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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 14th day of January 2020,

There are many pet lovers in our Connecting family, including Ye Olde Editor - witness, more than occasional references you're exposed to about my goofy goldendoodle Ollie (aka OllieNo) and Beth Grace's (late) newspaper-toting, golden retriever Dudley who welcomes new members to the newsletter.

Our pets bring us joy and happiness. But part of the pact of owning a pet - or most often, being owned by a pet - is that when their lives near their end, many owners are faced with making life or death decisions for their pets.

Our Connecting colleague **Greg Halling**, managing editor of the Herald-Republic in Yakima, Wash., and a friend of mine for more than 30 years, made that decision for his beloved dog Ulla in the past few days and shares the experience in a heartfelt essay that leads today's issue. Greg was president of the Kansas APME while directing newsrooms in Leavenworth, Hays and Hutchinson, Kansas, served as editor of The Elkhart Truth from 2006 to 2015 (where the newspaper took home the Kent Cooper Award from the Indiana APME for best news coverage), and was editor of the Standard-Examiner in Ogden, Utah, before joining the Herald-Republic.

Connecting thanks him for sharing his experience, and would welcome hearing your own experiences.

CORRECTION: A photo that accompanied Arnold Zeitlin's profile in Monday's Connecting was incorrectly captioned. It showed Arnold with Cory Aquino, not Ilmelda Marcos as captioned incorrectly by the editor. Arnold shares more in a story today that follows Greg's essay.

Have a good day!

Paul

Saying goodbye to Ulla - 'We were meant for each other'



Greg Halling ([Email](#)) - I held her face in my hands as she died, and I did not cry.

The tears came later.

I made the decision Saturday to euthanize Ulla. It was either that or watch her die a painful, ugly death without dignity.

So on a bright, warm January morning, we sat together in a quiet room with sand-colored walls far away from everyone else at the veterinary clinic and waited for Ulla's doctor.

She couldn't keep anything down Thursday, and after expending all her energy briefly playing, she only wanted to rest alongside me.

The stomach cancer was eating her alive. When she started throwing up in September, she weighed a rock-solid 50 pounds. I called her my big old honkin' collie dog; she inherited her chest from the Husky that fathered her, and it thumped when you patted her sides.

But by Dec. 18, when an ultrasound identified a possible ulcer, she'd lost 11 pounds.

At her exploratory surgery Jan. 3, she was down to 35 pounds. When she pressed against me for hugs, her hips and ribs protruded from beneath her silky black coat.

I called her vet Friday afternoon. "She's starving to death, isn't she?" I asked.

Yes, he replied. If you or I were in a hospice, they'd insert a feeding tube in the large intestine to provide nourishment, but unfortunately that isn't possible with Ulla.

"What happens next?"

The cancer becomes ulcerous, she begins throwing up blood and she bleeds out, he said.

"No," I said. "I'm not going to let that happen."

I told him that I wanted to spend one more night with her. He said I could call him back in the morning.

She ran to the front door when I told it was time to check the mail. And when we got back to the house, she grabbed her squeaky sheep as we went out the back door.

But that took all the energy she had left. For a half hour, as I relived our time chasing flying squirrels across three states, she stood and looked at me with sorrowful eyes. The ice-blue one - the left one - pierced my heart.

I called the clinic at 8:30. The receptionist said there was an opening at 11.

I made coffee. The sun came out and warmed Ulla's coat as she rested in the grass. Our daughters said goodbye to Ulla via FaceTime. Seth padded downstairs and silently, tearfully ruffled the fur on her neck.



Ulla and her squeaky sheep

Then it was 10:45 and time to leave. Patty climbed into the back seat of the Mustang. Ulla rode up front. She could not sit up, but she sniffed the air through the open window.

On the way to the door, she catalogued the bushes and marked a big granite stone. She wasn't crazy about another visit to the clinic, but she wasn't afraid, either.

An aide took her back to surgery to install a catheter, and she came back with a bright pink wrap on her right foreleg embossed with a tiny red heart.

