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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 28th day of May 2019,

AP Connecting has gone to the dogs - and that's a good thing!

In our lead story, former longtime Helena bureau chief **John Kuglin** tells the story of two of those dogs - **Sassy**, who became a mascot for the then-40 U.S. chiefs of bureau, and Sassy's successor as a Kuglin Dog, **Pepper**.

Both dogs helped John sell services to members and brought much delight in doing so. No word on what John gave them in the way of bonuses. A biscuit or two?

I am taking a few days off for a post-Memorial Day trip to Branson so Connecting will not be published the next two days. Send along your posts and memories and I will see you in your Inbox on Friday morning.

Have a great day!

Paul

Dogs and AP Membership Work



This is a photo of Sassy and a blue grouse for a Montana AP Outdoors column I wrote in 1987.

John Kuglin ([Email](#)) - I don't know how many Connecting readers remember Sassy, but my late beagle was once the mascot for AP bureau chiefs.

Thanks to former Membership Department executive Rick Spratling, Sassy's photo was featured on the front page of an online help site for bureau chiefs.

Sassy, who lived to be 15, often assisted when I visited the newspaper and broadcast members.

When Dwight Tracy, publisher of the Havre Daily News, and I began hunting turkeys together in the late 1980s, Sassy went along for the ambience when we camped in the outback. She didn't hunt, except to chase jackrabbits and cottontails, but was good company.

On one trip Dwight and I each shot a turkey in a remote area of southeastern Montana. We stayed that night in a cheap hotel in the small Powder River County seat of Broadus. It was pitch black in the room when we went to sleep. At some point, Sassy hopped from on top of my bed to the publisher's bed where he later rolled on top of her while he was asleep. I woke up hearing Dwight yelling, "I'm under attack," as Sassy growled and bared her teeth.

Dwight wrote a weekly column for his newspaper. Several columns were devoted to our turkey trips. In one column, Dwight described my annual presentation on "New AP Products and Services" as we sat around a campfire.

Another column began: "Always mindful of the responsibilities of publishing, I met last week with the bureau chief of The Associated Press to go over a number of items to further improve coverage by the Havre Daily News."

"We set the meeting on neutral ground in the Custer National Forest. We donned camouflage and carried firearms to give the appearance of simply two men on a fall turkey hunt. You never can tell when other nosy newsmen will be watching.

"John brought along his legendary turkey tracking beagle..."

Dwight wrote that "now I know all about turkey hunting - of course along with AccuWeather, GraphicsNet and other AP offerings."

AP's clipping service thoughtfully sent me copies of Dwight's columns. "My God, I thought, "I wonder if LDB read this?" He probably did.

Sassy later achieved even more notoriety when the late South Carolina COB John Shurr used a color photo of a beagle with the word SASSY on the back of shirts he distributed to COBs at a meeting in New York. One year when AP's election computers misfired during a rehearsal, a group of COBs invented a new service called "BeagleSpeed." The service would backstop AP's election system, using packs of devoted beagles to deliver returns to the members.

After Sassy died, our family acquired a wonderful yellow Lab-golden retriever-cross puppy from the animal shelter on the day that Unabomber Ted Kaczynski was captured near Helena by the FBI. We thought about calling our new pet Ted, but she was too nice a dog to name after that monster. We called her Pepper, which fit her personality.

Without any training, Pepper did a stellar job finding, retrieving and even pointing pheasants. She was especially welcome at the Havre newspaper where my friend Dwight was still the publisher. I was trying to upgrade Dwight's newspaper from slowspeed to DataStream, and he finally agreed to do this if Pepper helped him shoot his limit of three roosters. With Pepper's help, he shot two, including one with the longest tail either of us had ever seen on a pheasant. ``Doesn't that count as three?" I asked. ``No," Dwight replied.



PEPPER-I'm holding three pheasants that Pepper retrieved for me in 2007 in northern Montana.

