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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020,

Want to join the Connecting team?

Our colleague **Paul Shane** ([Email](#)) is experiencing health issues and we are looking for someone who can succeed him as the archivist of Connecting. Past issues of the newsletter that you find by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead of each day's newsletter have been posted there by Paul, with little fanfare as is typical of Paul, for the past seven years.

If you'd like to volunteer for this important work that benefits your colleagues, please drop me a note and I will get you in touch with Paul. He notes that with a format worked out, "the archive updating is pretty simple and only takes a few minutes weekly. In general, you only need to 'print' each edition to a PDF file and FTP the file to the website. There is no out-of-pocket expense. It feels really good to be part of this project."



My latest Spotlight in my hometown newspaper, The Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa, focuses on a Connecting colleague - **Ed Breen**, who after a long career in newspapering in Indiana turned to doing broadcast commentary for WBAT-AM in his hometown of Marion, Ind. His uncle was a broadcast pioneer in Fort Dodge, founding the city's first radio station and later its first television station. You can read the column, which appeared Sunday, by clicking [here](#).

Have a great day!

Paul

## Rochelle Hines, former AP Oklahoma City staffer, to be inducted into Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame

**Lindel Hutson** ([Email](#)) - Former Oklahoma City AP staffer Rochelle Hines will be inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame during a ceremony April 26 which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Hall of Fame.

Hines is one of 10 journalists, two Lifetime Achievement Award winners, and 10 posthumous inductees who will be honored during the event at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

Hines grew up in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and joined the AP in 1991 after graduation from the University of Oklahoma.

At AP, she was noted for her desk work and her relationships with the state's newspapers. She reported on the Oklahoma City bombing and devastating tornadoes that hit the state during her tenure. She also covered the execution of several inmates at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.



**Rochelle Hines**

While on the staff of the OU Daily newspaper she won a Hearst Award for her story about two teenagers who were on Oklahoma's death row.

Since leaving the AP, she has worked as an instructor at the communications school at OU.

Other inductees include Clytie Bunyan, reporter and executive at The Oklahoma; Al Eschbach, considered by many as the father of sports talk radio in Oklahoma City; Rusty Ferguson, third-generation publisher of The Cleveland (Okla.) American; Lori Fullbright of KOTV in Tulsa;

Michael McNutt, former political reporter for The Oklahoman; Michael Sims, formerly of KWTW in Oklahoma City who later moved to CBS and ABC television news; Tony Stizza, formerly of KFOR in Oklahoma City; Scott Thompson, former anchor at KOTV in Tulsa, and Yvette Walker, former news director at The Oklahoman and former chair of the Edith Kinney Gaylord Journalism ethics Chair at the University of Central Oklahoma.

“The 50th anniversary gives us an opportunity to celebrate the many historic accomplishments of journalists who have made an impact in Oklahoma and nationwide,” said Joe Hight, director of the Hall of Fame and current chair of the Gaylord Endowed Chair of Journalism Ethics at UCO.

## Iowa a carnival of democracy for media - until it went sour



**Christopher Le Mon, right, a precinct captain for former Vice President Joe Biden, counts supporters during the Democratic caucus at Hempstead High School in Dubuque, Iowa, on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020. (Nicki Kohl/Telegraph Herald via AP)**

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) - As MSNBC's Katy Tur wandered through a gym in Des Moines during her network's coverage of the Iowa caucuses Monday, she found a voter wearing a Bernie Sanders button sitting with supporters of Amy Klobuchar.

"I'm a little split," the woman conceded.

Call her the poster girl for media coverage of Iowa, a carnival of democracy that was fun and bewildering to watch until it all went sour. The failure of authorities to produce results meant no one knew as bedtime came what it would all mean to the matter at hand: picking a Democratic candidate to challenge President Donald Trump in November.

Reporters swarmed to sites where voters, for the first time in the 2020 campaign cycle, were making their voices heard. Yet their findings were only anecdotal.

"It's most unfair to the voters, the caucusgoers who came out today, when now they have a question mark hanging over the results," said CNN's David Chalian.

Candidates gave speeches to their supporters with no real idea of what it all meant, and their campaigns let reporters know of their unhappiness.

