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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

Ye Olde Connecting Editor has a lineup of candidates for our popular Monday Q-and-A profile, but none was able to deliver their profile for today. So he consulted over the weekend with his editorial staff of Me, Myself and I - and the result is what you see in today's edition.

If you are interested in being the subject of a profile of you and your AP days, please drop me a note.

Congratulations to our colleague **Deb Peterson** on her fine career after retiring Friday from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Deb started her journalism career with the AP in Denver and Springfield, Illinois, and was the wife of the late **Mark Peterson**, an AP Kansas City newsman and St. Louis correspondent.

Did you know...that **John Moore**, the Getty photographer who took the great photo of the refugee child crying while her mother is patted down by a U.S border agent, is a former AP photographer? Colleague **G.G. LaBelle** notes that Moore was on an AP team that won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News for coverage of the war in Iraq.

Have a good day!

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Connecting Q-and-A
Paul Stevens



What are you doing these days?

An AP friend told me I'm giving retirement a bad name. But journalism has been in my blood since birth as the son of parents who met while working at a newspaper and a father who spent his whole life in newspapering. I'm in my sixth year of producing Connecting that has grown, by word of mouth, from a subscriber base of a dozen to 1,300 today. For me, the best parts of the daily newsletter have been connecting people who have lost touch with one another, providing a vehicle for sharing their memories and profiling the people who gave so much to The Associated Press during their careers. And when our colleagues pass away, providing obituaries and a chance for their friends and colleagues to honor their memory.

My other retirement "job" has been writing a monthly column called Spotlight for my hometown newspaper, The Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa, that tells the life stories of current and former residents of the city of 25,000 who make a difference. In doing so, I took up the mantle of my father, Walter B. Stevens, who was longtime editor of

the morning daily and wrote the Spotlight column on a weekly basis for nearly 30 years. Dad called me a "slacker" when I took an AP buyout in 2009 at the age of 62 - he worked into his 80s - so maybe I'm seeking vindication with Connecting and Spotlight.



My wife Linda and I just celebrated our 50th year of marriage and we enjoy travel, being with our three children and four grandkids. Not to mention trying to teach manners to our shelter rescue, Ollie, a goldendoodle who adopted us last Thanksgiving and just turned one today.

How did you get your first job with the AP? Who hired you?

After military service and while in graduate school at the University of Kansas, I applied for positions with the AP and several newspapers on a driving trip to the Northeast in spring 1973 (in our only car, leaving Linda to use a bike to get to her hospital nursing job). I took the AP tests at headquarters at 50 Rock and was interviewed by then-personnel director Keith Fuller (who three years later became AP president). My name was placed on the hiring circular and Albany bureau chief Ed Staats offered me a job as a probationary newsman. Ironically, after a tryout at Gannett headquarters in Rochester, I got an offer for a reporting job with with one of its Upstate New York dailies but I had committed to the AP.

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

I was a newsman in Albany about a year and covered a lot of sports, mostly in the form of roundups, and won designation as the AP Upstate Sports Editore by General Sports Editor Wick Temple. A system-wide AP cutback eliminated my position - I was the bureau's junior staffer (and a new father) and was the first to be let go - but Wick and personnel executive Ron Thompson recommended me for a staff opening in St. Louis where sports backup was needed and I transferred there with Linda and our new daughter Jennifer.

I covered sports and general news in St. Louis for 2 1/2 years before Kansas City CoB Fred Moen named me Wichita correspondent for central and western Kansas. There, over the next three years, I covered stories that included the hunt for a serial killer, the explosion of a