When Dwight was promoted to the Pioneer group's larger paper in Klamath Falls, Oregon, I started hunting upland birds with Harvey Brock, the new publisher at Havre. Pepper started flushing a lot of birds for Harvey, including a flock of about 15 sharptail grouse. This prompted Harvey to order a limited AP photo service and graphics package for small newspapers. After I retired, Harvey became publisher of the paper in Dickinson, where I was invited a few years ago to help him deal with the pheasant problem in western North Dakota.

Pepper was in demand after a new dean was appointed at the University of Montana School of Journalism. I wanted to meet Jerry Brown and he suggested breakfast at a very greasy spoon in Missoula. I knew Jerry would be a great dean when I heard an old pickup truck with a failing muffler pull up in front of the restaurant. Looking through the grease covered window, I saw two decrepit dog cages in the bed of Jerry's truck. Jerry went on to raise millions of dollars to build a new journalism building. But when we hunted pheasant he always insisted on bringing the same Spartan lunch - crackers, sardines and Spam.

Hunting and fishing were a good way to connect with the members. I was once fishing a small, remote creek in northwestern Montana when my wife, Gale, and I were at a resort for the weekend with Pat King, the late publisher of The Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell, and his wife, Chic.

I showed Pat a hole where a big cutthroat trout had flashed at my fly the previous day. Pat dropped his fly in the hole and hooked and landed the trout. He phoned me the following week and said he wanted to take LaserPhoto.



LOLA-This is a photo of our current dog Lola in 2013 on a ranch in northern Montana. The Missouri River is in the background.

Sassy and Pepper were also wonderful family pets. Our son Tom was five when he received his first backpack, and Sassy and then Pepper were enthusiastic companions when Tom and I backpacked into countless lakes in Montana's high country.

Several years after Pepper died, we acquired a yellow Lab named Lola after a breeder wanted to find her a good home because she couldn't be bred because of elbow problems. Pepper will be nine in August. Like all Labs, she loves water. The social highlight of the day at our Wisconsin cabin is Duck Toss when she retrieves a rubber duck thrown multiple times off our dock. In Montana, Lola loves to go fly fishing with me, and like Pepper, sometimes tries to retrieve trout. Pepper would also sit on my float tube when I

was trying to catch something with my fly rod. Sassy distinguished herself by getting covered with muck when I was fishing in beaver ponds. Dogs are a lot of fun.

Connecting mailbox

Dorothy Plethos Groce, wife of Greg Groce, dies at 61

Funeral services were held last Friday in Virginia for Dorothy Plethos Groce, the wife of our colleague Greg Groce. They had been married 38 years. She was 61.

Dorothy died on May 19 from complications due to cancer, according to [her obituary](#).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made for mantle cell lymphoma research and support at: Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, <https://lombardi.georgetown.edu/giving> (202-686-2222); and The Lymphoma Research Foundation, <http://support.lymphoma.org/tributegift> (646-465-9104).

Greg's email is - greg.groce@gmail.com

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Two candidates for AP Wall of Honor

Arnold Zeitlin ([Email](#)) - Here are two candidates overlooked for AP's Wall of Honor.



Dorothy with granddaughter Hailey Chrobak.

One is Priya Ramrakha, who was working for the Associated Press as well as Time-Life when he died in the arms of Morley Safer after being caught in a crossfire in Nigeria during the Biafra civil war. I was the AP correspondent in West Africa at the time. Click [here](#) for a link to Priya's story.

The other is Michel Laurent, who earned a Pulitzer for AP for his photos of Bengalis killing alleged collaborators in the 1971 Bangladesh civil war. He died on the final day of the Vietnam war. At that time, he was working for the Gamma photo agency. Laurent came from Paris in 1971 to back me up in Dhaka. When the Pakistan military hustled all foreign journalists out of the country after a crackdown in Dhaka in March 1971, Michel hid in the kitchen of the Intercontinental Hotel to avoid the authorities, then went out into the night to photograph the crackdown. He was amazingly gutsy. Click [here](#) for Michel's story.

