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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2019,

**Eric Talmadge**, who as North Korea bureau chief for The Associated Press tenaciously chronicled life and politics in one of the world's least-understood nations, was honored by his friends and colleagues at a memorial gathering in Tokyo last night.

Our Connecting colleague **Kazuo Abiko** brings us a report in the lead story for today. Eric died last week in Japan after suffering a heart attack while running. He was 57.

Congratulations to our Connecting colleague **Harry Atkins**, retired AP Detroit sports writer, on his selection to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place in October.

If you read through today's issue from top to bottom, among the things you'll learn:

- Eight tips on covering an execution on death row, from our colleague **Michael Graczyk**;
- News that our colleague **Carol Stark** will join the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame;
- More of your great stories of beloved pets;
- And, the fact that **Thomas Harris**, author and creator of one of literature's most terrifying monsters, Hannibal Lecter, worked for six years in the AP's New York bureau before leaving to write books.

Have a great day!

Paul

## **Eric Talmadge honored at memorial in Tokyo by friends, colleagues**



Photos by Eugene Hoshiko, AP Tokyo's chief photographer.

**Kazuo Abiko (Email)** - The memorial event for Eric Talmadge was held last night at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. It was attended by about 40 people, including AP Tokyo staffers and retirees, former AP newsmen, and friends of Eric's at FCCJ and the Yokohama Country & Athletic Club, where he enjoyed sports activities.

The former AP newsmen and retirees who came to the event included Martin Fackler (NYT's Tokyo COB until a few years ago), Peter Landers (WSJ COB), Hans Greimel (Automotive News COB), Miles Edelsten (former APTN senior producer who now runs the Virgin Earth video production company), Shigeyoshi Kimura, Koza Mizoguchi, Chikako Yatabe, Mitsuhiro Sato, Takeshi Nakanishi.

Since FCCJ President Peter Langan (former Bloomberg COB) was unable to attend the event due to conflicting schedules, I was asked to moderate the event. As a former colleague of Eric's, I felt obliged and honored to do so.



**Eric's desk in the Tokyo bureau**

In front of the FCCJ banner, three large framed photos of Eric were set on the table along with bouquets of white flowers, including one sent by Kyodo News President Toru Mizutani. On both sides of the table, about a dozen photos of Eric were displayed on large clear panels. And a slide show was played on a large screen by the banner during the event.

Members of Eric's family were to attend the event, but unfortunately his widow, Hisako, did not feel well so that they decided to stay home. We conveyed our messages and sent photos of the event to her today.

During the event, I read out remarks published in Connecting - by John Daniszewski and Denis Gray - and the personal message I received from Joe Coleman, former Tokyo COB who now is a professor at Indiana University.





Dan Sloan, a former Reuters TV journalist and a member of the FCCJ Board of Directors, also spoke. He knew Eric professionally and, I understand, played sports with him occasionally at YC&AC.

As I said in the closing of my remark, we feel powerless before the death of a good friend of ours, and all we can do is to remember him and cherish our friendship.

We will miss him.

## **Harry Atkins named to 2019 class of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame**



**Harry Atkins**, the Michigan AP's sports editor for 21 years until his retirement in 2000, has been selected for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

The induction will be Oct. 5 in Detroit. Other 2019 inductees include Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson of Michigan's 1997 national championship football team and Morris Peterson of Michigan State's 2000 NCCA basketball championship team. Harry was one of two people selected in the media category.

In his 29 years with the AP as a writer, columnist and Michigan sports editor, Harry covered everything from the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior to high school sports to some of the biggest sports events. He covered the Stanley Cup, the World Series, the Super Bowl, the NBA championships, the NCAA Final Four basketball championship, the Rose Bowl and much more.

Harry is no stranger to honors.

He was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2002.

In 1988 he was inducted into the Port Huron (Mich.) Sports Hall of Fame in his hometown. In 1997 he was enshrined in Port Huron public schools' "Wall of Fame" for outstanding former students. The same year he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the journalism faculty at Wayne State University,



**Harry Atkins, 2010 photo**

where he had earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree.

A photo of Harry hangs on a wall in the University of Michigan football stadium press box along with other honored members of the media.

He began his journalism career as a reporter at the St. Clair (Mich.) Independent Press, where he rose to general manager before becoming editor and general manager at the Utica (Mich.) Daily Sentinel.

