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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Services for **Fran Mears** will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Christ United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she and her husband **Walter R. Mears** had made their home for the past 14 years.



Memorials may be sent to the Chatham County Literacy Council, 606 E. Third Street, Siler City, NC, 27344 - <https://chathamliteracy.org/>

If you would like to send a card to Walter and the family, his address is: 51203 Eastchurch Chapel Hill NC 27517.

You can post online condolences on the Walker's Funeral Home site by clicking [here](#).

**Journalism students at the University of Kansas** will be treated this spring semester to the Monday Movie Night as part of JOUR 201: Journalism in the Movies class.

Here's the lineup of movies and the year each was released: Jan. 28: "Spotlight" (2016), Feb. 4: "Shattered Glass" (2003), Feb. 11: "Ace in the Hole" (1951), Feb. 18: "Nightcrawler" (2014), Feb. 25: "Network" (1976), March 4: "His Girl Friday" (1940), March 25: "Zodiac" (2007), April 1: "The Paper" (1998), April 8: "State of Play" (2009), April 15: "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" (2016), April 22: "Good Night, and Good Luck" (2005), April 29: "The Post" (2017) and May 6: "All the President's Men" (1976).



**So, Connecting asks, what is your favorite journalism movie and briefly, why?**

We convey congratulations to **Doug Ferguson** on the AP golf writer's lifetime PGA award.

Have a good day.

Paul

## Fran Mears: A bright life in my news career

**Bob Lewis (Email)** - One of my fondest recollections of Fran came one sunny, cold winter day in 1992 when the lights inexplicably flickered the newsroom in Evansville, Indiana, where I was the AP correspondent, followed an ominous low rumble. A Kentucky Air National Guard C-130 cargo plane that had been practicing "touch-and-go" landings at the Evansville airport a few miles to the north had lost air speed on its ascent and plunged into a hotel and adjacent restaurant. Immense balls of flame from burning aviation fuel produced a black column of smoke that stained the day's blue sky for miles. Sixteen people died.

I raced to the scene and started dictating. As details mounted and the scope of the disaster became clear amid the chaos, someone had to keep it all together and lead a talented AP staff. That was Fran. She was the cool pro who marshaled all the journalists behind a coherent plan, made sure we had all the resources we needed and kept things rolling. AP dominated the coverage of the first day and led the way over many long days afterward with Fran as the rock, the sure-handed captain.

More than that, she was just fun. In those days, work was something I awoke eager to do day after day because of Fran.

And she was a friend -- or at least as much as two professionals in a boss-subordinate situation can be. I'd have run through a cinder-block wall for Fran.

Those days were special. And fleeting.

To Walter, I extend my sincere personal condolences as well as my prayers that God temper your grief with peace and strength.

It's been a long time since I last saw or spoke to Fran. Even so, there is a emptiness and sadness deep in my heart.

Angels speed thee to thy rest, my friend.

## **Doug Ferguson named recipient of 2019 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism**



## By PGA of America

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. - Doug Ferguson, whose three decades with the Associated Press have made him the most-read golf journalist and one of the game's most respected chroniclers of professional golfers, has been named the recipient of the 2019 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism.

Ferguson will be honored on April 11 at the ISPS HANDA 47th Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) Annual Awards Dinner at Savannah Rapids Pavilion in Augusta, Georgia.

Ferguson, 55, is the 30th recipient of the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism, which recognizes members of the media for their steadfast promotion of golf, both locally and nationally. His work, spanning more than 500 golf events, reaches more than 4,000 publications worldwide.

"Doug Ferguson may arguably hold the most demanding journalistic position in our sport. He is a golf fan's eyes and ears to what is happening on both sides of the gallery ropes," said PGA of America President Suzy Whaley. "Through his outstanding reporting, Doug has earned the respect of his peers and the athletes he follows around the globe. Doug's passion for the game of golf is evident in every piece carrying his byline. The PGA of America is very proud to celebrate adding his name among the most honored journalists in golf."

Ferguson follows former AP national golf writers Bob Green (1994) and Ron Sirak (2015) as recipients of the award. His AP career began as a news reporter in 1988, and he can list one of the widest range of assignments: 92 major golf championships, 11 Ryder Cups, 10 Presidents Cups, three Solheim Cups, two Olympics Games (speed skating, 1998 and golf, 2016); one Super Bowl, one Republican National Convention and two executions in Oklahoma.