Unlike in past election cycles, Iowa seemed to sneak up on television viewers, despite nearly a year's worth of debates and campaigning. Trump's impeachment trial, where closing arguments were televised earlier Monday, robbed much of the public attention.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting mailbox

### ***Franklin Graham's magazine casts 'mainstream media' as the primary device for indoctrinating society with evil beliefs***

**AI Cross (Email)** - "The Lies of Mainstream Media" is the headline over the cover story in the February edition of Decision magazine, which touts itself as "the evangelical voice for today." Its editor-in-chief is Franklin Graham, head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and son of its namesake and founder. The story by Editor Bob Paulson begins:

*It's a normal day in the life of a typical man or woman in any Western nation: Wake up and, while getting ready for the day, watch a morning news program that by the stories it covers, the sources it cites and the language it uses-promotes a leftist-progressive bias.*

*Drive to work, listening to hit songs filled with sexual immorality, greed and violence. Throughout the day, keep an eye on social media, where memes and discussions polarize neighbors, distort conflicting views and breed bitterness and cynicism.*

*Back at home that evening, watch television programs that-if LGBTQ activists have their way-will within the next five years have 20 percent of series regular characters portrayed as gay or lesbian. Or skip TV altogether and play a video game that glamorizes violence and crime.*

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Eagle watching in mountains northwest of Atlanta***

**John Willis** ([Email](#)) - Click [here](#) for a link to the Berry College eagle cam website. Berry is located in Rome, Ga., in the mountains about 75 miles northwest of Atlanta. The cams are new this year and have better resolution.

This nest is seven or eight years old, and we are getting into the best time to watch.

The female laid her eggs on 1/12 and 1/14, which was about a week later than last year and the incubation period is approximately 35 days. We are looking for a hatch somewhere between Valentine's Day and 2/19. The female broke her left leg about two years ago. No one knows how. It healed at an awkward angle and looks rather painful, but she has managed to thrive despite the handicap.

The male and female share the incubation duties, and the male will start bringing food to the nest once the eggs have hatched, as the female will be a full-time mom. The diet consists of fish, squirrels, coots and some occasional road kill.

Last year both eggs hatched, but the eaglets did not survive long. One was accidentally smothered in the first week, and the other died of an unknown illness towards the end of the second week.

In 2018, one of the babies fell from the nest and died, but the other matured and fledged in May. In 2017 both youngsters survived to fledge in mid-May.

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## ***A book for the dog lovers among us***

**Joe McGowan** ([Email](#)) - The piece by Ernest Montague through Dog Heirs, was wonderful. This appeared in your Final Word, Jan. 31.

For those interested and those who love dogs as I do, there is a book titled "Wagging Tails in Heaven" by Gary Kurz. I got it shortly after my wonderful Havanese dog Blanca passed away. It is a great book. Click [here](#) for Amazon link.

## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

### ***Washington Post Threatened Another Star Reporter Over His Tweets*** (Daily Beast)

By **MAXWELL TANI**

The Washington Post's controversial decision to punish a reporter last week over a Kobe Bryant tweet is not the first time the newspaper's strict social-media policies have caused internal headaches and clashes between management and the paper's high-profile journalists.

The Post last Sunday placed reporter Felicia Sonmez on leave when, in the wake of Bryant's death, she tweeted a years-old Daily Beast story detailing the 2003 rape allegations against him. The company eventually backtracked, saying that while she did not violate the social-media policy, Sonmez's tweets were "ill-timed."

The ordeal was reminiscent of other social-media-related clashes between the paper's bosses and its star reporters-internal incidents that, unlike Sonmez's, never spilled out into public view. The Daily Beast has learned of several incidents in which Post management warned reporters about their tweeted opinions on topics unrelated to their beats or discouraged reporters from publicly sharing information about personal experiences.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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## ***BBC To Layoff 450 News Staff In A Bid To Save \$100M*** (Deadline)

By JAKE KANTER

The BBC has announced plans to layoff 450 employees in its news division, with a number of flagship shows and services being scaled back in a bid to save £80M (\$104M) by March 2022.

The BBC has already acknowledged plans to axe BBC Two news brand The Victoria Derbyshire Show, but staff were today briefed on the full cost-saving proposals by Fran Unsworth, the head of news and current affairs. The 450 job cuts represent 7.5% of BBC News' 6,000-strong workforce.