He joined the AP in Detroit in 1971 and was named Michigan sports editor in 1979. He won the Michigan AP staffer of the year award twice (1990 and 1998) and was runner-up in the national AP Sports Writer of the Year competition three years in a row (1996, 1997, 1998).

Harry's teaching career included a part-time assignment as a lecturer at Oakland University, but he also shared his expertise with countless stringers and as a presenter in seminars held by the Michigan AP and other professional groups. He also served as a mentor to many sports writers and sports editors throughout Michigan.

Retired Michigan AP Bureau Chief Charles Hill, in his 2002 letter nominating Harry for the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, wrote that Harry was "a great example of how a reporter can write with fairness and accuracy, with a direct style that was poetic without being cloying and simple without being condescending to the readers. Annual AP wire studies by member newspaper editors praised both Harry's graceful writing style and his ability to communicate with straightforward, approachable language."

Harry Atkins' email is - [hatkins727@aol.com](mailto:hatkins727@aol.com)

(Thanks to Charles Hill, Larry Lage and Carlos Osorio for their coverage assistance.)

## **Covering capital punishment and death row execution: 8 tips from a reporter who's covered them**



**Associated Press reporter Michael Graczyk interviews death row inmate Juan Castillo in May 2018. (Courtesy of Michael Graczyk)**

**By Denise-Marie Ordway**

**Poynter**

*This piece originally appeared here in Journalist's Resource from the Shorenstein Center for Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University.*

Before retiring in 2018, Michael Graczyk covered capital punishment for more than 35 years as a criminal justice reporter for the Associated Press. He has observed more than 400 prison executions in Texas, which leads the country for the number of people executed since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976. Today, Graczyk still writes about death row inmates as a freelancer.

"He built a reputation for accuracy and fairness with death row inmates, their families, their victims' families and their lawyers, as well as prison officials and advocates on both sides of capital punishment," AP reporter Nomaan Merchant wrote in an article about Graczyk's retirement. "He made a point of visiting and photographing every condemned inmate willing to be interviewed and talking to relatives of their victims."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.



# Connecting mailbox

## ***AP receives 5 awards from Deadline Club***

The Associated Press received five awards Monday night from the Deadline Club, the New York City chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

AP's five winners, as tweeted by the Deadline Club during the dinner at the Harvard Club, were as follows:

Read more [here](#).

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## ***From Terry Petty's retirement gathering***

**Andrew Selsky** ([Email](#)) - Considering Terry Petty's new book (bravo, Terry!) about a German newspaper that reported on Adolf Hitler, I think it is entirely appropriate to offer a rerun of a video I made for Terry's retirement gathering. Click [here](#) to view.

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## ***Globe Editor Carol Stark to be inducted into Missouri Press Hall of Fame***

By **EMILY YOUNKER**

The Joplin (MO) Globe

Carol Stark, executive editor of The Joplin Globe, will be inducted into the Missouri Press Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame in September.

Stark is the second from the Globe to be honored with the prestigious award. The late Wendell Redden, longtime sports editor, was inducted last year in the Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1991 and also includes Joseph Pulitzer, Walter Williams and Samuel Clemens as inductees.

"It takes my breath away," Stark said of the recognition. "It's the type of honor that, at the end of the day, caps anybody's career. It says that the work you and your newspaper do is important."

The announcement, made Monday by the MPA, also includes four other inductees: the late Thomas Benton White, founder and publisher of The Benton County Enterprise; the late Frank Stufflebam, editor and publisher of the Bolivar Herald; and former MPA President Phil and Kathy Conger, owners and publishers of the Bethany Republican-Clipper.



Read more [here](#). Carol is a Connecting colleague. Shared by Peg Coughlin.

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## ***A young Walter Cronkite at Nuremberg***



**Kevin Walsh** ([Email](#)) - Visited the site of the Nuremberg War Crime Trials Tuesday and saw this photo of a young Walter Cronkite, who covered the trials of Nazi war criminals for United Press. We were also able to sit in the courtroom, which is still used for local court proceedings.