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One more story of Odious Beast

Mort Rosenblum ([Email](#)) - I appreciate the kind emails re the much lamented Odious Beast (see May 23 Connecting). One brief AP episode slipped my mind when I filed it. On one holiday, I visited Larry Gerber and his wife, Barbara, who had just moved to Vienna to take over the bureau. It was a long drive from Paris. O.B., happy to be let out the door, bolted into the living room and delivered an unwelcome housewarming gift smack in the center of their brand-new white shag rug. When they both just laughed, I knew we'd be lifelong best friends.

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Buckner's death reminds me of a most embarrassing journalism moment

Paul Stevens (Email) - The **death** of baseball great Bill Buckner on Monday at the age of 69 saddened me but also brought back memories of one of my most embarrassing moments as a journalist.



Buckner in 1971

While working in the AP St. Louis bureau in the mid-1970s, I was assigned to cover the baseball Cardinals' game against the Los Angeles Dodgers since our regular sports writer, Paul LeBar, had another assignment. It was one of the first games in which I got to solo.

During the game, the Dodgers' Buckner was the star with the game-winning hit, so after the game ended and I had filed my story, I went down to the Dodgers locker room to interview Buckner. I asked someone in the locker room where Buckner was sitting and they pointed me to a guy at a locker in the corner. So I went up to him and introduced myself and started interviewing him about his game-winning hit. We were five minutes or so into the interview, talking about the hit and his career,

when I heard some snickering in the background and about that time, a UPI St. Louis reporter tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Uh, Paul, that isn't Bill Buckner, that's Willie Crawford." They got me!

It seemed the entire locker room burst into laughter, Crawford leading the charge, and he pointed me over to Buckner, who gave me the quotes I needed, before I headed out the door with tail between legs. I guess that prank had to be why 10 years later, Buckner became best remembered for his disastrous fielding error in the 1986 World Series against the Mets.

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Terry Petty's book is a must-read

Bob Daugherty (Email) - I received a copy of Terrence Petty's AP book "Enemy of the People." I read the first chapter and had the feeling that I'd seen this movie before, or at least the preview of it. This book should be a must read-for everyone.

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Reciting our peoples' ancient prayer to the dead

Adolphe Bernotas (Email) - Here's my tiny Memorial Day story. I did not serve in the military. Two years of compulsory ROTC in college doesn't count, while an ankle crushed in a car crash kept me out of Vietnam. Nonetheless, a Lithuanian-American community leader honored me Monday when he asked that I recite our peoples' ancient prayer to the dead at ceremonies for veterans buried at the Lithuanian National Catholic Cemetery in Methuen, Mass.

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Connecting sky shot - Oregon



Lee Siegel ([Email](#)) - ... of Spencer Creek flowing into the Pacific at Beverly Beach State Park, Oregon.

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Remembers Chicago crash 40 years ago like it was yesterday

Marc Huffman ([Email](#)) - Marc Wilson's account of AP's coverage of the crash of Flight 191 (in May 24 issue) brought back memories, but I hadn't thought about it being 40 years ago. I remember it like it was yesterday because of AP Radio's role in the beat.

It was the quiet start to a long holiday weekend and I was working the Friday evening newscast shift and Scott Lewis was on the desk. No one else was in the newsroom. AP Radio shared the sixth floor at 1825 K Street with Braniff and United Airlines. A guy from United walked into the newsroom and asked if we knew about the DC-10 crash at O'Hare. Scott and I looked at each other blankly. He went on to say he had been on the phone with a colleague at O'Hare who viewed the crash

while they were talking. From the time he hung up to telling us about it could not have been longer than two minutes.

Scott grabbed a phone and called the FAA. The FAA spokesman had just gotten off the phone with Chicago and confirmed the crash. Scott notified the General Desk and National Broadcast Desk and the bulletin was on the wire five to 10 minutes after the crash.

Tragically, because it was the start of a holiday weekend the plane was sold out -- a rarity when airlines were still regulated -- contributing to the record loss of life.

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Recalling another Flight 191 crash - but in Texas

Diana Heidgerd ([Email](#)) - Thank you to Marc Wilson for recalling his amazing coverage of the tragic American Airlines crash of Flight 191 in Chicago on May 25, 1979.

