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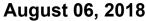








# Connecting











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#### Good morning.

Still no sign of Paul. Send your complaints/copy/links today to Chris Connell: cvconnell@gmail.com. Actually Paul will be back from his Rocky Mountain high -- assuredly all legal -- on Wednesday. As always, he looks forward to your contributions.

From the Poynter Institute, we learn of a promising, non-profit, start-up news site in Memphis that is launching with a staff of 25 and a significant war chest. We also pay a visit to the Newseum's souvenir shop for reasons you've probably heard about.

We remember today former Concord and Indianapolis Bureau Chief David Swearingen and

Evelyn Olive Knierim Bausman, widow of former Moscow COB Jack Bausman, and also have details on an upcoming memorial to Eugene Kim and another fond memory of Sue Manning.

We begin with Eva Parziale in the witness stand, AP's East regional director, tending relations with nearly 900 members newspapers, radio and TV stations from Michigan to Virginia. Eva was marked for success from the moment she took the AP test in Columbus in 1983. Oh, wait a minute. That didn't work out. Let's let the 33-year news veteran tell the story.

# Connecting Q-and-A

# **Eva Parziale**

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

I applied to, and was accepted, into Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Prior to the start of the 1984 fall semester, I quit my reporting job at The Telegraph in Painesville, Ohio, and drove across the country to San Francisco. I crashed on the couch of my college roommate, and expected to work as a waitress on Fisherman's Wharf. Instead, I applied for a temporary job at AP and was hired for the summer by COB Marty Thompson and News Editor Bill Schiffmann. I owe my start in AP to them.

It could have started with Jake Booher, who was the COB in Ohio when I took my first AP writing and editing test in 1983. I had no experience and no business taking the test, and Jake rightly failed me. By the time I got to San Francisco, I had 1.5 years of reporting and editing at a small daily under my belt, and apparently did well enough on the test for Marty and Bill to take a chance on me.

#### What were your different jobs in the AP, in order? Describe each briefly.

After my summer in San Francisco, I moved to New York and worked part-time in AP's photo library while attending graduate school. I graduated from Columbia with a master's degree in journalism in 1985, and was rehired by AP in Miami. I spent two years there learning more in that time than most people learn in five years in any other city, thanks to news editors Matt Bokor and Will Lester, bureau chief Gary Clark and colleagues including Dan Sewell and Cathy Wilson.

In 1987, northern New England bureau chief Jon Kellogg hired me as the Portland, Maine, correspondent. I probably wasn't ready for it, but Jon was a patient editor and manager, and helped me make the job work. After 18 months, I become news editor in Columbia, South Carolina, working for COB John Shurr. My time there was marked by Hurricane Hugo, which killed 61 after it made landfall in Charleston and made its way up the East coast.

In 1990, I was named assistant bureau chief for Kansas-Missouri, and became one of the fortunate AP staffers to work under Paul Stevens. Stevens gave me the opportunity to manage a large staff and work with members across the two-state region. I got the chance to run my own bureau in 1992, when AP President Lou Boccardi appointed me chief of bureau in Portland, Oregon. I couldn't believe AP paid me to drive around that picturesque state and visit members! I worked there with News Editor Sally Hale, and have been lucky enough to work with her again in our current roles in Local Markets.

After four years in Portland, I was nameddirector of the AP's photo archive, and we moved to New York City. In this job, I took AP's newly developed electronic photo archive (a project smartly launched by Hal Buell), and developed a rollout plan with Grant Lamos, Jim Gerberich and others to introduce it to newsrooms in the United States, Europe and Asia. I also had oversight for AP's commercial photo sales, known then as Wide World Photos and now as AP Images. The job married my passions for photography, business development and journalism. I was fortunate enough to work in Business Development, which Tom Brettingen oversaw, and included AP greats Byron Yake, Larry Blasko, Paul Caluori and Ted Mendelsohn.



Eva during her New York Photo Archive days in the late 1990s.