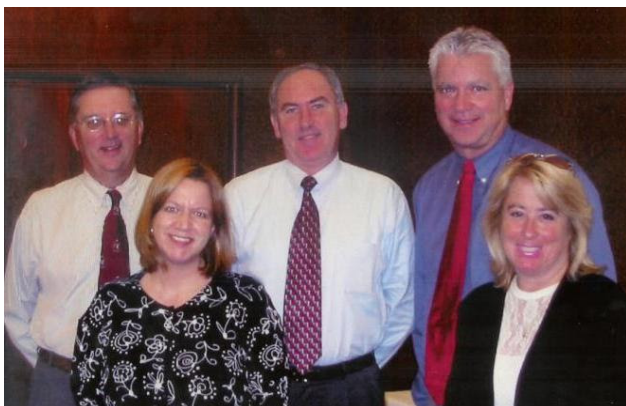
USAF ICBM in its silo, the trial of a rooftop sniper who killed three, a Wichita policemen/firemen strike, a farm strike by the American Agriculture Movement, and the election of Nancy Kassebaum to the U.S. Senate. Who says nothing happens in Kansas?



Covering Nancy Kassebaum election to Senate in 1978.

Keith Fuller appointed me Albuquerque bureau chief in 1979 and about four months later, the state prison near Santa Fe was taken over by inmates for 36 hours and during that time, they killed 33 of their own. I was among a team of on-site reporters including Jim McElroy and Jane Seagrave that covered the nation's worst prison riot since Attica.

I was appointed bureau chief in Indianapolis in 1982 and began my close friendship with Andy Lippman, then Louisville bureau chief, through our joint visits to southern Indiana and northern Kentucky members. When Fred Moen retired as Kansas City bureau chief in 1984, the first year of job postings in the AP, I applied for his job and learned I had gotten it while vacationing with our family at Disneyland. We had a great news staff and helping direct and build it was a career highlight of my 19 years in the job. Another was hiring new staffers (like AP executive editor Sally Buzbee, in Topeka) and forging strong relationships with my members, averaging 25,000 miles of driving a year. I was proud to be inducted into the Halls of Fame of both the Kansas and Missouri newspaper associations.



From left: John Lumpkin, Sue Cross, Tom Brettingen, Paul Stevens and Linda Stowell.

In 2003 I was appointed one of four regional vice presidents - along with John Lumpkin, Sue Cross and Linda Stowell. Our job, under SVP Tom Brettingen, was to build revenue within our regions by working closely with bureau chiefs, major newspaper members and groups. I still miss my friend Linda, who died in 2011 after courageously battling cancer. I retired in 2009 when AP offered buyouts and became a slacker.

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

It was my wife Linda who played the most significant role. She was with me through thick and thin, through all the moves (10 of them), making sure we kept a balance between

career and family, lending an ear and providing sage advice along the journey. That hasn't ended with retirement. My dad was my role model from an early age - and I admired how he dedicated himself totally to his readers. When I got my first bureau chief's job, he wrote me a letter with suggestions for being a bureau chief - based on his relationships with many fine Des Moines bureau chiefs over his years. There were so many in the AP who played a big role in my career - too many to mention for fear of leaving someone out.

What's your favorite hobby or activity?

I've enjoyed playing tennis since I was a teenager and have kept up with it through the years, playing three times a week. I have had season court time on Thursday nights for my entire time in Kansas City and during my AP traveling days, I tried to always protect Thursday nights...sometimes arriving just in time at the courts while changing into my tennis gear in my COBmobile. (Statute of limitations has expired.) The sport was an ice breaker for getting to know member publishers and editors in my bureau chief work.

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

Our trip to Italy for our 40th anniversary in 2008 is right at the top of the list and included dinner with Victor and Daniela Simpson, who paved the way for our chance to shake hands with Pope Benedict XVI during his weekly audience in St. Peters Square. Our annual trips to Los Angeles to see best friend Andy Lippman rank highly.

Names of your family members and what they do?

My wife Linda has had three careers: as an RN in hospitals while we were in our USAF, grad school and AP years; staying at home to raise three children with a husband who traveled; and her 16 years with Aetna as director of contracting. Our oldest child is Jenny Volanakis, married to Andy and living in the Northeast, who had a career in corporate communications for Sprint, Madison Square Garden and Coors before she left the business world to raise two boys. Next comes Molly Templeton, married to Travis and living nearby, who is a second-grade teacher with a boy and a girl. And next comes Jon, who works for American Century Investments in Kansas City and is engaged to Ariel Leigh.