Patty was weeping silently into my red bandanna.

"At least it's not a pink bow in her hair," I told Patty - something her groomer in Ogden always insisted on adding and which Ulla dearly hated.

A nurse threw a blanket on the floor, and the doctor joined us there. Ulla lay down when asked, I kissed her forehead and the doctor plunged the anesthetics into her catheter. She stopped breathing.

"Is she gone?" I asked.

Yes, he said. She's gone.

She was on her right side. Patty reached over and tried to shut her left eye, the blue one.

It wouldn't close. It was Ulla's way of going out on her own terms.

I fell in love with Ulla the first time I saw that eye. Seven years later, my face was the last image she remembered as she died.

It couldn't end any other way.

I unbuckled her blue nylon collar, still connected to her leash, and wound them around my hand. The hospice room has its own exit, but it was locked.

"I need the key," Ulla's doctor called down the hallway. Finally, after a few minutes of fumbling, Patty and I emerged into the sunshine. Patty sniffled, but I smiled. Ulla enjoyed a good joke. Of course we couldn't get out of the room.

Later, at home, I wept bitterly in the silence. But I did not cry in front of her, not even as she died.

Her only purpose in life is to give you joy, a friend observed. Don't let her think she failed.

She didn't. And neither did I.

We were meant for each other.

**Cory Aquino and Ilmelda Marcos
probably would not be amused**



Arnold Zeitlin with Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos during the martial law days of her husband's rule.

Arnold Zeitlin (Email) - The photo mixup in Monday's Connecting reminds me of the time Cory Aquino returned to Cambridge, Mass., for a memorial service at a church near Harvard Square for her husband, Benigno (Ninoy) Aquino. (He was assassinated in the Philippines in 1983 and that started the process by which she eventually became president of the Philippines in 1986). She had a news conference in the church basement. I sat near to her as she often requested when she met reporters and I was around. In asking a question, one of the local reporters addressed her mistakenly as "Mrs. Marcos...?" There were seconds of chilly silence in the room until Cory said, referring to Imelda, "I don't think she would like that, either..."

So I guess about the photo mixup, Cory and Imelda would not be amused, as the queen says.

I could go on and on about Imelda and the Philippines: Years after my dance with Imelda in Manila, Richard Pyle, who was covering her trial in the federal courthouse in Manhattan, invited me to join him at a session. During a break, I spoke to her. Her lawyer asked who I was. I said, "I was Imelda's dance partner." He turned to Imelda and said, "I thought you only danced with George Hamilton." I then said, "She threw me out of the country". Wide-eyed, Imelda said, "Oh no, I didn't do that."

The testimony that day was about all the gold she and husband Ferdinand smuggled out when they fled the Philippines for Hawaii. Imelda promptly fainted,

