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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 27th day of November 2019,I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving as we count our blessings on
Thanksgiving Day tomorrow.

I just finished my Spotlight column that will appear Sunday in my hometown newspaper, The Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa. I count as one of my many blessings the opportunity to write this monthly column - about the people past and present in the city of 25,000 - that is a continuation of the same Spotlight column that my dad, Walter Stevens, wrote during his many decades as editor.

The Messenger is part of my journalistic DNA. It is where I had my first published byline - a sports story as I recall - at age 15 and now almost six decades later I still get the same rewarding feeling when I see the byline on my Spotlights in print and online.

Another of my journalistic blessings is to be connected with you through this newsletter - keeping alive friendships during my working days and building new friendships with so many of you - including our colleague **Gene Herrick** ([Email](#)), who shares his own Thanksgiving blessings:

Yesterday, Paul Stevens, our illustrative editor, asked for a response as to our journalistic blessings at this Thanksgiving Holiday time.

As I've written before, I am the luckiest kid in the world! I have millions of blessing, from youth till now, but they are headed by my years in journalism - 28 with the AP, as a staff photographer, and writer, being in administrative positions for non-profit agencies dealing with the intellectual disabled, and the blind. Then, many more in the last few years writing for Connecting of my AP photographic career and now a once-per-week column for a local bi-weekly newspaper.

I started my newspaper career when I was 8 years old, as a carrier. Hired by AP when I was 16, and took early retirement in 1971 (A sad day to be sure). But, during those years I was fortunate, and blessed, to have had the opportunity to cover some major news events: the Korean War, many political conventions, five U.S. presidents, and many other candidates, winners and losers. Also, major league baseball (Mickey Mantle), football, hockey, tennis, golf (Patty Berg, Byron Nelson, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer) , world leaders (Khrushchev), the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement (Till, Rosa Parks, Martin L. King), and later being inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.

Thankful? Oh yes, I am thankful every day for my AP life, and now writing about the memories as an ancient journalist for my friends - new and old - in Connecting.

Yes, it is a wonderful Thanksgiving for a 93-year-old, I am still the luckiest kid in the world.

Finally, Connecting would not be Connecting without offering you a [link](#) to the WKRP-Cincinnati turkey drop.

Have a great, blessed holiday! Connecting will return to your Inbox on Monday morning.

Paul

Celebrating Thanksgiving a couple days early in LA bureau



John Rogers ([Email](#)) - The AP Los Angeles bureau's annual pre-Thanksgiving feast brought staffers old and new, as well as several retirees, to downtown LA on Tuesday afternoon for a lavish lunch that included turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Most of the delicacies were provided by the participants, who in many cases drew from family recipes. Carving the turkey is former Chief of Communications Dave Sloan, who although now retired graciously continues to serve as the bureau's turkey cook and carver. To Dave's right are retired AP Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch, retired AP Chief of Bureau Andy Lippman, AP Political Writer Michael Blood and AP Entertainment Writer Jonathan Landrum Jr. Behind Jonathan, with only his beard visible, is AP reporter Justin Pritchard. (AP Photo/John Rogers)

Chitterlings anyone?

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Wipe Out Wednesday

7 AM - 12 PM Only!

IBP Pre-Cleaned Chitterlings, 5 lb
\$4.99

Pork Spareribs, 2 pack
\$1.79/lb.

Fresh Ribeye Steaks Family Pack
\$4.99/lb.

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
2/\$1.00

Vigo Yellow Rice, 5 oz.
2/\$1.00

Virtue Bath Tissue, 12 ct.
\$2.89

Kraft American Singles, 12 oz.
\$2.99



Large Tomatoes
\$0.99/lb.

Green Cabbage
\$0.29/lb.

Hampton Farms Raw Peanuts, 2 lb. Mesh bag
\$3.99

Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - Chitterlings for Thanksgiving dinner? The Piggly Wiggly has them, 5 pounds pre-cleaned for \$4.99.

Years ago when I was a reporter for The Montgomery Advertiser I traveled to Daleville, Alabama, to do a story on the Dale County Chitterling Society. The group met monthly at a local Wiregrass café to enjoy a chitlin supper. To write the story I had to taste them right?

