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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

Who was your first bureau chief - the man or woman who took a chance and hired you into your first AP job?

Mine was **Ed Staats**, the bureau chief in Albany in 1973 when he saw my name on a hiring circular mailed (yep, mailed) to domestic bureau chiefs and hired me for an opening created when newsman **Denis Gray** departed for the AP's Saigon bureau. (Today, both Ed and Denis are active Connecting contributors.)

So I am pleased that Ed agreed to take the Connecting spotlight for our Monday Q-and-A feature - and his story leads today's issue. I know there are many others besides me who think the world of him. (And he is the only guy I know whose last name is a palindrome.)

Got a favorite memory of your first bureau chief? Please share it with your colleagues.

**Interested in a free download of the newest AP e-book?** Beginning today and continuing through Friday, you can download at no cost the e-book, "Get Outta Here!", which brings you a collection of favorite travel stories from the AP. Click on [this link](#) to do so.

**(Correction:** In Friday's issue, I listed an incorrect email address for birthday guy Matt Mygatt. The correct email is - [mmygatt21@gmail.com](mailto:mmygatt21@gmail.com) )

I look forward to your submissions as we start a new week.

Paul

## Connecting Q-and-A: Ed Staats

**What are you doing these days?**

Life's challenges keep coming regardless of age. It's been a melancholy year in many respects, having lost my wife, Charlene, to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease last summer. We had been married 56 years. Somewhat unexpectedly, a wonderful woman, Barbara Webb, has come into my life of late. She lost her husband after an 11-year battle with dementia just shortly after Charlene died, both at the same memory care facility. Together we are facing the future with hope and expectation.

**How did you get your first job with the AP? Who hired you? What were your first days like?**

It's at least partly who you know. The famous Bill Barnard, then Texas chief of bureau, hired me sight unseen in 1961 for the Austin bureau after I finished studies at The University of Texas. This was thanks to his new wife, Julia, who recommended me to him. Bill had recently married Julia, a freshly minted UT journalism school graduate with whom I worked on the student paper, The Daily Texan, and who went to work in the Dallas bureau for Bill, some years after the death of his first wife due to cancer. It was in fact Julia who also had first introduced me to Charlene in their Delta Zeta sorority house. Bill became my first mentor and a strong career supporter, a career that saw me bouncing from print to broadcast and back several times as well as service at AP headquarters and at the Broadcast News Center in Washington.

**What were your different past jobs in the AP, in order? Describe briefly what you did with each?**

It's a long list, the first half of my career spent as an itinerant correspondent and bureau chief and the second half that allowed my family to settle down in one place - Louisville, Ky. Here's the rundown, beginning in 1961:

Austin newsman, for a few months. Barely learned my way around the capitol before transferring.

Dallas, newsman, for two years. Never worked harder than on the broadcast desk, with more than 200 radio and TV stations, many calling in news day and night. I also worked the overnight, when perennial early staffer Finis Mothershead was on vacation. The first time I worked that shift, Barnard approached me as he was leaving for the evening and said he was proud of having me on the overnight where I would serve as "Mr. AP for all of Texas," being the only staffer on duty. I couldn't wait. Bob Johnson soon took over the bureau and he was a role model and supporter for the balance of my career. Anne Jackson helped me a lot, as she was a wonderful bureau secretary.

Houston newsman, two years, under Correspondent Max Skelton. Covered early days of the space program, Houston Colt .45s baseball, Houston Oilers and the River Oaks Tennis Tournament. I probably was a disaster having never attended a pro football game before I covered one and I didn't even know how to score tennis. I did learn how to prove baseball boxes.

Broadcast Membership Executive, Denver, covering the Rocky Mountain states, three years. (Credits to Roy Steinfort, my fourth major mentor). (Barnard was leery of this promotion, because, as he put it, I didn't drink much alcohol - or smoke - and would have to pour libations generously at AP hospitality suites.)

Dallas, back again, Regional Membership Executive for Texas and New Mexico, for two years. We had great AP hospitality suites for the broadcasters. Bob Johnson sang baritone at the bar and Ken Siner, assistant chief of bureau, accompanied Bob with his guitar.

