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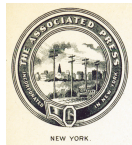
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019,

We lead today's Connecting with a story on a panel discussion, "Reckoning with clergy abuse: Is the Catholic Church falling short on its commitments?" held Tuesday at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at City University of New York.

It included two AP journalists - Vatican Correspondent **Nicole Winfield** and investigative reporter **Michael Rezendes**.

We also bring you a nicely written piece by colleague **Diana Heidgerd** - recently retired after a 36-year AP career -- recalling her early years in South Dakota and a guy named Neuharth - as in, **Al Neuharth**.

And...we bring you two more scholarships named after AP journalists - **Mike Harris** and the late **Ed Reinke** - adding to the list published in Wednesday's edition.

Finally, to borrow from Today in History, where were you 73 years ago today? Me, well, I was being introduced to the world at Excelsior Springs (Missouri) Hospital. My "world" was the doctor and my mom and newspaper editor dad, who met at a Nebraska weekly a dozen years (including a World War) earlier.

Have a great day!

Paul

## The power of journalism in clergy abuse crisis



**AP Vatican Correspondent Nicole Winfield, second from left, speaks during a panel discussion, "Reckoning with clergy abuse: Is the Catholic Church falling short on its commitments?" at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY, Dec. 3, 2019. (AP Photo/Chuck Zoeller)**

**By Patrick Maks**

The Catholic Church's efforts to reckon with clergy sex abuse were examined during an AP panel discussion on Tuesday at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY in New York.

Accountability in the church and the power of journalism in illuminating the scandal across the globe were two themes that emerged during the robust conversation led by David Gibson, director of Fordham University's Center on Religion and Culture.

"This is not a phenomenon specific to the United States as some people once said. This is not a phenomenon that's specific to developed European countries as some people once said," said AP investigative reporter Michael Rezendes. "We've learned this as the scandal erupts in country after country."

"We are nowhere near the end of this, and I think the Vatican knows that," AP Vatican Correspondent Nicole Winfield said. "The worst may still be yet to come."

Juan Carlos Cruz, a survivor of clergy sex abuse; Robert S. Bennett, former federal prosecutor; and Edward T. Mechmann, director of the Archdiocese of New York's Safe Environment Program, also joined the discussion, which stemmed from AP's investigative reporting series, **"The Reckoning."**



"If it wasn't for journalism, we would still be in the dark. You are saving lives," said Cruz, who has become an advocate for survivors of clergy sex abuse. "If it wasn't for organizations like AP, we would still be in the dark."

**AP Managing Editor Brian Carovillano looks at portraits of clergy sex abuse survivors by photographer Maye-E Wong, displayed at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY, Dec. 3, 2019. (AP Photo/Chuck Zoeller)**

Bennett added that journalism and the attention of law enforcement helped spark a response to the scourge of abuse. Reporting, he said, "brought this to the attention of people in the United States and indeed the world. People know about this crisis."

Asked to address the church's accountability efforts, Mechmann cited complacency as a challenge and added the church has taken steps to change the corporate culture "so that child protection is a major priority at every level."

"That takes a lot of persistence on every level," Mechmann explained. "That takes a lot of energy. You have to be willing to break through inertia and you have to be consistent. There were a lot of people who used to say to us, 'When is this going to go away?' And the answer was 'Never.'"

AP images of survivors of clergy sex abuse from Guam to Mississippi by AP photojournalists David Goldman and Maye-E Wong were displayed at the event. Wong's photography, titled "Sundays After," was supported by the **International Women's Media Foundation**.

AP's reporting on accountability in the clergy abuse crisis is available **online**.

Watch a replay of the discussion.

# More on scholarships honoring AP journalists

**Marty Thompson** ([Email](#)) - It was inspiring to read the roundup in Wednesday's Connecting of scholarships honoring AP colleagues who contributed so much to journalism and to the people in and out of the AP who benefitted from their guidance and examples.

And the photos made memories of the people come to life. Including the warm smiles of Jon Wolman, Sally Jacobsen and Richard Pyle.

Another great idea and job by the Connecting editor.

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**Mike Harris** ([Email](#)) - It's probably not cool to blow my own horn, but I want to add my name to Wednesday's list of AP employees and former employees who have a scholarship awarded in their name. I'm very proud of the fact that there is such a scholarship that will be bestowed annually at Indiana University. It was awarded for the first time this past spring.