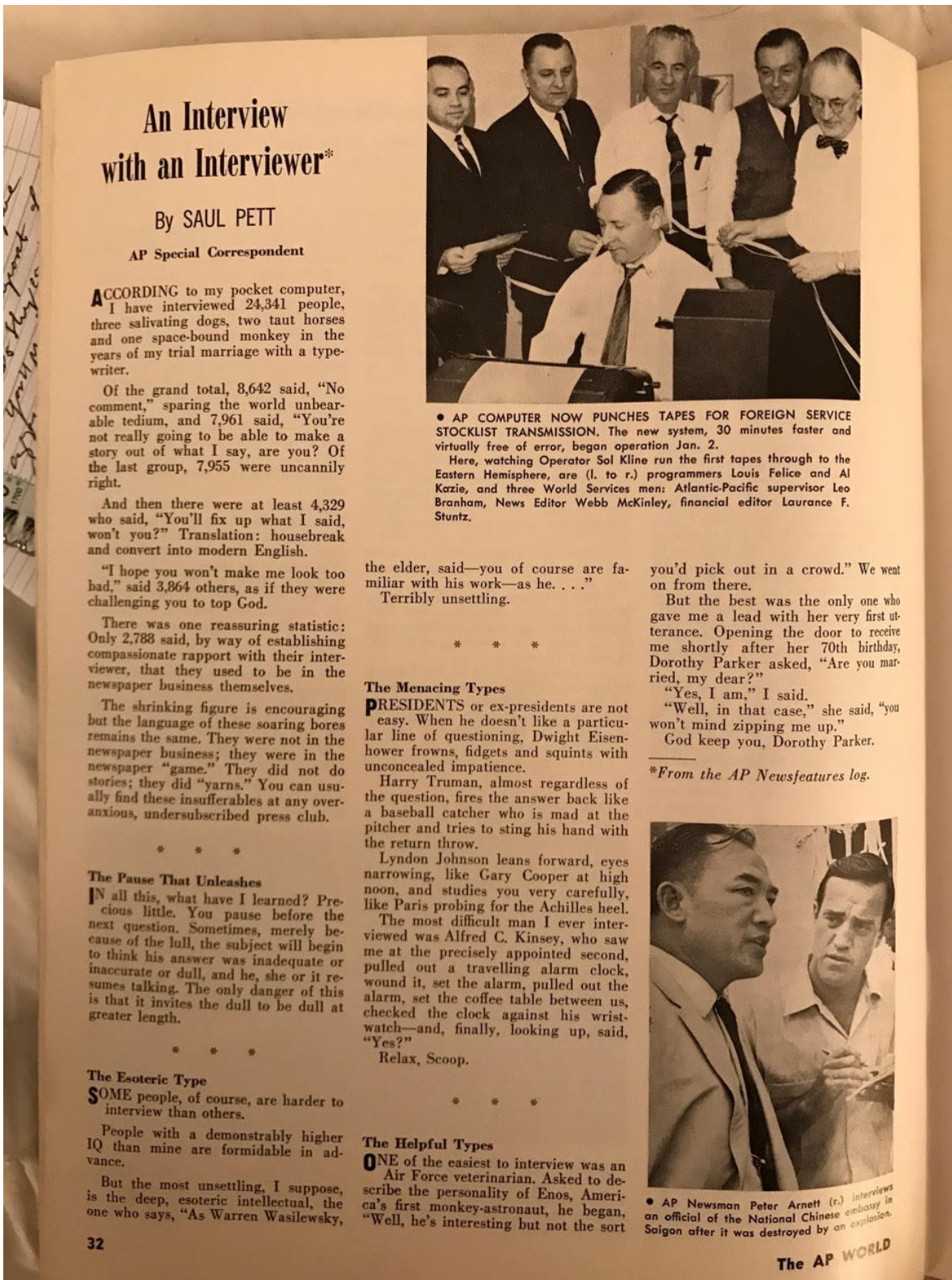
ending the session.

That photo with Cory was taken as we met in her presidential office in Malacanang Palace. Here's some background on that: During my time in the Philippines, Ninoy's sister, Lupita, was invited to a birthday party at the Hyatt hotel for a high school classmate who had married a confidant of Mrs. Marcos. To Lupita's embarrassment, Imelda showed up for the party. At that time, the Marcoses had jailed brother Ninoy. Lupita later told me that the discussion turned to why Arnold Zeitlin was writing nasty stories about the Marcoses' martial law regime. They concluded that one reason was I was having trouble with my Filipina girlfriend (who actually was non-existent).

A shocked Lupita blurted, "Oh no, he's chaste." So years later, I met Cory in her office and she greeted me with a giggle and asked "Arnold, are you still chaste?" And I still am.

Connecting mailbox

Saul Pett and the art of the interview



An Interview with an Interviewer*

By SAUL PETT

AP Special Correspondent

ACCORDING to my pocket computer, I have interviewed 24,341 people, three salivating dogs, two taut horses and one space-bound monkey in the years of my trial marriage with a type-writer.

Of the grand total, 8,642 said, "No comment," sparing the world unbearable tedium, and 7,961 said, "You're not really going to be able to make a story out of what I say, are you? Of the last group, 7,955 were uncannily right.

