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## Good Monday!



## AP goes to a wedding

The AP was well-represented Saturday at the wedding of Kathryn Andersen and Liam Day, son of former AP executive and bureau chief Dan Day and his wife, Becky (seated left and center).

Dan officiated at the wedding, which was held at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams near The bride's hometown of Pittsfield.

Also in the picture are Steve Wine and his wife, Cynthia (standing at left); Dave Tomlin (standing left center), Margy McCay (standing right center) and Rich Harris with his wife, Gina.

Their AP intersections would need two or three takes to explain, so suffice it to say that bureaus including Omaha, Des Moines, Miami, Sacramento and San Francisco plus New York headquarters were involved.

Becky continues the Day family tradition, serving as coordinator for AP contests in several states.

Liam, a symphony musician based in New York City, worked one summer in the mailroom at 50 Rock. He and Kathryn, a violinist who works at The Juilliard School, live in Manhattan.

Contributed by **Dan Day** ([Email](#)).

## AP goes back to college



The University of Nevada (Reno) Sagebrush student newspaper Alumni Chapter honored Martha Bellisle, AP Seattle, and Larry Ryckman, former AP Reno, Carson City, San Francisco, New York and Moscow at a dinner celebrating both as former Sagebrush staffers in their college years-Bellisle as a mid-career distinguished journalist with the Jake Highton Award in name of an acclaimed professor and Ryckman with the Frank McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award in name of the 1941 Nevada journalism graduate known for his Time-Life and newspaper editing career.

Gathering as former AP reporters covering the Nevada Legislature in the 1980s are Martin Griffith, Martha Bellisle, Brendan Riley who ran the legislative bureau, Larry Ryckman and Mitchell Landsberg.

Ryckman is a founder of the non profit online Colorado Sun, and Landsberg is now with the Los Angeles Times.

Riley hired the whole crew in what they affectionately called the Brendan Riley Survival School of Journalism covering the Legislature.

Warren Lerude, former Reno, San Diego, LA and Las Vegas AP reporter and now

professor emeritus at the Reynolds School of Journalism, introduced Ryckman and welcomed back to Reno Bellisle.

Contributed by **Warren Lerude** ([Email](#)).

## Best of the week

### ***AP's Brexit team delivers ambitious, insightful coverage during crucial week***

The Brexit break-up has dominated Europe for months. Audience demands are high for each development, yet it's hard for any news organization to stand out because so many media outlets are pursuing the same stories.

But AP's Brexit team rose to the occasion by combining exceptional planning and reporting skills to deliver extraordinary coverage in every format during a crucial week in which the European Union and the British Parliament were set to decide the UK's future in Europe. In the process, they dominated on a very competitive story with ambitious and comprehensive coverage from the UK to Brussels and Northern Ireland.

For collaborating in all formats to deliver lively, ambitious, insightful and comprehensive coverage of the Brexit drama and its broader implications, the team of Jill Lawless, Danica Kirka, Greg Katz, David Keyton, Raf Casert, Virginia Mayo, Sylvain Plazy, Martin Cleaver and Susie Blann earn AP's Best of the Week honors.

Read more [here](#).

## Best of the states

## ***Two all-formats exclusives on discovery of Japan's sunken Midway warships***

How are you guaranteed to get an exclusive if and when researchers locate Japanese ships sunken during the World War II Battle of Midway?

One sure way is to be the only journalist accompanying researchers aboard a vessel in the middle of nowhere in the Pacific. That's exactly what Hawaii correspondent Caleb Jones did, delivering two exclusive packages on the discovery of warships in northwestern Hawaii, first by convincing the search company to invite only the AP, and then singlehandedly producing the all-formats content from the research ship.

For successfully pitching AP's reach, then following up with strong storytelling that led to worldwide exclusives, Caleb Jones wins this week's Best of the States.

Read more [here](#).

