an open field, crying out desperately for help. Albert told members of his squad to cover him by concentrating their fire on the German machine gun nest as he singlehandedly drug the Soldier to safety through intense enemy fire, earning the Bronze Star with "V" Device for valor for his actions that day.


Upon his return to civilian life, Albert graduated from the University of Iowa with a law degree and began his law practice in 1952. Judge Habhab served as Mayor of Fort Dodge from 1960-1974.

In 1975 Albert was appointed as a Judge in Iowa's Second Judicial District, ultimately serving on the Iowa Court of Appeals and as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Habhab retired in 1997 at his mandatory retirement age and is still active in community affairs.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we honor Judge Albert Habhab for his faithful service to his country, to his state, and to his hometown as Veteran of the Year for 2018.

Fort Dodge Veterans Council
"They died that Liberty Might Survive"



Congratulations to Connecting colleague **Albert Habhab** ([Email](#)) on an honor from his hometown, Al and his wife Janet are longtime friends of the Stevens family.

He will be presented with this plaque at a Memorial Day Service at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Kennedy Lake north of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and the Webster County supervisors plan to find a suitable place in the courthouse to hang the plaque.

Today in History - April 27, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 27, the 117th day of 2018. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1968, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey declared his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president, less than a month after President Lyndon B. Johnson said he would not run for re-election.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, resulted in a limited British victory.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin, Inc. of New York.

In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1950, Britain formally recognized the state of Israel.

In 1967, Canada's International and Universal Exhibition, also known as "Expo 67," began a six-month run as it was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground. Convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.

Ten years ago: Afghan President Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAH'R'-zeye) escaped an attempt on his life during a ceremony in Kabul marking Afghanistan's victory over Soviet occupation in the 1980s; three other people were killed in the rocket and rifle attack claimed by the Taliban. Ashley Force, 25, became the first woman to win a

national Funny Car race as she beat her father, drag racing icon John Force, in the final round of the 28th annual Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals in Commerce, Georgia.

Five years ago: North Korea announced that Kenneth Bae, an American missionary detained for nearly six months, was being tried in the Supreme Court on charges of plotting to overthrow the government (Bae was later sentenced to 15 years of hard labor; he was released in November 2014 along with another American, Matthew Miller). Center-left leader Enrico Letta forged a new Italian government in a coalition with former Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservatives.

One year ago: David Dao, the airline passenger who was violently dragged off a flight after refusing to give up his seat, settled with United for an undisclosed sum; cellphone video of the April 9 confrontation aboard a jetliner at Chicago's O'Hare Airport had sparked widespread public outrage over the way Dao was treated. About 20 hours after he fatally shot a state trooper, a Delaware man was shot to death following an overnight standoff with police. Texas A&M defensive end Myles Garrett was picked first overall by the Cleveland Browns in the NFL Draft.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anouk Aimee is 86. Former NFL coach Chuck Knox is 86. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 76. Singer Ann Peebles is 71. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 69. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 69. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 67. West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice is 67. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 59. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 56. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 53. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 49. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., is 49. Actor David Lascher is 46. Actress Maura West is 46. Actress Sally Hawkins is 42. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 39. Neo-soul musician Joseph Pope III (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 39. Country musician John Osborne (Brothers Osborne) is 36. Actress Ari Graynor is 35. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 34. Actress Sheila Vand is 33. Actress Jenna Coleman is 32. Pop singer Nick Noonan (Karmin) is 32. Actor William Moseley is 31. Actress Emily Rios is 29. Singer Allison Iraheta is 26.

Thought for Today: "For those who do not think, it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while." - Luther Burbank, American horticulturist (1849-1926).

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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