The entry in the Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony program from April 6, 2019 reads:

## ***Mike Harris Scholarship***

Income from an endowment established in honor of Mike Harris, award-winning motorsports writer for the Associated Press, whose career spanned 40 years. Harris witnessed many of the greatest moments in auto racing history around the globe and has reported on hundreds of drivers. This scholarship is designated for an undergraduate student who intends to pursue a career as a sport journalist, demonstrates a passion for the sport of motor racing and shows promise as a writer.

I spent the last 31 years of my 40-year AP career covering auto racing full-time. I enjoyed just about every minute of it and I'm proud of my legacy.

For further information, contact Mike Harris at [hapauto@aol.com](mailto:hapauto@aol.com) or Emily Harrison, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at the Indiana University Media School - [emrharri@indiana.edu](mailto:emrharri@indiana.edu)



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## ***Edward Reinke Photojournalism Scholarship***

After his death in 2011, the family of Louisville AP staff photographer Ed Reinke created a scholarship in his name at Indiana University, Ed's alma mater, to be awarded each year to an undergraduate journalism student with financial need with a strong preference for students preparing for careers in photojournalism.



The fund honors Reinke, who was an AP staff photographer in Cincinnati, Washington and Louisville. Ed covered everything from the Olympics to the Kentucky high school basketball tourney, and a whole range of news and sports events in between. He was honored several times by the National Press Photographers Association, Associated Press Sports Editors and other national and international groups for his photography.

Additional contributions since the inception of the fund from Ed's colleagues and friends have helped the scholarship grow and grants are awarded each year.

Contributions are welcomed. Your check should be made out to the Indiana University Foundation. On the memo line, make note that it is for the Edward Reinke Photojournalism Scholarship (P37J004871). Mail your check to the Indiana University Foundation, PO Box 6460, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6460. Or, you can give online at the IU Foundation's [website](#).

What better way to keep his legacy alive than to help a young photojournalist?

I was reminded of the power of Ed's work just this week as the Cincinnati Enquirer ran a major takeout on the anniversary of the 1979 Who concert tragedy. The compelling visuals from that night, that are still haunting and eye-catching, were

Ed's, while he was a staff photographer at the Enquirer before he joined the AP staff. Those pictures still convey the chaos of the night.

There's a young photographer coming up now who may possess those same skills. Let's try to help that person.

## 'I always sort of thought of Al Neuharth as a hometown journalism hero'



**Willis Jensen and daughter Diana Jensen, taken at family's feed store in Huron, South Dakota, from about 1967 or so, when she was about 10 years old.**

**Diana Heidgerd** ([Email](#)) - I read, with interest, the Ken Paulson opinion/columnist story about South Dakota native Al Neuharth (in Wednesday's Connecting).

I grew up on a farm outside of the small town of Alpena, South Dakota (current population about 275).

Journalism mogul Al Neuharth went to Alpena High School with some of my Jensen (my maiden name) aunts and uncles. My late father, Willis Jensen, also knew him.

I always sort of thought of Al Neuharth as a hometown journalism hero. (Click [here](#).)

I recall some years back (early in my reporting career) when my dad went to a South Dakota event honoring Neuharth (pronounced NEW'-harth or NY'-harth, depending on which Alpena relatives say it). My dad told me he asked Neuharth whether he thought his South Dakota upbringing had anything to do with his success. Neuharth responded - yes!

Reading that in Wednesday's "Connecting" took me back.

My dad and one of his brothers were partners in our family's farm outside of Alpena, plus since the late 1950s (around the time I was born) they owned & operated a feed store in Huron, South Dakota (see attached photo).

As my two older brothers and I grew up, we helped on the farm but also worked in the feed store - doing the books, waiting on customers, visiting with farmers about their lives and learning how to speak with just about anyone. I've often thought back - that I learned "interviewing" skills early and not to be afraid to ask questions - from my days working at the feed store. My dad told me to be nice to everyone, whether they were wealthy farm folks or the old bachelor farmer who asked me to not deposit his \$3 check until early the next week, when he was going to sell a hog and deposit the proceeds in the bank.

One of my favorite remembrances is when another Neuharth relative and his wife stopped by the feed store, bought some items, had a free cup of coffee (or a bottle of pop from the machine we kept stocked), and we chatted. They started talking about the success of Al Neuharth.

The wife replied, as they were leaving: "I guess I married the wrong Neuharth."

It's funny what kids remember.

