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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 27th day of February 2020,

We lead today's issue of Connecting with your thoughts and memories of Los Angeles AP sports writer **Ken Peters**.

Ken, who died Sunday at the age of 77, covered multiple Olympics and other major events during a nearly 35-year career as a sports writer for the AP. His colleague **Beth Harris** wrote a wonderful account of his life for the wire that appeared in Wednesday's issue.

In the Final Word column today, our colleague **Gene Herrick** brings us his "Last Sermon", reflections from his 93 years that include assignments with the AP covering the Korean War and the Civil Rights Movement.

Have a great day!

Paul

Remembering LA's Ken Peters



Newsman Rick Leyva, former Los Angeles overnight supervisor, admires the briefcase he received at a 1990 going-away party before leaving for a job on the New York General Desk. Other staffers are, from left: Ken Peters, sports editor; Brian Bland, AP Network News correspondent; Louinn Lota, newswoman; Jeaninne Marchbanks, administrative assistant, and Larry Gerber, ACoB for News. (Photo courtesy of AP Corporate Archives)

Hal Bock ([Email](#)) - I was devastated to learn of the death of Ken Peters. He was a dear friend, a low-key guy who never got rattled. I worked several Olympics, Super Bowls and World Series with him and he was a terrific newsman.

I also remember with gratitude photographer Ed Reinke, added to a local Hall of Fame. He was in my Hall of Fame long ago. After I broke my wrist in the Olympics in Lillehammer, Ed drove me to Oslo so I could catch a flight back home. He was a delightful guy and delivered me safely to a hotel where I overnighted before the flight. We had a very nice dinner that night that I think of often.

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Tim Dahlberg ([Email](#)) - I was a young pup in the AP, trying to figure out where it would all lead me, when I first ran into Ken Peters. He would

come up from LA to Las Vegas for the big fights and other sporting events, and I would tag along to write PMs or run quotes. Ken had a great sense of humor, which I liked, and was a comforting presence in an AP that bewildered me at the time.

Ken always seemed in control, even under constant deadline pressures and even when New York was screaming in his ear, something that happened to most of us on a regular basis in those days. When it came time for me to get some big bureau experience, I was shipped to LA for a summer, where I worked night sports under Ken, along with John Nadel and Jack Stevenson. We would work together in the 1984 Olympics and other Olympics after that, and I like to think I learned a lot from Ken on how not to have a nervous breakdown while dealing with deadline pressures in big sporting events.

We also worked together on the only NBA playoff game ever held in Las Vegas. It was 1992, and LA was engulfed in rioting in the wake of the Rodney King verdict. The Lakers lost the clinching game to Portland at the UNLV campus arena, where the game was moved because of the riots.

Ken was a consummate pro but more than that, a really good guy. He was kind to me the same way he was kind to everyone I saw him meet, and I'll always remember his generosity and the way he went out of his way to help me along.

He will be missed.

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Mike Harris ([Email](#)) - Ken Peters and I crossed paths many times, particularly when he helped out at auto races in SoCal. But my favorite memory of this good guy is from January, 1980. My NASCAR race at Riverside, CA had been postponed a week by rain to a Saturday. Since I was staying in California for the week, Sports Editor Terry Taylor asked me to help out at Super Bowl XIV in Pasadena the day after the race. The press box seating at the Rose Bowl was limited and Ken and I found ourselves sitting in 50-yard-line seats, our backs against the press box wall. It was a gorgeous, warm day and both of us had trouble keeping from nodding off at times. We watched the game and chatted until five minutes to go, when we headed for the dressing rooms. I covered the Rams and Ken got the victorious Steelers. It was a fun day and the best part was getting to better know Ken. RIP my friend,

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Russ Kaurloto ([Email](#)) - I was very fortunate to work with Ken throughout my tenure at the Los Angeles Bureau and as John Antczak eloquently said, he was calm and collected but with a subtle southern humbleness and humor that was endearing. On many occasions, he would comment on a situation, sometimes sports related, most times not, with comical cynicism and begin to chuckle - his shoulders would tighten and bounce and his face would squint in animation. He was truly the quiet man. What many may not know, which he shared with me personally, is he did not like sports or more politically correct, it was not his preference.