Boiled and fried chitterlings, baked sweet potatoes, collard greens with pepper sauce and cornbread. I delicately placed one fried chitlin in my mouth. Just a reporter doing my job.

The more I chewed on that chitlin the bigger it got. Managed to wash it down with lots of sweet tea and cornbread though. The collards, sweet potatoes and corn bread were excellent.

Cemetery vandalism



Ken Freed shown surveying the damage to his father's and uncle's grave stones.

Greg Nokes ([Email](#)) - The gravestone of Schoal K. Freed, father of former Associated Press staffer Ken Freed, was among the more than 80 gravestones vandalized earlier this month at the Jewish cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska, where Ken now lives.

The damage is extensive. Century-old grave markers were pushed from their pedestals to lay flat in a new-fallen snow. While anti-Semitism is suspected as a motive for the vandalism, no graffiti was left behind to give further evidence of this. The perpetrators remain at large.

Ken's father is among the 10 Freed family members buried in the cemetery, which was established in 1871 and is operated by Temple Israel of Omaha. Ken and his wife, Sandra, have planned to also be buried there.

Ken, now 82, worked for The AP from 1963 to 1978, posted in both the New York bureau and the Washington bureau, where he was a State Department correspondent. Following a Nieman Fellowship, Ken joined the Los Angeles Times and later the Omaha-World Herald and the Beirut Daily Star, among other employments.

The first members of the Freed family to settle in Omaha were Ken's grandfather, Jacob, and an uncle, Joseph, in 1910. Joseph's gravestone is among those vandalized. Schoal Freed arrived in Omaha with other family members in 1912 at age 11. He died in 1955 at age 54. The Star of David is inscribed on his gravestone with the words in Hebrew, "May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life."

Donations to the Temple Israel Cemetery Improvement Fund can be mailed to Temple Israel, [13111 Sterling Ridge Dr., Omaha, NE 68144](#), or go to templeisraeliomaha.com and click on the donate link.

On computer miscues

Joyce Rosenberg ([Email](#)) - I enjoyed the story in Tuesday's Connecting about the WDAF anchor calling in sick to the entire company. My colleagues in AP Business News and I are getting a lot of laughs out of it. It does remind me of the handful of times that messages intended for the AP message wire were missent onto the aaa or sss. The Linda Ellerbee incident is of course famous...

In my first couple of months in journalism, when I was a desk assistant at WINS radio and tending to the wires, someone sent a message on the UPI's version of the aaa complaining among other things about co-workers. The file was on slowspeed (this was 1975) and broke off just after the words "they about drove me bonkers." No time stamp, no UPI tag, no nothing. Like someone had ripped the plug out of the wall -- probably after a string of invective.

One of the great things about our technology today is messages have a far smaller chance of showing up on member and subscriber sites, although it can happen if someone cuts and pastes and doesn't read their copy one last time before sending. And of course, as anchor Nick Vasos shows us, email creates endless possibilities for this kind of war story.

Thanksgiving in New Times

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - Many years ago some adventurous folks from 'Across the waters' landed on the shores of North America. It wasn't known as that then. Now it is called the United States of America.

Luckily, the adventurers' landed at Jamestown, Virginia, where they met some friendly folks called "Native Americans," who befriended them, and taught the newcomers how to live in the ruggedness of the "New Land." The pioneers were introduced to corn, beans, squash, pumpkins, and turkeys, .and Water fowl. However, the first Thanksgiving Day celebration, a day set aside to thank God for all of their blessings, was held at Plymouth, Mass.

The newcomers learned rapidly on how to survive in the New Land. As we know, the new-comers started to spread out across the ruggedness of their new homeland,

and eventually traveled across the dangerous forests and mountains, and Native Americans who weren't as friendly as those at the original landing. They eventually reached the country's western shore, and the Pacific Ocean.

Now we have multiplied, grown to having people across the nation, developed educationally, politically, and powerfully. We have grown into a nation recognized by the rest of the world as a leader of seeking freedom and free speech for all of mankind.