## Connecting mailbox



## ***On the reporting trail covering Pope Francis***



Video journalist Luigi Navarra records Pope Francis during a Holy Mass in the Tokyo Dome in Bangkok, Nov. 25, 2019. (AP Photo/Maria Grazia Murru)



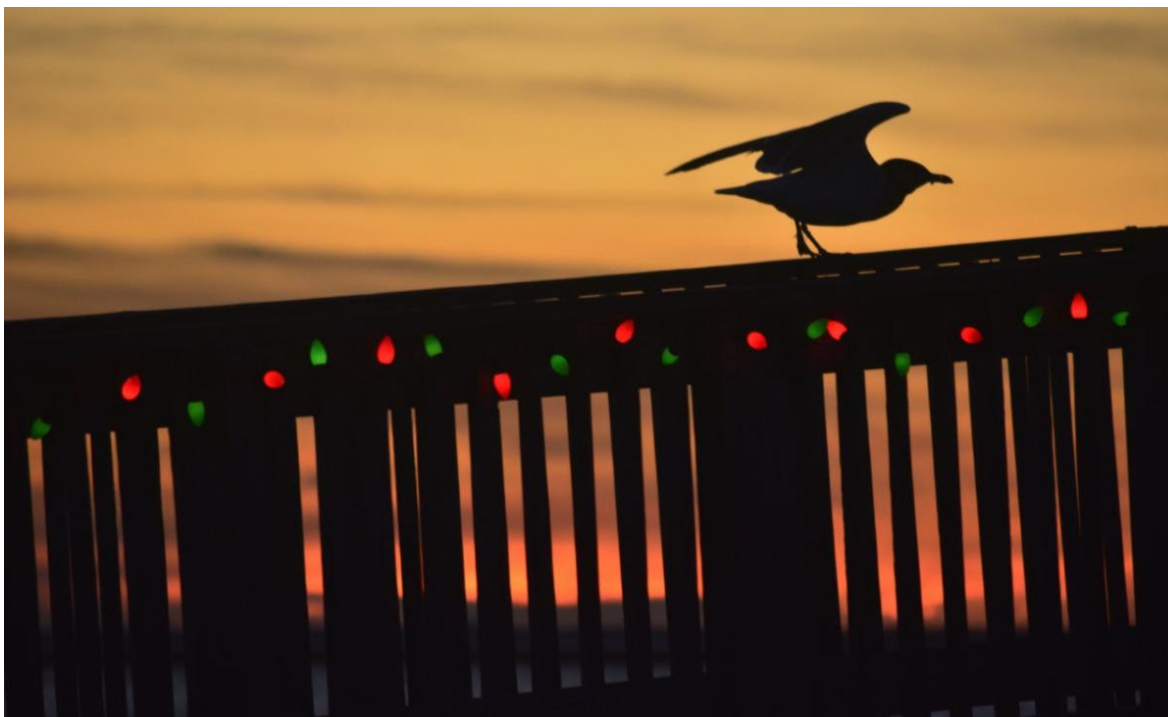
Vatican Correspondent Nicole Winfield meets Pope Francis after a news conference onboard the papal plane on a flight back from Thailand and Japan, Nov. 26, 2019. (Photo by Simone Risoluti Osservatore Romano)



Video journalist Luigi Navarra shakes hands with Pope Francis after a news conference onboard the papal plane on his flight back from Thailand and Japan, Nov. 26, 2019. (Photo by Simone Risoluti Osservatore Romano)

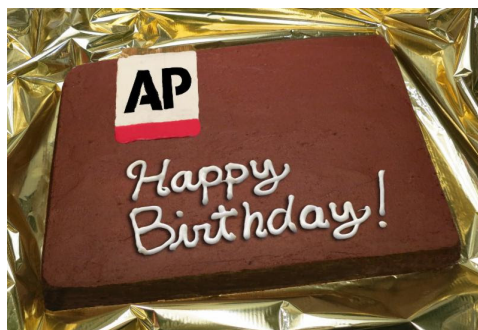
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## ***A sunset and Christmas lighting***



**Brian Horton** ([Email](#)) - A gull takes off from the railing of a walkway decorated with Christmas lights at sunset at the fishing pier on Barnegat Bay in Ship Bottom, N.J., on Long Beach Island Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019.