Ken always covered the Pro Bowl in Hawaii which at the time was part of my territory, so each year I'd ask Ken, "Are you excited about going to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii?"

What he said on this one occasion set me back, " I hate the Pro Bowl and I don't like Hawaii, I travel enough at it is and to tell you truth, I really don't like sports." I was floored - and asked, if that's the case, then why sports writing? Ken said, "The reason is I'm just good at it". For me, as a sports fan who loved his pieces, it made all the sense in the world. Ken could write with a complete unbiased view and tell the story from a true independent viewpoint.

He was one of kind, and I was blessed to play a part in his career - he will be missed.

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Steve Loeper ([Email](#)) - Through the many years I worked with him as Los Angeles news editor, Ken Peters consistently brought the calm and courtliness of a Southern gentleman to the always frenetic and sometimes uncourtly world of the LA bureau. Despite the occasional disputes over scheduling and coverage plans that went with the territory, Ken NEVER lost his cool. That's not to say he didn't stand his ground. But he did it with dignity, respect and a sense of collegiality that rose above the heat of the moment. RIP Ken. You were a continual example to me of a better way.

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John Nadel ([Email](#)) - I think the most appropriate things I can say about Ken are that he was the perfect co-worker for me during my 32 years working with him at The AP and one of the kindest people I've ever known.

We had no more than three or four squabbles and looking back, I'd say they were all my fault. And none of them lasted very long.

He was exactly 50 weeks older than me. Every year on my birthday I would let him know I was just as smart as he was. Two weeks later, I'd tell him that once again, he was much older than I was.

I can't ever remember anyone having anything negative to say about him. And in the 24 hours after his obit hit the wire, there were countless reactions from fellow journalists and just about all of them focused on what a good person he was.

We have kept in touch on a regular basis since both of us retired in 2009. During his lengthy illness. I never heard him complain or feel sorry for himself - not once. The majority of our talks were mostly spent finding stuff to laugh about.

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Michael Rubin ([Email](#)) - Such sad news about Ken, as everyone else says, one of the nicest people I worked with in my time at AP. What do I remember? That soft Georgia accent, and always good humor when another of those special member requests came in, a constant in sports.

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Paul Simon ([Email](#)) - I had the good fortune to work with Ken for 10 years in Los Angeles, first as a rookie newsman and later as ACOB. The pairing of his easygoing personality with his sharp knowledge of sports was as inspiring as his polished relationship with colleague John Nadel and the others in our bureau. Ken so often was the calm before the storm. Still, my most cherished memory was when he and Cathy showed up at my house in Pasadena for my 30th birthday "pool" party in 1981. The look on his face upon seeing others sitting with their feet dipped into two wading pools in the backyard was priceless. With an apology to Peggy Walsh, who heard this story when she alerted me to Ken's passing, it still produces a chuckle. Ken really was one of the good guys.

Connecting mailbox

'You got any hamburgers?'



Dave Tomlin ([Email](#)) - I was in Newspaper Membership a few years before Dan Day arrived, and the Burger Heavens (see Wednesday's issue) were already Wick Temple's go-to lunch spots. I wish I had a buck for every time Wick looked up from his menu when the waitress arrived and asked her, "You got any hamburgers?" He thought this was hilarious. We usually chuckled politely, the way deputies do when the boss cracks wise. But the starched and permed servers, pens poised over their order pads, never even smiled.

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A run of news in Florida in first five months of 1980 perhaps like no other

Dan Sewell ([Email](#)) - Within last weekend's reunion of Associated Press Florida staffers from the 1970s and early '80s (see Tuesday's Connecting) was a subgroup of Florida veterans from an incredible five months of news in early 1980.

They were Larry Hobbs, Kathy Martin, Dan Sewell and Phil Sandlin of the Miami bureau, and Lorraine Cichowski, Bill Kaczor and David Powell of the '80 Tallahassee bureau.

What then-newsman Rick Spratling of Miami called "a news explosion" began with the Jan. 28 collision of the Coast Guard cutter Blackthorn with

a freighter in Tampa Bay, killing 23 in the Coast Guard's worst peacetime disaster.