Spokane, correspondent, 18 months, credit to friend and longtime colleague Wick Temple. (It was nice being back in Washington state where I had attended high school in the Tacoma suburbs and started my freshman year at the then-College of Puget Sound.)



**Investigating bigfoot tracks, so-called, in northern Idaho in 1970.**

Salt Lake City, chief of bureau, 18 months. Wes Gallagher was responsible for this my first bureau chief position.

Albany, NY. chief of bureau, seven years. Thanks to Keith Fuller and Jim Mangan, another valued career mentor. Those were seven tough years of a classic battle with UPI in a big state with A-wire stories popping almost every day. My job was made easier by the work of longtime bureau secretary Dawn Force, who I still consider a real genius. I do recall that she was a genuine member of Mensa.

New York City, general executive, Membership Department, five years. Credits to Lou Boccardi and Mangan. (Those were great years working with Mangan, Jim Lagier, Bobbi Seril and so many other talented people.)

Washington, one year, serving as Assistant General Manager and Deputy Director of Broadcast Services. My main job was to oversee the move of the broadcast wire staff from New York to link up with the APRadio staff.

Louisville, Ky. Chief of bureau. (Longest serving in that position at 18 years, in an historic bureau that opened in 1900.) I succeeded the venerable Andy Lippman, perhaps the most-loved (by the members) chief of bureau during my career.

### **Who played the most significant role in your career and how?**

Roy Steinfort, who was vice president for broadcast services, probably had more to do with my career than any other AP executive. He pulled me out of the news ranks and taught me how to sell, how to best represent AP. He also acknowledged my continuing interest in the news side of the AP. Roy even came out to visit Charlene at the hospital when each of our sons - Jeff in Dallas in 1965 and Sheldon in Denver in 1969 - was born.





**AP Dallas bureau in early 1960s. Ed Staats in back row (coat and tie), far left. Chief of Bureau Bob Johnson in front row, fourth from left, and bureau secretary Anne Jackson next to him.**

### **Would you do it all over again- or what would you change?**

Yes. Maybe with a little slower pace of promotions and transfers early on. I reveled in the variety that my various assignments offered. Few AP staffers were able to bounce around the AP as I did, including time as an administrator in New York and Washington. My friend Brent Kallestad was another who has enjoyed a diverse AP career. And I learned a lot of life lessons. Operator-attendant Tex Rickard in Houston slapped my leg one evening as I had it propped up on HIS Teletype machine table in the night office at the Houston Chronicle while reading the wire. He asked, "Do you put your feet on the furniture at home?" I've been pretty good at that ever since. I was working on overtime in Dallas one Friday night collecting high school football scores. Irv Frank was the night supervisor. After a couple of hours Irv noticed the night radio man had not returned from dinner. We went over to his desk and found a piece of copy paper in the platen of his manual typewriter. It read simply, "I Quit." Never saw him again. As a new staffer in Dallas I soon noticed one of the Teletype operators never built up extra six-level perforated tape of stories to be transmitted during the next shift to help out the colleague who followed him. Other punchers always left their coworkers some tape so they wouldn't be behind when the shift started. So I innocently asked him why he never let his loop of yellow tape hit the floor. His reply: "I don't want to have done any extra work in case I keel over with a heart attack." I later learned that he was pretty serious about that.

### **What's your favorite hobby or activity?**

After retiring in 2002, I engaged in various volunteer efforts including, somewhat oddly, Girl Scouts. Several women in my wife's barbershop harmony chorus, and who were Girl Scout leaders, persuaded me to serve on the local Girl Scout council board as part of an effort to diversify the board. After several years of volunteer work, I was asked to serve as interim CEO while a search was on for a new leader of the \$8 million a year operation that served more than 20,000 girls. It turned out that I was the only male CEO of a Girl Scout council in the country during 2010.