And then there were at least 4,329 who said, "You'll fix up what I said, won't you?" Translation: housebreak and convert into modern English.

"I hope you won't make me look too bad," said 3,864 others, as if they were challenging you to top God.

There was one reassuring statistic: Only 2,788 said, by way of establishing compassionate rapport with their interviewer, that they used to be in the newspaper business themselves.

The shrinking figure is encouraging but the language of these soaring bores remains the same. They were not in the newspaper business; they were in the newspaper "game." They did not do stories; they did "yarns." You can usually find these insufferables at any over-anxious, undersubscribed press club.

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The Pause That Unleashes

IN all this, what have I learned? Precious little. You pause before the next question. Sometimes, merely because of the lull, the subject will begin to think his answer was inadequate or inaccurate or dull, and he, she or it resumes talking. The only danger of this is that it invites the dull to be dull at greater length.

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The Esoteric Type

SOME people, of course, are harder to interview than others.

People with a demonstrably higher IQ than mine are formidable in advance.

But the most unsettling, I suppose, is the deep, esoteric intellectual, the one who says, "As Warren Wasilewsky,

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• AP COMPUTER NOW PUNCHES TAPES FOR FOREIGN SERVICE STOCKLIST TRANSMISSION. The new system, 30 minutes faster and virtually free of error, began operation Jan. 2.

Here, watching Operator Sol Kline run the first tapes through to the Eastern Hemisphere, are (l. to r.) programmers Louis Felice and Al Kazie, and three World Services men: Atlantic-Pacific supervisor Leo Branham, News Editor Webb McKinley, financial editor Laurance F. Stuntz.

the elder, said—you of course are familiar with his work—as he. . . .”
Terribly unsettling.

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The Menacing Types

PRESIDENTS or ex-presidents are not easy. When he doesn't like a particular line of questioning, Dwight Eisenhower frowns, fidgets and squints with un concealed impatience.

Harry Truman, almost regardless of the question, fires the answer back like a baseball catcher who is mad at the pitcher and tries to sting his hand with the return throw.

Lyndon Johnson leans forward, eyes narrowing, like Gary Cooper at high noon, and studies you very carefully, like Paris probing for the Achilles heel.

The most difficult man I ever interviewed was Alfred C. Kinsey, who saw me at the precisely appointed second, pulled out a travelling alarm clock, wound it, set the alarm, pulled out the alarm, set the coffee table between us, checked the clock against his wrist-watch—and, finally, looking up, said, "Yes?"

Relax, Scoop.

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The Helpful Types

ONE of the easiest to interview was an Air Force veterinarian. Asked to describe the personality of Enos, America's first monkey-astronaut, he began, "Well, he's interesting but not the sort

you'd pick out in a crowd." We went on from there.

But the best was the only one who gave me a lead with her very first utterance. Opening the door to receive me shortly after her 70th birthday, Dorothy Parker asked, "Are you married, my dear?"

"Yes, I am," I said.

"Well, in that case," she said, "you won't mind zipping me up."

God keep you, Dorothy Parker.

*From the AP Newsfeatures log.



• AP Newsman Peter Arnett (r.) interviews an official of the National Chinese embassy in Saigon after it was destroyed by an explosion.

The AP WORLD

Hank Ackerman (Email) - Along with the other flashes from the past (John Lumpkin's reminiscence about Jules Loh and the transmittal of Wes Gallagher's six months letter in last week's Connecting issues), I thought many Connectors might feel good about reading this note on interviews by Saul Pett, who was of Jules' and Wes' era and the era I joined AP for the first time. It's from the AP World Vol. XXII Winter 1967-1968 edition, page 32.

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AP's Sally Buzbee interviewed on CNN's Reliable Sources, on Iran, impeachment, Iowa, and the future of news

CNN - Sally Buzbee, the top editor of the AP for the past three years, tells Brian Stelter of CNN's Reliable Sources on Sunday about the news agency's top priorities and challenges, from covering the environment to combating misinformation. She tells how the news outlet is protecting journalists in Iran; fact-checking Donald Trump; and educating the public about polling ahead of the 2020 election. Buzbee also discusses the AP's future and the importance of collaborations.

