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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 25th day of April 2019,

The value of the archives of The Associated Press is demonstrated nearly daily in our Connecting newsletter. Photos and stories and all kinds of background greatly enhance the knowledge of all of us who are readers.

And you have the opportunity to make that value even greater.

The AP Corporate Archives, established in 2003 to document AP's governance, news and administrative operations, seeks donations of personal papers from former AP staffers, said its director, **Valerie Komor**, who notes that the archives hold 71 such collections.

These gifts can include: printed materials (AP World, AP Logs, internal circulars, leaflets, or instruction books), wire copy, staff photographs, memoranda, correspondence, scrapbooks, and cassette tapes or other audio or visual media. "Our desire is to document the individual career as well as the larger AP," Komor said.

Should you wish to donate such materials, please contact Valerie Komor at vkomor@ap.org or 212-621-1731 or archivist Francesca Pitaro at fpitaro@ap.org or 212-621-7446.

Our colleague **John Kuglin** recently made such a donation and explains here:

John Kuglin (Email) - A few years after I retired as Helena COB in 2005, I called the bureau and asked if they still had a fat binder with 22 years of Montana logs. I was told they had been "tossed" when the bureau moved.

It wasn't until last year that Len Iwanski, our former broadcast editor, told me he had saved them.

I made copies of the logs, and sent the originals to Valerie Komor at AP Corporate Communications in New York after she said she'd like to get them.

The logs, usually published monthly, give a snapshot of what it was like to work in a small AP bureau. I wrote the logs and assembled them, using a WordPerfect 5.1 desktop publishing program that I managed to figure out through trial and error. The logs were usually four pages and printed on glossy paper.

The logs were written for 22 years, between 1983-2005.

The logs were a huge hit with the members and I usually saw them pinned up on bulletin boards at member newspaper and broadcast newsrooms. The logs featured AP state enterprise, mentioned member contributions to the report and usually had one of our state photos on each page. Lacking an AP photographer in Montana, the

logs encouraged member photo contributions. Our record was 1,244 member transmissions in a single year.

There were a surprising number of big stories covered by our bureau, and they were often featured on Page 1. In 1996, for example, we had -42 degree temperatures, followed by floods, the capture of the Unabomber and the standoff between the FBI and the Montana Freemen on the eastern side of the state. In fact, Jon Wolman, when he was executive editor, once called me, after there were three Montana-dated stories on AP's national digest. "What is going on in Montana?" Jon asked. I replied that we'd had an outbreak of news and had to cover it.

Stan Lehman to retire from AP after 36 years of covering hosts of major stories in Brazil



Reporter Stan Lehman at his desk in the Sao Paulo AP bureau. After bearing witness and helping to cover many major stories in Brazil since the end of the country's dictatorship, Lehman is putting down his pen, notebook and computer. (AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)

(In a staff note Wednesday, AP Brazil News Director Peter Prengaman announced the retirement of newsman Stan Lehman. Here is the note.)

By PETER PRENGAMAN

After bearing witness and helping to cover many major stories in Brazil since the end of the country's dictatorship, Stan Lehman is putting down his pen, notebook and computer.

When Stan, a native New Yorker raised in Caracas, Venezuela, began with The Associated Press in Brazil in 1983, the military government of "the generals," as they were called, was on its last legs after decades of repression since staging a coup in 1964. In 1985, the dictatorship ended, and in 1988 a new constitution was drafted, bringing Latin America's largest nation back to democracy.

Based in Sao Paulo, Brazil's economic engine and largest city, Stan lived, both personally and journalistically, the major changes of the 1980s, transformative stories that were both fascinating and sometimes difficult to cover.

There was also the hyper-inflation of the 1980s, the "Plan (Brazilian) Real" of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso in the 1990s, which brought financial stability via the currency to the country, the historic presidential election victory of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in 2002 and subsequent booms years, the impeachment of da Silva's hand-picked successor, Brazil's hosting of the World Cup and Summer Olympics, the rise of President Jair Bolsonaro, and so much more.

In preparing this announcement, I asked Stan to share with me some memories of stories he'll never forget.

