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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

The deadly and tragic shooting Saturday at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh evoked this memory from our Connecting colleague **Beth Grace** ([Email](#)) -

When I was an 8th grader in Catholic school, our teacher, Sr. Mary Jacqueline, took us on a field trip to learn about our Jewish brothers and sisters. We went to the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

I don't remember everything but I remember the welcome, the warmth and the loving willingness to answer any question from a busload of sheltered girls and boys who I am pretty sure had never met a Jew before.

The rabbi was so kind and let us see everything. I remember how he scooched down to answer our questions, looking directly into our eyes - like we were adults.

It was a moment I have never forgotten, and it planted a seed of friendship and respect that has thrived in my heart ever since.

My heart breaks for this congregation today, and I promise them this: While you truly do have my thoughts and prayers, you also have my promise that I will do everything I can with my voice, my vote and my money to stop this insanity.

This is not who we are.

Spotlight on Joe Galu

Our Monday Profile focuses today on **Joe Galu**, who has had a varied and interesting career that included 17 years as a journalist in the AP's Albany bureau.

Joe and I met when I was hired into the AP in Albany and he was among many who helped train me in the AP ways. Connecting reunited us in recent years. (Beth Grace, who wrote the essay above, is also an Albany grad.)

If you have a suggestion for a subject of the Monday profile, send it along to me. It could well be YOU!

Annual Connecting book issue approaching

AUTHORS: If you have written a book in the past year, I invite you to share the following information on it with your colleagues who may soon be in the shopping mode for the upcoming holidays: Name of book and a synopsis of no more than 300 words, a jpg image of the book cover and a jpg headshot of you, where your book

can be purchased, including a link. We will publish information on your books in early November, so get me your information by the end of this month.

Paul

Connecting profile

Joe Galu



Joe Galu on his front stoop on Madison Avenue in Albany. (Photo/Sean McLaughlin)

How did you get started in journalism?

If you really want to know how I started in newspaper work, it goes back to the sixth grade, where I had a probably-very-good third-grade teacher who volunteered when

the school needed a sixth-grade teacher. She spent most of her time in the back of the room with the slowest readers (third graders). I was bored out of my gourd, but I was reading like crazy, gained nearly 24 months in reading skills and always bought a copy of the high school newspaper, which I read avidly. I asked all kinds of questions about it and was invited (unprecedented) to write for the paper, which was almost entirely 9th through 12th. So I started writing for a newspaper in the sixth grade and continued right through graduation.

In college, it was largely a repeat. I probably spent more time at the college paper, which I helped rename as the Albany Student Press (of ASP) than I did in class.

I taught for a year, went to grad school during a period of personal chaos and heard about a job at The Troy Record, a morning newspaper with a very low but rising circulation. I rarely quickly became the Cohoes reporter. Cohoes is an old Albany County city across the Hudson from Troy, and the Cohoes page was the front of the second section. My job was to come up with a story worthy of an eight-column headline, known as the Cohoes banner. I got to know lots of people and found that many of them liked seeing their names in the paper and going public (on the record) with their thoughts. We often had more and better news on the Cohoes page than on the local page.

It was a great education, and my ethics became far more refined as the months went on. The pay sucked and I applied to The Associated Press.

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

Earl Aronson was the chief of bureau in Albany and hired me on the spot, in 1968. I gave my notice, worked a Sunday night at The Record and started the next morning at the AP, only to find that Earl had been fired/retired and had been replaced by Pierce Lehmbek. I could only wonder if hiring me had been the final straw, but Paul Freeman, the state editor, and I got along well.

A week later, I was shipped off to Troy (back home) to an office on the second floor somewhere with a blood bank office down the hall. It was the broadcast outpost where we punched our own copy and even maintained the machinery to a minor degree. We had a teletype machine which printed out results from some minor league baseball league, which I had to sort through and put on the wire. I had a state wire, weather, sports and the A-wire to read through and put out broadcast copy during our 'splits', every hour from 20 after until 20 of. We had a few summaries and some spot summaries, but the broadcast outpost was on its way out.

I remember one night when things were somewhat quiet, and I saw an A-wire story from Washington that included some comments by NYS Senator Jacob K. Javits toward the very end. Javits was a junior member of the Foreign Services Committee, which he had always coveted and always claimed to be a senior member of the committee. That intrigued me, but he made interesting comments, so I constructed the story all around his comments and put it on the wire.