In early April, desperate Cubans took refuge by the thousands in the Peruvian embassy in Havana. An exasperated Fidel Castro abruptly announced on April 20 that the Cuban port of Mariel was open to anyone who wanted to pick up people, beginning what was at first dubbed the "Freedom Flotilla," then simply the Mariel Boatlift after it became clear that criminals and other Cuban outcasts were being added to the human cargo.

I was sent to Key West, living out of a suitcase in a Howard Johnson's for the next month, beginning my days and ending my nights at the docks where motorboats, yachts and small freighters were delivering Cubans.

One night, a conversation with a Border Patrol agent led to the first news story, AP's, reporting that some arrivals were direct from Cuban prisons. The agent had new arrivals show me the small tattoos on their hands that signified criminal gangs. Such scenes would be depicted in the popular Al Pacino movie "Scarface."

Meanwhile, back in Tampa Bay, an accident May 9 caused a section of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge to collapse, with 35 people, most on a Greyhound bus, plunging to their deaths.

The Mariel boatlift continued, increasingly controversial. President Jimmy Carter allowed some 40,000 Haitians to come to Florida under what was meant to be an equitable "Open Arms" policy.

Miami staffer Steve Wilson came to Key West to relieve me for a few days, as did staffer Kathy Martin later.

When I returned to Key West, I was surprised when I called Miami on a Monday morning to dictate an update. Terry Hunt of the Washington bureau answered the Miami office phone. Parts of the city were in flames, race riots sparked by the May 17 weekend acquittal of sheriff's deputies who beat a black motorcyclist to death.

Eighteen people died in the rioting.

Hobbs, the Florida day supervisor for decades, recalled working with General Desk staffer Ellen Nimmons on a Sunday when four of the top 5 stories on the a-wire digest were from Florida.

"I cannot remember any of us - writers or filers - wondering or worrying about what the next cycle's lead story was going to be," Hobbs said. "We didn't hold meetings. There were few phone conferences. The material came so fast and furious that the natural lead was always there."

People in the Keys, weary of all the refugees, news media and other unwanted visitors, staged a mock secession to proclaim "The Conch Republic." Cuban refugee camps established at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn., and Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, angered locals in those towns. After refugees rioted and tried to escape Fort Chaffee, Managing Editor Bill Ahearn sent me to visit all three places in a 4-day span.

The Fort Chaffee riots helped lead to Democratic then-Gov. Bill Clinton's re-election defeat, and Carter's handling of the refugee crisis didn't help his chances in his November landslide loss to Republican Ronald Reagan.

The boatlift wound down, after some 125,000 people arrived. In August, homesick Cubans hijacked a half dozen U.S. jetliners to Havana - three in one day!

There was an official Coast Guard inquiry into the Blackthorn disaster and numerous follow-ups to do on the other stories. For once, infamous serial killer Ted Bundy wasn't a top news priority as he was tried and convicted in Orlando for the murder of a 12-year-old girl.

Over the year, we got working visits from all-time AP greats such as Eddie Adams, Peter Arnett, George Esper and Jules Loh.

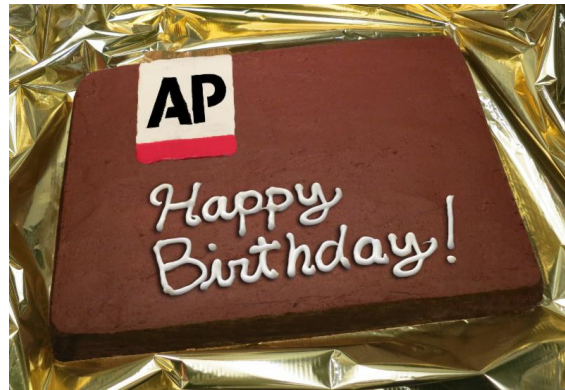
For 20-something staffers like me, the "news explosion" meant opportunities to make our names in The AP. Bureau Chief Tom Brettingen named me Florida news editor that summer. Wilson went on to become European sports correspondent for The AP. Jacksonville correspondent Matt Bokor would follow me as news editor, and later became assistant chief of bureau in Atlanta.