"I think it's one of the highest honors a golf writer could aspire to," said Ferguson of his capturing the award. "It's very meaningful. I love what I do, If I didn't love it, I couldn't have done what I have done this long and at that rate of workload. It's the nicest form of recognition I could get." Ferguson cited an all-star list of journalists, including several previous award recipients and colleagues who were "not just idols, but mentors - Sirak, Larry Dorman, Dan Jenkins, Jaime Diaz, Len Shapiro and Bob Verdi. They are people I wanted to be, knowing I could never be them."

(Shared by Doug Kienitz)

## At the wedding of Kim Phuc's son







Photos by Raul Roa (c) 2019

Nearly 47 years ago, on June 8, 1972, AP Photographer Nick Ut captured what would become a Pulitzer Prize-winning photo depicting children fleeing from a napalm bombing during the Vietnam War. In the center of the frame running towards the camera was a naked 9-year-old girl, Phan Thị Kim Phúc, also known as "Napalm Girl." After he took the picture, Nick personally took her to the hospital and implored doctors to treat her.



On Monday, in Gilroy, California, Nick was on hand when Kim's son Stephen was married. That's the wedding party in the top photo and Nick and Kim in the bottom photo. Both photos were taken by Nick's good friend, LA Times photographer Raul Roa.

## New-member profile - Art Heise

**Art Heise (Email)** - I always wanted to be a foreign correspondent. When I was in college I researched the career path of foreign correspondents and found out that most spent years stateside before being sent overseas.



I decided to short-circuit that process. I secured a guest lectureship at the Free University of Berlin as a base of operations and to be able to feed my family. As soon as I got there, I pounded on the door of every U.S. news organization in Berlin. Sure enough, the AP had a vacancy. I got the job, of course as a local hire. Berlin in the mid-Sixties was a great news town.

Since I spoke fluent German, I was able to run circles around the bureau chief who didn't and who was an...(I guess I'll leave that blank). Consequently, Joe Fleming, the legendary UPI bureau chief in Berlin, taught me all about the city (not just because we got along, but because he loved my wife's spaghetti.)

Because of a major family emergency I had to return to the states a year later and ended up at the Buffalo News that was near my hometown of Syracuse, N.Y. I found out that I didn't need a crusty city editor to tell me what to cover, so I veered off into freelancing. Because much of what I wrote involved the military I decided to go back to college and study how large public organizations worked. That resulted in a Ph.D. in public administration from the renowned Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

With that in hand, I became a college professor who would teach and write. But for the writing part I picked the wrong university: Florida International University in Miami. A brand new public university when I joined it in 1974, I soon became ensnared in the administrative challenge of building a new university. It had 5,000 students when I joined it; it now has more than 50,000.

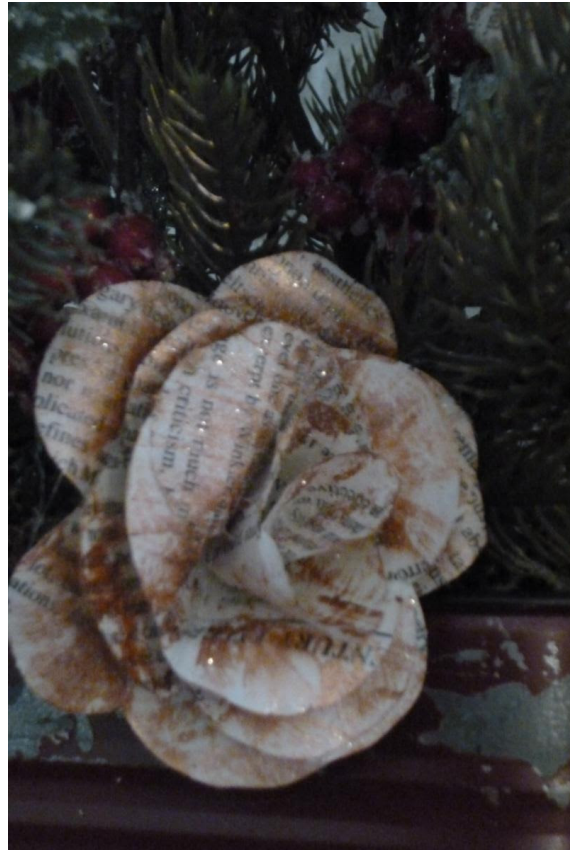
In 1983 I started the challenge of building a top-notch school of journalism. We succeeded. By 1992 the program was accredited and the next accrediting team a few years later labeled it a school of "national distinction."