Jacob Javits

Paul Freeman or someone in Albany spotted the story and had no idea where it came from. More than hour later (apparently after some searching), I took a call from Paul who, in his amused voice, asked me where I got that Javits story. The real question was whether I had made up the whole thing. Broadcast editors, working all by themselves in lonely Troy, had done some strange things in the past, so it was not entirely out of the question. "It was on the A-wire, toward the end of an article. I reconstructed it."

Paul was most impressed, although I rarely if ever had the chance to do that sort of thing again. We were usually too busy just trying to keep up with the flow of news and the demands of writing a summary that would be informative, readable and tight.

Since the broadcasters seemed to dislike cutesy writing and I loathe sensationalism, broadcast was right for me.

Like most AP writers, what we wrote was built in part on our previous experiences, trying always to grow the report without straying from basic journalistic principles.

AFTER THE BROADCAST OUTPOST WAS CLOSED AND I WAS WORKING IN ALBANY, One Saturday morning, a story came in from Buffalo about an arrest of some young people on marijuana charges. Nick Harrison was on the desk and asked, "Do we report on every pot arrest?" I said, "We always have." He read my tone of voice and said, "Well, we don't anymore," as he spiked the story.

I had endless arguments with our guys in Buffalo about not writing stories that reflected the racism of the source newspapers back in the 1970s and 1980s. They were too deep in the forest to see the trees, but we worked on cleaning up our copy. Mel Reisner, a Mormon, would not believe one paper was racist until a black woman in his congregation died, and the obit had a headline saying "East Side Woman Dies." There was nothing in the obit to say she was black, but "East Side" meant "black" in Buffalo. He suddenly caught on and was on the look-out for other traces of racism in the stories we picked up from western New York.

I remember during Attica that there was a feeling of unreality. We had Bob Fasce on staff. His father was a prison guard in Auburn -- hundreds of miles away, but he provided perspective. Observers were sent in to negotiate with the inmates after the initial riot stage ended (riots are brief, intense and directionless. as soon as they gain direction they are no longer riots). Bob said the only thing the negotiators had going for them was fulfilling what they promised. They promised very little because they had no authority. But each time they left, there was an announced time for when they would return. They were NEVER allowed to return at the appointed time, which undercut them in the eyes of the inmates. We discussed Attica from morning to night, and there was a feeling that the negotiators were a sham and that they were giving the state (Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and the Department of Correctional Services) time to prepare something else, which turned out to be a massive, deadly, shoot-to-kill assault by young, green state troopers with no training whatsoever in how to put down a prison uprising. The result was a great loss of life when panicky young state troopers retook control of the prison. Rockefeller later resigned and did not run for re-election again. Who knows if this was cause-and-effect?



AP Photo

I was not surprised by the final report which damned the state for the brutality of the state police and for the failure to train some employees somewhere (within DOCS or the State Police) on how to deal with an inmate occupation of part of a prison, which is what we had when the state police opened fire.

On my own, I have kept files on NYS politics from towns and counties up to cities, the Legislature and statewide offices. I spent many election nights in Manhattan, calling elections.

I was once told to call a race that was 98 or 99 percent complete with Congressman Gary Lee beating Congressman George Wortley in a re-drawn district in Onondaga County (the Syracuse area) and Madison County. I told Rene Cappon that I could call it, but I would have to call it for Wortley. The missing districts were all in Madison County from Wortley's old CD. About half of the county. Wortley trailed by 300, but he won the reported half of Madison County by 600, so he would likely win the other half by the same margin and win by 300. The final tally gave it to Wortley by 280. Cappon never questioned me again. Fun stuff.

I worked nights most of the time, sometimes as night editor, sometimes on broadcast where I helped train many young night editors. I did a lot of training during my 17-plus years.

Life after the AP

After the AP, I worked more than 26 years for the New York State Assembly for the local Albany assemblymen -- Dick Connors and then Jack McEneny. I retired in 2012.