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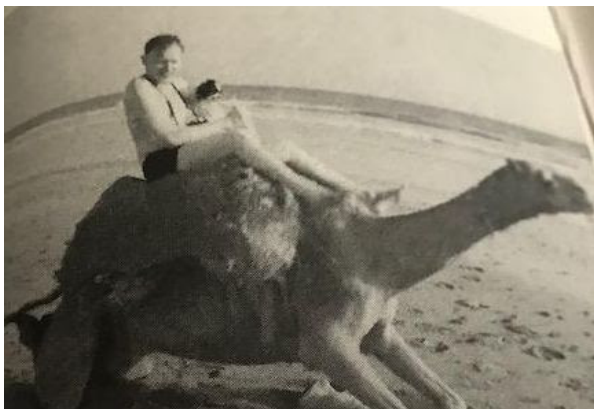
## ***Beats lining the bird cage, I guess***

**Hal Bock** ([Email](#)) - My son, the lawyer, and my money went to Syracuse University. We often drove up and found a nice diner off Rt.80 in Scranton, Pa.

One time, after a night shift on the sports desk, we headed up the next morning and stopped for brunch in our favorite diner. I headed for the men's room and when I arrived at the urinal, there on the wall was the morning paper's sports section with my baseball roundup from the previous night leading the section. Beats lining the birdcage, I suppose.

## **More stories of your pets**

**Lelieu Browne** ([Email](#)) - I have always loved dogs. My first experience with dogs started as a child. One day I was walking in the central market in my hometown (Bentre, Vietnam) with my mother, I stopped at a fish market to admire a newly born puppy still struggling to get up. The vendor scooped him up and handed to me. My mother scanted at the puppy and warned me that it was my responsibility to keep the puppy from crying at night. Or I would have some consequences with her. Sure enough, the puppy kept the whole family awake the whole night. Sheepishly I had to return the puppy the next day to the owner.



**Malcolm Browne with Nif Naf**

my act and advised me to return it to my brother instantly. Shamefully I handed Nif Naf back to my angry brother.

Nif Naf was special. I was visiting my brother in Saigon at Christmas 1966. His family owned two mid-sized dogs of obscure mixed breed and a three-week old puppy. I immediately fell in love with him, a pure Japanese spaniel - a breed that is very popular with Vietnamese people. I expressed my interest to adopt it. My brother turned me down flatly. Before leaving his house, I smuggled the puppy under my blouse and covered it with my purse. As we were waiting for taxi, my mother caught



A few days later, a knock on the door, my brother carried Nif Naf in his hands and said that the puppy might be in better hands with me than living with him. I was profoundly touched and overjoyed. We used to live above the AP Saigon bureau. That evening, I walked Nif Naf in the corridor when Malcolm came up from work. I clapped my two hands in front of my chest, silently stared at Malcolm in a humble submission. The bond between Malcolm and Nif Naf was sealed. I gave him an official name, Nif Naf, a shortened name taken after the French children's story of the three pigs Nif Nif, Noof Noof, and Naf Naf.

Six months later, Nif Naf was shipped to New York prior to our transfer back to the States. He did not realize that he became a great traveler. For 10 years, he made round the world twice, always in the cabin with us and loved airplane food. He is fondly mentioned in Malcolm's book "Muddy Boots and Red Socks." He called Nif Naf a "highly transportable Japanese Spaniel" who was pampered by housekeeper in Buenos Aires and chambermaids of luxurious hotel rooms all over the world.

Talking about our constant moving from one country after another, Malcolm wrote "The only item Le Lieu and I never considered leaving behind was our dog Nif Naf, even though we were heading for a fundamentalist Muslim country where dogs are despised as pariah. Nif Naf, already a veteran of war in Vietnam and Cambodia and a tear gas victim in Argentina, was to have his share of alarming adventures in Pakistan, including bombardment by the Indian Air Force."

Nif Naf died at 14 ½ years old, three years after we returned to New York. We took him to our old house in Vermont and with sorrows and tears we buried him in our yard with his name carved on the tombstone by Malcolm.

We promised ourselves that we would never own any pet in the future.

Two years before Malcolm died, a tiger cat came wondering into our lawn in Vermont. She came into the house and Malcolm reminded me how painful we lost Nif Naf. "You don't want to go through it again, do you?" He asked me with a begging tone that I was forced to let the cat go.

For three days, we sat on our porch, enjoying the tranquility of the place and the bird songs, the cat showed up rubbing her face at our feet. I looked at Malcolm and he shook his head.



On the fourth day, my courage failed me. I begged him to adopt her. He tried to dissuade me by suggesting that the cat belonged to our neighbor farmer. We went over to inquire. Sure enough, the owner told us that she was her favorite named Sidekick and was already spade and dewormed. Ruth, our friend farmer, is animal lover. She took care of all stray cats. Besides making her living with her cattle, sheep and riding horses, she kept as pet an enormous pig, a donkey, and several ducks. Hundreds of Canadian geese use her pond as a resting station before continuing their migration trip to the South. Ruth consented to let us have the cat that Malcolm renamed her Blondine - a name of a song that Malcolm had heard on the radio.