Here they are:

_ The "Diretas Já," or "Direct Elections Now," movement that attracted massive crowds calling for the end of the military regime and presidential elections.

_ The emergence of the first labor strikes and anti-government street demonstrations during the military government, something that was strictly prohibited at the time.

_ Josef Mengele, nicknamed the "Angel of Death of Auschwitz," who drowned off the coast of the state of Sao Paulo in 1979. Mengele was buried under a false name by the family that harbored him. In 1985, his body was exhumed, and one of the greatest forensic analysis in history would determine the remains indeed belonged

Mengele, wanted for performing experiments on inmates and sending thousands to the gas chambers during World War II.

_ The saga surrounding Ronald Biggs, one of the men who planned and carried out what became known as the "Great Train Robbery" of 1963 in England. Biggs escaped from prison and spent more than three decades on the run, mostly in Brazil. In 2001, he was finally returned to England.

_ The resignation of President Fernando Collor de Mello in 1992 amid an impeachment trial in the Senate for corruption. After his fall from grace, Collor de Mello would remake himself politically, eventually becoming a federal senator.

_ The 2002 presidential election victory of former labor leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, his two terms in office, which brought some big changes in Brazil, and then his 2017 trial and conviction to 12 years in prison on corruption and money laundering charges.

Stan's last day will be April 28. Those in Sao Paulo and others able to travel, mark your calendars for May 11, when we will fête Stan with a Brazilian style "churrasco," or barbeque.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Stan for all his work at the AP during some of the most important moments in Brazil's modern history.

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A diversion from tour landed him interview with Eisner

Mike Tharp ([Email](#)) - Disney California Adventure was all set to open in early 2001. It would be only the second Disney park on the West Coast after the original Disneyland in 1955. As a Los Angeles-based reporter for U.S. News & World Report, I asked for an interview with Disney CEO Michael Eisner. Nope, sorry, he's giving no interviews.

But how about a press tour?

I signed up. A charming PR lady escorted me from ride to ride, venue to venue. We went to the head of the lines. We were walking from one site to another when I noticed a group of big-wigs following us. Eisner led them. I excused myself and went over to a fake boulder and leaned over to tie my well-tied shoe. Eisner and his group caught up.

I wheeled and walked up to Eisner. Identifying myself, I asked, "What do you think of all this today?" He barely slowed down. Said the CEO of the Magic Kingdom: "We've been planning it so long, it's goofy!"

The PR lady was not happy, I was.

I had my lede.

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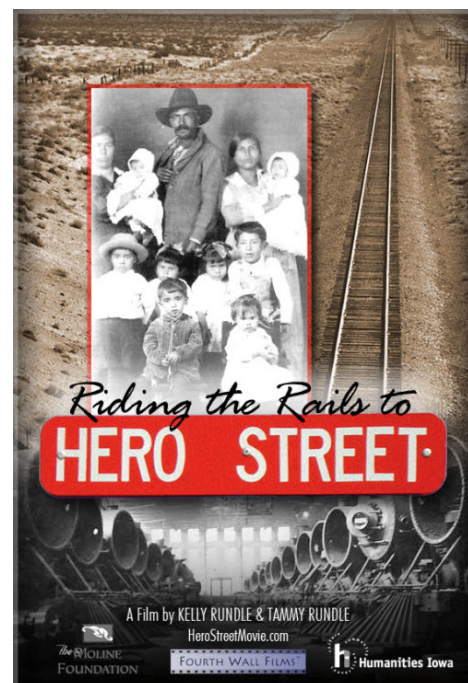
Sneak preview of documentary based on Marc Wilson book, Hero Street USA

Fourth Wall Films presented a sneak preview April 23 of its documentary, *Riding the Rails to Hero Street*, inspired by Connecting colleague Marc Wilson's book, *Hero Street U.S.A.*

Wilson provided part of the narration for the documentary, and he was a panelist for a discussion after the showing of the 25-minute video at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

His book was published in 2009 by the University of Oklahoma Press, and was honored as the best history book of the year by International Latino Literacy Now.