While working for the AP, I bought a four-family house and began making it more energy-efficient, cutting my oil consumption from 3,600 gallons to 1,200 with very little loss of comfort. I later switched to natural gas, but not until I had purchased the other half of a fire-wall building 17 years later, and still later a building up the block. I have three buildings with 10 units, occupy one in a building constructed in 2010-11 after a raging inferno destroyed the old 1870s house with a huge 1890s addition in the back.



Joe Galu, owner of 598 Madison Ave., center, talks with onlookers as they gather in the aftermath of a collapsed wall at 600 Madison Ave. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in Albany. (Photo/Cindy Schultz, Times Union)

After I left the AP, I began writing the Stagewhisper (newsletter) for Albany Civic Theater, became president, helped rescue it from near bankruptcy, was treasurer and later VP-Publicity. I was president of the Hudson-Mohawk Council of American Youth Hostels until they adopted a new top-down administrative organization, which I found repugnant. I retain that title, at least on paper since our group was organized under a NYS incorporation, separate from National.

I left the theater after about 10-12 years but have been back for the last six or seven years. I'm VP of Company Operations, which means a little more than janitor, although it has enabled me to use my energy-conservation knowledge to help make the theater (an old WPA-project yellow-tapestry brick firehouse) more energy efficient. It's four of five buildings wrapped up in a brick exterior -- several roofs, one complicated heating system. Four major productions a year, a directors showcase and something I helped promote -- a playwrights showcase -- where we have staged readings of original works. Many other theaters have copied this, but we still get tons of original works each year.



A friend (is that the right term?) roped me into becoming the vice president of the 80-year-old Print Club of Albany with a collection of nearly 20,000 fine art prints. We commission a print by a nationally known artist for our members each year. Our president died a few weeks ago, so I am suddenly the president. We have a building in Schenectady (where prices are cheaper) and are working to open it up as a series of galleries and a home for our massive collection. We have a well-earned reputation for caring for our prices, and we continue to inherit whole collections. It a huge new challenge for a 76-year-old guy. [Click here](#) to view the Print Club of Albany website. Click on galleries and the picture to see the body of work we have created.

I'm a cancer survivor (fibrous histio sarcoma) from when I was 50 and found my own unexplained lump or bump and went to the doctor - surgery and radiation, no chemo.

I just had a lung cancer scare, but it turned out to be an infection.

I never had any pain, but I had a heart attack four years ago despite fine cholesterol (bad cholesterol in the single digits) and normal blood pressure -- one badly blocked main artery, one stent. Meds, meds and more meds.

I've been taking locally-produced raw (unpasteurized) honey for several years and have fewer allergy symptoms each year. I exercise on my own BowFlex and try to eat somewhat right -- way too much sugar, but nobody's perfect. I weigh 157 pounds. I don't look my age and plan to be around until I'm 106 (which will be beat my Godmother, Angie, by seven years).

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

I've traveled to London, Rome, various parts of Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Peru and most recently to Myanmar, where I contributed to a local school (not one picture or map anywhere). Going to Provincetown the first time when I was still quite young was probably my favorite vacation. I still love sunsets at Herring Cove. I have been back many times.

Names of your family members and what they do?

I have two brothers. My older brother (John, 78) has a fulltime job with the Orange County Board of Elections and runs his own tax business. My younger brother

(Michael, 73) is a long-retired school (health) teacher and women's sports coach who runs a food bank for his local church in Delaware.

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'I'm barely breathing': Synagogue survivor recounts terror



People mourn in Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum during a community gathering held in the aftermath of Saturday's deadly shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, CLAUDIA LAUER and ALLEN G. BREED

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A survivor of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre described Sunday how he and other terrorized worshippers concealed themselves in a supply closet as the gunman stepped over the body of a man he had just shot and killed, entered their darkened hiding spot and looked around.

"I can't say anything, and I'm barely breathing," recalled Barry Werber, 76, in an interview with The Associated Press. "He didn't see us, thank God."

The gunman, Robert Gregory Bowers, opened fire with an AR-15 rifle and other weapons during worship services inside Tree of Life Synagogue, killing eight men and three women before a tactical police team tracked him down and shot him, according to state and federal affidavits made public on Sunday. He expressed hatred of Jews during the rampage and later told police that "all these Jews need to die," authorities said.

Six people were injured in the attack, including four officers.