### Lelieu with Blondine

Blondine is my companion, my child, my solace ever since Malcolm passed away. She greets me when I come home, she sleeps with me, wakes me up in the morning and talks to me in her different tones of miaw. She is my only nearest member of the family and my soul mate.

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**Jim Reindl (Email)** - We've had a number of beloved pets over the years, starting with the world's greatest dog, Jack, (medal proves it). Graca and I got him at the shelter when we were in Indianapolis. He was the only puppy who didn't have that 'pick me' jumpy enthusiasm but rather looked resigned to his fate. I knew he was for us. When we eventually moved to a Downtown Chicago condo and realized he would be cooped up in the apartment all day after years of having a yard to go into anytime, we made a deal with Martha Irvine of the Chicago bureau and partner, Becky, who were starting their family and had a suburban home with a yard. There

Jack lived out his years with another loving family and we had all the family privileges to visit.

In Africa we had three dogs and two cats to go with the chickens, goats, rabbits, guinea fowl and snails we raised. Bringing them to Timor-Leste, unfortunately, was not an option. Fortunately, Aku, the woman who worked with us loved all three - mom, Koko (right), and two sons, Zeppelin (middle) and Mr. R. I don't know what we cried harder for that last day at site, leaving Africa or leaving the cats and dogs.

Now, we have the menagerie of cats, seen here breakfasting. Each has a story of how they came to us. The fat one in front, Nego, wandered into our yard one day, skinny, filthy and with one eye glued shut by some awful crud. We had been feeding another stray at the time and I guess he figured that but Graca fell for him immediately.



Aja, in the back, was a kitten who hung around our USAID compound. We have an office cat but it wasn't clear to anyone that Aja belonged to her. I sent a photo to Graca one day and that sealed that deal. We brought him home. He is our true wild cat; small but nobody messes with him.

Our most recent cats (and I hope final) are Lakon (left) and Hetan. Their names are Terum for 'lost' and 'found,' which is how we got them. We live next to the U.S. Embassy where Graca works and she walks to and from work. One day she heard desperate meowing and found Hetan cowering in a pipe, obviously very young and with no mother around. She coaxed her out and brought her home. A day or so later, I came home from work to find Hetan and an identical kitten in the tree out front. I thought I was seeing double. Turns out the maintenance guy who helped Graca rescue found Lakon wandering alone and thought she was Hetan so he dropped her in our yard. Presumably, she saw her sister and so stayed, hence our two new cats: Lost and Found. I am told these four are going with us wherever next is.



## Welcome to Connecting





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## Stories of interest

***San Francisco police chief: Journalist 'crossed the line'***



**San Francisco Police Chief William Scott answers questions during a news conference, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in San Francisco. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)**



**By JANIE HAR**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The San Francisco police chief said Tuesday that he respects the news media, but a freelance journalist whose home and office were raided by officers had "crossed the line" by joining a conspiracy to steal a confidential report.

Chief William Scott addressed reporters hours after police agreed in court to return property seized from Bryan Carmody in raids aimed at uncovering the source of a leaked police report into the unexpected death of the city's former elected public defender, Jeff Adachi.

Tensions are high in the case, which has alarmed journalism advocates and put pressure on elected leaders in the politically liberal city to defend the press.

Authorities believe a police department employee was involved and had contact with Carmody.

"We believe that that contact and that interaction went across the line. It went past just doing your job as a journalist," Scott said.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas, Richard Chady.

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## ***Trump vs. New York Times: the executive editor's perspective*** (World Congress Blog)

In a wide-ranging and sometimes intimate conversation with 500 of his closest professional colleagues - close because they've been meeting in his building all week - New York Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet confessed Friday about what keeps him up at night.

He also confided to the INMA World Congress of News Media audience how (in)capable he is at producing news video, the significance he attaches to datelines, what worries him about the loss of local media outlets nationwide, and where he

feels the Times has improved since miscalculating online publishing in 2014 and misjudging the election in 2016.

One thing he declined to reveal, though, is what U.S. President Donald Trump wanted when he called once to personally complain about something.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton, who noted this, later in the story:

The future of newspapers: "The greatest crisis in American journalism is the death of local news.... I don't know what the answer is. Their economic model is gone. I think most local newspapers in America are going to die in the next five years, except for the ones that have been bought by a local billionaire...."