Family trip to NYC

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Adolphe Bernotas perfect example of how our nation enriched by emigres

Norman Abelson ([Email](#)) - The letter in Friday's Connecting from my old friend Adolphe Bernotas about the horrifying immigration situation, moved me greatly.

Adolphe is a perfect example of how this nation has been enriched by emigres such as he. He is a fighter for the First Amendment, leader of causes for the underdog, outspoken member of the American Newspaper Guild, not to speak of his talents as an opera commentator and world-traveling bicyclist extraordinaire.

Another example is my late wife, Dina, a survivor of Auschwitz. She, her two sisters and three brothers, along with her father, found new hope here, and the opportunity to rebuild their torn lives. Each of them became active and giving members of their communities. I'll never forget the proud day Dina and her dad took the oaths of American citizenship. There was great meaning that day, when a large number of people from other countries dedicated themselves to this nation and the best things it stood for.

Allowing the erosion of those rights and liberties is not only cruel and heartless; it puts the very future of America at serious risk.

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Connecting series:

My first bureau chief: Fred Moen, Kansas City

Tom Cohen (Email) - I never met legendary Kansas City COB Fred Moen in person, but I worked for him three times, and his reputation made me certain at one point I had ended my AP career before it really began.

After working as an AP intern in Jefferson City, Missouri, for two legislative sessions (1982 and 1983), I wanted the full-time newsman job there that opened when Brad Cain got his well-deserved promotion to head the Salem, Oregon office. Instead, the job went to Bill Menezes from Kansas City, where I was offered a temporary summer replacement slot. I said I would take it, then got an offer a week or so later to be the city government reporter at the Columbia Daily Tribune.



Fred Moen

My stomach hollow, I dialed the Kansas City office to inform Mr. Moen that I was snubbing the AP. Fred's response was one word: "Okay." I hung up with absolute certainty that I had sabotaged any future chance with AP.

A year later, I was covering a trial in Jefferson City about a lawsuit against the Missouri prison system. I stopped by the AP office in the State Capitol building to talk with Jim Willis, the correspondent, who mentioned there would be an opening in the St. Louis bureau and if I was interested, I should let Kansas City (i.e. Fred Moen) know right away. Hell yes, I wanted it.

Again, my stomach was hollow as I dialed the same number. Fred got on the line and I told him I wanted the St. Louis job.

There was a pause, and then he said: "Weren't you the guy who turned us down last summer?"

"Yes, sir," I replied, terrified of saying anything further.

Another pause that seemed endless. "Well...okay," he said. And that was that.

Not too long after, a fellow named Paul Stevens took over in Kansas City when Fred retired.

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Deborah Peterson, who started her career with AP, retires from Post-Dispatch

By Kevin Horrigan

Editorial writer Deborah Peterson ([Email](#)), who joined the Post-Dispatch in 1985, retired Friday, ending an award-winning newspaper career that began in 1978. Her retirement will make it possible for the newspaper to retain the services of reporter Samantha Liss.



Peterson, 64, is a native of Chicago, where she learned her delicate interpersonal skills. She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Her first professional job was with the Associated Press in Denver and later in Springfield. She learned basic wire service skills of writing fast and covering everything. In 1980 she joined the Kansas City Star-Times as a general assignment and investigative reporter. She was part of The Star-Times team that won a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the 1981 collapse of the Hyatt Regency Hotel skywalks.

Peterson was part of the team that uncovered the cause of the accident that killed 114 people and injured 216 more.

In 1985, she joined the Post-Dispatch, where she wore many hats: metro desk reporter and editor, features writer and movie critic, social justice team leader and people columnist. In 2012 she joined the editorial page. Like a lot of newspaper people, she did it all - hard news, soft news, opinion writing and font of wisdom about the marital and social problems of prominent St. Louisans. When August Busch IV wanted to pour out his soul about the death of his girlfriend, it was Deb he talked to.