## **Connecting profile**

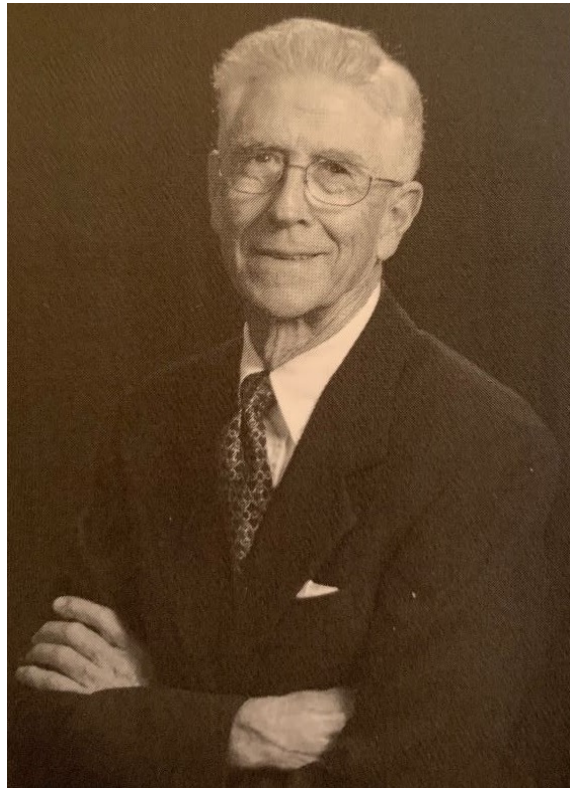
**Henry Bradsher (Email)** - I've just come back to Baton Rouge from New York, where I've been flying every 12 weeks for medical scans. These are to make sure, as they did again this time, that the stage-four cancer that I had in 2015 has not recurred since ending treatment with Keytruda.

So now back to tennis, teaching an adult education course, volunteer tutoring public school kindergarteners and helping foreign students at Louisiana State, and other things to fill life

at what I tell people is just late middle age (88 - old age begins sometime above 90, doesn't it?).

When I got out of the Air Force in 1955, I applied to AP with the note that wanted to be a foreign correspondent, a goal since sixth grade. Lew Hawkins, the Atlanta bureau chief who had been a WWII AP foreign correspondent, hired me. I started off on general rewrite, then was put on the radio rewrite desk. When Martin Luther King Jr.'s bus boycott in Montgomery got hot in 1956, the bureau chief there, Rex Thomas, asked for a new man, and I was sent over.

Working the 4 p.m. to well-after midnight shift for Rex was stimulating. A bear for accuracy, he gave me many opportunities (including covering two electric chair executions) while teaching me to dictate on-spot complete stories and other things in the tumultuous boycott situation. Rex was an excellent old-school journalist.



The other main contributor to my career was Wally Sims. He was the bureau chief in New Delhi when I began my foreign career in 1959. In his mild way, he was an outstanding boss and remained a close friend the rest of his life. The high point of covering South Asia with extensive travel, however, was meeting in Delhi a young lady who had come out from the States as a Fulbright scholar. We recently celebrated our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

After I had moved up to Delhi bureau chief in 1961, Wes Gallagher asked me to go to Moscow in 1964, without hinting that I might become bureau chief there when Pres Grover retired a few months later. But I did, and it was a challenging job, while across the hall from the bureau Monica was raising our two sons. With help from me. Before going to bed, I'd put fresh diapers on the infants and then go across the hall to check on what the night man had been doing. This became known as "diapering the office."

After 4.5 years in Moscow, including the Soviets' bombing our family car to express their displeasure with my writing, I had a Nieman fellowship at Harvard. I told AP I expected to go back overseas afterward and asked where they might send me, so I could take some preparatory courses. But Keith Fuller, then the personnel man, kept putting me off. I hold him responsible for my leaving AP. The Washington Star offered me a job focusing on China (but including reporting Indochina wars). I'd been writing about China from the 1962 India-China Himalayan war and the 1960s Sino-Soviet split. Only after I'd finished at Harvard and told AP I was leaving did they mention having ideas where to send me.

As mentioned earlier, after The Star in East Asia (winning a Polk) and then all over the world from Washington, I was out of a job when The Star folded in 1981. I had offers to continue in journalism, but family and financial considerations were against them. The CIA offered me a senior position in analysis, which I took until retiring in 2000 to Baton Rouge after 51 years away.

Paul asked if I'd do it all over again. Yes, with enthusiasm!

So now there are many things to do. I recently taught a course to some 100 seniors on "Russia's Century: From Tsar Nicholas II to Tsar Putin I" and will soon teach one on "Cold Wars, Then and Now." I teach on a wide range of subjects in the spring and autumn, with extensive graphics that take a lot of time to prepare.

Lecturing on cruise ships worldwide some two months a year for 14 years gave Monica and me a chance to see Petra and Luxor, Manchu Picchu and Angkor Wat, fjords on four continents, Amazonian jungle, animals on safaris in Kenya and South Africa, and many other things not seen during reporting, such as the Taj Mahal.