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***Hannibal Lecter's Creator Cooks Up  
Something New (No Fava Beans or Chianti)*** (New  
York Times)



Photo/Rose Marie Cromwell for The New York Times

**By Alexandra Alter**

MIAMI - Thomas Harris, the creator of one of literature's most terrifying monsters, arguably has one of the darkest imaginations of any writer working today. His infamous serial killer, Hannibal Lecter, devours his victims' organs after delicately

preparing them, and once ate a man alive, serving slices of his brain with truffles and caper berries.

So it's somewhat unnerving to hear Harris insist that he doesn't invent anything.

"I don't think I've ever made up anything," he tells me as we drive across Miami's 79th Street Causeway, which takes us past a small island called Bird Key where a climactic scene in his new novel, "Cari Mora," takes place. "Everything has happened. Nothing's made up. You don't have to make anything up in this world."

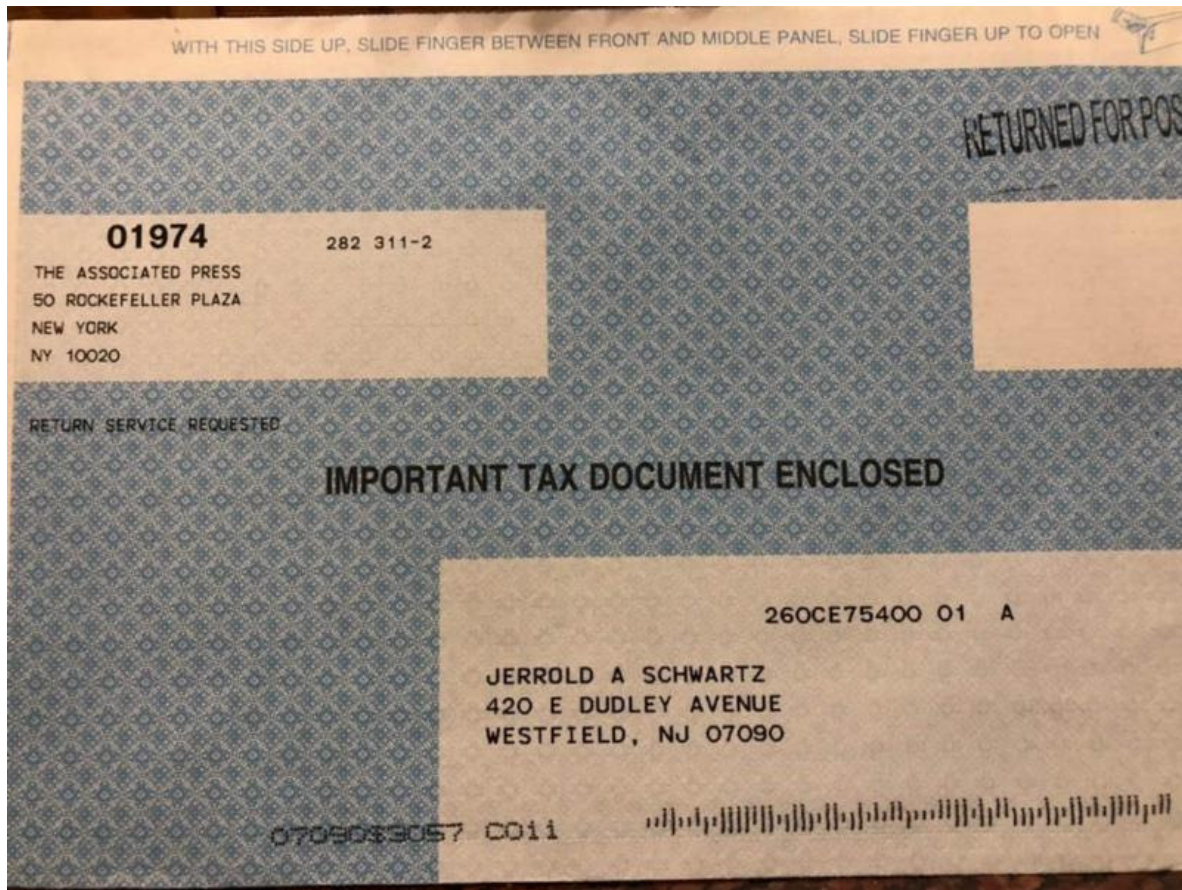
Harris, 78, repeats this idea, or a variation of it, nearly every time I ask him about the origins of a plot point or a character, and it occurs to me that his answer is scarier than anything I could have anticipated. It's not that Harris has a particularly gruesome imagination, it's that he's a keen observer and a chronicler of people and their darkest impulses.