Later I raised my hand at the wrong time and ended up serving on two foster care review boards. These are volunteer organizations that meet in each county to review the cases of children in out-of-home care. I currently serve as the chair of the executive committee of the Citizen Foster Care Review Board. We have 700-plus volunteers currently reviewing cases in all 120 Kentucky counties. There are more than 9,000 children in state care and the number has been skyrocketing due partly to the opioid crisis. Last summer I fell out of retirement to work for a short time as interim editor of The Oldham Era, the weekly newspaper in my county and which is part of the Landmark Community Newspapers group.

### **What's the best vacation trip you've ever made?**

Charlene and I had the privilege of making nearly a dozen "once-in-a-lifetime" trips after my retirement - mostly to emerging countries - although, our favorite travel destination for the past 25 years has been the island of Kauai in Hawaii. We particularly enjoyed Tibet, China, Southeast Asia, Jordan and southern Africa. In Bangkok a few years ago, we had a great reunion with famous foreign correspondent Denis Gray. Denis and I had worked together in Albany in the 1970s.

### **Names of your family members and what they do?**

Charlene worked in banking early in our marriage, after earning a bachelor of science degree from The University of Texas. She later was a stay-at-home Mom as my career required substantial travel.

Our first son, Jeffrey, now deceased, had a small roofing business in San Francisco, specializing in restoring Victorian homes. He died at age 30 and left his wife, Miranda, and two children - Jesse and Lili. Lili has a three-year-old son, Barrett, who is our only great-grandchild in addition to our six grandchildren. Jesse is working in marketing in Orange County, California. After graduating from Chapman University. Lili is working for a bedding manufacturer near her home in Marin County, California, along with her mother.

Our second son, Sheldon, lives with his family in Shrewsbury Massachusetts. He is an administrator for the Visiting Nurses Association of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts. His wife, Cherie, is a senior executive of a pharmaceutical company headquartered on the outskirts of Boston. Sheldon and Cherie have two children, Cullen and Ainslie. Cullen just graduated from high school and will be spending the summer with me before heading off to college. Ainslie will be a high school junior in the fall. Cherie has two children from a previous marriage - Kyle and Ian. Ian graduated from Nichols College in Massachusetts and Kyle is a student there.

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## **It is summer - here's a new AP book to help you 'Get Outta Here!'**

By **Beth Harpaz** ([Email](#))

**AP Travel Editor**

"Get Outta Here!", the newest AP book, is a collection of favorite travel stories from The Associated Press that will take you around the world in 80 days.

It shares the same name as our weekly AP Travel podcast and there's a podcast about the book that includes interviews with two contributors, Nicole Evatt, an AP entertainment reporter in Los Angeles, and Amir Bibawy, a business editor in NYC. The podcast [can be heard](#) on iTunes.

The book is available from [Amazon](#) as a paperback or e-book. This week, starting today and continuing through Friday, the e-book edition will be available as a FREE download on Amazon.

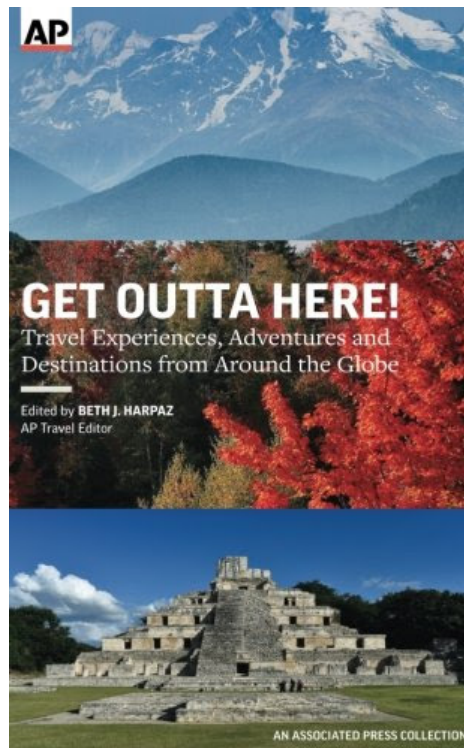
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Join challenging adventures as we go mountain biking in North Dakota, trekking in Nepal and walking the highlands of Scotland.

And get the essentials, in a mere 800 words, for visiting a destination, whether it's highlights for an entire country like Ethiopia, an island like Gibraltar, the state of Wisconsin or the city of Buenos Aires.