After a couple of years in New York, raising two kids under the age of 3, commuting from the suburbs and a challenging job took its toll and I applied to return to the field. AP graciously agreed (thank you Lou and Jim Donna!), and I was named bureau chief for Ohio when Jake Booher retired in 1999.

I added newspaper members in Michigan in 2011, took on responsibility for the East region in 2011, and was named director of the region the following year. And, as the newspaper industry contracted, and AP cut rates to help its members cope with declining revenue, I and my colleagues in AP's Local Markets team began expanding our outreach to corporate, government and digital-only customers. I now oversee a territory that comprises nearly 900 newspaper, radio and TV members, along with commercial customers, from Michigan to Virginia.



Local Markets team, January 2018 - Left to right: Regional Directors Adam Yeomans, Dwayne Desaulniers, Kevin Nunn, Kia Breaux, Jim Clarke and Eva Parziale, Managing Director David Wilkison, and Vice President Michael Fabiano.

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

Aside from the great AP folks mentioned above, I have to give a shout out to Wick Temple, Rick Spratling, Hank Ackerman, Dave Tomlin, Tom Slaughter and Dan Day - so amazing when they were running Membership. Margy McCay, AP's head of personnel, introduced me to advancement opportunities and encouraged me every step of the way. Paul Stevens became a lifelong mentor. Tom Curley was a big supporter during a difficult time in the region. Kate Butler gave me many opportunities to succeed when she oversaw Local Markets. Jon Wolman, Kathleen Carroll and Sandy Johnson were so supportive on news matters when they were at AP. Nancy Nussbaum has been a great partner in my 19 years in Ohio, on editorial, commercial and other projects. Andy Lippman has been generous with his time and advice for so many years. Today, I'm lucky to be working for SVP Dave Gwizdowski and Local Markets VP Michael Fabiano as we face financially challenging times in the industry.

I also can't say enough about my editorial, products and support colleagues, as well as the staffers I had the good fortune to manage over the years. AP attracts the best in the industry - in all of our departments. I could not have had the career I've had, or been able to help so many members and customers, without the stellar work of so, so many others. I wish I could name them all. It's they who have made me look good all these years.

Finally, I have to give a LOT of credit to my father, Rich Parziale, for encouraging me to do whatever I wanted to do, and my husband Dan Delehanty for being a stay-at-home dad for four years, then working part-time for the next 16 years so I could do what I needed to for AP.

#### Memorable moments?

When Tom Curley agreed to our request to play for the Ohio AP team in a softball game against the Michigan staff,. The game was played on a field along the shores of Lake Erie, followed by a lunch hosted by Nancy Nussbaum. What a great team building experience for everyone. (The Ohio team won, by the way!)



I also got a kick out of presenting the 2015 AP National Championship Trophy to the Ohio State Buckeyes, and the 2018 AP Player and Coach of the Year awards in Women's Basketball.



Associated Press' Eva Parziale presents the trophy to South Carolina's A'ja Wilson after Wilson was named AP's women's college basketball Player of the Year, at the NCAA women's Final Four college basketball tournament Thursday, March 29, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

#### Would you do it all over again?

Absolutely! I have had nine jobs in eight cities over the last 33 years at AP, and I wouldn't change a thing.

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

Hanging out with friends and family, reading and walking around our neighborhood. It's kind of like Mayberry, where a turn around the park could take an hour while I stop to talk to half a dozen neighbors.

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

Every trip I've taken with my family has been the best vacation I've had. We've made a point to travel as much with our daughters as possible - nearly exclusively in the U.S. - and have created a lot of great memories in Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Florida, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Maine and New York, among other places.

