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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

The lead story in today's Stories of Interest was written for The New York Times by former AP Photos director **Santiago Lyon** ([Email](#)) - on his longtime friend and colleague **Desmond Boylan**, who died of a heart attack Dec. 29 while stringing for the AP in Cuba.

I found this graf in Santi's story of interest:

The vast majority of news images seen around the world are produced by the three largest news agencies: The Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Presse. They employ hundreds of staff photographers each and have extensive networks of thousands of freelancers. When Desmond started in the 1980s, they generated maybe 400 images among them daily, mostly in black-and-white. Today, they produce nearly 10,000 photos per day, all delivered digitally and in color, often in real time, to thousands of outlets. While their work is frequently excellent and regularly wins Pulitzer Prizes and other major awards, for the most part those photographers are unsung heroes.

In his role with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, former AP journalist **Bill Vogrin** shares the story of eight bear cubs being returned to the wild. Quite a change in careers - far from covering the Kansas statehouse as a Topeka newsman or central Illinois as Peoria correspondent - but one he has welcomed.

This coming Monday is celebrated as Martin Luther King Jr. Day - and if you have a memory of covering him, send it along this weekend.

Meanwhile, re today's lead story, can you remember being given an assignment such as that for **Bill McCloskey** - involving his AP boss and POTUS? Share it, please.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

His assignment: Getting President Reagan to call AP GM Keith Fuller on his birthday



Ronald Reagan



Keith Fuller

Bill McCloskey ([Email](#)) - What would have been former AP General Manager Keith Fuller's 96th birthday this Saturday, Jan. 19, I thought this would be of interest:

One of my most unusual assignments as Assistant Managing Editor of APRadio came in a call from Roy Steinfort, the AP VP in charge of the Broadcast Department.

He directed me to call the White House and arrange for President Ronald Reagan to call AP General Manager Keith Fuller to wish Keith happy birthday during a lunchtime celebration on Jan. 19 at 50 Rock. Since it was probably a "significant" birthday, I'm guessing the year was 1983 when Keith turned 60.

I told Roy I'd try, not really expecting anything to come of it.

Rather than call the press secretary, I then called a woman in the press office who was part of the permanent party that makes the Executive Mansion work. I remember her last name was Girard and for several administrations she was the one who took care of the issuance of White House press IDs. I had coordinated getting new APR staffers credentialed and APR had invited her to a few of the black-tie journalism dinners in Washington, so I knew her fairly well. I made the ask.

I was shocked when her initial response was, "Sure, get me a time and a phone number and I'll try to set it up."

I got her the requested detail and then began thinking: Keith, who was born in Kansas and spent much of his childhood in Beaumont, Texas, had kind of a John Wayne drawl in his voice. I thought the president had the same sort of speaking cadence. I could imagine the surprise phone call starting, "Hello, Keith, this is Ronald Reagan, happy birthday." Then I thought Fuller would respond, "yeah, right, who the hell is this?"

Roy told me later it actually came off like clockwork, it really was a surprise and there were no embarrassing moments.

(Photos above courtesy of AP Corporate Archives.)

Remembering the Shah and Sadat in Aswan, Egypt - 40 years ago today





AP's Nick Tatro and LA Times correspondent Don Schanche shown at right. AP Photos by Bill Foley.

Bill Foley ([Email](#)) - There was a time when I thought 40 was a big number. That is no longer the case as I read journals and look at old work.

40 years ago this week, the Cairo press corps made a mad dash to Aswan, in upper Egypt for the arrival of the Shah of Iran on Wednesday, January, 16, 1979.



As Ayatollah Khomeini arrived in Tehran, the Shah fled, leaving behind the revolution that sent him into exile. At that moment, Sadat was the only leader in the area who offered the Shah refuge.

The Shah and his family arrived on the Shah's Iranian 747, and were greeted and welcomed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and his wife Jehan.

In the following days, the large Cairo based foreign press corps, attempted to photograph, interview, and film the royals in exile.

On this Friday 40 years ago, which was the Shah's first Friday in Aswan, he accompanied President Sadat to the local mosque for Friday prayers. As we photographed President Sadat and the Shah, many imagined that Sadat had whispered to the Shah, "just follow my lead", assuming the Shah had not spent a lot of time in the mosque recently.

In the following days everyone staked out the Shah's residence, watching them on tour boats viewing Pharaonic temples and meeting with various Egyptian and foreign officials at the Aswan Oberoi hotel.

As I read old notes and captions on this Friday morning and reflect on my trip to Cairo last year, it almost seems like it was last week. 40 no longer seems like a large number.

