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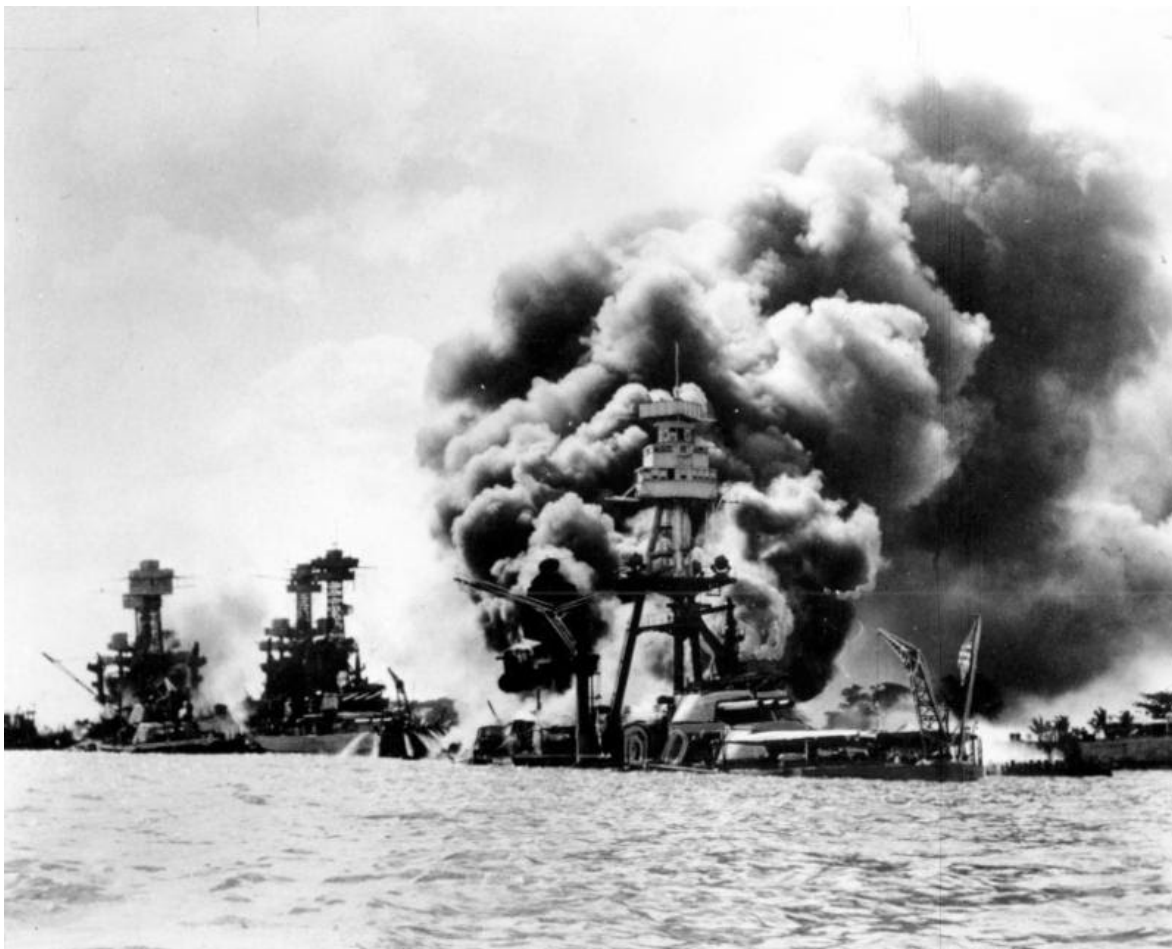
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'A day which will live in infamy'



Three U.S. battleships are hit from the air during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Japan's bombing of U.S. military bases at Pearl Harbor brings the U.S. into World War II. From left are: USS West Virginia, severely damaged; USS Tennessee, damaged; and USS Arizona, sunk. (AP Photo)

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Today marks the 77th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that thrust the United States into World War II.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt called Dec. 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy." The bombing killed more than 2,400 Americans. [Click here](#) for a gallery of AP photos of that day that changed the course of history.