For young Steve Smith, though, covering the Blackthorn tragedy and the subsequent inquiry spurred an interest and love for admiralty law. He became a globe-trotting lawyer who just recently returned from legal work in China.

At the end of the year, four of the top 10 global stories of 1980 as named by AP members were from Florida.

Roll call: COB Tom Brettingen, News Editor Cindy Rose, newspeople Bill Adkinson, Bokor, Hobbs, Ike Flores, Doug Jennings, Martin, Hal Moore, Susan Postlewaite, Powell, Phil Sandlin, Sewell, Smith, Spratling, Kathy Willens, Wilson. In Memoriam: Newspeople Ann Crowley, Patricia Leisner, Christine MacGill, Ernesto Pino, John Platero, Mario Rodriguez, and bureau secretary Sylvia Wise.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

With An Election On The Horizon, Older Adults Get Help Spotting Fake News (NPR)



Bre Clark leads a workshop at the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring, Md., called "How to Spot Fake News." Sam Gringlas/NPR

By SAM GRINGLAS

At the Schweinhaut Senior Center in suburban Maryland, about a dozen seniors gather around iPads and laptops, investigating a suspicious meme of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Plastered over her image, in big, white block letters, a caption reads:

"California will receive 13 extra seats in Congress by including 10 million illegal aliens in the 2020 U.S. Census."

The seniors are participating in a workshop sponsored by the nonprofit Senior Planet called "How to Spot Fake News." As instructed, they pull up a reputable fact-checking site like Snopes or FactCheck.org and, within a few minutes, identify the meme is peddling fake news.

"It's right there!" 86-year-old Marlene Cianci tells the class. "Just a two-step thing and there it was!"

Read more [here](#). Shared by Peg Coughlin.

ABC News hands James O'Keefe a victory (Washington Post)

By Erik Wemple

Media critic

Fundraising for James O'Keefe's Project Veritas should be robust this week, after ABC News suspended veteran correspondent David Wright for spouting off about politics - while a Project Veritas operative was secretly recording the proceedings. "We're in this awkward moment ... we have this f---ing president, and we can't figure out how to challenge him," Wright says in the video, which was taped at the bar of the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester, N.H., amid the primary contest.

ABC News found the commentary objectionable. So it took him out of the rotation: "Any action that damages our reputation for fairness and impartiality or gives the appearance of compromising it harms ABC News and the individuals involved. David Wright has been suspended, and to avoid any possible appearance of bias, he will be reassigned away from political coverage when he returns," reads a statement from the network.

Project Veritas specializes in this sort of thing: Send an operative after representatives of the mainstream media, coax them into talking shop and then present the supposedly scandalous results to the public. They did it with CNN in 2017, when an employee not involved in political coverage riffed on the Trump-Russia story: "I just feel like they don't really have it, but they want to keep digging," said an Atlanta-based producer. "And so I think the president is probably right to say, like, look you are witch hunting me. Like you have no smoking gun, you have no real proof." They did it with the New York Times, when a junior video producer boasted about stepping over an ethical boundary. They did it with the Washington Post, when a military reporter emerged on tape saying that the newspaper's editorial writers "definitely don't like Trump."

Read more [here](#).

White Supremacists Targeted Journalists and a Trump Official, F.B.I. Says (New York Times)

By Mike Baker, Adam Goldman and Neil MacFarquhar

SEATTLE - Federal prosecutors have charged five people tied to a neo-Nazi group with engaging in a campaign to intimidate and harass journalists and others, including a member of President Trump's cabinet, a university and a church.

The charges, announced on Wednesday in Virginia and Washington State, are part of a broader recent crackdown by federal law enforcement on violent white supremacists in the United States. Authorities said the individuals were associated with the Atomwaffen Division, a small but violent paramilitary neo-Nazi group.

In the Virginia case, prosecutors accused John Cameron Denton, 26, whom they described as a former Atomwaffen leader, of harassment through a tactic known as "swatting" - calling the police and falsely describing an imminent threat at a specific location, causing the authorities to respond in force.