Fourth Wall Films co-producers Kelly and Tammy Rundle said they plan to have the final version of *Riding the Rails to Hero Street* completed for airing on public television stations next fall. They also produced a related documentary in 2015,



Letters Home to Hero Street. They also plan to produce at least one more short documentary related to Hero Street U.S.A.

Hero Street U.S.A. is the story of eight Mexican-American men from the same street in Silvis, Ill., who were killed in combat in World War II and Korea - the most combat deaths of any single street in America.

Marc Wilson ([Email](#)) worked for three dailies - the Boulder Camera, Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News - before joining the AP. He was a newsman in Denver, Little Rock and Chicago before being named correspondent in Boise Idaho, and later ACOB in Dallas. He left the AP in 1983 to become co-owner and editor-publisher of the weekly Bigfork (Montana) Eagle, where he founded TownNews. In addition to Hero Street U.S.A., he's written Kidnapped by Columbus, a historical fiction novel published last year by Floricanto Press. He is working on his third book, The Last First Indian. He and his wife live in Loveland, Colorado.

Click [here](#) for further information.

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Hartford's Steve Feica helped him through difficult patch in AP

Steve Singer ([Email](#)) - There was a time when I worked the night shift, coming in to work after Steve Feica's shift ended. I disliked the shift because I felt sidelined and would call him from home in the mornings to swap jokes, trade stories and just stay in touch. His good humor and support got me through s difficult patch at the AP

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Remembering Jon Wolman - compassionate, caring, humble

Eric Newhouse ([Email](#)) - I've been away from my computer for a week (up in Connecticut celebrating the remarriage of one of our daughters) and came back to learn of Jon Wolman's death. Ouch! Way too early.

I grew up with Jon in the Wisconsin State Journal family, where my dad was a feature/editorial writer and his dad was publisher. "Murph" Wolman was a rarity, a Jewish journalist who had cracked the glass ceiling to become publisher, so the staff nicknamed him Murphy to make him feel more accepted.

Jon's big sister Ruth (now long deceased) and I wrote the senior class play for Madison West High School, and I remember Jon standing in the hallway and peeking into the living room where the big kid writers were working.

Over the years, we kept in loose touch, usually notes on career changes including a pair of supportive notes when we each left The AP. In fact, I sent him a copy of my most recent book, "Faces of Recovery," just a few months ago.

Jon was a gifted journalist, a compassionate and caring human being, and one of the most humble people I've ever known. His death hits me hard.

Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Gannett just launched its own image licensing and wire service (Poynter)

Watch out, Getty. Gannett has launched a platform that makes original images from USA Today and its 109 local newsrooms available to paying customers.

In a press release, Gannett said the platform, called Imagn, includes original sports, entertainment and breaking news images. The site promises 600,000 photos "per year from 10,000 sporting events covered by 300 sports photographers nationwide" to start, and an additional 1.8 million photos every year.

The platform's homepage currently features a strong mix of photos of the "Avengers: Endgame" cast, the Toronto Raptors at Orlando Magic NBA Finals game, a Bernie Sanders campaign rally in Vermont and a courtroom sentencing of a child abuse and captivity trial in California.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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Warren Buffett sees most newspapers as 'toast' after ad decline (Bloomberg)

Warren Buffett, the man behind a print-media empire that includes the Buffalo News and Omaha World-Herald, doesn't think most newspapers can be saved.

The decline of advertising gradually turned the newspaper industry "from monopoly to franchise to competitive," the billionaire chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said in an interview with Yahoo Finance. And now most newspapers are "toast."

"The world has changed hugely," Buffett said in the interview with Yahoo Finance, which will serve as the livestream host for Berkshire's shareholder meeting.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

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Rare Photos of Hitler from Glass Plates by His Personal Photographer (PetaPixel)

Hitler's personal photographer, Heinrich Hoffmann, was one of the infamous dictator's primary propagandists, and tens of thousands of the photographer's photos exist on glass plate negatives. Now a large number of those rare photos are being revealed with a new level of clarity through a digitization effort by the National Archives.