If you lived through that period and would like to share a memory, send it along. I wasn't around yet, but my dad was managing editor of the Brainerd (Minnesota) Daily Dispatch at that time and recalled putting out a special Sunday edition. Months later, he was in the Army and a year later, was fighting in Europe.

Today, we bring you two more galleries of photos - those AP Images chose as the top photos of 2018 (through the first week in December) and the top sports photos of the year.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

The Year in Photos: News



Members of a U.S.-bound migrant caravan stand on a road after federal police briefly blocked their way outside the town of Arriaga, Mexico, on Oct. 27, 2018. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

By AP Images

A human tide of would-be Americans, rolling toward the border. American rockets streaking across the darkness over Damascus. Students fleeing a gunman at a Florida high school, their hands raised in the air.

Associated Press photographers were there to record a world in constant motion in 2018. Some of it was huge, and destructive _ lava pouring from a Filipino volcano, the leveling of Indonesian neighborhoods by an earthquake, the wildfires that raced across California. Some of it was human scaled, but no less epic _ disgraced comedian Bill Cosby being led in handcuffs from a correctional facility; an angry crowd carrying a wounded youth during clashes with Israeli troops in Gaza.

But the AP was also there when the world stopped, at least for a moment. President Donald Trump's hands grasp instructions on what to say to participants at a meeting on school shootings ("I hear you"). Dressed entirely in red, the Queen of Soul rests in her coffin. And girls weep in the aftermath of the rampage at a Pittsburgh synagogue that left 11 dead and countless hearts broken.

This year's set of compelling and newsworthy images was selected by Deputy Director of Photography Denis Paquin.

Read more [here](#).

The Year in Photos: Sports



North Korean supporters hold up Korean unification flags during the ladies' 500 meters

short-track speedskating at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, on Feb. 10, 2018. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

By AP Images

Every year, The Associated Press chooses a selection of photos that best documents the year's top sports stories as chronicled by photojournalists around the world. Today, this collection was distributed by the AP to its members and subscribers worldwide.

This year's set of compelling and newsworthy images was selected by Deputy Director of Photography Denis Paquin.

Below is a gallery featuring this year's sports selection.

Read and view more [here](#).

Connecting series

On becoming foreign correspondent - being in right place at right time - and prepared - a key to success

Jeff Williams ([Email](#)) - There will certainly be many recollections from former foreign correspondents, but I would like to hear what AP New York says about its hiring policy. To me, it looks like AP and many publications actively hire locals instead of sending out US-trained journalists.

It must be a lot cheaper to hire local journalists. Corporations can pay them less, limit expense reports, perhaps not pay for an office (they can work from home), and don't have to pay home leave expenses. But locals can face more intimidation and restrictions from their governments than US correspondents. How does that influence news?

Being at the right place at the right time--and prepared--is still one of the keys to success.

In my case, I quit my job with the AP bureau in Salt Lake City in 1963 and went to Taiwan on my own to study Mandarin, which I did for 18 months while working for the English-language China Post. I became close friends with Taiwan's AP newsman, Spencer Moosa. He in turn introduced me to AP Tokyo bureau chief Bob Eunson, who said I could be the Bangkok AP correspondent, at \$800 a month if I could get there myself. I did, and stayed with AP for the next eight years covering Asia from postings in Tokyo, Jakarta, Hong Kong, Saigon and Phnom Penh. Then CBS News hired me after its correspondent, producer, cameraman and soundman were murdered by the Khmer Rouge. That was a matter of being at the right place at the right time.

Now my youngest son, Ian, is graduating this month in journalism from San Francisco State University. He already has a strong base in the field, including a summer intern in Jakarta for Forbes Magazine and three days a week as a news writer with KPIX, the local CBS station. He would love to work overseas, anywhere, but his chances are daunting--and sad for me.

Freelancing used to provide enough to survive on overseas while you waited to luck into a staff job, but that's now especially problematic. Just look at how much (or little) international news your local paper carries each day. In the San Francisco Chronicle this morning there were five one-paragraph blurbs in the World Roundup, then seven other stories from The Hague, Moscow, Nairobi, Havana, Palmeiras, Cairo and Wellington. And that's a lot for the Chronicle. Most of these stories carried bylines with names that sounded ethnically like locals. Good for them, of course, but tough on wannabe foreign correspondents. The times, they are a changin'...