Click [here](#) for the podcast. Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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Happy 85th to Walter Mears

The daughters of Walter Mears - Stephanie Stich from Austin and Susan Marie Mears from Boulder - shared this photo of their dad on the occasion of his 85th birthday last Saturday. It was celebrated at Walter's home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They were joined by Betty Kenan of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Wyndham Williamson (former editor of Fortune Magazine and longtime journalist).

No report on how much political conversation went on - Walter ranks as one of the top political writers of his generation in his decades of service to The Associated Press that included a Pulitzer Prize.



If you'd like to drop him a note, his email - wmears111@gmail.com

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Experiences in the air

Steve Paulson (Email) - I've only been to six continents, and never made it to Antarctica, which was on my list. I love flying, and half the fun was getting there. I have flown on a Boeing 727, 737, 747 and 757, the Airbus 320, a DC-10 with the goofy engine in the tail, a Sikorsky helicopter I flew in to photograph tornado damage in Orlando while strapped to an open door, and a DC-3 we took to carry supplies to victims of the Nicaraguan earthquake in 1972 where I slept on the wing at night.

My wife and I took a Bombardier puddle jumper in India, and my wife started crying, saying she wanted off that ``rubber-band" aircraft. The other passengers were not amused, and we stayed on the plane.

They sounded sirens in Kathmandu to get the goats off the runway when planes took off and landed, and workers used fire extinguishers to cool down the engines of our Boeing 747 before it could take off from the mile-high airport in Guatemala.

In Japan, we flew in a YS-11, the only passenger plane built by the Japanese, to Tanegashima island off the Japan coast to watch a missile launch and we had to abort the landing in a severe storm that blew us off course. The pilot tried again and again had to abort. I was surprised when the crew took a vote to see who wanted to return to the mainland and every hand shot up. We spent the night in a coffee shop and still got there in time for the launch.

It was also an adventure taking a Piper Cub to find a Soviet spy ship off Cape Canaveral and buzzing the ship to take photos.

I was on a Boeing 747 that lost its steering on takeoff from Istanbul and wandered all over the runway before the pilot got it stopped. On a flight to Latin America, the plane dropped more than 1,000 feet and dinner trays hovered over our heads before the captain got the plane under control. We landed safely, with no serious injuries. Landing in Atlanta, our plane blew a tire on landing and the plane rocked side to side before the pilot could get it stopped.

I often flew standby, and saw ticket agents who took a lot of abuse, smiled, and then ``Bombayed" their luggage, sticking on a baggage ticket that sent their luggage halfway around the world. Because I was a relative of a Pan Am employee at the Cape, I got to fly ``deadhead" on nearly empty jets that were being shuttled to other

airports, where the crews played rock music on the overhead speakers and we drank bottles of champagne.

I got to briefly fly a fighter jet with the Blue Angels before I threw up, and I got strapped to the back of a C-130 Hercules to take pictures of the U.S. Army's Golden Knights as they jumped out the back of the plane. They strapped a parachute on me and I asked why. They said if I got blown out the back door, pull the ripcord.

I never flew on Air Force One, which is still on my bucket list. I was often put on "death watch" when the AP required local staffers to be at the airport to phone Washington to alert them when Air Force One landed and when it took off. It is a majestic plane, and I would love to have a tour. And I would still like to get to Antarctica.

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He's been to six continents - the seventh, doubtful

Alan Flippen ([Email](#)) - I too am a six-continent traveler, but these days, that's not a huge achievement - anyone with a little time and money can get almost anywhere. In my newsroom management role at the New York Times, I visited the European and Asian offices frequently and went once to South America to look into opening an international edition in Brazil, which didn't ultimately pan out. But I've also gone to all those continents, plus Australia and Africa, as a tourist.

I'd like to add Antarctica, but the main way of getting there as a tourist is by boat, and I doubt my husband, who's prone to seasickness, would enjoy the Drake Passage ...