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

My husband Dan Delehanty and I have been married for 24 years. He's an accountant with a small company that provides plant-care and tree maintenance to commercial and residential properties. Our oldest daughter, Kelsey Delehanty, is 22 and just graduated from Purdue University with a degree in aerospace/aeronautical engineering. She has accepted a job at Northrop Grumman in Los Angeles and starts in September. Our younger daughter, Maggie Delehanty, is 20 and a third-year business student at the University of Cincinnati. She spent a month in Barcelona this summer working on business fundamentals and with startups, is a leader in her Pi Beta Phi sorority and works as a rep selling t-shirts to groups on UC's campus.



Family (I-r): Rich Parziale (father), Maggie Delehanty, Kelsey Delehanty, Eva Parziale and Dan Delehanty.

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# **News of the news industry**

## This Wasn't Fake News

We are in Poynter's debt for alerting the world to the sale in the gift shop of the Newseum in Washington and on its website of two-tone "You are very FAKE NEWS" Tshirts and crimson "Make America Great Again" caps. The sale was cut short after the Poynter article triggered an avalanche of caustic coverage of the press freedom

organization's capitalizing on two of President Trump's catchphrases especially the "fake news" label he pins on reporters and news outlets he labels enemies of the people. Newseum spokeswoman Sonya Gavankar initially defended selling the merchandise, which was not branded by and did not benefit President Trump's campaign organization. She told Poynter the Newseum champions not only free press but free speech. A day later the Newseum pulled the items. "We made a mistake and we apologize," it said. "A free press is an essential part of our democracy and journalists are not the enemy of the people." But the nonprofit said it would keep selling all types of political merchandise from all parties to visitors.

Here's the updated version of Daniel Funke's Poynter story and the New York Times' account.(First Alert: Doug Pizac)

## Good news from Tennessee:

# In Memphis, a non-profit site will launch with a staff of 25 and a huge war chest

BY RICK EDMONDS/POYNTER.ORG AUGUST 2, 2018

Digital local news start-ups now number in the hundreds but one taking shape for a fall launch in Memphis is different - and just plain bigger - in several ways.

The Daily Memphian will begin life with a news staff of 25 and \$6.5 million in seed money in the bank. Like many others, The Memphian is an opportunistic response to a shrinking traditional news operation - Gannett's Commercial Appeal - but it also builds on an existing publication and has a publisher with 15 years of local experience.

Founding president and executive editor Eric Barnes will transfer 10 staffers from his Daily News, a business, political and legal advertising publication. He also has recently hired away three locally prominent journalists from the Commercial Appeal: sports columnist Geoff Calkins, food writer Jennifer Boggs and local columnist Chris Herrington. The site is set to go live with content this fall.

"We are counting on them for great editorial content," Barnes said in phone interview, "but they are also (among) the biggest names in print journalism here." He said he hopes the three will bring audience along with them to the new venture.

Read more here.

# The 'cool' life of Dave Swearingen

David Lee Swearingen, former AP bureau chief in Concord, N.H., and Indianapolis and former editor of newspapers in Maine and Massachusetts, died Aug. 1 in Greenfield, Indiana. He was 73.

Dave was a proud native of Bath, Maine, where his father rose through the ranks to become fire chief and where David himself once drove the city ambulance.

He started his news career as a part-time photographer at the Bath Daily Times while a high school sophomore and after graduating in 1963 became a camera-toting reporter

for the Times and, later, its sister paper, the weekly Brunswick Record. In 1964 the Portland Press Herald hired him as Bath correspondent. He handled similar duties in Biddeford and Rockland before joining The Associated Press at Augusta in 1968 as a temporary newsman for the legislative session. He got a permanent staff position four months later and was named AP capital correspondent in September 1969.

While in Augusta he streamlined the AP state news report to place a greater emphasis on enterprise reporting. The myriad stories he covered included enactment of a state income tax and the reorganization of state government. He was promoted to chief of the new control bureau in Concord, N.H., when AP operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont were amalgamated in 1977. One of the biggest stories he covered was the arrest of 1,400 protesters at the Seabrook nuclear power plant and their incarceration in makeshift jails in state armories after many refused to post bond.