Sort of eerie seeing: Flight 191.

Reading that story really brought up memories of another crash - also Flight 191 - when a Delta Air Lines L-1011 crashed on Aug. 2, 1985, while trying to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport during severe weather. AP staffers did an amazing job that Friday night, dashing to the crash scene, including parking along busy highways to abandon their vehicles and get as close as they could before law officers closed off the emergency area.

I believe that fiery accident, on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, added a new reference to many of our vocabularies -- wind shear. AP even wrote a story about what it is - click [here](#).

I'd never heard of wind shear prior to the Delta 191 crash.

Marc's stunning account of his coverage also made me uncomfortably think of something that I had not recollected for some time - seeing little markers with flags at a commercial jet crash site, with numbers - helping tally the dead.

I was off at the time of the crash, but went to the accident site the following day to file some audio for AP radio in Washington and also add anything that I could to the staff story.

All reporters had to assemble at a law enforcement building near DFW airport, to take shuttle buses to the charred scene. It got very quiet on the shuttle as we approached the accident site.

I clearly remember seeing the massive tail wreckage and wondering - "Where's the rest of the plane?"



AP Photo

In all, 137 people were killed - including a motorist whose car, traveling on a nearby highway, was clipped by the descending jet just seconds before the crash. More than 20 people on board the plane survived.

There were two hulking white storage tanks located on ground level near the end of a DFW runway and part of the jet crushed the upper side of at least one container. The dents in that tank were not immediately fixed, leaving behind an unwelcome reminder of the horrific accident.

Every time I've seen that repaired tank I still recall the crash of Delta Flight 191.

AP team honored with RFK Human Rights Award for - 'Torn Apart: Immigration in the Era of Trump'



The AP winning team, from left: US Enterprise Editor Pauline Arrillaga, Immigration reporter Colleen Long, Immigration reporter Nomaan Merchant, investigative reporter Michael Biesecker, Beat team editor Josh Hoffner. next to Josh in the back Mexico City based photographer Rebecca Blackwell, immigration reporter Astrid Galvan and investigative reporter Poppy Burke.

Domestic Print Winner

"Torn Apart: Immigration in the Era of Trump"

The Associated Press Staff, The Associated Press

Few events captivated the public in 2018 as powerfully as the many scenes of children separated from their parents at the U.S. - Mexico border. Some would be put in cages, others hauled into court for immigration proceedings - even though they were still in diapers. No matter where one stood on the details of immigration, the natural inclination to want to protect children exerted a powerful influence on the national debate over President Donald Trump's policies. Throughout the year, The Associated Press focused a critical spotlight on how these most vulnerable - the children - were affected by the president's approach to migration, with reporting that brought global awareness to the human toll and numerous calls for change.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Best of the Week

Sky-high reporting and smart use of all formats puts AP ahead amid Persian Gulf tensions



Pedestrians and motorcycle riders make their way through a street in downtown Tehran, Iran, May 18, 2019. AP Photo / Vahid Salemi

It started with a report that turned out to be false - that the Fujairah port in the United Arab Emirates was burning. That set off aggressive, yet cautious coverage by AP's staff in Dubai, Tehran and Baghdad, bringing facts and unique perspectives to the tense and escalating situation in the Persian Gulf, often well ahead of the competition.

When official word later came that four oil tankers had been damaged in a "sabotage" attack in the water off the UAE, Persian Gulf and Iran News Director Jon Gambrell reached out to sources who provided AP with satellite images. Gambrell knew from previous coverage of Iran's satellite and missile launches that he needed to quickly secure satellite imagery of the tankers, ensuring that AP's customers got the details. He also sent his own photos of oil shipping activity off the coast of the UAE.

As tensions between Iran, its neighbors and the United States ratcheted up, Gambrell and Mideast News Director Karin Laub leveraged AP's resources in the country to report first that Iran had quadrupled its uranium enrichment. A story by New York Health and Science reporter Malcolm Ritter on the science of uranium enrichment complemented the piece.