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

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Trump campaign sues New York Times for libel over 2019 op-ed (The Hill)

BY HARPER NEIDIG

President Trump's reelection campaign is suing The New York Times for libel, claiming that the newspaper knowingly published false information about the president in an op-ed last year.

The lawsuit, filed in New York State Supreme Court on Wednesday, accuses the Times of intentionally defaming Trump with an op-ed claiming that his 2016 campaign had an "overarching deal" with Russia.

"The statements were and are 100 percent false and defamatory," Jenna Ellis, a lawyer for the campaign, said in a statement.

"The complaint alleges The Times was aware of the falsity at the time it published them, but did so for the intentional purpose of hurting the campaign, while misleading its own readers in the process," Ellis added.

A spokesperson for the Times pushed back on the lawsuit, signaling that the newspaper planned to fight it.

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

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UK national newspaper sales slump by two-thirds in 20 years amid digital disruption (PressGazette)

By FREDDY MAYHEW

UK national newspaper sales have fallen by nearly two-thirds over the last two decades, according to analysis of ABC circulation data by Press Gazette.

The figure shows the extent of the devastation that digital disruption has wrought on the traditional print-centric newspaper business model.

In January 2000, 16 daily and Sunday paid-for national newspapers had a combined circulation of 21.2m, according to ABC figures.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Claude Erbsen.

The Final Word

My Last 'Sermon'

Gene E. Herrick ([Email](#)) - Has the world gone amuck? Has mankind lost its way? Have the 10 Commandments been shredded? What has happened to common sense?

Good questions for today's journalists, those who have to make sense out of the gibberish coming out of our government today; the ones who battle the lies and pugnacious attitudes of an apparent rule-less president and cabinet. Communications and language have changed. Many people get their news on a television station giving only one side to the nation's problems, and the wild-and-wooly internet, especially about politics. Education rates are lower than ever, and we are finding people now who have virtually no analytical thinking abilities, and newspapers are folding. Where has mankind's mind and thinking abilities gone?

I am not a man of the cloth, but my faith runs deep like a river. Also, as a retired journalist, I strongly believe in honesty, justice, respect, freedom of choice, and religious understanding. I am retired, but I still continue my journalistic principles, and one of those is being an observer of mankind - What he does, and why he does it. Oh. I know times change, and I have changed with it for almost 94 years, but the changes today leave me bewildered.



Gene Herrick

I originally came to Franklin County in 1971 on a family pioneer camping trip, and the next day we bought six acres of land on the lake, and later, built a home. I now live in town.

Preceding that, I was born in Columbus, Ohio, went to work for The Associated Press at age 16, rose to be a staff photographer, covering such things as the Korean War in 1950, five presidents of the U.S., the Civil Rights Movement, including Rosa Parks, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., all forms of major league sports.. I took early retirement after 28 years and went into the field of Developmental Disabilities. Upon moving to the county, I became the executive director of the old Sheltered Workshop, renamed it the Developmental Center of Franklin County, and later had a home for the intellectually handicapped, next to the Center, named after me, and, last year, was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.

That's my background, but here is my quandary, wonderment, curiosity, and basically fear for mankind. I have never figured out how mankind thinks and forms his thought process on two basic things - religion and politics.

My father died when I was 7 ½ years old. I became a "Man" when I was eight, and started looking and learning about the world and mankind. I went to work when I was nine - carrying newspapers, and working in my father's parent's restaurant, in the industrial section of Columbus, Ohio,

My first and most important revelation of life, the one that has driven my life to the present stage, is a decision I have followed to the best of my ability, is the realization and acceptance of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as my mentor, leader, guide, and the greatest source of love in the world. I made this decision while walking to school at the early age of eight. My life has been exciting as a staff photographer of the world-wide news agency - The Associated Press. I have never regretted my decision. It has given me emotional stability, good judgment, and understanding of mankind and its thought process. The most important of these is thought process. But more on that later.