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We've got itineraries for themed trips, like a pilgrimage to Minneapolis in honor of Prince, or the hidden historic sites connected to "Hamilton," the hit Broadway musical.

In some cases, we've chosen to showcase less familiar destinations in the hopes of piquing your interest -- like Guangzhou and Shenzhen in China, rather than Beijing and Shanghai.

In other cases, we feature well-known places like New York and Tokyo, but we concentrate on demystifying these complicated cities with insider guides.

We've also thrown in two bonus sections, one about cruises and the other offering advice on saving time and money when you're planning trips or flying. The cruises section has tips for first-time cruisers, a look at small ships and insights from three experts on what's new in cruising and more. How-to travel topics include a guide to TSA Precheck and using credit cards to accumulate travel rewards.

*Earlier worked for AP, NBC*

## **Longtime CBS News correspondent Murray Fromson dies at 88**



**In this 1955 file photo, President Syngman Rhee, head of the Republic of Korea, looks at the first Associated Press radiophoto received directly in Seoul. From left to right are Associated Press staffer Murray Fromson, President Kim Dong Joon of the Korea Pacific Press, President Syngman Rhee, Photo Editor George Sweers and ROK public information officer Karl Hongkee. (AP Photo)**

**By MICHAEL BALSAMO**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Murray Fromson, a longtime CBS News correspondent and former Associated Press reporter, known for his work during the Korean and Vietnam wars, has died. He was 88.

Fromson died in his sleep Saturday morning in Los Angeles and had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years, according to his son, Derek Fromson.

During his 35-year career in broadcast news, he covered the Vietnam War and the fall of Saigon, the armistice talks in Korea, the end of the U.S. occupation in Japan and the Apollo space program.

Fromson worked for The Associated Press for several years in the 1950s before he went to work at NBC News and then became a longtime CBS News correspondent.

He also covered two presidential elections, three summit meetings between Richard Nixon and Leonid Brezhnev, of the former Soviet Union, and "Bloody Sunday," a day of racial violence in Selma, Alabama, in 1965.

Fromson and his colleagues at CBS News also won two Overseas Press Club awards for reporting on the fall of Saigon.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Pat Milton

## ***Ancient recollections, brief but memorable, of Murray Fromson***

**Hal Buell (Email)** - Murray was on the night desk in Tokyo back in the mid-50s. (Geez...more than 60 years ago) I was a GI working two or three nights a week for AP rewriting shorts from Kyodo's English language service, incoming from Southeast Asia and North Korean items transmitted in Morse code and monitored by Japanese staff who were not English speakers but copied the Morse signal letter by letter.

Murray was a hyper guy but at the same time gentle who said I was doing all right but had yet to learn all the clichés. He was right!

He was affectionately called Murray Flomson in recognition of Japanese staff mixing the American sound of l's and r's.

We exchanged messages now and then over the years but never met after those days in Japan.

Later story I heard: Recall the CONNECTING story recently about Jim Becker, UPI and the Dali Lama picture mixup. Years later in LA Murray chatted with a bearded man who introduced himself as the Dali Lama. He was in fact the misidentified man in the UPI photo. Murray wasn't fooled, there were laughs all around followed a retelling, yet again, of that old yarn.

## **The scoop on the 1959 Dalai Lama photo episode from someone who was**

# there

**Henry Bradsher (Email)** - The recent Connecting use of Jim Becker's June 1986 article in the AP retirees publication Cleartime on the 1959 Dalai Lama photo episode made good reading, as several of Paul Stevens' numerous friends have commented.

Becker started off saying that people had told him wrong versions of the story, but he was there. Actually, he was only marginally there, and his Cleartime version is often wrong, too.

Manila bureau chief Becker came to Calcutta to backstop the action in Tezpur, Assam, India. He had no role in what was happening 400 miles to the northeast. He only cooperated with AP's Calcutta stringer in setting up a darkroom at the Calcutta airport.