Dave Swearingen circa 1979 (Family photo)

In April 1978 he was promoted to chief of bureau for Indiana. He created a correspondency at Evansville to cover southern Indiana and western Kentucky and led coverage of four runnings of the Indianapolis 500, including the contentious one in 1979 where two organizations battled in court over control of the fabled race. As Dave wrote in AP World, sorting that out "presented one of the toughest race assignments in memory." He got through it "armed with a 30page manual handed sympathetically from one head of bureau to another over the years." It also helped that Darrell Christian was his news editor and Chuck Robinson ran the cracker-jack photo operation. Dave turned the keys of the bureau over to Paul Stevens in 1982 to become managing editor of The Standard Times of New Bedford, Mass. Major stories on his two-year watch there included the infamous Big Dan's gang rape case and a fire that destroyed most of the Flint district of Fall River including the historic Notre Dame de Lourdes Church.

In June 1984 he returned to Bath as editor of his hometown paper, The Times Record, where he instituted the use of daily color photography and started a writing coach program for the reporting staff. He returned to AP in 1991 on the technology side during the introduction of digital photography at newspapers across the nation and later was assigned to Ad Send, which facilitated the digital transmission of advertising to newspaper composing rooms. With his tech savvy, he was briefly a software consultant in New Jersey and later a customer service representative for Microsoft, but also became editor of the Coastal Journal in Maine before declining health forced him to retire in 2004.

He was active in a myriad of civic and professional organizations, a past president of the Bath Lodge of Elks and the Elmhurst ARC, and a lay minister at Grace Episcopal Church.

Dave had a soft spot for animals -- "He especially loved our Golden Retriever, Molly, so I expect that they are playing fetch on the beach right about now," son Tim Swearingen

says -- and asked the family to direct memorial contributions to: Coastal Humane Society, 190 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine 04401 or A Paw in the Door, c/o Patty Sample, 16 Winter Street Bath, Maine 04530.

In addition to Tim, he is survived by sons Jeff and Greg and daughter Seamona, as well as two sisters and three granddaughters. "He knew more about New England politics than anybody I ever knew. He used to bore us at the dinner table with his journalism war stories," Tim recalls fondly. He summed up his dad's career in two words: "Pretty cool."

No services are planned but the family will gather later to spread his ashes in his beloved Maine. Condolences may be made online at www.Daiglefuneralhome.com, and Tim can be reached at timswearingen71@gmail.com or by phone 623.332.2516.

# In Memoriam: Evelyn Olive Knierim Bausman

Evelyn Olive Knierim Bausman, widow of former Moscow bureau chief Jack Bausman, died Aug. 1 at home in Greenwich, Conn., surrounded by family, bringing to a close a remarkable life that included raising four young children in Cold War Moscow, Poland, Hungary and Germany. She was 82. Jack died two years ago at the age of 92. "She loved those AP years," says daughter Mary-Frederika Bausman-Watkin. "Mom was always up for an adventure."

For Evelyn that adventure began in Shanghai, China, in 1936 where she was born to a German businessman and a Japanese-American mother. They endured the war years in Germany and afterwards Evelyn attended boarding school in Switzerland. She and Jack met in Frankfurt and wed in 1961. The Bausmans arrived in Moscow a month before the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. His four-decade AP career included postings to Warsaw and Budapest as well as Frankfurt and Moscow, where Evelyn collected nonconformist art. Mary-Fred, brother Charlie and their late sister Jane were born in Germany; brother John was born in Finland. Their mother spoke five languages, "was a wonderful cook, gave great parties and attracted amazingly wonderful and interesting people," says Mary-Fred, who teaches German in a St. Paul, Minn., high school. "She incorporated everything she had ever experienced into her cooking." The funeral service will be Aug. 10 at Christ Church Greenwich. Mary-Fred's email is mfbwatkins@gmail.com.