Peterson is a world-class schmoozer; in fact, her Twitter handle is @Debschmooze. She cares about people and has a rare ability of getting them to say things they later wish they hadn't. She can keep a secret, but prefers to share. She became the go-to source on office goings-on for her more oblivious colleagues.

Peterson has been honored by National Association of Black Journalists for coverage of issues affecting the African-American community. The the Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club has celebrated her work. She won the Newspaper Guild's Terry Hughes Award for reporting on challenges facing the underdogs of the community. The Illinois Bar Association honored the work she did while with the Associated Press and she has been honored by the U of I-Springfield.

Deb twice endured with amazing the grace the deaths of her husbands. Her three grown children are testament to the love and hard work she put in as a solo parent. She never wanted a dog until she was given a Havanese, who can often be found walking her around her Skinker-DeMun neighborhood.

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Aren't there ways to help the children while their futures sorted out?

Eileen Lockwood ([Email](#)) - As I was listening to seemingly endless reports about the children on NPR this morning, I couldn't help wondering about a "semi-solution" to the "loneliness" that plagues them -- or that reporters believe plagues them. Nowhere in any report or commentary did any reporter or commentator make a suggestion that might at least help these kids feel more comfortable in their current situation. I tried contacting my Congressman and then the Red Cross, but Saturday is truly a day off for both organizations.

Maybe some of you will be interested in my idea - and have more influence with leaders et al. who might do something about it.

Yes, the kids are probably lonely and feeling neglected, but WHY haven't any of our genius leaders et al. thought of some ways to alleviate the loneliness? For instance, find some interesting activities to take the children's minds off their "unfortunate" situations. What came to mind is teaching them to play some of the board games most of us enjoyed as kids ourselves, e.g. Monopoly. Perhaps Red Cross volunteers should hold a brief campaign to seek donations of these once-popular games and distribute them to the kids. Perhaps some other volunteers could devote some time to teaching the kids how to play them -- and perhaps even play with them.

Seems like a good way to take the kids' minds off of their current less-than-favorable surroundings -- and provide a different kind of activity that can last them for many more years after they're reunited with the parents. Maybe that success can find a way onto radio and TV news reporting, a welcome relief from the same-old-same-old

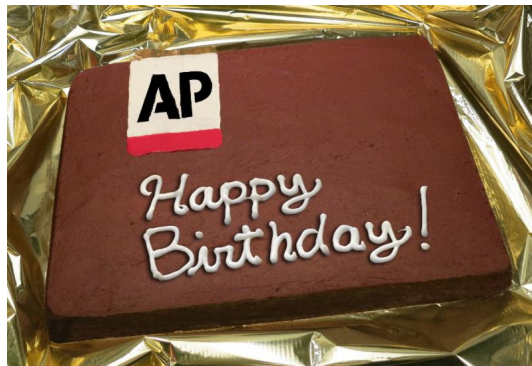
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World Typewriter Day, in Peru



Kevin Walsh ([Email](#)) - It was World Typewriter Day on June 23. We spotted this gentleman in Puno, Peru, which borders Lake Titicaca. In many developing countries the typewriter man (or woman) still provides a vital service by writing, editing and typing letters for customers.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

AP Explains: US has split up families throughout its history



In this April 1942 file photo made available by the Library of Congress, children at the Weill public school in San Francisco recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Some of them are evacuees of Japanese ancestry who will be housed in War Relocation Authority centers for the duration of World War II. (Dorothea Lange/U.S. War Relocation Authority via AP, File)

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Some critics of the forced separation of Latino children from their migrant parents say the practice is unprecedented. But it's not the first time the U.S. government has split up families, detained children or allowed others to do so .

Throughout American history, during times of war and unrest, authorities have cited various reasons and laws to take children away from their parents. Here are some examples:

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Before abolition, children of black slaves were born into slavery and could be sold by owners at will. Black women could do little to stop the sale of children and often never saw them again after they were sent away.