We continue to have our "Thanksgiving" holidays. However, times have migrated to be seemingly less cognizant of the original purpose. Less and less do we see Grandmas cooking that ole turkey that Grandpa shot out in the backyard. Less and less do we see Grandma, or today's modern housewife, baking that pumpkin pie from "Scratch?" Less and less do we see the whole family gathering to thank God for the blessings of the year, and have *gemuetlichkeit* feelings. Seldom do we see the Thanksgiving table laden with home-grown veggies, nor home-made biscuits and cake. No, the majority of these traditional items is now purchased, fresh, or frozen, at ye local grocery.

Yes, Times have changed.

Today we see our nation engulfed in a political Civil War. The divide today seems greater than divisions between those awesome oceans between Europe and the Orient and the United States,

However, as baseball great Yogi Berra has been quoted, "It ain't over until it's over." God gives us hope. The Light still shows through the curtains of hate, bias, and prejudice - but not brightly.

There are those around this country who will say their prayers of thanks at their favorite church, and at the dining room table, and even in the now-accepted restaurant setting.,

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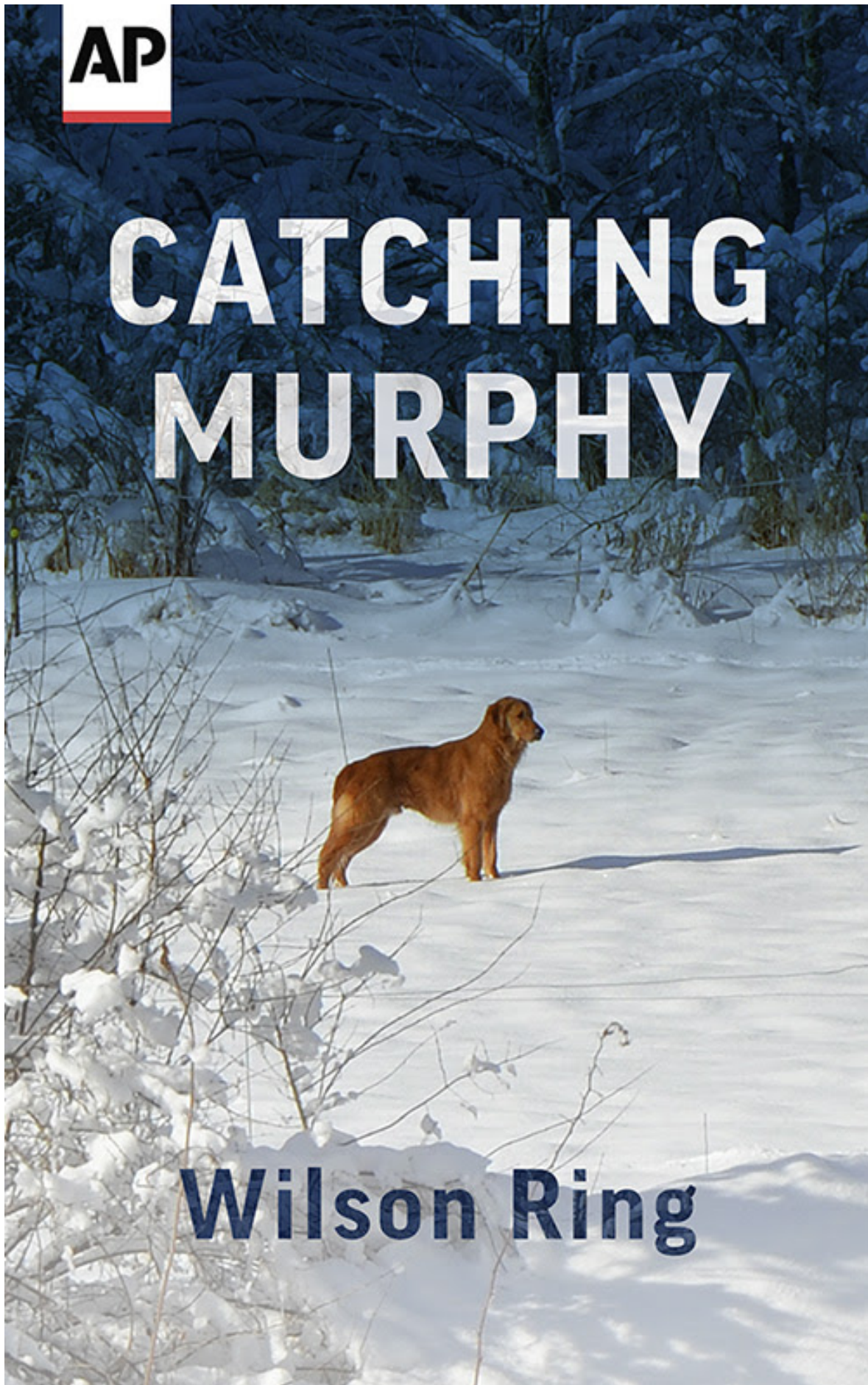
Maybe our traditions will return; maybe our political wars will see a peace treaty, maybe Our Savior will return to the position of honor and respect. Maybe our hearts will become warm and fuzzy.