# August 28 remembrance of Eugene Kim

Pat Fergus shared this invite to an Aug. 28 remembrance in the Washington bureau for Eugene Kim, the veteran AP broadcast writer and editor who died in June. Gene for decades wrote the popular "Today in History" feature. "We invite all who knew Gene to join us in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room on Tuesday, Aug. 28, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. to reminisce over light refreshments on what would have been his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Bring your favorite memory of Gene to share," Pat says.

# Thoughts about Sue Manning

Peggy Walsh (pwalshnyt@aol.com) was moved by the outpouring of love and sadness for Sue Manning, and the aptness of the Chavez Ravine outing. "No one could garner or deserve a more beautiful tribute and celebration of life than Sue. The gathering, the scoreboard, the memories, the beautiful T-shirt brought tears and smiles. The video perfectly captures the whole of Sue and

how much she loved and was loved. To those whose lives she touched, there is joy and sadness. My condolences to those never fortunate enough to have known her."



Aug. 03, 2018

# AP reveals: Catholic nuns accuse clergy of sexual abuse

To Nicole Winfield and Rodney Muhumuza



Catholic nuns visit the Metropolitan Cathedral in Mexico City, Wednesday, March 13, 2013. The AP has revealed that the Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandals now include the abuse of adult nuns by predatory clergymen. Photo / Alexandre Meneghini

It was a #MeToo moment from the Vatican with a seemingly unlikely accuser - a nun.

Vatican correspondent Nicole Winfield's interview with a nun, who broke a 20-yearsilence about being physically assaulted by an Italian priest, and reporting by Uganda correspondent Rodney Muhumuza about the scope of abuse in Africa,

resulted in the AP being the first news organization to chronicle the global impact on nuns of the #MeToo movement.

Their story, which included expert analysis and exclusive Vatican comment urging nuns to report and bishops to sanction abusive priests, earns the Beat of the Week.

The AP story amplified the narrative of the clergy sex abuse scandal in a crucial new way by adding adult nuns to the long list of victims of predator priests and bishops.

It ran at the moment when the Catholic Church in general, and in the U.S. in particular, was focused on revelations that adult seminarians were victims of one of the most prominent U.S. cardinals, Theodore McCarrick.

Winfield started looking into the problem of sexual violence against nuns months ago after the Vatican's own women's magazine published an expose of how religious sisters are used - and abused - by the Catholic Church to cook and clean for bishops and cardinals for next-to-no pay.

Tipped off that the exploitation wasn't just physical labor but sexual, Winfield began to investigate and asked Muhumuza in Kampala to help, given the worst abuses have long been reported in Africa.

Winfield contacted religious orders, advocacy groups and other Vatican-related sources to try to find anyone willing to speak about a subject cloaked in secrecy. It wasn't easy. If the sexual abuse of children by priests was once hidden behind walls of silence, the sexual abuse of nuns remains taboo, given the institutional implications of nuns speaking out against the priests who run the church.

infield learned that the exploitation of nuns wasn't just physical labor, but sexual abuse too. She was put in touch with a religious sister who broke her decades-long silence.

But through word of mouth, Winfield was put in touch with a religious sister who broke her long silence to tell her story. The sister told of how a priest forced himself on her during confession, an assault that so traumatized her that she no longer goes to confession regularly. "It opened a great wound inside of me," she told Winfield.

Muhumuza, meanwhile, provided up-to-date information about the many cases in Uganda and secured comment from the head of the Catholic Church there. In one case, he found a priest had been sanctioned for having spoken out about the problem.

With recent cases in Chile and India starting to surface, Winfield and Muhumuza proposed to international enterprise editor Mary Rajkumar that they move the story sooner rather than later to plant the AP flag, knowing that others were pursuing it.

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The story had enormous impact.

The largest association of U.S. nuns issued a statement in response to the AP report demanding church authorities "take action to end a culture of silence, hold abusers accountable, and provide support to those abused." Winfield's follow-up

reported that The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, which represents 80 percent of U.S. Catholic sisters, reached out individually to its members and urged them to come forward if they knew of cases of abuse.