Those two diapered infants in Moscow are now widely separated. The elder, Keith, is the Pulitzer-winning *NY Times* bureau chief in Shanghai (although seldom there, traveling widely), specializing in economics but covering everything. The younger, Neal, runs his own very successful hedge fund in New York. And Monica and I enjoy the few opportunities to see the grandchildren.

Unfortunately, it's getting harder and harder to put together morning tennis games the three times a week that I've been playing. None of the older crowd - I'm one of the oldest, but some are youngsters in their 60s - wants to play singles, and others keep falling out with medical complications or just plain dying. But if it's not raining, which it does a lot in Baton Rouge, I'll be out on the courts at every opportunity.

## Connecting mailbox

### *Congratulations to Cal*

**Mike Feinsilber** ([Email](#)) - I take it the Gramling is in recognition not only of Cal Woodward's commendable hard-hitting and honest fact-checking but also of decades of clear, precise, humane, embracing - and too often unrewarded - journalism. And for being a splendid and modest guy - and a terrific bicyclist. My congratulations to the judges.

## Stories of interest

### *Rachel Maddow confronts her NBC news bosses*

*live, on the air*

(The New York Times)

## By John Koblin and Michael M. Grynbaum

The MSNBC anchor Rachel Maddow publicly confronted the leadership of her own network on Friday night, declaring live on air that she and other NBC News employees had deep concerns about whether the organization had stymied Ronan Farrow's reporting on the movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

In a prime-time monologue, Ms. Maddow questioned why NBC News executives had not invited an independent investigation of the Weinstein episode or the workplace behavior of Matt Lauer, the former "Today" show anchor who was fired in 2017 after a colleague accused him of sexual misconduct.

"I've been through a lot of ups and downs in this company since I've been here," Ms. Maddow said. "It would be impossible for me to overstate the amount of consternation inside the building around this issue."

Read more [here](#).

Contributed by Dennis Conrad ([Email](#)).

## ***This fellowship wants to find the next generation of local newspaper owners*** (Poynter)

### By Kristen Hare

"Working from home today," the publisher and editor of Nebraska's Hooker County Tribune posted to the weekly's Facebook page in September. "Good news: I got this week's issue sent to the printer! Bad news: No other Tribune work will get done the rest of the day because I will be trying to clean up after our toddler!"

The accompanying photo showed a happy little girl in a recliner amid chunky building blocks, an unfurled ream of stickers and other colorful mess. Readers of the Tribune left 20 comments.

"Some things are more important!"

"They are little for such a short time."

"You have your priorities in order! The paper will be there tomorrow. You've got that baby today!"

Gerri Peterson, the publisher, editor and mom from that post, has had her weekly newspaper longer than her kids.



The Tribune in Mullen, Nebraska, is more than four hours northwest of Lincoln, and it's Peterson's hometown. She bought the weekly at 22 after being approached by the owners, who were ready to retire.

"It was like my dream job that literally fell in my lap," she said. Eleven years later, Peterson is still running a profitable local newsroom.

Yes, they do exist.

Peterson and the Tribune found each other organically. But a new program in West Virginia wants to match more local newsrooms with people who care about local news, are excited about taking over existing publications and see potential for the future.

NewStart, an "ownership initiative" fellowship based at West Virginia University's Reed College of Media in partnership with the West Virginia Press Association, launched in September.

Read more [here](#).

## ***Pulitzer Prize winner Ray Jenkins dies***

(The Associated Press)

Ray Jenkins, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who worked as a special assistant for press affairs in President Jimmy Carter's administration, has died. He was 89.

Jenkins' son Mark Jenkins says his father died Thursday at his home in Baltimore from congestive heart failure.

Ray Jenkins was part of the reporting team at Georgia's Columbus Ledger that won the 1955 Pulitzer Prize in public service journalism for covering corruption in nearby Phenix City, Alabama.