The Chinese Communists had seized Tibet in 1950-51, not 1959. The Dalai Lama stayed in Lhasa under an agreement that China would not interfere in internal Tibetan affairs. China's blatant violation of that agreement led to a revolt, and the Dalai Lama fled to avoid being seized.

On Saturday, April 18, 1959, the Dalai Lama reached Tezpur, where New Delhi bureau chief Wally Sims and I were covering with London photographer Don Royle. Royle photographed him as he crossed into the Tezpur area. While the shaven-headed young Dalai Lama then rested out of sight, a crew-cut Tibetan monk read to the press in English a strong attack on China for violating the 1951 agreement - no Indian interpreter involved (although Indian officials had crafted the statement). The Dalai Lama then left by train to take up exile residence in northwestern India.

Ernie Holbrecht, UPI's vice president for Asia, was in Tezpur with his own chartered plane. To reach the nearest radiophoto point, in Calcutta, both it and the other planes, including ones Wally, Don, and I were on, illegally took the short route flying low directly across East Pakistan - ours did not go around it.

Holbrecht beat us to the Calcutta filing office. But he had not personally seen the Dalai Lama. To jam the slow radiophoto circuit to London, he filed multiple copies of the monk reading the statement that was the headline story (not photos of an Indian interpreter). This monk was identified as the Dalai Lama. The UPI photos were published worldwide. London photos' agonized cables about being beaten reached us in Calcutta late into the night - sent to AP's usual Calcutta address, not addressed to Becker.

When photos of the Dalai Lama - filed by Royle, not Becker - belatedly reached London photos, it queried us: Opposition lama longhaired ours short how [?]. Soon,

another cable, Opposition killed longhaired lama editors much displeased regards. (Joe McGowan told Connecting that Tokyo editors had to recall and scrap millions of wrong-photo papers.)

Perhaps Becker later did get an advance that he said in Cleartime he wanted for his memoirs. I didn't read that book, but Wally did and told me the Dalai Lama story in it was badly distorted.

Wally wrote this episode up for AP World not long after it happened. I recounted it in a July 2, 2015, piece for Connecting about Royle's work in India then and during the 1962 China border war. It is also in my 2013 book that the publisher titled "The Dalai Lama's Secret and Other Reporting Adventures" - based on one of the worldwide essays, about my later scoop on a hidden Tibetan treasure, not the photo episode.

## '...But Few Are Chosen' - new book outlining 'a different path to coming of age'

**Richard Olive** ([Email](#)) - I am humbled and gratified to report that a six-year project by two friends and me has come to fruition with the release by Vandamere Press of "... But Few Are Chosen," an unusual three-part memoir tracing our childhoods and our paths to a seminary far from home after elementary school 62 years ago. To be sure, as the book's subtitle suggests, this was "a different path to coming of age."

I had not seen my friends in 53 years when the three of us were reunited six years ago at the site of the seminary, Montour Falls, New York, which is now home of the New York State Academy of Fire Science. One of our wives was so impressed at that reunion by the experiences we shared, both in our childhoods and at the seminary, to say, "you guys should write a book."

We were inspired at once to launch the project-meeting at various times over the years and spending hours exchanging drafts by e-mail-in what turned out to be a labor of love, introspection and discovery. (I, as you know, never became a priest. After four years at the seminary, neither did my buddies.)

[Click here](#) for information about the book, which can be ordered directly from Vandamere Press. (It will be available through Amazon later in the summer.)

If you choose to read it, i have one suggestion - especially for my family: do not just read my part. A key to a fuller appreciation of this interwoven story is the common experience of three boys and their different perspectives of similar events in that 1950s world.