In Tehran meanwhile, producer Mehdi Fattahi, reporter Nasser Karimi and photographer Vahid Salemi put together a video, photo and text piece on the mood of people on the streets of the capital that could not be matched by a major wire service competitor. The team, which included reporters Qassim Abdul-Zahra and Bassem Mroue in Baghdad, and Karimi in Tehran, was also first to report an FAA warning that Iran could misidentify commercial flights in the region.

While the team relied on a variety of resources to report and break news, its restraint in not prematurely reporting that Exxon Mobil had evacuated its staff in the region helped maintain the AP's credibility.

Many hands worked together for AP's success. Other important contributors to the coverage were Aya Batrawy, Malak Harb, Fay Abuelgasim, Amir Vahdat, Ebrahim Noroozi, Mohammad Nasiri, Mohsen Ganji and Saeed Sarmadi.

The teams were aggressive on reporting other developments, ensuring that clients had video and text coverage of tweets by President Donald Trump and Iranian officials, as well as closely monitoring the U.S. Department of Defense's DVIDS handout service.

Customers around the globe relied on AP's coverage, with Al-Jazeera English breaking in to report the AP's uranium scoop. Both video and text stories proved popular with customers on APNewsroom, on the app and AP's website.

For smart judgment, planning and effective use of AP's resources to break news and bring facts to a region on edge, Gambrell, Abdul-Zahra, Fattahi, Mroue, Karimi and Salemi win AP's Best of the Week, with the support of their colleagues and contributors in the region.

Best of the States

APNewsBreak: Military prosecutors sent tracking software to defense team, reporter



Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher, who has been charged with murder in the 2017 death of an Iraqi war prisoner, poses in a 2018 photo provided by his wife. Lawyers on Gallagher's defense team told the AP that emails they and a reporter received from military prosecutors in the case contained tracking software. Andrea Gallagher via AP

Los Angeles courts reporter Brian Melley was enjoying a Sunday afternoon when a longtime legal source reached out with a remarkable tip in the case of Edward Gallagher, a Navy SEAL facing a court martial on charges he murdered a teenage Islamic State fighter in Iraq in 2017.

It's exceptionally unusual for a SEAL to face murder charges for a battlefield incident and the case has roiled one of America's elite fighting forces and attracted the attention of President Donald Trump.

The source told Melley that military prosecutors, frustrated by leaks in the case, planted tracking software in emails sent to defense lawyers and a Navy Times reporter. The unsophisticated software was quickly discovered by the recipients.

Melley tracked down and interviewed two attorneys who received the emails and the Navy Times reporter. The lawyers told Melley that when confronted prosecutors eventually acknowledged the effort, though they wouldn't explain more about what they did. The lawyers said the move may have violated attorney-client protections, constituted an illegal search and trampled on press freedoms.

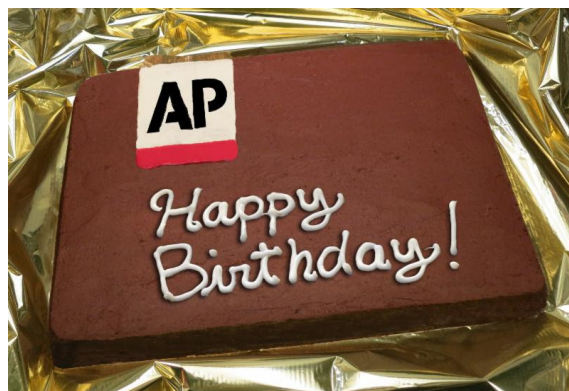
Melley began working up the story that night and sent emails to the prosecutor and the Navy for comment. Early the next morning, he followed up on those attempts for comment and interviewed a military law expert who said he'd never heard of such a tactic and thought it was ethically, legally and intellectually dubious.

Military reporter Julie Watson in San Diego helped Melley get additional information from the Navy and provided more background on the story from her previous reporting on the case.