Maybe.....

Happy Thanksgiving to ALL

AP books published in 2019

Peter Costanzo ([Email](#)) - Here are the books we published in 2019, with links to each.



Catching Murphy by Wilson Ring

<https://www.ap.org/books/catching-murphy/index.html>

Münchener Post

Frühling 26

Donnerstag, 9 März 1933

Die Münchener Post gab sich zu ihrer Zeit nicht als neutrale Zeitung, sondern war im Besitz von...

Sie erkannten es und machten sich daran, ihn aufzuhalten. So viel... auf den Seiten der...

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The Munich Post and the Journalists Who Opposed Hitler

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und vertrat die sozialistischen Ideale der Partei. Die Hauptzeitung der Sozialdemokraten mit Sitz in Berlin war Vorwärts. Die Sozialdemokraten hatten auch andere Zeitungen. Während die Münchener Post nicht die einzige deutsche Zeitung war, die Hitler verfolgte, wurde sie durch die Präsenz der NS-Bewegung in Verbindung mit der erstaunlichen Hartnäckigkeit ihres Personals in eine einzigartige Position versetzt, um die Nachrichten über diese tollwütigen Antisemiten und ihre...

...sagten über diese tollwütigen Antisemiten, sicherlich eine der lautesten war.

Von den Nationalsozialisten als "Münchener Pest" und "Giftdüchse" bezeichnet, provozierte sie den Führer. Sie hat ihn verspottet. Und obwohl die Redakteure Anhänger eines politischen Standpunkts waren - der der Anti-Hitler-Sozialdemokraten - waren sie auch fest davon überzeugt, dass die demokratischen Prinzipien der Weimarer Republik es wert sind, dafür zu kämpfen.

Die Redakteure der Münchener Post haben im großen Rahmen...