One of the things that made it a program of distinction was the Central American Journalism Project, an \$18 million, 10-year project to strengthen journalism in Central America. Another APer - Chuck Green - managed it superbly on a day-to-day basis.

I am now happily retired as professor and dean emeritus and live in the mountains of Western North Carolina. My most recent writing undertaking was a book: *Das Haus in East Berlin: Can two families - one Jewish, one not - find peace in a clash that started in Nazi Germany?*



# Flowers from newsprint



Paul Albright ([Email](#)) - These flowers (2 images) are made from newsprint.

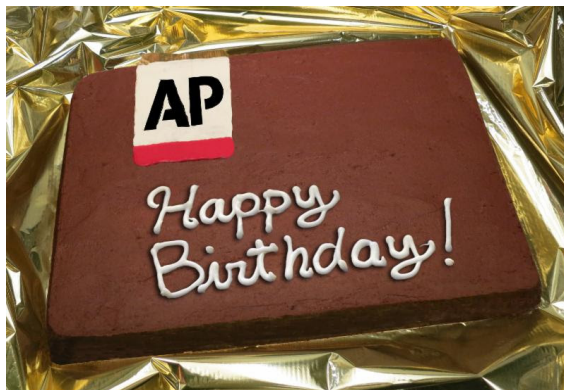
# Connecting Sky Shot - Luxor, Egypt





**Kevin Walsh** ([Email](#)) - Sunset on the Nile.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

## ***AP PHOTOS: Slain journalist captured Libya's turmoil***



**FILE - In this Oct. 3, 2015, file photo, members of the Libyan Red Crescent wash their hands at the shore after they placed bodies of migrants found on the eastern shore of Tripoli, Libya into bags. The work of photographer and video journalist Mohamed Ben Khalifa, who was killed in Libya on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, reflected Libya's post-2011 chaos of rival militias fighting for control as well as the humanitarian tragedy of waves of people fleeing North Africa, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. (AP Photo/Mohamed Ben Khalifa,**

CAIRO (AP) - Mohamed Ben Khalifa's work as a photographer and video journalist captured the tragedy of refugee corpses washing ashore on Libya's coastline. In urban centers, he documented ferocious militia warfare.

In one photo, a wave rolls gently over the arm of a dead refugee. In another, a love letter written on pink paper is seen next to the body of a Syrian refugee found on the beach of Ben Khalifa's hometown of Zuwara, west of the Libyan capital. In others, gunfire rages, lighting up the night sky.

The work of Ben Khalifa, who was killed in Libya on Saturday, reflected Libya's post-2011 chaos of rival militias fighting for control as well as the humanitarian tragedy of waves of people fleeing North Africa, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa.

He was killed on Saturday while accompanying a militia on patrol in southern Tripoli. The group came under fire and attack by a missile, according to a fellow freelance journalist. Ben Khalifa was killed by shrapnel.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Opinion: Will the Media Be Trump's Accomplice Again in 2020?*** (New York Times)

**By Frank Bruni**

**Opinion Columnist**

"Pocahontas" won't be lonely for long.

As other Democrats join Elizabeth Warren in the contest for the party's presidential nomination, President Trump will assign them their own nicknames, different from hers but just as derisive. There's no doubt.

But how much heed will we in the media pay to this stupidity? Will we sprint to Beto O'Rourke, Cory Booker or Mike Bloomberg for a reaction to what Trump just called one of them and then rush back to him for his response to that response? Or will we note Trump's latest nonsense only briefly and pivot to matters more consequential?

That's a specific question but also an overarching one - about the degree to which we'll let him set the terms of the 2020 presidential campaign, about our appetite for antics versus substance, and about whether we'll repeat the mistakes that we made in 2016 and continued to make during the first stages of his presidency. There were plenty.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Feinsilber.

## **The Final Word**



# ***What People Actually Say Before They Die***

(Atlantic)

By **MICHAEL ERARD**

Mort Felix liked to say that his name, when read as two Latin words, meant "happy death." When he was sick with the flu, he used to jokingly remind his wife, Susan, that he wanted Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" played at his deathbed. But when his life's end arrived at the age of 77, he lay in his study in his Berkeley, California, home, his body besieged by cancer and his consciousness cradled in morphine, uninterested in music and refusing food as he dwindled away over three weeks in 2012. "Enough," he told Susan. "Thank you, and I love you, and enough." When she came downstairs the next morning, she found Felix dead.