The Washington Post reports that 1,300 Hoffmann glass plates have been digitized out of a trove of about 41,000 plates.

Hitler avoided photographers in his early days in the public eye, according to Hoffman in his memoir, even going so far as to destroy one of Hoffmann's negatives that the photographer had camped out to capture. But the veteran photographer joined the Nazi party in the 1920s and became part of Hitler's inner circle, carefully using his camera and posed photos to craft public perception.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

The Final Word

The Two Faces of Bob Mueller (Daily Beast)

By SAM STEIN

For Bob Mueller, Thursday was a busy day. The publication of a 448-page report collecting painstaking research into Russia's interference in the 2016 election brought to an end a nearly two-year-long, deeply significant investigation. But with it came additional work: from sifting through the final product to monitoring the public reaction.

Mueller is not that Mueller. He's a newscaster at WKRN in Nashville, Tennessee. And while his job hasn't been nearly as stressful as the former FBI director's whose

report was released on Thursday, it hasn't been without complications either.

Sharing the name of the man at the center of one of the most controversial episodes in recent political memory has made life a little weird. The politicians Mueller interviews on his show have ribbed him about how long it's taken to get to the bottom of the Trump mess. Hosts at restaurants where he's made reservations have offered "a-ha!" glances when he shows up to eat. And his Facebook feed has been a cesspool of loonies and MSNBC moms offering support.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Today in History - April 25, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 25, the 115th day of 2019. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehs-POO'-chee).

On this date:

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States Congress declared war on Spain; the 10-week conflict resulted in an American victory.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1972, Polaroid Corp. introduced its SX-70 folding camera, which ejected self-developing photographs.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

In 1993, hundreds of thousands of gay rights activists and their supporters marched in Washington, D.C., demanding equal rights and freedom from discrimination.

In 1995, show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 83.

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Ten years ago: In her first trip to Iraq as America's top diplomat, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton tried to reassure nervous Iraqis that the U.S. wouldn't abandon them, even as she said the American troop withdrawal would stay on schedule. Finance ministers meeting in Washington said they saw signs the global economy was stabilizing but cautioned it would take until the middle of the next year for the world to emerge from the worst recession in decades. Actress Beatrice Arthur died in Los Angeles at age 86.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in a joint news conference in Seoul alongside South Korean President Park Geun-hye (goon-hay), said the U.S. stood "shoulder to shoulder" with its ally in refusing to accept a nuclearized North Korea. The United States and other nations in the Group of Seven said they'd agreed to "move swiftly" to impose additional economic sanctions on Russia in response to its actions in Ukraine.

One year ago: Ford Motor Co. said it would get rid of most of its North American car lineup as part of a broad plan to save money and make the company more competitive; the Mustang sports car and a compact Focus crossover vehicle would be the only cars sold in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Danish engineer Peter Madsen was convicted of murder for luring a Swedish journalist onto his homemade submarine before torturing and killing her; Madsen was later sentenced to life in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 79. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 75. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 74. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (BYORN ul-VAY'-us) (ABBA) is 74. Actress Talia Shire is 74. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 72. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 69. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 65. Actor Hank Azaria is 55. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 55. Rock musician Eric Avery is 54. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey + Rory) is 54. TV personality Jane Clayson is 52. Actress Renee Zellweger is 50. Actress Gina Torres is 50. Actor Jason Lee is 49. Actor Jason Wiles is 49. Actress Emily Bergl is 44. Actor Jonathan Angel is 42. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 42. Singer Jacob Underwood is 39. Actress Melonie Diaz is 35. Actress Sara Paxton is 31. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 23. Actress Jayden Rey is 10.

Thought for Today: "It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter." - Marlene Dietrich, German-American actress (1901-1992).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. RSVP by May 10. RSVP online [here](#). Any questions may be directed to recognition@ap.org

August 17 - Albany AP bureau reunion (including other upstate bureaus), 1-5 p.m., Marc and Carla Humbert residence on Tsatsawassa Lake, [68 Marginal Way, East Nassau, NY](#). Contact: Chris McKnight ([Email](#)).

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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