Enemy of the People by Terrence Petty

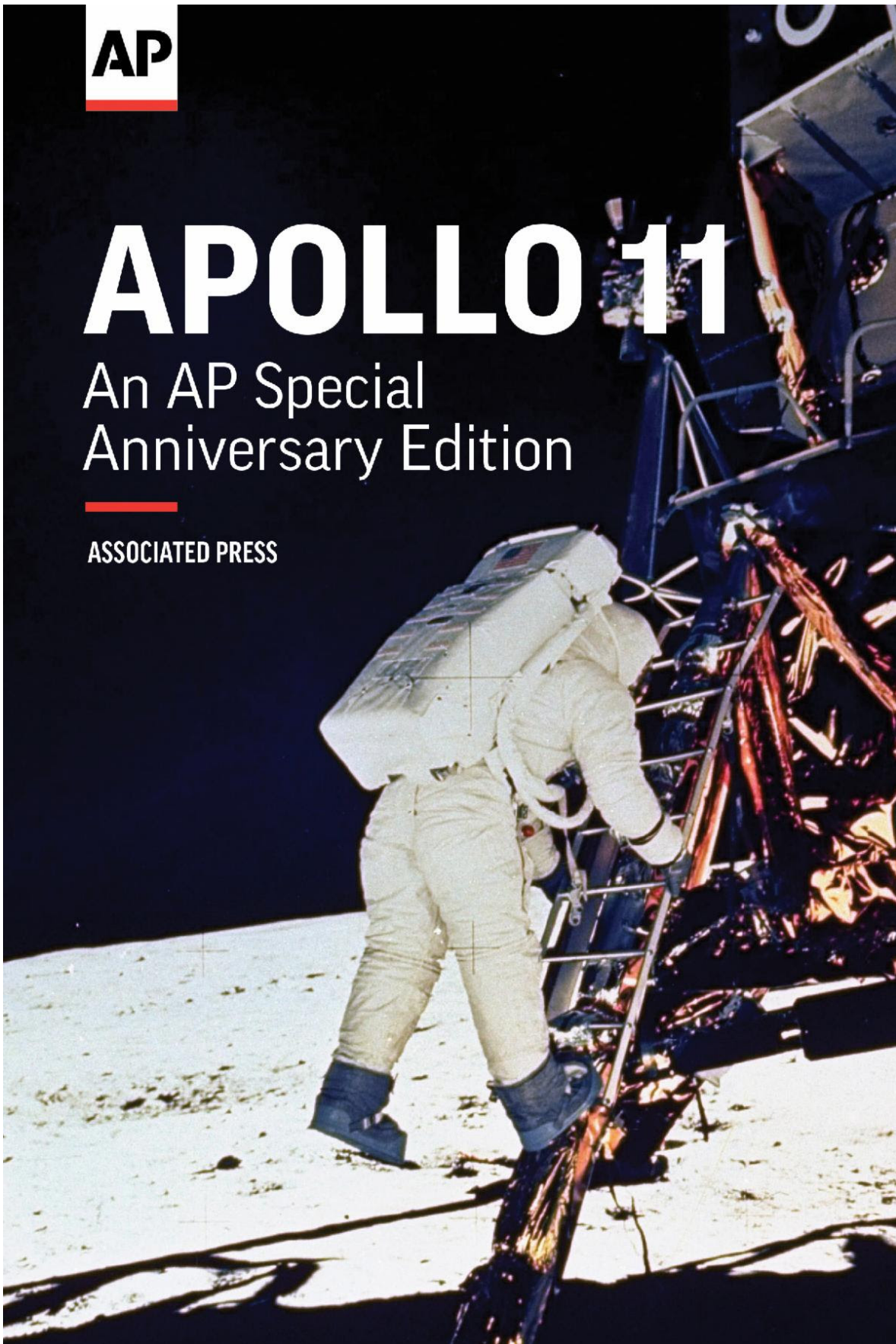
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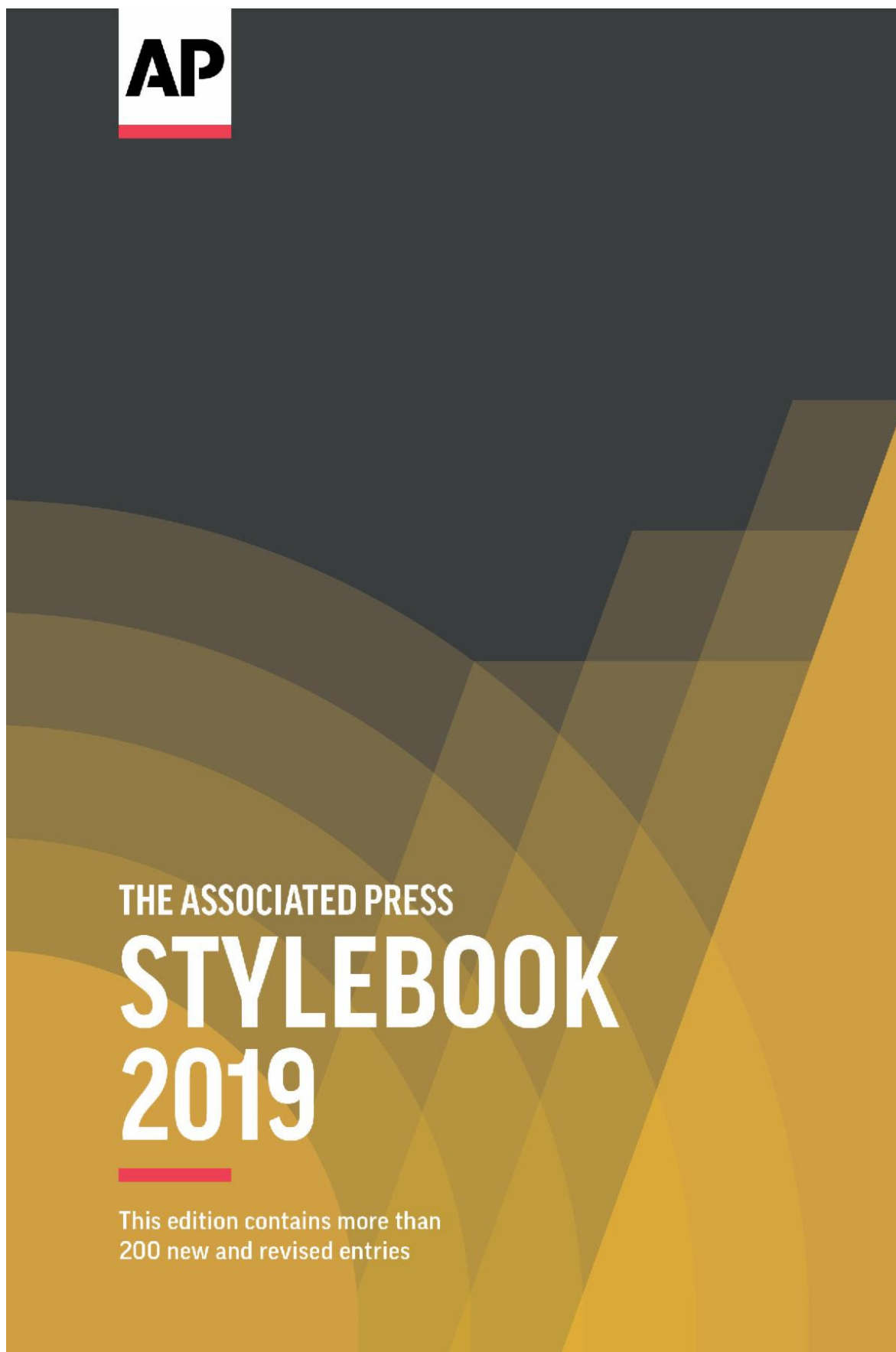
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Sharing a 'Friends' moment



