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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019,

As I sit at my desk this morning, completing today's Connecting, my loyal "consultant" **Ollie** is at my feet - wishing his big paws were not so large that he could push the Send button and get on with our morning walk.



Ollie

Dogs and cats have been part of Linda and my lives for more than a half century as we traveled from city to city in the military and with the AP. More than one friend has told us that if they come back to this earth in another life, they want to come back as our dog.

How have your own pets - past or present - figured into your professional (and personal) life? The Connecting greeting dog - whose picture I use to introduce a new member - is **Beth Grace's** beloved and now-departed **Dudley**. Did you find your companion on your professional journey? Have they visited members like my **Murphy** once did on member visits? Tell us your favorite pet story, and send along a photo to go with it.

Has Connecting gone to the dogs (or cats)? Well, maybe. I look forward to your submissions.

Paul

## AP finds 13,000 asylum seekers on border wait lists



**Cuban migrants are escorted by Mexican immigration officials as they cross the Paso del Norte International bridge to be processed as asylum seekers on the U.S. side of the border. (AP Photo/Christian Torres)**

## **AP Images blog**

For thousands of asylum seekers, there are many ways to wait - and wait, and wait - at the threshold of the United States.

Parents and children sleep in tents next to bridges leading to Texas for weeks on end, desperately hoping their names and numbers are called so they can be let in.

Some immigrants complain of shakedowns and kidnappings by gangs and corrupt officials, particularly across the border in Texas. Others have paid to jump to the front of the line; the rest, determined to enter the country legally, wait patiently, even if it takes months.

This is what has happened since the Trump administration placed asylum in a chokehold.

The Associated Press visited eight cities along the U.S.-Mexico border and found 13,000 immigrants on waiting lists to get into the country - exposed to haphazard and often-dubious arrangements that vary sharply.

Read more [here](#).

## **Celebrating 10 years of retirement, Rachel Ambrose takes Utah roadie**







**Rachel Ambrose** ([Email](#)) celebrated the 10th anniversary of her retirement from The AP (mostly Los Angeles and starting in Indianapolis) with a 2-week road trip through Utah. She made a point of visiting Newspaper Rock State Historic Monument, south of Moab. The 650 petroglyphs depict events like in a newspaper. The first carvings were made about 2,000 years ago. Also included on the trip with two friends were visits to the Utah state capitol where they celebrated with an 18-year-old high school senior as he marked the last of the state capitols he had toured over seven years. Also, Rachel ventured on a llama trek through some of Capitol Reef National Park. Achieved with a recalcitrant Paxton. (Photos by Susan Helm and Henrietta Adams.)

## Welcome to Connecting



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# Stories of interest

## ***U.S. journalism really has become more subjective and personal - at least some of it***

(Nieman)

By LAURA HAZARD OWEN

It's easy to make broad claims about the American media. "They're all just a bunch of leftists!" "It's all run by fat-cat corporations!" "They don't report the facts like they used to - now it's all their opinion!"

The people making these claims aren't always responsive to facts, but a broad new linguistic analysis out today tries to produce them. How is media today different from what it used to be, back in that simpler pre-web age?

The report, from the global policy nonprofit RAND, includes a host of fascinating findings, but the broad strokes are these:

Newspapers haven't changed much. Television news has changed a lot, putting more focus on emotion, first-person perspective, and immediacy. Cable news is like TV news squared, with more argument, personal opinion, and dogmatic positions. And online news shares qualities with both newspapers and TV news, favoring subjective views and argument but also "heavily anchored in key policy and social issues" and "report[ing] on these issues through personal frames and experiences."

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

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## ***NYT announces changes for Lens as it reaches its 10-year anniversary on May 18*** (NPPA)

By SUE MORROW

The New York Times made a big announcement today about their revered photography blog, Lens, and they shared it with News Photographer magazine.

Ten years is a long time in the era of digital and we celebrate that resourceful endeavor with the founders of Lens. There are changes ahead that will help Lens evolve into an even better position within the New York Times and for the photojournalism community.

"Lens will go on a temporary hiatus at the end of this month," Meaghan Loram, director of photography, said in a memo to the staff today.

"We want Lens to evolve into an unrivaled source for those who want to read about and think about photography. We want to create a dynamic space to highlight more of the incredible photography that all of you produce on a daily basis," she said.

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

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***How a police raid turned the death of a beloved police critic into a national scandal*** (Washington Post)





**About 10 police officers showed up to raid freelance reporter Bryan Carmody's house on Friday, he says. Their use of a sledgehammer to try to break down his front gate is captured in this photo from his security system. (Courtesy of Bryan Carmody)**

**By Eli Rosenberg**

The April hearing came nearly two months after the death of San Francisco's popular public defender, Jeff Adachi, but the emotions were still fresh.