Owners also split apart parents who had no legal rights to prevent their sale. To resist, slave families regularly ran away together but faced harsh physical punishment, even death, if caught by slave hunters.

Last week, both White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Attorney Jeff Sessions cited the Bible in defending the policy of forced separation of Latino migrant children. Sessions referenced Romans 13, which urges readers "to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order." The same passage was cited before the Civil War to justify slavery, to allow slave hunters to return runaway slaves to their owners and to pull slave children away from mothers.

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

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AP Deliberately Manipulates-Then Stealth Updates-Immigration Horror Story to Tie Obama-Era Abuse Case to Trump (PJ Media)

By CALEB HOWE

On Wednesday night, the Associated Press ran an article that spread quickly Thursday morning across social media and other news outlets describing an horrific story of unbelievable abuse of minor immigrants in the custody and care of the United States government. Dubbed "Abu Ghraib for eighth-graders" by a Daily Beast reporter, the allegations in the explosive story included children being handcuffed, beaten, left in solitary confinement and, unimaginably, even worse.

In that Associated Press article describing these terrible and outrageous conditions, President Donald Trump's name came up four times. It makes sense that Trump and his immigration policy would be a part of the story, considering the news of the last week regarding family separation and the detainment and detention of minor children.

However, the allegations in this article covered a time period prior to Trump ever taking office. The specific court case cited involves alleged incidents occurring before and during 2016, when Trump was still on the campaign trail and we had a different president.

That president, Barack Obama, was mentioned exactly zero times in the article.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Carl Robinson.

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How an Affair Between a Reporter and a Security Aide Has Rattled Washington Media

(New York Times)

By Michael M. Grynbaum, Scott Shane and Emily Flitter

The pearl bracelet arrived in May 2014, in the spring of Ali Watkins's senior year in college, a graduation gift from a man many years her senior. It was the sort of bauble that might imply something more deeply felt than friendship - but then again, might not.

Ms. Watkins, then a 22-year-old intern in the Washington bureau of McClatchy Newspapers, was not entirely surprised. She had met James Wolfe, a 50-something senior aide to the Senate Intelligence Committee, while hunting for scoops on Capitol Hill. He had become a helpful source, but there were times when he seemed interested in other pursuits - like when he presented her with a Valentine's Day card.

On that occasion, Ms. Watkins explained to Mr. Wolfe that their relationship was strictly professional. The bracelet suggested that her message had not gotten through. She asked an editor for advice, and was told that as long as the gift was not exorbitant - no stock in a company, the editor joshed - it was fine.

Ms. Watkins kept the bracelet.

The story of what happened next - of a three-year affair that unfolded between a young reporter and a government official with access to top-secret information - is now part of a federal investigation that has rattled the world of Washington journalists and the sources they rely on.

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

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Sobbing migrant girl on TIME cover actually wasn't separated from her family, her father says (Business Insider)

By Suman Nasihadham, Reuters

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters) - The Honduran toddler pictured sobbing in a pink jacket before U.S. President Donald Trump on an upcoming cover of Time magazine was not separated from her mother at the U.S. border, according to a man who says he is the girl's father.

The powerful original photograph, taken at the scene of a border detention by Getty Images photographer John Moore, became one of the iconic images in the flurry of media coverage about the separation of families by the Trump administration.

Dozens of newspapers and magazines around the globe published the picture, swelling the tide of outrage that pushed Trump to back down Wednesday and say families would no longer be separated.

"My daughter has become a symbol of the ... separation of children at the U.S. border. She may have even touched President Trump's heart," Denis Valera told Reuters in a telephone interview.

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

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Maureen Dowd discusses 'comic book villain' Trump, journalism's evolution (The Newhouse)

By **ALEXA TORRENS**

Pulitzer Prize winner Maureen Dowd has covered stories from George H.W. Bush's shower with his beloved dog to Bill Clinton's affair with then-White House intern Monica Lewinsky, but it's the current president who she thinks is "saving journalism."