Bowers targeted a building that housed three separate congregations, all of which were conducting Sabbath services when the attack began just before 10 a.m. in the tree-lined residential neighborhood of Squirrel Hill, about 10 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh and the hub of the city's Jewish community.

Read more [here](#).



A man holds his head as he's escorted by police out of the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue where 11 people were killed Saturday, in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh. | Alexandra Wimley/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette via AP

Connecting mailbox

A story that was 'pure opinion'

Joe McGowan ([Email](#)) - That story (in Friday's Connecting) which opened "It didn't last." Is just another example of the biased press and also, this did not qualify, in my opinion, as a news story. Rather it was pure opinion.

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No duh!

Steve Graham ([Email](#)) - KOIN-TV in Portland finds it newsworthy that an accident victim was not taken to the hospital while still in her wrecked car.

HILLSBORO, Ore. (KOIN) -- A woman was taken to the hospital Thursday morning after her car crashed into a fence near the Hillsboro Airport.

Hillsboro Fire Department said crews had to remove the woman from her car before taking her to a nearby hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

AP Investigation: Congo hospitals openly jail poor patients



Employees guard the door of the Katuba Reference Hospital in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018. An Associated Press investigation focused in Congo's second city, the copper-mining metropolis of Lubumbashi, discovered that of more than 20 hospitals and clinics visited, including this one, all but one detain patients unable to pay their bills. (AP Photo/Jerome Delay)

By MARIA CHENG

LUBUMBASHI, Congo (AP) - The most surprising thing about the fact that Congolese hospitals detain patients who fail to pay their bills is that it's no secret: Administrators, doctors and nurses openly discuss it, and the patients are held in plain sight.

An Associated Press investigation found that only one of more than 20 hospitals and clinics visited in the copper-mining metropolis of Lubumbashi did not routinely imprison patients. Though government officials condemn the illegal practice, and say they stop it when they can, a Ministry of Health official in Kinshasa noted that "health officials cannot be everywhere."

The only ones who claim they don't know what's happening in Congo, it seems, are more than a dozen major health donors and agencies who invest billions of dollars in the country and have major operations there - including the European Union, UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, PATH, Save the Children,

the U.S. Agency for International Development and World Vision. They all told the AP they had no knowledge of patient detentions or insufficient information to act.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Second of two stories on hospital detentions.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the Week

AP unmatched in multiformat coverage of Saudi consulate investigation



A security guard enters the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul, Oct. 9, 2018. AP visual journalists monitored the consulate day and night to find fresh angles on a visually challenging story - often people walking in and out of the building. AP Photo / Lefteris Pitarakis



Videojournalist Mehmet Guzel stakes out the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Istanbul, Oct. 2018.

The disappearance and killing of a journalist at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Turkey has been one of the biggest, and most competitive, stories in the world this month, and the AP's team in Turkey dominated coverage last week with its reporting surrounding a crime scene search of the consulate. The AP had two cameras at the consulate and a third nearby at the consul general's residence that gave unmatched perspectives of key developments in the search for clues into the death of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

The AP was ready when Turkish crime scene investigators arrived at the consulate without notice on Oct. 15.

Turkey news editor Ayse Wieting already had one camera fixed on the consulate door for 24-hour live coverage and quickly scrambled two more cameras with LiveU units to set up a three-point live shot. The efforts enabled AP clients to follow the search in real time from three angles, paving the way for the delivery of pieces much faster and more consistently than our rivals. The AP beat Reuters TV by more than two hours with the first edit of investigators entering the consulate.

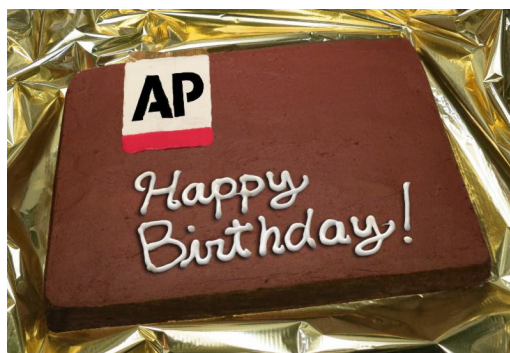
The multi-angle live coverage of the consulate search scored more than 200 Teletrax hits on Oct. 15 while the five edits together got more than 1,000 hits.