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Never a byline on Times' Page One, but story captured entire Page 2 of Daily News

Leader of Texas sect claims that he is Christ

4 feds are slain in raid on a cult



Vernon Howell

By CHARLES RICHARDS
The Associated Press

WACO, Tex. — At least four federal agents were killed and 24 others wounded yesterday in a fierce gun battle with a heavily armed religious cult as the agents tried to arrest the sect's leader, who claims to be Christ.

At least one member of the Branch Davidians cult was also believed killed in the battle that broke out when authorities arrived with warrants to search the sect's compound for guns and explosives and to arrest its leader, Vernon Howell, said Lex Stanford of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington.

The fate of the people in the compound was not known. The federal bureau estimated 75 people were in the group, about a third of them children.

Howell, current leader of a cult that dates back more than 50 years, claims to be Christ.

Two agents were pronounced dead on arrival, while another two died at local hospitals.

Eleven officers were hospitalized for gunshot wounds and broken bones. Three others were treated and released.

'Frontal assault'

John McLemore, a KWTX-TV reporter who witnessed the shootout, said, "They (the federal agents) came right in, parked right at the front door and made a frontal assault on the building."

"A couple of them were shot when they were inside. They jumped out of windows and were dragged off to the side."

He said the building was riddled with bullet holes.



WOUNDED agent of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is comforted by a fellow agent yesterday morning following Texas shootout.

Cult members and law officers negotiated a ceasefire about 45 minutes after the incident began. For the next several hours, ambulances and helicopters removed the wounded.

By early afternoon, local, state and federal law agencies were still encamped at the scene.

The cult's fortress 10 miles east of here, called Mount Carmel, is dominated by a tower with lookout windows facing in all directions. Guards reportedly patrol the 77-acre grounds at night.

The incident is the second shootout at the compound. Howell and seven other cult members were accused of attempted murder following a 1987 gun battle with a former leader.

The seven followers were acquitted. Howell's trial ended in a mistrial and charges were later dismissed.

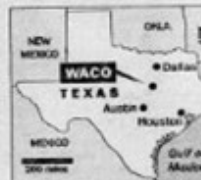
May have abused kids

The Branch Davidian sect claims to be an offshoot of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But that denomi-

nation has renounced any relationship to the sect and Howell.

In a lengthy report on the group Saturday, the Waco Tribune-Herald quoted investigators as saying Howell, 33, may have abused children of group members and claimed to have at least 15 wives. Howell denies the accusations.

"If the Bible is true, then I'm Christ," Howell told the newspaper. "But so what? Look at 2,000 years ago. What's so great about being Christ? A man nailed to the



Cross. A man of sorrow acquainted with grief. You know, being Christ ain't nothing."

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Charles Richards (Email) - I never had a byline on the front page of the New York Times, but on March 1, 1993, my name was atop an AP story that took up the entire Page 2 of the New York Daily News -- one of the two tabloid dailies in New York.

Across the top of the page blazed the two-line headline: "4 feds are slain in raid on a cult" -- along with an overline: "Leader of Texas sect claims that he is Christ."

I had interviewed Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on the phone for more than an hour on a Saturday afternoon in late February in 1993 -- a conversation in which he claimed to be Christ.

Less than 24 hours later, the AP received word that four agents had been killed by heavily armed cult members in a Sunday morning attempt by two truckloads of agents to arrest Koresh and to search the cult's compound near Waco, Texas, for guns and explosives.

Dallas AP photographer Ron Heflin and I were dispatched to Waco. AP-Houston staffer Terri Langford and AP-Austin correspondent Mike Holmes weren't far behind. A makeshift press area developed in a grassy area in the fork of two roads that were barricaded off, about a mile from the compound.

This was before cell phones came along, but Heflin's SUV had a mobile phone, so his vehicle became our "temporary" remote bureau. As is often the case, the breaking story was written and updated by Dallas-AP and the General Desk in New York, but my name was on the story.