During those three weeks, Felix had talked. He was a clinical psychologist who had also spent a lifetime writing poetry, and though his end-of-life speech often didn't make sense, it seemed to draw from his attention to language. "There's so much so in sorrow," he said at one point. "Let me down from here," he said at another. "I've lost my modality." To the surprise of his family members, the lifelong atheist also began hallucinating angels and complaining about the crowded room—even though no one was there.

Read more [here](#).

## **Today in History - January 22, 2019**



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2019. There are 343 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach. Former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at his Texas ranch at age 64.

### **On this date:**

In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years; she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII.

In 1907, the Richard Strauss opera "Salome" made its American debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York; its racy content sparked outrage and forced cancellation of additional performances.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson, in an address to Congress, pleaded for an end to the war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible," set during the Salem witch trials, opened on Broadway.

In 1968, the fast-paced sketch comedy program "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered as a weekly series on NBC-TV.

In 1987, Pennsylvania treasurer R. Budd Dwyer, convicted of defrauding the state, proclaimed his innocence at a news conference before pulling out a gun, placing the barrel in his mouth and shooting himself to death in front of horrified onlookers.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee) pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

In 2008, actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in a New York City apartment. Jose Padilla (hoh-ZAY' puh-DEE'-uh), once accused of plotting with al-Qaida to blow up a radioactive "dirty bomb," was sentenced by a U.S. federal judge in Miami to 17 years and four months (later increased to 21 years) on other terrorism conspiracy charges.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay prison camp within a year. (The facility remained in operation as lawmakers blocked efforts to transfer terror suspects to the United States; President Donald Trump later issued an order to keep the jail open and allow the Pentagon to bring new prisoners there.) The Senate Finance Committee cleared the nomination of Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary, 18-5, despite unhappiness over his mistakes in paying his taxes. A Chinese court sentenced two men to death and a dairy boss to life in prison for their roles in producing and selling infant formula tainted with melamine that was blamed for the deaths of at least six babies and sickening thousands more.

Five years ago: The White House Council on Women and Girls released a report on rape at college campuses, saying 1 in 5 female students were assaulted while only 1 in 8 student victims reported it. Edgar Tamayo, a Mexican national, was put to death in Texas for killing Houston police officer Guy Gaddis despite pleas and diplomatic pressure from Mexico and the U.S. State Department to halt the execution. Israel said it had foiled an "advanced" al-Qaida plan to carry out a suicide bombing on the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and bomb other targets.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed a bill reopening the government after a 69-hour shutdown. Pennsylvania's Supreme Court struck down the state's widely criticized congressional map, a victory for Democrats who alleged the 18 districts were unconstitutionally gerrymandered to benefit Republicans. Former soccer star George Weah was sworn in as Liberia's new president, taking over the impoverished West African nation from Africa's first female leader, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Gov. Phil Scott signed legislation making Vermont the first state in the country to approve the recreational use of marijuana through the state legislature, rather than through a



vote of residents. Singer Neil Diamond announced that he would be retiring from touring because he'd recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 91. Actress Piper Laurie is 87. Celebrity chef Graham Kerr (TV: "The Galloping Gourmet") is 85. Actor Seymour Cassel is 84. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 82. Singer Steve Perry is 70. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 67. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 66. Actor John Wesley Shipp is 64. Hockey Hall of Famer Mike Bossy is 62. Actress Linda Blair is 60. Actress Diane Lane is 54. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 54. Country singer Regina Nicks (Regina Regina) is 54. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri is 51. Actress Olivia d'Abo is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shai) is 50. Actress Katie Finneran is 48. Actor Gabriel Macht is 47. Actor Balthazar Getty is 44. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 39. Jazz singer Lizz Wright is 39. Pop singer Willa Ford is 38. Actress Beverley (cq) Mitchell is 38. Rock singer-musician Ben Moody is 38. Actor Kevin Sheridan is 37. Actress-singer Phoebe Strole is 36. Rapper Logic is 29. Tennis player Alize Cornet (uh-LEEZ' kohr-NAY') is 29. Actress Sami Gayle is 23.

**Thought for Today: "Children need models rather than critics." - Joseph Joubert (zhoo-BAYR'), French moralist (1754-1824).**

## 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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