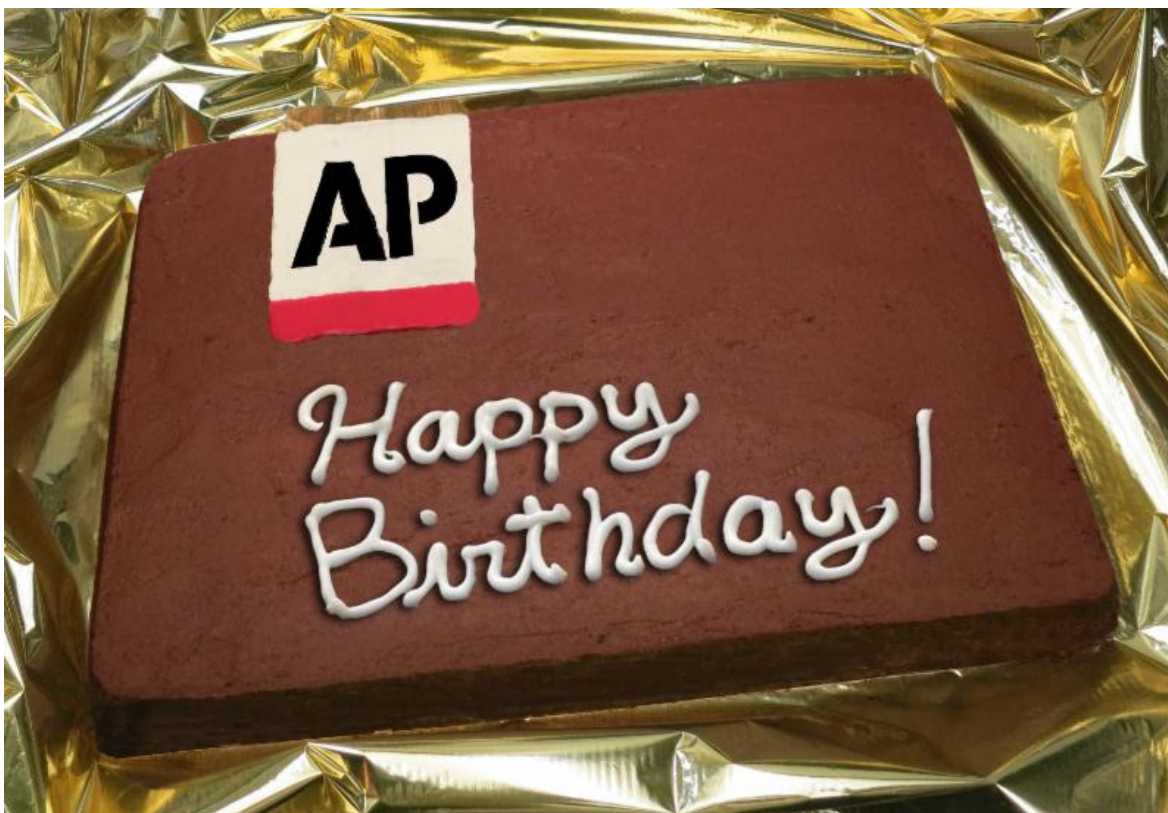
He served as an editor of the Montgomery Advertiser and the Alabama Journal and covered Southern politics and the civil rights movement before joining Carter's administration in 1979.

Jenkins retired after being the editorial page editor of The Evening Sun in Baltimore from 1981 to 1991.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

Contributed by **Ed Williams** ([Email](#)).

# **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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## Today in History



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2019. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this date:

In 1726, the original edition of "Gulliver's Travels," a satirical novel by Jonathan Swift, was first published in London.

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey. In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions which, among other things, absolved Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 2001, the families of people killed in the September 11 terrorist attack gathered in New York for a memorial service filled with prayer and song. In 2002, American diplomat Laurence Foley was assassinated in front of his house in Amman, Jordan, in the first such attack on a U.S. diplomat in decades. A student flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death, then killed himself.

In 2003, firefighters beat back flames on Los Angeles' doorstep, saving hundreds of homes in the city's San Fernando Valley from California's deadliest wildfires in more than a decade.

In 2013, Penn State said it would pay \$59.7 million to 26 young men over claims of child sexual abuse at the hands of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Ten years ago: Taliban militants stormed a guest house used by U.N. staff in the heart of the Afghan capital, leaving 11 dead, including five U.N. staff and three attackers. A car bomb exploded in a crowded market in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing at least 112. Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) was sworn in for a second term as German chancellor. The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Yankees 6-1 in Game 1 of the World Series.

Five years ago: An unmanned commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station exploded moments after liftoff, with debris falling in flames over the launch site in Virginia. A video was posted online by a group called Hollaback! showing actress Shoshana Roberts being verbally accosted

by men as she silently walked through Manhattan over a 10-hour period; the video "went viral," spurring outrage and sparking discussions about the pervasiveness of street harassment that women face. The World Series was evened at three games each as the Kansas City Royals routed the San Francisco Giants 10-0.

One year ago: The Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Dodgers, 5-1, with the help of two home runs from Steve Pearce, to wrap up a World Series in five games. A brash far-right congressman, Jair Bolsonaro, cruised to a 10-point victory in Brazil's presidential election, becoming the latest world leader to rise to power by mixing tough, often violent talk with hard-right positions.

## 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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