This story continued for more than seven weeks, as government agents waited ... and waited ... and waited. Then millions of people watched on live TV as the siege ended on April 29, 1993, as the huge Branch Davidian residence burst into an inferno after a government tank punched holes in the building. More than 80 members of the cult perished in the fire, which was said to have been set from inside.

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Hancock's contract extended by College Football Playoff

(AP) - The College Football Playoff has extended the contract of executive director Bill Hancock ([Email](#)).

The 11 university presidents and chancellors that make up the Board of Managers unanimously approve the extension Monday, a few hours before the national championship game in New Orleans between Clemson and LSU. Terms were not disclosed. Hancock's current three-year deal was set to expire in June.

Hancock has been executive director of the playoff since its start in 2014 and helped craft the current postseason system through the transition from the Bowl Championship Series. "It's a rolling agreement, so I intend to be here as long as they'll have me and as long as I want to," Hancock said. "I'm having a blast. I'm honored and delighted to get to do what I do."

Hancock was the first executive director of the BCS, appointed in 2009 after working as an administrator for the FBS conference commissioners who manage the postseason.

(Hancock, who grew up in an Oklahoma newspaper family, is a Connecting colleague.) (Shared by Doug Tucker)

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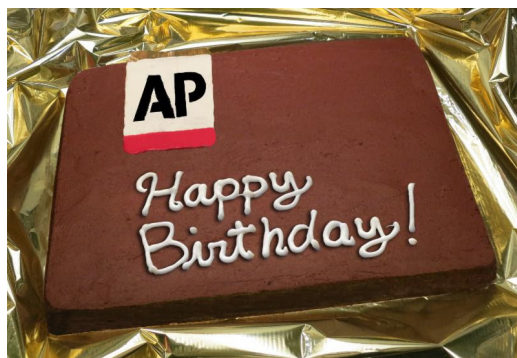
AP Mentioned in the Movies!

Diana Heidgerd ([Email](#)) - There's a prominent Associated Press reference in the new Disney movie "Togo," about the true-story 1925 dogsled run in Alaska to deliver serum and save dying children.

AP comes up about 41 minutes into the film, now streaming on Disney+.

It's sort of a "we desperately need help" and "time to contact Associated Press" mention (which I wasn't expecting while recently watching the movie).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

The Decimation of Local News Has Lawmakers Crossing the Aisle (New York Times)



Like many local and regional newspapers, The Northeast Georgian of Cornelia, Ga., makes little money when its work is shared on big websites like Google and Facebook. Photo by Lynsey Weatherspoon for The New York Times.

By Cecilia Kang

CORNELIA, Ga. - When a sport utility vehicle swerved out of its lane several weeks ago, slamming into a pickup truck and killing a teenager, a reporter from The Northeast Georgian raced to the scene. Within hours, the paper had posted the news on Facebook and updated it twice. It was shared by hundreds of people on the social network.

The fatal wreck consumed the town of Cornelia, Ga., nestled near the Chattahoochee National Forest about 90 miles northeast of Atlanta. The Northeast Georgian was the first to report the news, but unless the people who shared its story on Facebook follow a link to its website, either to see an ad or to subscribe to its twice-weekly print edition, the paper won't get paid.

As with many small papers across the country, that business strategy is not working for The Northeast Georgian. The paper's five employees do not just report and write. They also edit the articles, take photographs and lay out the newspaper.

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

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Britain secretly funded Reuters in 1960s and 1970s: documents (Reuters)

By Guy Faulconbridge

LONDON (Reuters) - The British government secretly funded Reuters in the 1960s and 1970s at the behest of an anti-Soviet propaganda unit linked to British intelligence and concealed the funding by using the BBC to make the payments, declassified government documents show.

The money was used to expand Reuters coverage of the Middle East and Latin America and hidden by increased news subscription payments to Reuters from the BBC.

"We are now in a position to conclude an agreement providing discreet Government support for Reuter services in the Middle East and Latin America," according to a redacted 1969 British government document marked "Secret" and entitled "Funding of Reuters by HMG".