With the story fully reported, Melley's APNewsBreak hit the wire Monday morning and quickly gained traction online. AP was widely credited everywhere it appeared, and no major media outlet matched it. Only one news outlet, a military news website named Task & Response, had its own piece hours later but still credited AP, naming Melley in its story.

For giving AP an exclusive on an important military justice story, Melley wins this week's Best of the States award.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



On Wednesday to...

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Arnold Garson - ahgarson@gmail.com

Welcome to Connecting



Judith Dawson - judithadawson@sbcglobal.net

Stories of interest

Arkansas newspaper gambles on free iPads as the future



In this on Thursday, May 23, 2019 photo, Walter Hussman Jr., publisher of the statewide newspaper the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, explains to members of the Hope, Arkansas Rotary Club how to access and use the paper's digital replica on an iPad in Hope, Ark. The newspaper will stop printing its daily paper by the end of the year and is distributing free iPads to all subscribers who transition to the daily digital version. (AP Photo/Hannah Grabenstein)

By HANNAH GRABENSTEIN

HOPE, Ark. (AP) - Over a lunch of hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes and green beans, Walter Hussman delivered his pitch to the dozen or so attendees of the Hope, Arkansas, Rotary Club meeting. He promised that if they keep paying their current rate of \$36 a month for subscription to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper, even though it will no longer be printed daily or delivered to their door, they'll get a free iPad to view a digital version.

The daily digital replica of the state's largest newspaper will be accessed with an easy-to-use app they can download on the tablet that the newspaper is distributing to subscribers.

Hussman, the newspaper's publisher, said Wednesday that by the end of the year, only the Sunday edition of the paper will be printed.

It's a gamble Hussman feels compelled to take to sustain his newsroom of 106 employees and turn a profit, which the paper hasn't done since 2017.

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

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Opinions: The press must do better (Washington Post)

By Jennifer Rubin

Opinion writer

The New York Times gives prominent placement on its home page to list all of President Trump's juvenile nicknames for the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates, including the racist Native American slur directed at Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.). This serves no purpose other than to highlight his name-calling and reinforce his abusive conduct.

Meanwhile, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders goes on "Meet the Press" to repeatedly accuse former FBI director James B. Comey of treason. She insists everyone knows about corruption at the top levels of the Justice Department. ("We already know that there was an outrageous amount of corruption that took place at the FBI.") She claims "they" leaked information and lied. (Who? What information? When?) In an apparent reference to two investigators who were removed from the case (Peter Strzok and Lisa Page) after communicating about their private views, she insists "They were specifically working trying to take down the president, trying to hurt the president." Sanders falsely insists the FBI was guilty of "unprecedented obstruction and corruption."

Trump's press secretary is not challenged on her exaggerations, distortions and outright lies, although she in essence concedes Trump has already made up his mind, issued his verdict and is expecting the attorney general to come back with evidence.

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

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Four Simple Steps the U.S. Media Could Take to Prevent a Trump War With Iran (The Intercept)

By **MEHDI HASAN**

HERE WE GO again. Sixteen years after the U.S. media helped the Bush administration spread myths and lies about the threat posed by Iraq to the United States and its allies, the Trump administration is spreading similar myths and lies about the threat posed by Iran.

The 64,000-rial question, therefore, is whether or not journalists have learned any lessons whatsoever from the Iraqi WMD debacle of 2003.

Well, consider these recent headlines:

Read more [here](#). Shared by Craig Armstrong.

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1 big thing: We live in a "fake" world (Axios)

By **MIKE ALLEN**

Welcome to our sad, new, distorted reality - the explosion of fake: fake videos, fake people on Facebook, and daily cries of "fake news."

This week, we reached a peak fake, with Facebook saying it had deleted 2.2 billion fake accounts in three months ... a fake video of Speaker Pelosi going viral ... and Trump going on a fresh "fake news" tear.

A Pew survey last year found that two-thirds of tweeted links to popular websites came from non-human users (bots or other automated accounts), per Axios' Neal Rothschild.

Why it matters: This is just a small taste of our unfiltered future. It's only going to get easier to generate fake audio, fake videos and even fake people - and to spread them instantly and virally.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Jenny Volanakis.