AP photos of the day



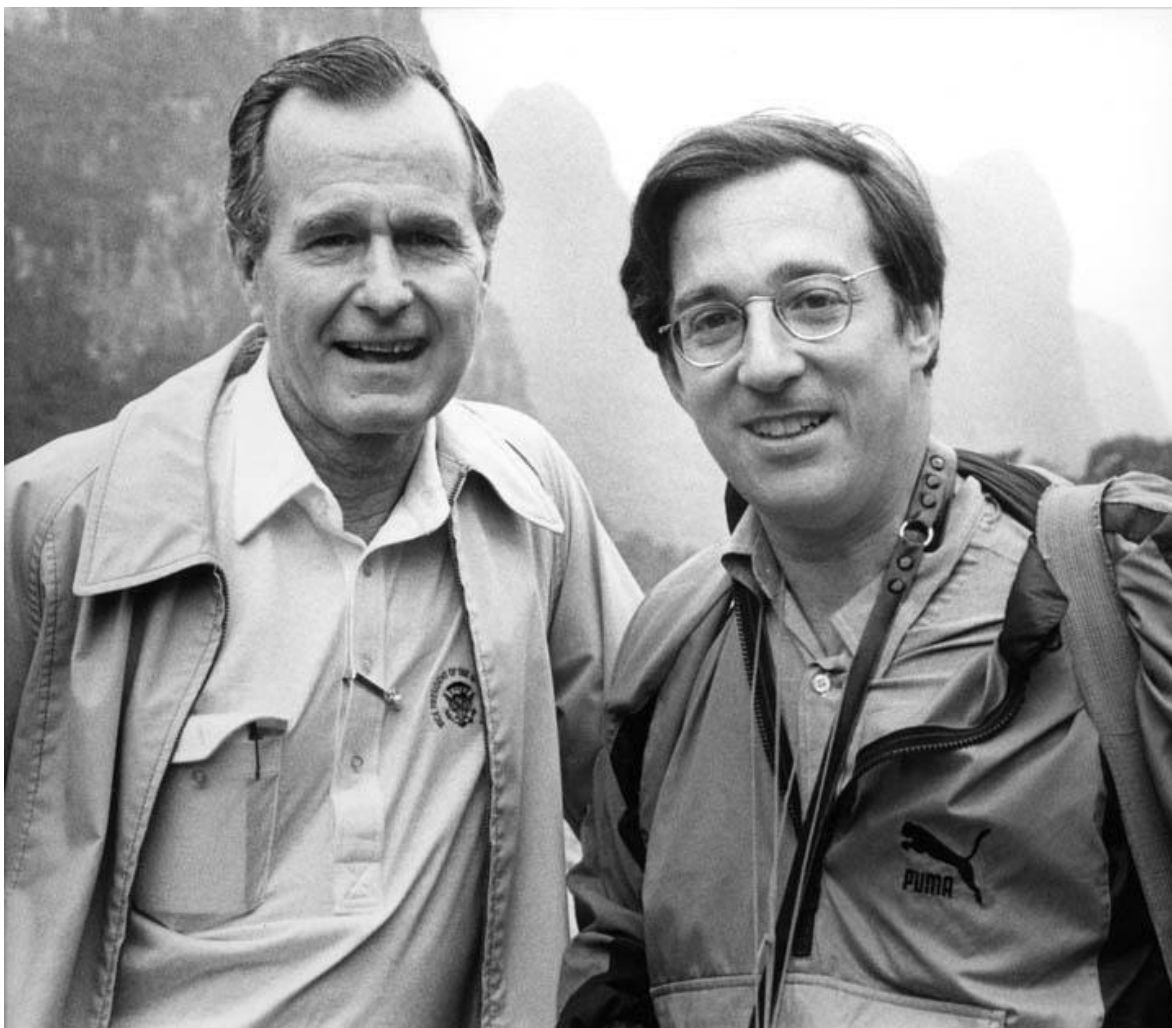
The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Spring, Texas, as it is placed on a Union Pacific train. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip, Pool)



The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush passes through Magnolia, Texas, on Thursday along the route from Spring to College Station, Texas. | David J.