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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## Stories of interest

### ***Small town news isn't small*** (Poynter)

Hello from Poland! I'm in Warsaw for a media conference, and asked my friend and local journalist Sara K. Baranowski to take over Local Edition this week. Sara's contributed to this newsletter before, and I asked her to do so again after a talk she gave as a visiting faculty member at Poynter's Leadership Academy for Women (which, by the way, there's a little bit of time left to apply for, go go go!) I'm going to get out of the way, but as someone who also thought "the bigger the better" as a young journalist, I'm guessing her column today will resonate with a lot of people. - Kristen Hare



**When the Iowa Falls Fire Department got a demo ladder truck to try out before buying one in May 2013, the department offered Sara and the Times Citizen's photographer a ride to the top of the 90-foot ladder extension, high above town. (Submitted photo)**

**By Sara K. Baranowski**

When I meet people - especially other journalists - I sometimes cringe when it comes time to tell them about my job.

"I'm editor of a weekly newspaper in Iowa."

"You've probably never heard of it."

"Iowa Falls."

"5,000 people."

"But I really like it! It's not like other weekly papers! And we do cool stuff!"

That last part is me answering what I assume is the judgment in their mind about me not having a better job at a bigger organization.

Read more [here](#).

# The Final Word



Submitted by Adolphe Bernotas

# Today in History - December 5, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2019. There are 26 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Dec. 5, 2013, Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president, died at age 95.

**On this date:**

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1901, movie producer Walt Disney was born in Chicago.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1945, five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers mysteriously disappeared after taking off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a training mission with the loss of all 14 crew members; "The Lost Squadron" contributed to the legend of the Bermuda Triangle.

In 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths.

In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

In 1998, James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election.

In 2002, Strom Thurmond, the oldest and (until Robert Byrd overtook him) longest-serving senator in history, celebrated his 100th birthday on Capitol Hill. (In toasting the South Carolina lawmaker, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott seemed to express nostalgia for Thurmond's segregationist past; the resulting political firestorm prompted Lott to resign his leadership position.)

In 2003, the two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand.

In 2008, the Labor Department reported that an alarming half-million jobs had vanished in Nov. 2008 as unemployment hit a 15-year high of 6.7 percent. A judge in Las Vegas sentenced O.J. Simpson to 33 years in prison (with eligibility for parole after nine) for an armed robbery at a hotel room. (Simpson was released to parole on Oct. 1, 2017.)

Ten years ago: A jury in Perugia, Italy convicted American student Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito (rah-fy-EHL'-ay soh-LEH'-chee-toh), of murdering Knox's British roommate, Meredith Kercher, and sentenced them to long prison terms. (After a series of back-and-forth rulings, Knox and Sollecito were definitively acquitted in 2015 by Italy's highest court.) A nightclub blaze in Perm, Russia, killed more than 150 people. Spain won the Davis Cup for the second straight year.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama announced his choice of Ashton Carter to be the new U.S. secretary of defense. NASA's newest space vehicle, Orion, accomplished its first test flight, shooting out more than 3,600 miles from Earth for a hyperfast, hot return. Rolling Stone magazine issued an apology and cast doubt on its story of a young woman who said she'd been gang-raped at a fraternity party at the University of Virginia. The magazine said it had since learned of "discrepancies" in her account.

One year ago: Former President George H.W. Bush was mourned at a memorial service at Washington National Cathedral attended by President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter along with their spouses; former president George W. Bush was among the speakers, eulogizing his dad as "the brightest of a thousand points of light." Canadian authorities said they had arrested the chief financial officer of China's Huawei (WAH'-way) Technologies for possible extradition to the United States on fraud charges. (Meng Wanzhou awaits extradition hearings scheduled for January, 2020.) Wisconsin Republican lawmakers passed measures to weaken the incoming Democratic governor and attorney general.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 87. Author Joan Didion is 85. Author Calvin Trillin is 84. Actor Jeroen Krabbe (yeh-ROHN' krah-BAY') is 75. Opera singer



Jose Carreras is 73. Pop singer Jim Messina is 72. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim Plunkett is 72. World Golf Hall of Famer Lanny Wadkins is 70. Actress Morgan Brittany is 68. Actor Brian Backer is 63. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Art Monk is 62. Country singer Ty England is 56. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (REZ'-nihk) (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 54. Country singer Gary Allan is 52. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 51. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 50. Actress Alex Kapp Horner is 50. Actress Kali Rocha is 48. Rock musician Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 47. Actress Paula Patton is 44. Actress Amy Acker is 43. Actor Nick Stahl is 40. Actor Adan Canto is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keri Hilson is 37. Actor Gabriel Luna is 37. Actor Frankie Muniz is 34. Actor Ross Bagley is 31. Milwaukee Brewers All-Star outfielder Christian Yelich is 28.

**Thought for Today: "Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see." [-] Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788-1860).**

## 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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