## Remembering the Market Ticker and Mafia

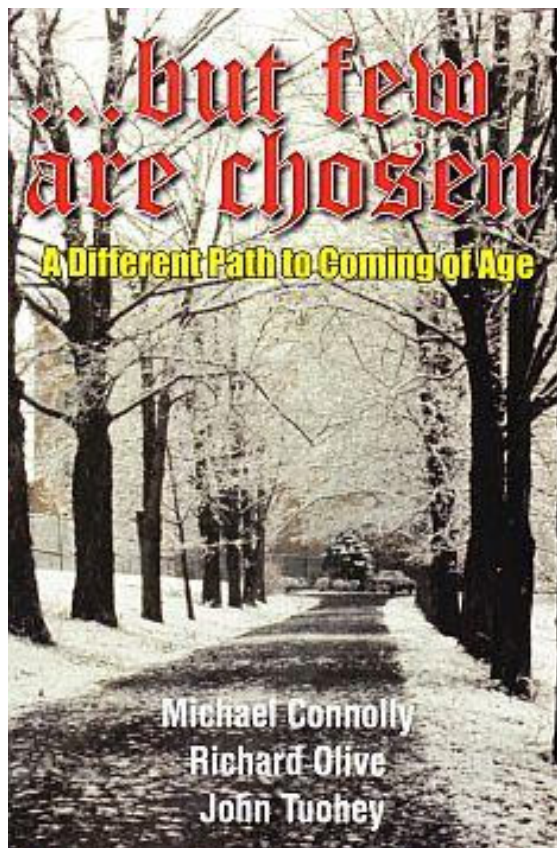
**Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)) - Reading Norman Abelson's reflections (in Friday's Connecting) on the AP's New York Stock Exchange ticker and the Boston Mafia's (?) attempt to gain early final results, triggered my own memories about the same thing.

My memory train goes back many years to my father, Eddie Herrick, who became a telegrapher for the railroad at age 16 in Pittsburgh. He later became a telegrapher for the AP in Columbus, Ohio, and later elevated to the TDR (Traffic Department Representative - later called Traffic Bureau Chief). My father died in 1934 while in the AP Traffic Department in New York. My mother later related to me many stories about my father, including one where the Mafia contacted him to give them a call the minute he got - and transmitted - the final sales figures for the New York Stock Exchange. Of course, he refused, said my mother.

The Mafia, in the nationwide racket, wanted the final closing numbers so they could off-load any debt they may have, or so they could place a lot of money on bets in the "Numbers Game" racket, which they controlled. This was all illegal, of course. The Mafia would decide ahead of time which three numbers were to be used for the betting. Sometimes it was the last three numbers of the Stock Market close, and then later it might be the first digit preceding the second comma, and then the next two numbers! It often changed in those days.

A person could buy a "Ticket" upon which they could place three numbers. The "Ticket" would cost one cent. If you got the correct number, you would win, as I remember, \$5. Also, the bettor could pick three numbers, and then draw a square around them. Any combination of those three numbers would get a larger return. That ticket cost was 5 cents. I don't remember the payout.

When I was a newspaper carrying kid in Columbus, the Columbus Dispatch put out its regular edition in the afternoon, and very shortly afterward, they published an "Orange" edition (The regular paper with a one-page cover, with late sports, and the final closing numbers for the stock market. After carrying the regular edition, I would stand on the corner and peddle the late edition (which clearly displayed the final



numbers. Cars would drive up and a person would shout, "Heh, kid, what's the numbers?" My reply, always, was "Buy the paper and find out!"

Later, when I became an "Office Boy" for the AP in Columbus, I would also participate in "Gumming" the ticker-tape AP results on the stock market results, and then handing them to the "Single Circuit" teletype operator for transmission to the small newspapers in Ohio.

The numbers racket was big in Columbus. There was a lot of Mafia there, and a lot of official "Protection." There were always stories of police raids on suspected headquarters of Numbers racketeers, but of course, there were never any arrests because the evidence was never found.

In the department of honesty and disclosure, I had an aunt and uncle in a small central Ohio community who sold tickets in the Numbers Game. Yes, as a kid, I laid a bet or two, but no victories.

## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

***Charles Krauthammer says he has 'only a few weeks left to live'*** (CNN)

By **BRIAN STELTER**

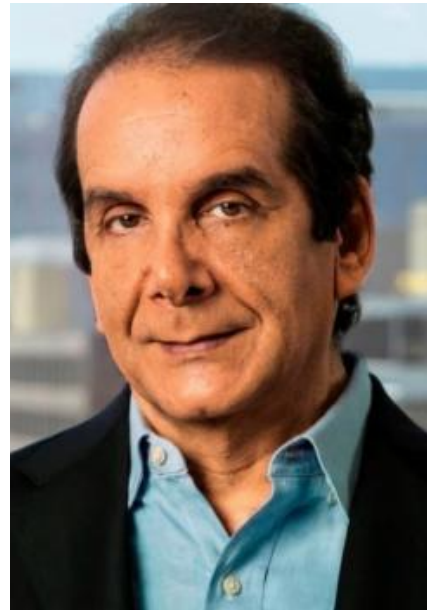
"This is the final verdict. My fight is over."

Charles Krauthammer, the famed conservative columnist, informed readers on Friday that he is confronting an aggressive form of cancer.

"My doctors tell me their best estimate is that I have only a few weeks left to live," he wrote.

Krauthammer shared the devastating news in a short, matter-of-fact note on the website of the Washington Post, where he has been a columnist since 1984.

"I leave this life with no regrets," he wrote in the farewell message. "It was a wonderful life -- full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended."



Krauthammer was also a longtime commentator on Fox News.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Terino.

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## ***In Targeting Times Reporter, Justice Dept. Backs Trump's Anti-Press Rhetoric*** (New York Times)

By **Michael M. Grynbaum**

Inside a wood-and-leather conference room at the Department of Justice in Washington, a group of veteran journalists gathered last Wednesday to hear the deputy attorney general, Rod J. Rosenstein, review the government's policies on obtaining information from reporters.

The guidelines created under President Barack Obama, Mr. Rosenstein said, remained in effect: barring certain circumstances, like an imminent threat to national security, reporters would be told in advance of any attempt to obtain their records.

The journalists left the meeting under the impression that no changes were imminent. But 24 hours later, it seemed as if all bets were off.

The revelation on Thursday that the Justice Department had seized years of phone and email records from Ali Watkins, a New York Times journalist, raised concerns that the Trump administration was adopting a highly aggressive approach, continuing a crackdown that ramped up in the Obama years.

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

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## ***The Tribune is moving - and our massive archive is coming with us***

Many people have asked "What's going to happen to the Chicago Tribune's archive when you move?" Tribune photo editor Marianne Mather answers that question while taking you on one last tour of the Tribune Tower's subbasement archive before the newspaper - and its archive - moves to its new home. (Chris J. Walker / Chicago Tribune)

[Click here](#) for link to this story. Shared by Doug Pizac.

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## ***The Times's Resident Polyglot (and Headline Master)***



**By Emma McAleavy**

Danial Adkison remembers reading The New York Times in college and thinking the paper seemed a little stodgy.

"The Old Gray Lady, you know?" Mr. Adkison said.

But even then, when the front page was printed only in black and white, the headlines stood out. He admired them for their wit; they weren't obvious and they didn't insult the reader's intelligence.

"The people who work there have a sense of humor," Mr. Adkison remembers thinking.

Mr. Adkison is one of those people now: a senior staff editor on the Print Hub, charged with adapting the digital version of the paper to print, editing copy and writing headlines.

Read more [here](#).

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## *Interview with Seymour Hersh about his new memoir*

**Bob Manning** ([Email](#)) - There was a good interview with Sy Hersh on the NPR radio show "On the Media" this weekend, in case anyone is interested. [Click here](#) for the link. Then click on "LISTEN" under the episode title "Perps Walk," and then advance the recording to about the 24:00 minute mark.

## Today in History - June 11, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, June 11, the 162nd day of 2018. There are 203 days left in the year.

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

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence calling for freedom from Britain.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.

In 1770, Captain James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, "discovered" the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1938, Johnny Vander Meer pitched the first of two consecutive no-hitters as he led the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the Boston Bees. (Four days later, Vander Meer refused to give up a hit to the Brooklyn Dodgers, who lost, 6-0.)

In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

In 1947, the government announced the end of sugar rationing for households and "institutional users" (e.g., restaurants and hotels) as of midnight.

In 1955, in motor racing's worst disaster, more than 80 people were killed during the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France when two of the cars collided and crashed into spectators.