Washington photographers share a "Friends" moment on Capitol Hill after a recent day of hearings as they emerge from a bank of old phone booths outside the impeachment inquiry hearing room, Nov. 13, 2019. From left: Susan Walsh, Alex Brandon, J. Scott Applewhite, Jacquelyn Martin and Andrew Harnik. (Photo courtesy Anna Moneymaker)

Reckoning with clergy abuse: Is the Catholic Church falling short on its commitments?



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RECKONING WITH CLERGY ABUSE

Is the Catholic Church falling short on its commitments?

Dec. 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY
New York

It has been 17 years since the Catholic Church vowed to end the scourge of sexual abuse by clergy and to take responsibility for the suffering it has caused. In an Associated Press series called "The Reckoning" and in this panel we examine the state of the clergy abuse crisis today and the effectiveness of the measures the church has taken.

[Click for more information and to RSVP.](#)

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Date And Time: Tue, December 3, 2019, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST

Location: Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY, [219 W 40th St, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018](#)

Moderator: David Gibson, director, Fordham University's Center on Religion and Culture

Panelists:

Michael Rezendes, AP investigative reporter and former member of the Boston Globe Spotlight team

Nicole Winfield, AP Vatican correspondent

Juan Carlos Cruz, Chilean abuse survivor

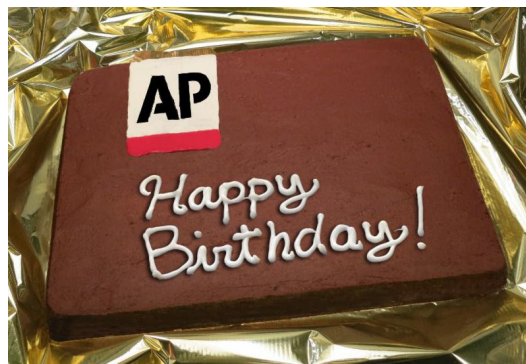
Robert S. Bennett, former federal prosecutor and former member of the National Review Board for the Protection of Children & Minors established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Edward T. Mechmann, director of Safe Environment Program, Archdiocese of New York