On the text side, Ankara correspondent Suzan Fraser later got a high-level Turkish source to confirm that the consulate search turned up "evidence" that Khashoggi was killed there, a scoop that was cited across international and Turkish media.

And AP's photo coverage of the story was also dominant, complementing the outstanding the video and text efforts. Photographers worked hard to find new angles on a visually challenging story, where often the only visible activity was people walking in and out of a building. Nevertheless, AP photos were consistently on the front pages of major newspapers, such as a huge front-page display in the New York Times on Oct. 15 of Athens-based photographer Petros Giannakouris's view of a man peeking through the ajar double door of the Saudi consulate.

For such impressive efforts and ingenuity in covering a worldwide top story of paramount importance to AP members and customers in all formats, the AP team following the sad tale of the apparent gruesome killing of Khashoggi earns Best of the Week honors.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Trump's Attacks on the News Media Are Working (New York Times)



President Trump spoke to reporters aboard Air Force One on the way to Fargo, N.D., last month. He has made denigrating the news media one of his administration's identifying features. Credit - Doug Mills/The New York Times

By Jim Rutenberg

He was at it again.

At 3:14 a.m. on Friday, President Trump was awake and tweeting.

"Funny how lowly rated CNN, and others, can criticize me at will, even blaming me for the current spate of Bombs and ridiculously comparing this to September 11th and the Oklahoma City bombing," he wrote, "yet when I criticize them they go wild and scream, 'it's just not Presidential!'"

He tapped that one out as federal authorities were investigating the 12 pipe bombs mailed to the billionaire George Soros, Democratic politicians, Robert De Niro and CNN. Hours later, Mr. Trump's tweet was national news.

"President Blames Media For Attempted Bombs," read the onscreen chyron on "Good Morning America" as an ABC News correspondent, Jonathan Karl, briefed the anchor George Stephanopoulos on the president's latest digital sortie from the still-dark White House lawn.

So began Day 645 of a presidency that has made denigrating the news media one of its identifying features.

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

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Why We Are Publishing Haunting Photos of Emaciated Yemeni Children (New York Times)



Wadah Askri Mesheel, 11 months old, arrived at a clinic in Aslam, Yemen, with severe malnutrition. He died eight hours later. Credit - Tyler Hicks/The New York Times

By Eric Nagourney and Michael Slackman

Amal Hussain is a 7-year-old Yemeni girl with a haunting gaze whose image sits atop our latest report from Yemen, a country plunged into war and on the brink of a catastrophic famine.

Amal is skin and bones, and her head is turned away, as if she cannot bear to meet the eyes of those looking at her.

Some readers may feel they want to look away, too. And if experience is any guide, some are going to demand to know why we are asking them to look at all.

But we are asking you to look - and not just at Amal, but also at Shaher al-Hajaji, a scarred 3-year-old boy in the grip of malnutrition, and at Bassam Mohammed Hassan, an emaciated, listless young boy with an empty look in his eyes.

Read more [here](#).

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Reporter warns Rep. Gianforte not to lie about 2017 attack



In this Sept. 21, 2018, photo, U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte, R-Montana, speaks at a campaign rally in Helena, Mont. An attorney for a reporter assaulted last year by Gianforte has

sent a cease-and-desist letter warning the Montana Republican not to lie about the attack as he campaigns for re-election (AP Photo/Matt Volz)

By MATT VOLZ

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte has intentionally misled voters and the media about his attack on a reporter last year as the Montana Republican campaigns for re-election, the reporter's attorney said in a letter Thursday.

Ben Jacobs' attorney, Geoffrey Genth, sent a cease-and-desist letter threatening to cancel Jacob's agreement not to sue Gianforte if the congressman doesn't stop. Genth told William Mercer, Gianforte's attorney, to preserve all documents about the attack in case they are needed as evidence.

"Please advise your client that he and his spokespersons need to stop - immediately and forever - telling lies about the assault, about their own prior lies, about your client's 'settlement agreement' with Ben, or about any other aspect of this matter," Genth wrote.