That's what Dowd, who has worked at The New York Times since 1983, told the audience at Syracuse University's Hendricks Chapel on Friday evening. Dowd was interviewed by Charisse L'Pree Corsbie-Massay, an assistant professor of communications and media studies at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, as part of the spring University Lectures series. The conversation mainly focused on Dowd's political coverage, including her biting editorials about Clinton and President Donald Trump and the evolution of journalism under the Trump administration.

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

Today in History - June 25, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 25, the 176th day of 2018. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1868, Congress passed an Omnibus Act allowing for the readmission of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina to the Union.

On this date:

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes.

In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1947, "The Diary of a Young Girl," the personal journal of Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl hiding with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II, was first published.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1967, the Beatles performed and recorded their new song "All You Need Is Love" during the closing segment of "Our World," the first-ever live international telecast which was carried by satellite from 14 countries.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee, implicating top administration officials, including President Richard Nixon as well as himself, in the Watergate scandal and cover-up.

In 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that male-only draft registration was constitutional.

In 1993, Kim Campbell was sworn in as Canada's 19th prime minister, the first woman to hold the post.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a line-item veto law as unconstitutional, and ruled that HIV-infected people were protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, California, at age 62.

Ten years ago: A divided U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law that allowed capital punishment for people convicted of raping children under 12; the ruling also invalidated laws in five other states that allowed executions for child rape that did not result in the death of the victim. A jury in Woburn, Massachusetts, convicted Neil Entwistle of first-degree murder in the deaths of his wife, Rachel, 27, and their 9-month-old baby, Lillian Rose. (Entwistle was sentenced the next day to two life prison terms without possibility of parole.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama declared the debate over climate change and its causes obsolete as he announced at Georgetown University a wide-ranging plan to tackle pollution and prepare communities for global warming. Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed the whereabouts of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden at a Moscow airport, but promptly rejected a U.S. plea to

turn him over. Democratic Texas State Senator Wendy Davis began a one-woman filibuster to block a GOP-led effort to impose stringent new abortion restrictions across the nation's second-most populous state. (Republicans voted to end the filibuster minutes before midnight, sparking a chaotic scene with demonstrators who succeeded in forcing lawmakers to miss the deadline for passing the bill.)

One year ago: In eastern Pakistan, an overturned oil tanker burst into flames, killing at least 150 people who had rushed to the scene to gather leaking fuel. In the U.S., tens of thousands of people waving rainbow flags lined streets for gay pride parades in coast-to-coast events.

Today's Birthdays: Actress June Lockhart is 93. Civil rights activist James Meredith is 85. Author-activist Larry Kramer is 83. Rhythm and blues singer Eddie Floyd is 81. Actress Barbara Montgomery is 79. Actress Mary Beth Peil (peel) is 78. Basketball Hall of Famer Willis Reed is 76. Singer Carly Simon is 73. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 72. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 71. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 70. TV personality Phyllis George is 69. Rock singer Tim Finn is 66. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is 64. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 64. Actor Michael Sabatino is 63. Actor-writer-director Ricky Gervais (jer-VAYZ') is 57. Actor John Benjamin Hickey is 55. Actress Erica Gimpel is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Dikembe Mutombo (dih-KEHM'-bay moo-TAHM'-boh) is 52. Rapper-producer Richie Rich is 51. Rapper Candyman is 50. Contemporary Christian musician Sean Kelly (Sixpence None the Richer) is 47. Actress Angela Kinsey is 47. Rock musician Mike Kroeger (KROO'-gur) (Nickelback) is 46. Rock musician Mario Calire is 44. Actress Linda Cardellini is 43. Actress Busy Philipps is 39. Jazz musician Joey Alexander is 15.

Thought for Today: "The problem with introspection is that it has no end." - Philip K. Dick, American science-fiction author (1928-1982).

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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