Under the plans, the BBC is going to pool its resources so journalists serve different programs and platforms, including TV, radio and online. The BBC said this was part of an effort to "reduce duplication," but added that it will result in a reduction in the number of stories the corporation pursues.

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



***And ...***

## ***A radical experiment, at an uncertain time, for BBC News*** (BBC)

**By Amol Rajan**

The BBC announced in 2016 it needed to save £800m by 2022; BBC News was to provide £80m of those savings, and it is only half way to that target.

The BBC is struggling to connect with many British people - especially those from poorer socio-economic backgrounds, and - even more so - those under 35.

The licence fee, which accounts for around 75% of the BBC's revenue, is under unprecedented political and structural pressure.

These three facts have driven the changes announced today. The first made pain inevitable; the second has determined the nature of the cuts announced; the third means the audience the BBC has in mind when making these changes isn't just licence fee payers - it's the inhabitants of [10 Downing Street](#).

Read more [here](#). Shared by Campbell Gardett.

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## ***Notorious Utah brothel owner's interview eludes historians***

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Scholars at a Utah university are trying to unlock a mystery after discovering a nearly 70-year-old transcript of an interview with a notorious brothel owner that is written in a shorthand style that few people can read today.

The interview was with madam Rossette Duccinni Davie, who ran the Rose Rooms brothel in Ogden with her husband in the 1940s and 1950s. Today, the location is home to the nightclub Alleged, the Standard-Examiner reported.

The interview with former Standard-Examiner reporter Bert Strand was hidden inside a box of 1970s photos from the newspaper, said Sarah Langsdon, head of the Weber State University's special collections.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.



1948 police booking photo of Rossette Davie (Weber State University, Special Collections, via AP)

## The Final Word

**MALLARD FILLMORE** By Bruce Tinsley



(Shared by Adolphe Bernotas)

## Today in History - February 4, 2020



## By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2020. There are 331 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 2004, the social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook."

### On this date:

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway. Walt Disney's animated feature "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" opened in general U.S. release.

In 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, honoring "heroic or meritorious achievement or service," was authorized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 23,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1983, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, California, at age 32.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 2004, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice.

In 2018, the Philadelphia Eagles, led by backup quarterback Nick Foles, became NFL champs for the first time since 1960, beating Tom Brady and the New England Patriots 41-33 in the Super Bowl.

Ten years ago: Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden at a Capitol Hill ceremony. The first National Tea Party Convention opened in Nashville.

Five years ago: As Boston continued to dig out from more than 3 feet of snow in the past week, the New England Patriots were finally honored with a parade celebrating their fourth Super Bowl win. Some fans defied police warnings and watched the parade from atop giant piles of snow.

One year ago: Jury deliberations began in the New York trial of Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. (Guzman was convicted of murder conspiracy and drug trafficking and was sentenced to life in prison.) More than a dozen European Union countries endorsed Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido (gwy-DOH') as the country's interim president, increasing pressure on embattled President Nicolas Maduro to resign and clear the way for a new election. A British newspaper

published an interview with actor Liam Neeson in which Neeson admitted that he'd had violent thoughts about killing a black person nearly 40 years earlier after learning that someone close to him had been raped.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Adler is 91. Former Argentinian President Isabel Peron is 89. Actor Gary Conway is 84. Actor John Schuck is 80. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 79. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 78. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 73. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 72. Actor Michael Beck is 71. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 68. Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor is 61. Actress Pamelyn Ferdin is 61. Rock singer Tim Booth is 60. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 59. Country singer Clint Black is 58. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 57. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 54. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 50. Actor Rob Corddry is 49. Singer David (dah-VEED') Garza is 49. Actor Michael Goorjian is 49. TV personality Nicolle Wallace is 48. Olympic gold medal boxer Oscar De La Hoya is 47. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 45. Singer Natalie Imbruglia (em-BROO'-lee-ah) is 45. Rapper Cam'ron is 44. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 43. Rock singer Zoe Manville is 36. Actor/musician Bashy, AKA Ashley Thomas, is 35. Actor Charlie Barnett is 32. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 32. Actress Kyla Kenedy (cq) (TV: "Speechless") is 17.

**Thought for Today: "Life is doubt, and faith without doubt is nothing but death." [-] Miguel de Unamuno (oo-nah-MOO'-noh), Spanish philosopher (1864-1936).**

## 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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