Phillip/Pool via AP Photo

More of your memories of George H.W. Bush



Neal Ulevich ([Email](#)) - I was the AP photographer in Beijing when George H.W. Bush, then Vice President, made an official visit in autumn 1985. The Chinese, ever eager to show a guest a good time, arranged a cruise on the storied Li river at Gweilin. I was the pool still photographer. A hundred or more of press and diplomatic colleagues followed on another boat a few hundred yards behind. There was little to do but enjoy the slow boat and listen to a football game received on the Veep's portable satellite hookup. Later Bush called me over for polite conversation and a souvenir snap. A print mailed from Bush's office followed a few weeks after.

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Bob Perrin (Email) - I was working for NBC when Bush was running for president. He was scheduled to eat lunch somewhere in New Jersey with an Italian family. At lunch time, I put my NBC camera down next to a tree. Bush was working the crowd and walked by followed by a dog. Bush stopped to chat and so did the dog who promptly raised its leg and pissed on my camera much to the small crowd's amusement.

Bush looks around and says, "I've always wanted to do that."

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Kent Prince (Email) - A 1992 bumper sticker:

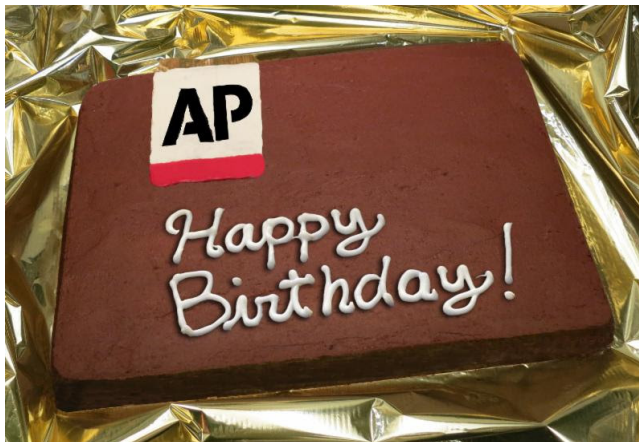


Newspapers in art - Valencia, Spain



Kevin Walsh (Email) - Oil painting by Spanish artist Joaquin Sorolla for a poster promoting the newspaper "El Pueblo" in 1894. Spotted at the Museo Belles Artes in Valencia, Spain.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Houston Chronicle Exclusive: Inside the train carrying George H.W. Bush's casket



The casket of former President George H.W. Bush is attended by a Guard of Honor as it passes through Magnolia on its way to College Station for burial, Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018. Photo: Mark Mulligan, Staff Photographer / © 2018 Mark Mulligan / Houston Chronicle

The casket of George H.W. Bush was placed aboard a train Thursday morning and pulled to College Station by a special Union Pacific locomotive.

The Houston Chronicle's Mark Mulligan was the lone photographer aboard the train as it made its slow trip from Spring and he caught the image above of the flag-draped casket aboard the train.

Read more [here](#).

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This UNC student is a fourth-generation journalist carrying on the family tradition (Poynter)

By MARGARET HIGH

There's something entrancing about watching a 1974 Goss Community Press in action. The oatmeal-colored newsprint leaps from one roller to the next, adding to its bouquet of colors on the page with each turn.

Pressmen in their blue-on-blue, ink-stained uniforms dart from unit to unit, delicately turning knobs to control speed, ink and alignment.

It takes multiple stages of imprinting before the final paper spills out of the press, perfectly stacked and proudly bearing The News Reporter's name.

The printing press is both my childhood and the embodiment of my family history.

I'm the fourth edition pouring out of the press, the fourth generation of a newspaper family.



Margaret High

Read more [here](#).

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CNN's New York offices given all-clear after bomb threat

By Nicole Chavez, CNN

(CNN)Police and CNN have issued an all-clear message after the network's New York offices and studios were evacuated Thursday night because of a phoned-in bomb threat.

"The NYPD has now given us the all clear, and employees have been permitted to return to the building," CNN Worldwide president Jeff Zucker said in an internal memo to staff. "The building is secure and safe for everyone to return in the morning."