Meanwhile, there are now just a few more notebooks and boxes of prints to take a look at.

Returning eight orphaned bears to the wild



Bill Vogrin (Email) - After I gave up my column at The Gazette of Colorado Springs and subsequently sold my two weekly newspapers, I feared I would never have the kind of exciting, unpredictable and satisfying job again that I enjoyed as a journalist.

And I feared I would never find a public affairs job with a company or government agency I could fully embrace.

My fears were unfounded.

On Tuesday, as public information officer for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, I participated in one of the most gratifying projects of my life...helping our officers return eight orphaned bear cubs to the wild.

(Each summer, bear cubs are orphaned when their mothers get hit by cars and trains, when they are killed by poachers or when they break into a home, forcing CPW officers to euthanize them as a threat to human health and safety. The number of orphans varies, year to year. We had a large number this year due to drought and late freezes that wiped out bears' natural food sources, forcing them into cities where they get into deadly conflicts as they hunt for garbage, dog food, bird seed and other human-provided food.)

The project started last week when we braved a blizzard and dangerous mountain gravel roads to prepare two artificial dens for the cubs. Then on Tuesday, we delivered the tranquilized cubs to the dens. Our officers performed their work in front of the largest media contingent that ever turned out for a CPW event (according to my long-tenured CPW public information colleague).



News crews from all four Denver television stations joined the four Colorado Springs TV news crews, as well as print and online reporters from the Front Range, to witness the bears being returned to the wild.

It went relatively well, except when a couple of the bears - each weighing 100-140 pounds - awoke from their drug-induced slumbers, giving us a scare. One sat up on a sled as our officers were pulling it through shin-deep snow to the den site. Our officers quickly administered another dose of tranquilizer to put the bears back to sleep so the operation could continue.

In my nearly two years at CPW, I've participated in countless wildlife rescue operations and relocations of large mammals including bears, moose, bighorn sheep and more. Another favorite episode for me involved a golden eagle that was injured in a powerful thunderstorm. I photographed it when our officer rescued it from the



side of U.S. Highway 24 and then again a few months later when we released it in a meadow on the side of Pikes Peak. It was inspiring to watch it spread its wings and launch itself into the sky.

Don't get me wrong, I miss writing my newspaper column and telling the stories of the people of the Pikes Peak region. It was an incredible ride. But I'm still telling stories. Now they are about the wild animals of the region and state.

I recognize how fortunate I am to have left journalism on my own terms, not due to a layoff as so many of my friends suffered. And I sometimes feel guilty that I found another rewarding career when so many of my colleagues took less-rewarding work just to pay their bills.

There is life after journalism and it can be a rich and rewarding experience. If you are lucky, like me.

Connecting mailbox

Covering Northridge quake with LA 'Dream Team'

Jo Steck ([Email](#)) - It was to be my first day as ACOB-Photos, and although I was anticipating getting to work early, I didn't expect to be shaken outta bed at 4:30a. As we in LA all know too well, that sound of cement and steel moaning under the pressure of anything over a 4 is pretty stinkin' eerie, yet there it was.

I can't remember how I got there...everything seemed to be rocking for a while, but I do remember getting to the bureau and working with assignment editors Herb Hemming and Blair Godbout to get people on the road. Most were already out.

When Doug Pizac's film came back, the images were surreal. I remember standing at the light table and seeing his face light up when we saw that particular image of the man outside his mobile home.

Needless to say there was so much stress outside [221 S. Figueroa](#), but inside, COB Andy Lippman had that place running flawlessly. And back in photos, you couldn't

have asked for a finer, more professional staff.

I had replaced Spencer Jones as ACOB that day, and the work that all those guys did that morning and in the following days was a testament to his leadership.

The earthquake was a precursor to the incredible year we would face as a bureau, and I couldn't have been prouder of the photo staff - including a miracle team of stringers that included now staffers Kevork Djansezian, Mark Terrell and Wally Santana - and the editors, led by Paul Harrington, who left families at home to come in and run the networks. Everyone was incredible and selfless and I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the strong communication between news and photos, led by Julie Aicher.

Later that year, we'd talk about the dream team that was the Lakers, led by Magic, but for me, that LA staff was the dream team.

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2017 AP Stylebook donation requests

Do you know of a school or program that might be in need of 2017 AP Stylebooks?

AP has limited copies of the 2017 AP Stylebook to donate to organizations that cannot afford to buy them, such as journalism camps, conferences for minority journalists and high schools with little or no school newspaper budget. The books are provided for free, and the organization need only pay for the shipping.