For two days, the story led engagement on APNews. By the third day, it was still engaging readers for more than two minutes. It was a Top Ten in Mobile on Friday with 12,060 retweets and again on Saturday with a new headline with 11,596 retweets.

The New York Times ran the full 2,000-word story twice, under different headlines, and the story was referenced with credit by Newsweek in its story about McCarrick's downfall. America, the magazine of the U.S. Jesuits and an AP client, ran it in full on its website, showing its resonance even among clergy. The story was translated by AP's Italian partner ANSA and picked up online with full credit by Italian dailies Corriere della Sera and II Messaggero. The Spanish version was used online by Mexico's El Universal.

The Rev. Jim Martin, S. J., the prominent American Jesuit and commentator, tweeted it with the following comment: "Painful but necessary reading for all Catholics."

For their resourcefulness and initiative in producing a timely story with global reach, Winfield and Muhumuza share this week's Beat of the Week award.



Aug. 03, 2018

# Aggressive photo coverage, sharp reporting on devastating California wildfire

The laurels go to: Noah Berger and Jonathan J. Cooper



A car passes through flames on Highway 299 as the Carr Fire burns through Shasta, Calif., July 26, 2018. Fueled by high temperatures, wind and low humidity, the blaze destroyed homes and at least one historic building in the former Gold Rush mining town.

AP
Photo / Noah Berger

San Francisco-based freelance photographer Noah Berger is one of the foremost wildfire photographers in California. He's earned that reputation by closely following fires from the moment they ignite so he can get himself into position to photograph those likely to become the next big one.

That knowledge helped put him in the right place to shoot stunning images as the Carr Fire swept into Redding and threatened to devour much of the Northern California city of 92,000. It also made AP the first major news outlet to have boots on the ground in the city, a competitive advantage that produced details other didn't have as the fire exploded, and enabled managers to quickly get Sacramento reporter Jonathan J. Cooper headed to the scene while also arranging for video coverage.

The Carr Fire didn't seem especially ominous after burning for two days. But on Thursday, the fire's third day, things changed. Berger, just back home after covering a huge wildfire that closed much of Yosemite National Park, called West photography director Stephanie Mullen and told her he didn't like what he was seeing and hearing from his fire sources.

Mullen told Berger to go. He raced to Shasta County and arrived late afternoon. He quickly found himself in the middle of what he described as one of the most intense fire fights he has ever witnessed. He captured the destruction of homes, the weary faces of the fire crew as they stared down huge walls of flames and the fire's push into Redding, the region's largest city. Berger's images put the AP ahead of key competitors by more than a day. Other media, especially in Southern California, were still focusing their wildfire reporting on a fading blaze east of Los Angeles that been threatening a mountain community.

Cooper began reporting Thursday night and was up early the next morning surveying the damage. One key measurement of a wildfire's destructive force is the number of homes lost. Authorities updated the size of the fire on Friday, but not the number of structures destroyed, which stayed at 65.

Cooper knew the number was much larger just in the two neighborhoods he had visited. So to give readers an initial glimpse, he went back to those neighborhoods and counted all the homes burned to the ground. He found 60 in one and 66 in the other.

With officials putting the number of homes burned at 65, Cooper revisited two neighborhoods and counted more than 120 burned to the ground.

AP's figure, and the context that the number ultimately would be much higher, quickly became the headline on the story. The CBS Evening News led with the figure and credited AP. KRCR-TV, the ABC affiliate in Redding that was providing round-the-clock live coverage, used the AP count and the San Francisco Chronicle put the figure in the third paragraph of its story, crediting AP.

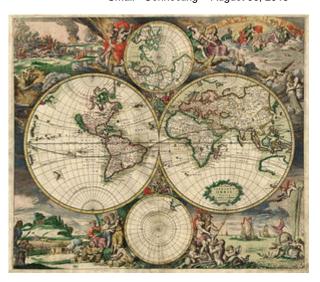
A wildfire is among the toughest assignments for any photographer but Berger gave the AP a significant advantage with his knowledge, speed and aggressive approach, while Cooper's savvy gave AP a figure others didn't have. For their work, they share this week's **Best of the States** award.