Sandra Lee Fewer, one of the city's 11 supervisors, told those in attendance that she had called for the meeting because she was "outraged" by the leak of a confidential police report that had painted an unsavory picture of Adachi - a vocal critic of the police department - and his last hours.

She also introduced a deputy from the public defender's office, Hadi Razzaq, who spoke about a memo his office had compiled and sent to the police with information about a "stringer" - a freelance reporter - who had been offering to sell Adachi's death report to some news outlets for \$2,500.

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

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## ***My Two Cents: Going small: Journalism students visit rural towns*** *(Whitman County Gazette)*

**By JAN MATHIA**

While newspapers around the country were struggling, there was one group that kept on pretty much as it always had. They were the weekly papers that cover the local newspapers like the Whitman County Gazette. These papers cover the rural news that, often, no one else does. While rural reporting is not glitzy or high-profile, it is essential to democracy and community, especially in rural areas.

Introducing student journalist to the stories that can be found in rural communities is the basis for a recent grant-funded project at Washington State University. Students from the Murrow College were sent out to 12 rural communities in the region to find stories and report.

"We have really great opportunities in our region," said Lisa Waananen Jones, clinical assistant professor at WSU who oversaw the program.

Read more [here](#).

## **Today in History - May 15, 2019**



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, May 15, the 135th day of 2019. There are 230 days left in the year.

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

On May 15, 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport, a forerunner of United Airlines.

### **On this date:**

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, married her third husband, James Hepburn, the Earl of Bothwell, who had been implicated in (but acquitted of) the death of Mary's second husband, Lord Darnley.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1918, U.S. airmail began service between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York.

In 1940, DuPont began selling its nylon stockings nationally. The original McDonald's restaurant was opened in San Bernardino, California, by Richard and Maurice McDonald.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose members came to be known as WACs. Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 Eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

In 1948, hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

In 1963, Weight Watchers was incorporated in New York.

In 1968, two days of tornado outbreaks began in 10 Midwestern and Southern states; twisters were blamed for 72 deaths, including 45 in Arkansas and 18 in Iowa.

In 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed while campaigning for president in Laurel, Maryland, by Arthur H. Bremer, who served 35 years for attempted murder.

In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and captured the American merchant ship Mayaguez, which had been seized by the Khmer Rouge. (All 39 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in connection with the operation.)

In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces entered the country.

In 2008, California's Supreme Court declared same-sex couples in the state could marry - a victory for the gay rights movement that was overturned the following November by the passage of Proposition 8, which was ultimately struck down by the courts.

Ten years ago: General Motors told about 1,100 dealers their franchises would be terminated. CIA Director Leon Panetta defended the agency against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's charge that she was misled in 2002 about the use of waterboarding on detainees. Pope Benedict XVI ended his Mideast visit at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama dedicated the National Sept. 11 Memorial Museum deep beneath ground zero, calling it a symbol that says of America: "Nothing can ever break us."

One year ago: Seattle Mariners second baseman Robinson Cano was suspended for 80 games for violating baseball's drug agreement, becoming one of the most prominent players disciplined under the sport's anti-doping rules.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Anna Maria Alberghetti is 83. Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 83. Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is 82. Singer Trini Lopez is 82. Singer Lenny Welch is 81. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 77. Actress Gunilla Hutton is 77. Country singer K.T. Oslin is 77. Actor Chazz Palminteri is 73. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is 71. Singer-songwriter Brian Eno is 71. Actor Nicholas Hammond (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 69. Baseball Hall of Famer George Brett is 66. Musician-composer Mike Oldfield is 66. Actor Lee Horsley is 64. TV personality Giselle Fernandez is 58. Rapper Grandmaster Melle Mel is 58. Actress Brenda Bakke is 56. Football Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith is 50. Actor Brad Rowe is 49. Actor David Charvet (shahr-VAY') is 47. Actor Russell Hornsby is 45. Rock musician Ahmet Zappa is 45. Olympic gold

medal gymnast Amy Chow is 41. Actor David Krumholtz is 41. Rock musician David Hartley (The War on Drugs) is 39. Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler is 38. Actress Alexandra Breckenridge is 37. Rock musician Brad Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 37. Rock musician Nick Perri is 35. Tennis player Andy Murray is 32.

**Thought for Today: "Behavior is what a man does, not what he thinks, feels, or believes." - Emily Dickinson, American poet (born 1830, died this date in 1886).**

## Connecting calendar



**May 15** - New Hampshire-Maine and environs AP-UPI-Journo lunch, Wednesday, May 15, noon, Longhorn restaurant, Concord, N.H. Contact: Adolphe Bernotas ([Email](#)).

**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](mailto: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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