The event will feature photographs by AP photojournalists Maye-E Wong and David Goldman.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Story of interest

Care About Journalism? Maybe You Should Cancel Your Newspaper (Politico)

By JACK SHAFER

It's not a popular thing to say, but journalism may be approaching the point where dedicated news consumers might take a hard look at their local newspaper and-in the interest of better journalism -cancel their subscriptions.

For much of the past week, media pundits have been reiterating their warning calls about the dire fate, and the value, of local news. Fueled by a bleak new study about "the hollowing-out" of local news from PEN America, and prodded by two recent newspaper company merger deals, the pundits have become as agitated as

Extinction Rebellion activists. Their worries are buttressed by the newspapers industries' waning financial numbers.

Newspaper circulation has fallen almost in half from 1994 highs and advertising revenues have dropped from \$65 billion to less than \$19 billion in 2016. With dwindling payroll cash to dispense, publishers have cut newsroom employment by about half since 2008, and nearly every newspaper has shrunk its coverage footprint. For example, Peoria Journal Star journalists once reported from 23 counties. Today, just three. Some newspaper chains have reduced their print schedule to three or four days a week. To avert bankruptcy, the McClatchy chain has dropped the Saturday edition from all of its papers. Meanwhile, most newspapers are charging more for less: Between 2008 and 2016, seven-day home delivery subscriptions at 25 big-market newspapers doubled, on average, and weekday single-copy prices tripled.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Kevin Walsh.

Today in History - November 27, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2019. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mah-SKOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall

by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)

On this date:

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade [-] billed as a "Christmas Parade" [-] took place in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon (too-LOHN') to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1945, General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China by President Harry S. Truman to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1998, answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier; President Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

In 2000, a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count election.

In 2003, President Bush flew to Iraq under extraordinary secrecy and security to spend Thanksgiving with U.S. troops and thank them for "defending the American people from danger."

Ten years ago: Tiger Woods crashed his SUV outside his Florida mansion, sparking widespread attention to reports of unfaithfulness to his wife, Elin Nordegren. (The couple divorced the following year.) Former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced to their friends the engagement of daughter Chelsea to longtime boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky (mez-VIN'-skee). Space shuttle Atlantis and its seven astronauts returned from the International Space Station with a smooth touchdown.

Five years ago: Reflecting its lessening oil clout, OPEC decided to keep its output target on hold and sit out falling crude prices. Mystery writer P.D. James, 94, died in Oxford, England. Frank Yablans, 79, a former president of Paramount Pictures who presided over the release of several groundbreaking pictures such as "The Godfather," died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Mississippi Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith won a divisive runoff over Democrat Mike Espy, who had hoped to become the state's first African-American senator since Reconstruction; Hyde-Smith survived a video-recorded remark that had been criticized as racist. President Donald Trump threatened to cut off all federal subsidies to General Motors because of its planned massive cutbacks in the U.S.

Today's Birthdays: Author Gail Sheehy is 82. Footwear designer Manolo Blahnik is 77. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 68. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 64. Actor William Fichtner (FIHK'-nuhr) is 63. Caroline Kennedy is 62. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is 62. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 60. Actor Michael Rispoli is 59. Jazz composer/big band leader Maria Schneider is 59. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is 59. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 57. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 57. Actor Fisher Stevens is 56. Actress Robin Givens is 55. Actor Michael Vartan is 51. Actress Elizabeth Marvel is 50. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 49. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 48. Rapper Twista is 47. Actor Jaleel White is 43. Actor Arjay Smith is 36. Actress Alison Pill is 34. Actress Lashana Lynch (TV: "Still Star-Crossed") is 32. Actress-singer Aubrey Peebles is 26.

Thought for Today: "Man's loneliness is but his fear of life." [-] Eugene O'Neill, American playwright (born 1888, died this date in 1953).

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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