Read more [here](#). Shared by Robert Reid.

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Irv Moss, Denver Post sports reporter for 60 years, dies at 85 (Denver Post)



Denver Post reporter Irv Moss poses for a portrait July 1, 2016 at Coors Field.

By JOHN AGUILAR

The man many consider to be the encyclopedic authority on Colorado sports, Irv Moss, died Wednesday night at the age of 85. He worked at The Denver Post for 60 years.

Moss died of complications from esophageal cancer, according to his close friend, Gary Sever.

"The last of a vanishing breed in the newsroom," said Mike Judson, a copy editor who worked alongside Moss at The Post for more than two decades.

"Irv covered it all and knew it all, from preps to colleges to pros to the Olympics, and he was the ultimate pro as a sports journalist," Judson said. "He could tell you about University of Denver football, which played its last season in 1960, and knew that the annual CU-DU football game on Thanksgiving once was the biggest sports event in the state."

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

The Final Word

Young people reading a newspaper! Take that, mobile devices!



Today in History - January 14, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2020. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

On this date:

In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" [-] a view Wallace later repudiated.

In 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

In 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

In 1975, the House Internal Security Committee (formerly the House Un-American Activities Committee) was disbanded.

In 1989, President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I'll miss you."

In 2004, former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow (FAS'-tow) pleaded guilty to conspiracy as he accepted a ten-year prison sentence. (He was actually sentenced to six years and was released in Dec. 2011.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid. Iraq's electoral commission barred 500 candidates from running in March 2010 parliamentary elections, including a prominent Sunni lawmaker, deepening sectarian divides.

Five years ago: The al-Qaida branch in Yemen claimed responsibility for the attack on the satirical Charlie Hebdo newspaper in Paris. Eight inmates and two corrections officers died when a prison bus skidded off an icy West Texas highway, slid down an embankment and collided with a passing freight train. A pair of Americans, Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson, completed what had long been considered the world's most difficult rock climb, using only their hands and feet to scale the 3,000-foot Dawn Wall on El Capitan, the forbidding granite pedestal in Yosemite National Park.

One year ago: President Donald Trump rejected a suggestion to reopen the government for several weeks while negotiations would continue over his demand for billions of dollars for a border wall. Trump hosted the college football champion Clemson Tigers at the White House, serving fast-food burgers that he said he had paid for himself because of the partial government shutdown. Los Angeles teachers walked off the job for the first time in three decades, pressing for higher pay and smaller class sizes. House Republican leaders announced that veteran GOP lawmaker Steve King of Iowa would be blocked from committee assignments for the next two years, after he lamented that white supremacy and white nationalism had become offensive terms. Actress Rose McGowan pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor drug charge in Virginia after cocaine was found in a wallet she had left behind at Dulles International Airport two years earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer Clarence Carter is 84. Singer Jack Jones is 82. Actress Faye Dunaway is 79. Actress Holland Taylor is 77. Actor Carl Weathers is 72. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 72. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 71. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 68. Rock singer Geoff Tate

(Queensryche) is 61. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 57. Actor Mark Addy is 56. Former Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 56. Actor/producer Dan Schneider is 56. Rapper Slick Rick is 55. Actress Emily Watson is 53. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 53. Rock musician Zakk Wylde is 53. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 52. Actor Jason Bateman is 51. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 51. Actor Kevin Durand is 46. Actress Jordan Ladd is 45. Actor Ward Horton is 44. Actress Emayatzy Corinealdi is 40. Retro-soul singer-songwriter Marc Broussard is 38. Rock singer-musician Caleb Followill (Kings of Leon) is 38. Actor Zach Gilford is 38. Rock musician Joe Guese (The Click Five) is 38. Actor Jake Choi is 35. Actor Jonathan Osser is 31. Actor-singer Grant Gustin is 30. Singer/guitarist Molly Tuttle is 27.

Thought for Today: "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." [-] John Stuart Mill, English philosopher (1806-1873).

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.

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- **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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