# Connecting wishes happy birthday this Monday to:

David Sedeno - davidsedeno@sbcglobal.net Rob Perschau - rob.perschau@gmail.com

**Today in History - August 6, 2018** 



#### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 2018. There are 147 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb code-named "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

#### On this date:

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1942, Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands became the first reigning queen to address a joint session of Congress, telling lawmakers that despite Nazi occupation, her people's motto remained, "No surrender."

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov became the second man to orbit Earth as he flew aboard Vostok 2; his call sign, "Eagle," prompted his famous declaration: "I am Eagle!"

In 1962, Jamaica, formerly ruled by Britain, became an independent dominion within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1973, former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, 72, died in exile in Spain. Entertainer Stevie Wonder was seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) died at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1997, Korean Air Flight 801 crashed into a hillside a short distance from Guam International Airport, killing 228 of the 254 aboard the Boeing 747.

In 1999, in Canton, Texas, a 36-year-old woman facing lifelong heart problems that she blamed on the diet drug combination fen-phen was awarded \$23.3 million in the first such lawsuit to reach a jury. (The case was settled for less than a tenth of that amount during an appeal.)

In 2003, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger used an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to announce his successful bid to replace California Gov. Gray Davis.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31.

Ten years ago: The government declared that Army scientist Bruce Ivins was solely responsible for the anthrax attacks that killed five and rattled the nation in 2001. (Ivins had committed suicide on July 29.) A U.S. military jury convicted Osama bin Laden's former driver, Salim Hamdan (sah-LEEM' hahm-DAHN'), of supporting terrorism in the first war crimes trial at Guantanamo Bay (however, the jury imposed a surprisingly light 5 1/2-year sentence, making Hamdan eligible for parole in five months; the U.S. later transferred Hamdan to his home country of Yemen, which released him in January 2009.) President George W. Bush, on his Asia tour, met with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak; Bush then traveled to Thailand, where he met with Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej (sah-MAK' sun-TAH'-rah-ved).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said during an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show" that he was "disappointed" that Russia had granted temporary asylum to National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden, defying administration demands that the former government contractor be sent back to the U.S. to face espionage charges. U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan went on trial at Fort Hood, Texas, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 others in a 2009 attack. (Hasan, who admitted carrying out the attack, was convicted and sentenced to death.)

One year ago: Vice President Mike Pence, in a statement released by the White House, described as "disgraceful and offensive" a New York Times report suggesting that he was laying the groundwork for a possible presidential bid in 2020 if President Donald Trump does not run.

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 94. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 80. Actress Louise Sorel is 78. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 75. Actor Ray Buktenica is 75. Actor Dorian Harewood is 68. Actress Catherine Hicks is 67. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 66. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 65. Actress Stepfanie Kramer is 62. Actress Faith Prince is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 60. Actor Leland Orser is 58. Actress Michelle Yeoh (yoh) is 56. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 54. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 53. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 53. Actor Benito Martinez is 50. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 50. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 48. Actress Merrin Dungey is 47. Singer Geri Halliwell Horner is 46. Actor Jason O'Mara is 46. Singer-actor David Campbell is 45. Actress Vera Farmiga is 45. Actress Ever (cq) Carradine is 44. Actress Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 42. Actress Melissa George is 42. Rock singer Travis McCoy (Gym Class Heroes) is 37. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 37. Actress Romola Garai is 36. Rock musician Eric Roberts (Gym Class Heroes) is 34.

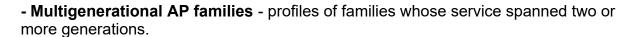
Thought for Today: "A successful lie is doubly a lie; an error which has to be corrected is a heavier burden than the truth." - Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General (1905-1961).

# 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.



- 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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