In 1962, three prisoners at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay staged an escape, leaving the island on a makeshift raft; they were never found or heard from again.

In 1978, Joseph Freeman Jr. became the first black priest ordained in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, New Jersey, at age 31.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that people who commit "hate crimes" motivated by bigotry may be sentenced to extra punishment; the court also ruled religious groups had a constitutional right to sacrifice animals in worship services. The Steven Spielberg science-fiction film "Jurassic Park" opened in wide release two days after its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 2001, Timothy McVeigh, 33, was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, during a visit to Germany, raised the possibility of a military strike to thwart Tehran's presumed nuclear weapons ambitions; Chancellor Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) joined Bush in urging further sanctions against Iran if it failed to suspend its nuclear enrichment program. For his part, Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) called Bush a "wicked man." Four Boy Scouts were killed when a tornado hit the Little Sioux Scout Ranch near Blencoe, Iowa.

Five years ago: A parade of FBI and intelligence officials briefed the entire House on the government's years-long collection of phone records and Internet usage, saying it was necessary for protecting Americans, and did not trample on their privacy rights. The American Civil Liberties Union and its New York chapter sued the federal government, asking a court to demand that the Obama administration end the program and purge the records it had collected. The Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks got into a bench-clearing brawl in the seventh inning that resulted in six ejections before the Dodgers won the game at home, 5-3.

One year ago: Supporters of LGBT rights marched and rallied in the nation's capital and dozens of other U.S. cities, celebrating gains but angry over threats posed by the administration of President Donald Trump. "Dear Evan Hansen," the heartfelt musical about young outsiders, took the best new musical trophy at the Tony Awards along with five other statuettes. The Stanley Cup returned to Pittsburgh after the Penguins defeated the Nashville Predators 2-0 in Game 6. Rafael Nadal (rah-fay-ehl nah-DAHL') won his record 10th French Open title by dominating 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 in the final.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., is 88. Comedian Johnny Brown is 81. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Jackie Stewart is 79. Singer Joey Dee is 78. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 73. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 69. Animal rights activist Ingrid Newkirk is 69. Rock singer Donnie Van Zant is 66. Actor Peter Bergman is 65. South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard is 65. Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana is 62. Actor Hugh Laurie is 59. TV personality Mehmet Oz, M.D., is 58. Singer Gioia (JOY'-ah) Bruno (Expose) is 55. Rock musician Dan Lavery (Tonic) is 52. Country singer-songwriter Bruce Robison is 52. Actress Clare Carey is 51. Actor Peter Dinklage is 49. Country musician Smilin' Jay McDowell is 49. Actor Lenny Jacobson is 44. Rock musician Tai Anderson (Third Day) is 42. Actor Joshua Jackson is 40. Americana musician Gabe Witcher (Punch Brothers) is 40. Christian rock musician Ryan ShROUT is 38. Actor Shia LaBeouf (SHY'-uh luh-BUF') is 32.

**Thought for Today: "Neither in the life of the individual nor in that of mankind is it desirable to know the future." - Jakob Burckhardt (YAH'-kawb BUHRK'-hart), Swiss historian (1818-1897).**

# Got a story or photos to share?

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Here are some suggestions:

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- **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.

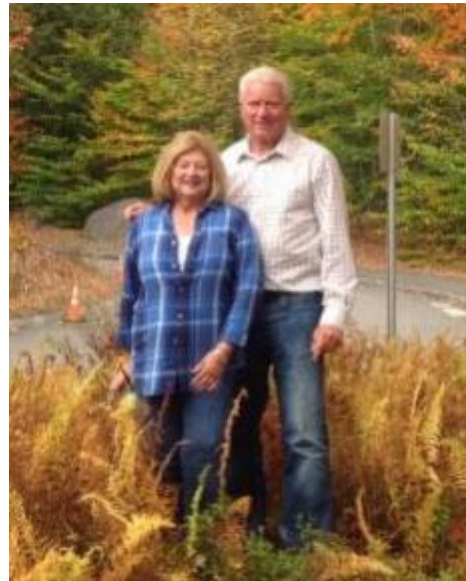
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

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- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.



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