AP evaluates each request based on need, the population served by the donation and the number of books in inventory. Nonprofits get priority, so AP asks whether the IRS recognizes one as a 501(c)(3) or if it is funded primarily through donations and grants.

Donation requests can be made through this [link](#).

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The 'Blue Bombs'

Jim Limbach (Email) - Re nastygrams: at the Broadcast News Center In Washington, they were known as "Blue Bombs" owing to the color of the P&C envelopes in which they arrived.

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More news art



Ed Breen (Email) - Encountered this fellow recently in the Milwaukee Museum of Art - 1888 "Newsboy" from the museum's folk art collection.

Somehow seems appropriate to the moment.

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Go Chiefs!!! On to Atlanta!



AP to host 2 Report for America journalists

By Lauren Easton

The Associated Press will add two journalists dedicated to local news coverage in Connecticut and New York as part of the 2019 Report for America program.

Working with local AP editors, the reporters will provide statehouse coverage for our member news organizations and customers, with a focus on criminal justice and mental health issues.

Report for America, an initiative of The GroundTruth Project, facilitates the placement of journalists in a variety of U.S. news organizations to report in underserved areas across the country.



"We are excited about the collaboration with Report for America, which pairs the organization's commitment to local news with AP's national footprint and customer distribution network," said Noreen Gillespie, deputy managing editor for U.S. News.

AP is one of 35 news organizations announced today where Report for America's 2019 corps members will work beginning in June. A full list of participating organizations is available online.

The deadline to apply for the Report for America 2019 class is Feb. 8.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

'Sheer bravery' in Nairobi attack coverage



Civilians flee as security forces aim their weapons at the buildings of a hotel complex in Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 15, 2019. (AP Photo/Khalil Senosi)

By Lauren Easton

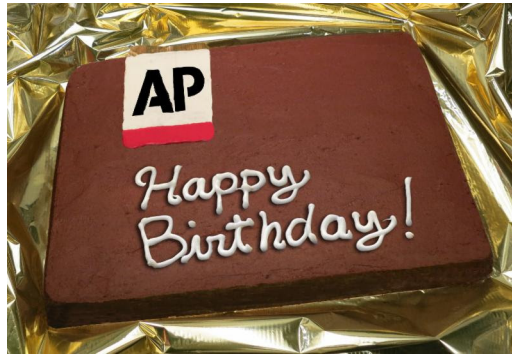
When extremists attacked a hotel complex in Kenya's capital on Tuesday, AP journalists across formats scrambled to capture video, take photos and report the breaking news.

AP was first to provide live video of the chaos unfolding, and its journalists worked quickly to gather on-camera interviews with witnesses and make photos of police responding and civilians fleeing.

"The first AP journalists on the scene got a live feed up immediately. This is great for our customers, but it also enables a whole range of other newsgathering to happen," said Managing Editor Brian Carovillano. "This was step one in what became a dominant overall performance by the Nairobi bureau, across formats."

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

***Desmond Boylan: A Life in News Wire
Photography*** (New York Times)

***Santiago Lyon reflects on his friendship with - and the craft of - Mr.
Boylan, a fellow conflict photographer.***



An Indian soldier in front of a burning government building after an attack in Srinagar. Militants attacked the heavily guarded complex housing passengers due to take a bus across divided Kashmir, witnesses said. April 6, 2005. Credit - Desmond Boylan/Reuters

By Santiago Lyon

When tens of thousands of students took to the streets of Spain to protest new education laws in 1987, riot police officers violently dispersed the demonstrators, firing tear gas and rubber bullets. As a 20-year-old freelancer in Madrid, I was photographing these events for Reuters alongside other accredited photojournalists who wore green armbands to identify and protect them from police assaults.

One day my colleagues and I watched as a young photographer we had never encountered - and who did not have a prized armband - kept getting hassled by the police as he tried to photograph the scene. He was fearless and determined as we watched him fending off the police, day after day.

"Who is that guy?" we puzzled.

I found out soon enough when I saw him a few weeks later playing pinball at a bar. "Are you the guy we keep seeing getting into trouble with the cops during the demos?" I asked.

He was.

Grinning, he said that his name was Desmond Boylan, that he was Irish but had been raised in Spain and that while he was studying at a Madrid university, his passion was photography.

Read more [here](#).