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San Francisco police chief concedes raid on journalist was wrong - 'I'm sorry' (San Francisco Chronicle)

By **EVAN SERNOFFSKY**

After two weeks of growing outrage, San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott apologized Friday for raiding a journalist's home and office in a bid to unmask a confidential source, admitting the searches were probably illegal and calling for an independent investigation into the episode.

Police "should have done a better job," Scott said in an interview with The Chronicle. "I'm sorry that this happened. I'm sorry to the people of San Francisco. I'm sorry to the mayor. We have to fix it. We know there were some concerns in that investigation and we know we have to fix it."

Scott said he has now reviewed all material relating to the May 10 search of freelance videographer Bryan Carmody's home and office, which was part of an investigation into who leaked him a salacious police report on the February death of Public Defender Jeff Adachi - a report Carmody then sold to three television stations.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Hartzell.

Today in History - May 28, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 28, the 148th day of 2019. There are 217 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky.

On this date:

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1863, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, made up of freed blacks, left Boston to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

In 1918, American troops fought their first major battle during World War I as they launched an offensive against the German-held French village of Cantigny (kahn-tee-NYEE'); the Americans succeeded in capturing the village.

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show!" produced by Warner Bros., opened in New York.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain. In Nazi Germany, Volkswagen was founded by the German Labour Front.

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1957, National League owners gave permission for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 1964, the charter of the Palestine Liberation Organization was issued at the start of a meeting of the Palestine National Congress in Jerusalem.

In 1972, Edward, The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the English throne to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, died in Paris at age 77.

In 1987, to the embarrassment of Soviet officials, Mathias Rust (mah-TEE'-uhs rust), a young West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square without authorization. (Rust was freed by the Soviets the following year.)

Ten years ago: A white New York City police officer killed an off-duty black colleague in a friendly fire incident in East Harlem. (A grand jury declined to indict Officer Andrew Dunton in the shooting of Officer Omar Edwards, who had drawn his gun and was chasing a man who had broken into his car.) Kavya Shivashankar, a 13-year-old girl from Kansas, spelled "Laodicean (lay-AHD'-uh-SEE'-uhn)" (lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics) to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Five years ago: Seeking to redefine America's foreign policy for a postwar era, President Barack Obama told West Point graduates the United States remained the only nation with the capacity to lead on the world stage but argued it would be a mistake to channel that power into unrestrained military adventures. Maya Angelou, 86, a Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

One year ago: Speaking before an audience of Cabinet members, military leaders, veterans and families, President Donald Trump paid a Memorial Day tribute at Arlington National Cemetery, saying he came to honor "America's greatest heroes." The Golden State Warriors reached the NBA Finals with a win over the Houston Rockets; it was the fourth straight year the Warriors would meet the Cleveland Cavaliers in the finals.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carroll Baker is 88. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 88. Actor John Karlen is 86. Basketball Hall of Famer Jerry West is 81. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 75. Singer Gladys Knight is 75. Singer Billy Vera is 75. Singer John Fogerty (Creedance Clearwater Revival) is 74. Country musician Jerry Douglas is 63. Actor Louis Mustillo is 61. Former governor and U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., is 59. Actor Brandon Cruz (TV: "The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 57. Country singer Phil Vassar is 55. Actress Christa Miller is 55. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 54. Rapper Chubb Rock is 51. Singer Kylie Minogue (KY'-lee mihn-OHG') is 51. Actor Justin Kirk is 50. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is 48. Olympic gold medal figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva is 48. Television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 42. R&B singer Jaheim is 42. Actor Jake Johnson is 41. Actor Jesse Bradford is 40. Actress Monica Keena is 40. Actress Alexa Davalos is 37. Actress Megalyn Echikunwoke (eh-cheek-uh-WALK'-ay) is 37. Pop singer Colbie Caillat (kal-LAY') is 34. Actress Carey Mulligan is 34. Actor Joseph Cross is 33.

Thought for Today: "Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage." - Maya Angelou (1928-2014).

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

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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