"We appreciate the swift action by the local authorities, and the patience and professionalism of all the employees who were impacted."

The threat was not substantiated, the New York Police Department tweeted.

Read more [here](#).

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Gannett CEO Robert J. Dickey to retire in 2019 (USA Today)

By Philana Patterson and Mike Snider

Gannett Co., which operates USA TODAY and 109 local media properties, said Wednesday that President and CEO Robert J. Dickey has decided to retire from the company in 2019.

The Gannett board of directors has initiated a succession plan and engaged an outside search firm to assist in evaluating internal and external candidates. Dickey, 61, will continue to lead the company as president and CEO during the process and will be involved in the search.

He has agreed to remain with the company until May 7, 2019. If a successor is identified prior to that date, Dickey will stay on as an adviser.

Dickey's career has been marked by waves of change that have included the spinoff of Gannett's broadcast division into a separate company and the ongoing transformation of Gannett into a digital news organization.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - December 7, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2018. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as part of its plan to conquer Southeast Asian territories; the raid, which claimed some 2,400 American lives, prompted the United States to declare war against Japan the next day.

On this date:

In 43 B.C., Roman statesman and scholar Marcus Tullius Cicero was slain at the order of the Second Triumvirate.

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1842, the New York Philharmonic performed its first concert.

In 1911, China abolished the requirement that men wear their hair in a queue, or ponytail.

In 1917, during World War I, the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff (WYN'-kahf) Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was shot dead by her bodyguards.

In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash. Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan.

In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25-thousand.

In 1993, a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 19. (The shooter was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison.)

In 2001, Taliban forces abandoned their last bastion in Afghanistan, fleeing the southern city of Kandahar.

In 2004, Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zeye) was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president.

Ten years ago: President-elect Barack Obama introduced retired Gen. Eric Shinseki (shin-SEHK'-ee) as his choice to head the Veterans Affairs Department. Actress-singer Barbra Streisand, actor Morgan Freeman, country singer George Jones, dancer and choreographer Twyla Tharp and musicians Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey of The Who received Kennedy Center Honors.

Five years ago: North Korea freed an 85-year-old U.S. veteran of the Korean War after a weeklong detention, ending the saga of Merrill Newman's attempt to visit the North as a tourist six decades after he oversaw a group of South Korean wartime guerrillas still loathed by Pyongyang.

One year ago: Democratic Sen. Al Franken said he would resign after a series of sexual harassment allegations; he took a parting shot at President Donald Trump, describing him as "a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault." Republican Rep. Trent Franks of Arizona said he would resign, after revealing that he discussed surrogacy with two female staffers. A brush fire driven by gusty winds exploded north of San Diego, destroying mobile homes in a retirement community and killing race horses at a training facility. A white former South Carolina police officer, Michael Slager, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist, Walter Scott, in North Charleston in 2015. Demonstrators in the Gaza Strip burned U.S. flags and pictures of President Trump, and Palestinian protesters clashed with Israeli forces in east Jerusalem and the West Bank, after Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Today's Birthdays: Linguist and political philosopher Noam Chomsky is 90. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 87. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 86. Former Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 81. Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench is 71. Actor-director-producer James Keach is 71. Country singer Gary Morris is 70. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 69. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 66. Basketball Hall of Famer Larry Bird is 62. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 61. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd (cq) Hall is 60. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 60. Actor Patrick Fabian is 54. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 53. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 52. Actress Kimberly Hebert Gregory (TV: "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World") is 46. Producer-director Jason Winer is 46. Former NFL player Terrell Owens is 45. Rapper-producer Kon Artis is 44. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 43. Latin singer Frankie J is 42. Country singer Sunny Sweeney is 42. Actor Chris Chalk is 41. Actress Shiri Appleby is 40. Pop-rock singer/celebrity judge Sara Bareilles (bah-REHL'-es) is 39. Actress Jennifer Carpenter is 39. Actor Jack Huston is 36. Singer Aaron Carter is 31.

Thought for Today: "Any frontal attack on ignorance is bound to fail because the masses are always ready to defend their most precious possession - their ignorance." - Hendrik Willem van Loon, Dutch-American journalist and lecturer (1882-1944).

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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