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Iran newspapers, minister criticize US arrest of newscaster



This undated photo provided by Iranian state television's English-language service, Press TV, shows American-born news anchor Marzieh Hashemi at studio in Tehran, Iran. The elder son of Hashemi says his mother is being held in the United States, but has not been charged with anything. Hussein Hashemi says she was detained Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, as she was leaving St. Louis for Denver. He says she had filmed a Black Lives Matter documentary in St. Louis after visiting family in New Orleans. (Press TV via AP)

By JON GAMBRELL

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - Iran kept up its criticism Thursday of the FBI's apparent arrest of an American anchorwoman from Iran's state-run English-language TV channel, with its foreign minister saying "she's done nothing but journalism."

The hard-line Vatan-e Emrooz paper criticized the detention of Press TV's Marzieh Hashemi as "Saudi-style behavior with a critical journalist." That's a reference to the Oct. 2 assassination of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told Press TV that "we have a right to continue to look after her interests" as Hashemi, born Melanie Franklin in New Orleans, also holds Iranian citizenship.

Iranian law, however, does not recognize dual nationalities, an issue that comes up in its arrest of those with Western ties.

Read more [here](#).

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Journalist in Ghana who exposed soccer corruption shot dead

By FRANCIS KOKUTSE and GERALD IMRAY

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) - An investigative journalist in Ghana who helped expose a high-ranking official at world soccer body FIFA as corrupt was shot dead by gunmen on a motorbike as he drove home alone at night, police said Thursday.

His employers said he was assassinated.

Ahmed Hussein-Suale was killed late Wednesday, shot twice in the chest and once in the neck at close range while driving in the suburb of Accra where he lived. He died immediately, according to police.

Tiger Eye PI, the investigative journalism house Hussein-Suale worked for, said it had the hallmarks of a professional hit.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Alexa gets a professional 'newscaster' voice for reading the day's news (Techcrunch)

By SARAH PEREZ

Amazon already gave Alexa the ability to whisper, and now it's rolling out another way to change the assistant's speaking style - it's giving Alexa a "newscaster" voice. Starting today, when U.S. customers ask Alexa "what's the latest?" to hear the day's news, Alexa will respond using a voice that's similar to how a professional newscaster delivers news.

The voice knows which words should be emphasized for a more realistic delivery of the news, explains Amazon.

To achieve this new voice, Amazon took advantage of recent developments it made with Neural TTS technology, or NTTS. This technology delivers a more natural-sounding voice, and allows Alexa to adapt her speaking style based on the context of your request. For the newscaster voice, NTTS produced speech with better intonation that emphasizes the right words in a sentence, Amazon says.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - January 18, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2019. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 18, 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread - aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts - went into effect.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2001, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

Ten years ago: Israeli troops begin to withdraw from Gaza after their government and Hamas militants declared an end to a three-week war. A star-studded pre-inaugural concert took place on the National Mall, featuring Bruce Springsteen, Bono (BAH'-noh) and Beyonce, with President-elect Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, in attendance. The Arizona Cardinals of the NFC advanced to their first Super Bowl with a 32-25 win over the Philadelphia Eagles; the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Baltimore Ravens 23-14 to win the AFC Championship and reach their seventh Super Bowl.

Five years ago: Results showed that nearly 20 million Egyptian voters backed the country's new constitution, almost double the number of those who'd voted for one drafted in 2012 under the government of toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. "American Hustle" took the Screen Actors Guild Awards' top honor for

outstanding cast; Matthew McConaughey was recognized for his lead performance in "Dallas Buyers Club" while Cate Blanchett won the actress award for "Blue Jasmine."

One year ago: At the end of a visit to Chile that was meant to heal the wounds of a sex abuse scandal, Pope Francis accused victims of Chile's most notorious pedophile of slandering another bishop; Francis said he would need to see proof that Bishop Juan Barros was complicit in covering up the sex crimes of the Rev. Fernando Karadima. Texas executed by lethal injection Anthony Allen Shore, who became known as Houston's "Tourniquet Killer" because of the murder technique used on four female victims. Temperatures peaked at 104 degrees during second-round matches at the Australian Open.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 86. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 81. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 78. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 66. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 64. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 63. Actor Mark Rylance is 59. Actress Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 57. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 56. Actress Jane Horrocks is 55. Comedian Dave Attell (uh-TEHL') is 54. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 50. Rapper DJ Quik is 49. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 48. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 46. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 45. Actor Derek Richardson is 43. Actor Jason Segel is 39. Actress Samantha Mumba is 36. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 35. Actress Devin Kelley is 33. Actress Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 31. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 31. Actor Mateus Ward is 20.

Thought for Today: "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." - Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936).

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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