Gianforte spokesman Travis Hall declined to comment on the letter. "Greg regrets what happened and has taken full responsibility for it," Hall said in a statement.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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McClatchy's head of news Tim Grieve leaves company for new media venture (Miami Herald)

BY SCOTT BERSON

Tim Grieve, Vice President of News for McClatchy, announced Friday that he would step down from his position following the midterm elections on Nov. 7. He will be moving to a "new venture in the media space," according to a statement from McClatchy.



As Vice President of News, Grieve oversees the company's newsrooms and news strategies.

"During a time of significant industry disruption, Tim's vision for local journalism and his intense focus on the areas where it can have the greatest impact has resulted in critical

achievements for our company: Our newsrooms now reach more people than ever before with our own brand of local journalism that holds public officials accountable, makes a concrete difference in our communities and tells readers stories in compelling ways that will directly affect their lives," said Craig Forman, President and CEO of McClatchy, in a news release.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - October 29, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 2018. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's "Great Depression" began.

On this date:

In 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, the English courtier, military adventurer and poet, was executed in London for treason.

In 1787, the opera "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart had its world premiere in Prague.

In 1901, President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gahsh), was electrocuted.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel invaded Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast.

In 1960, a chartered plane carrying the California Polytechnic State University football team crashed on takeoff from Toledo, Ohio, killing 22 of the 48 people on board.

In 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. (The Star and most of the other gems were recovered; three men were convicted of stealing them.)

In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1987, following the confirmation defeat of Robert H. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Ronald Reagan announced his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that fell apart over revelations of Ginsburg's previous marijuana use. Jazz great Woody Herman died in Los Angeles at age 74.

In 1998, Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

In 2004, Osama bin Laden, in a videotaped statement, directly admitted for the first time that he'd ordered the Sept. 11 attacks and told America "the best way to avoid another Manhattan" was to stop threatening Muslims' security.

In 2012, Superstorm Sandy slammed ashore in New Jersey and slowly marched inland, devastating coastal communities and causing widespread power outages; the storm and its aftermath were blamed for at least 182 deaths in the U.S.

Ten years ago: A 6.4-magnitude earthquake in southwestern Pakistan killed at least 215 people. Nearly 50 hours after Game 5 started but was stopped by rain, the Philadelphia Phillies finished off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in a three-inning sprint to win the World Series for the first time since 1980.

Five years ago: Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner, whose agency oversaw the "Obamacare" enrollment website, apologized to Congress for the severe technical problems that marred the online rollout of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. The U.N. confirmed an outbreak of polio in Syria for the first time in over a decade, warning the disease threatened to spread among an estimated half a million children who had never been immunized because of the civil war.

One year ago: All but 10 members of the Houston Texans took a knee during the national anthem, reacting to a remark from team owner Bob McNair to other NFL owners that "we can't have the inmates running the prison." The head of Puerto Rico's power company said the agency was cancelling its \$300 million contract with a tiny Montana company to restore the island's power system; the company was based in the hometown of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Dennis Banks, who helped found the American Indian Movement and took part in sometimes-violent uprisings against the U.S. government, died at the age of 80.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Sonny Osborne (The Osborne Brothers) is 81. Former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is 80. Country singer Lee Clayton is 76. Rock musician Denny Laine is 74. Singer Melba Moore is 73. Musician Peter Green is 72. Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 71. Actress Kate Jackson is 70. Country musician Steve Kellough (Wild Horses) is 62. Actor Dan Castellaneta (TV: "The Simpsons") is 61. Comic strip artist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 61. Actress Finola Hughes is 59. Singer Randy Jackson is 57. Rock musician Peter Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 53. Actress Joely Fisher is 51. Rapper Paris is 51. Actor Rufus Sewell is 51. Actor Grayson McCouch (mih-COOCH') is 50. Rock singer SA Martinez (311) is 49. Actress Winona Ryder is 47. Actress Tracee Ellis Ross is 46. Actress Gabrielle Union is 46. Actor Trevor Lissauer is 45. Olympic gold medal bobsledder Vonetta Flowers is 45. Actress Milena Govich is 42. Actor Jon Abrahams is 41. Actor Brendan Fehr is 41. Actor Ben Foster is 38. Rock musician Chris Baio (Vampire Weekend) is 34. Actress India Eisley is 25.

Thought for Today: "Numerous politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. Never in history has the press seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians." - David Brinkley, American broadcast journalist (1920-2003).

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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