For nearly 45 years, Harris has terrified audiences with his grisly novels, which have sold more than 50 million copies, and introduced one of the most memorable fictional villains of all time - up there with Darth Vader and Dracula. But relatively little is known about Harris or his creative process. He doesn't do book signings or author appearances. He hasn't given a substantive interview since the mid-1970s, because he prefers to let his work speak for itself, he says.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen, who noted, " AP types of a certain age will remember this guy (in the NY bureau, if I recall right). Slight reference way down in this piece." (Harris worked for the AP from 1968-74

## The Final Word





**Jerry Schwartz (Email)** - This arrived in the mail Monday. Note return address.  
Inside: My 1999 W-2 form.

## Today in History - May 22, 2019



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2019. There are 223 days left in the year.

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

On May 22, 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the final time (Jay Leno took over as host three days later).

### **On this date:**

In 1868, a major train robbery took place near Marshfield, Indiana, as members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1962, Continental Airlines Flight 11, en route from Chicago to Kansas City, Missouri, crashed after a bomb apparently brought on board by a passenger exploded, killing all 45 occupants of the Boeing 707.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, speaking at the University of Michigan, outlined the goals of his "Great Society," saying that it "rests on abundance and liberty for all" and "demands an end to poverty and racial injustice."

In 1968, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1981 "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe was convicted in London of murdering 13 women and was sentenced to life in prison.

In 1998, a federal judge ruled that Secret Service agents could be compelled to testify before the grand jury in the Monica Lewinsky investigation. Voters in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland turned out to cast ballots giving resounding approval to a Northern Ireland peace accord.

In 2001, Ford Motor Co. said it planned to spend more than \$2 billion to replace up to 13 million Firestone tires on its vehicles because of safety concerns.

In 2011, a tornado devastated Joplin, Missouri, with winds up to 250 mph, claiming at least 159 lives and destroying about 8,000 homes and businesses.

In 2017, a suicide bomber set off an improvised explosive device that killed 22 people at the end of an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama promised graduating midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy that, as their commander in chief, he would only send them "into harm's way when it is absolutely necessary." Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Lebanon to reinforce U.S. support for the government ahead of key parliamentary elections.

Five years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of American phone records (however, the USA Freedom Act was later blocked in the Senate.) Thailand's military seized power in a bloodless coup.

One year ago: Stacey Abrams won Georgia's Democratic gubernatorial primary, making her the first woman nominee for Georgia governor from either major party. (Abrams, seeking to become the nation's first black female governor, was defeated in November by Republican Brian Kemp.) Novelist Philip Roth, whose books included "Portnoy's Complaint" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "American Pastoral," died in New York at the age of 85. A judge in upstate New York ordered a 30-year-old man to move out of his parents' house after they went to court to have him ejected.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Constantine is 92. Business magnate T. Boone Pickens is 91. Conductor Peter Nero is 85. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 81. Actor Frank Converse is 81. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 79. Actress Barbara Parkins is 77. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Tommy John is 76. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 69. Actor-producer Al Corley is 64. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska,

is 62. Singer Morrissey is 60. Actress Ann Cusack is 58. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 58. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 57. Actor Mark Christopher Lawrence is 55. Former White House Press Secretary Jay Carney is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Johnny Gill (New Edition) is 53. Rock musician Dan Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 52. Actress Brooke Smith is 52. Actor Michael Kelly is 50. Model Naomi Campbell is 49. Actress Anna Belknap is 47. Actress Alison Eastwood is 47. Singer Donell Jones is 46. Actor Sean Gunn is 45. Actress A.J. Langer is 45. Actress Ginnifer Goodwin is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Vivian Green is 40. Actress Maggie Q is 40. Olympic gold medal speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno is 37. Actress Molly Ephraim (TV: "Last Man Standing") is 33. Tennis player Novak Djokovic is 32. Actress Anna Baryshnikov (TV: "Superior Donuts") is 27. Actress Camren (cq) Bicondova is 20.

**Thought for Today: "We have all, at one time or another, been performers, and many of us still are - politicians, playboys, cardinals and kings." - Laurence Olivier, British actor (born this date in 1907, died in 1989).**

## Connecting calendar



**June 20** - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. 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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