My second revelation came when I was nine-years-old and only a small block from the Ohio State Penitentiary. I picked up my bundle of newspapers at the entrance to the pen, and helped the driver carry in bundles of papers inside. On the outside, I daily visited and waited on my papers at a big prison garage where trustees, murderers, bank robbers, and you name it, stayed, or went to work on the prison farms. They painted my bike and wagon and bought newspaper subscriptions so that I could win a turkey at Thanksgiving (They cancelled when I got the turkey!) They also shared with me about their personal lives, which was an eye-opener. I learned so much about psychology (Although I didn't realize at that time what that meant. I learned about crime and the types of people who committed crime, and the suffering and pain of spending years incarcerated behind bars. Also, the loss of a large segment of life, love, loneliness, and repentance is a tragedy. While helping the paper driver carry bundles inside, I will never forget the sound of those huge bars, and the clashing of the gates. I made a personal decision then that I never wanted to be in jail. I will never forget being invited to take tours of the pen. A gruesome thought: I have twice sat in the electric chair. My experiences there taught me a bundle about life, people, mankind's decision-making process, fear, repentance, love, punitiveness, right and wrong, societal revenge, conflict of right and wrong.

I only had 13 newspaper customers, mostly industrial sites, and one first-class nightclub run by the Mafia. They were the only ones to try and cheat me out of the paper's delivery bill.

Those two things were the foundation of my life. I later became a Boy Scout, and the Motto, Oath or Promise, and the scout law became a model for my life. The Motto: Be Prepared. The Oath: **On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. The scout law: A scout is:** Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, cheerful Friendly,

Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." Do we need a better guide for life? Martin Luther King, Jr., may have said it best:

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny, whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly," (These are the words scrawled in the margins of the local newspaper in the Birmingham jail in 1963).

To the point, what has so drastically changed the way mankind thinks and acts? Up until a few years ago, people laughed, talked to other people openly, exchanged ideas without fear of retribution, visited each other, worked together on charity events, voted only after serious understanding of the issues, sought the truth about domestic and foreign issues, spent a lot of educational time with their children, build families for permanence?

In my opinion the internet has changed the world and the way it believes and acts. It appears that people of the world found a way to express themselves, to build their egos, and use up spare time. What they haven't learned is that the internet is also controlled by people with the intent to control the minds of mankind, and especially with propaganda and lies to influence people to believe certain ways. It is called mind control. We now have an internet controlled by politics, and foreign countries spewing untruths. When will we wake up and take our minds back?

There is great concern about the world and the fear that is spreading regarding democracy, and the way countries are responding, and trusting each other. The escalation of nuclear weapons has the world mightily afraid. The world's diatribe has mankind wondering about the future of the world. Also, throw in climate change and the predictions for the future. Do we not need to reassess ourselves, and deeply, as to how we have changed, and if what we might do to enlighten ourselves as to what really matters in life.

Thought for Today: "We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing." - R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).

**Today in History - February 27,
2020**



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2020. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93, was first performed in Vienna.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, effectively outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a successful raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. An explosion inside a coal mine near Bearcreek, Montana, killed 74 miners and one rescue worker. The U.S. government, responding to a copper shortage, began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until the following May.)

In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period. (Williams, who was also blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)

In 1991, Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

In 1998, with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.

In 2002, at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Alicia Keys won five prizes, including song of the year for "Fallin"; Irish rockers U2 won four Grammys, including record of the year for "Walk On"; album of the year went to the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack.

Ten years ago: In Chile, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed 524 people, caused \$30 billion in damage and left more than 200,000 homeless. Steven Holcomb drove USA-1 to the Olympic gold medal in four-man bobsledding in Vancouver, ending a 62-year drought for the Americans in the event.

Five years ago: Actor Leonard Nimoy, 83, world famous to "Star Trek" fans as the pointy-eared, purely logical science officer Mr. Spock, died in Los Angeles. In Tyrone, Missouri, Joseph Jesse Aldridge, 36, a man who authorities said might have been unhinged by the death of his ailing mother, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after apparently killing seven people in a house-to-house shooting rampage. Boris Nemtsov, a charismatic Russian opposition leader and sharp critic of President Vladimir Putin, was gunned down near the Kremlin.

One year ago: President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un projected optimism as they opened high-stakes talks in Vietnam about curbing Pyongyang's pursuit of nuclear weapons. In testimony to a House panel, Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, cast Trump as a racist and a con man who had used his inner circle to cover up politically damaging allegations about sex, and who had lied during the election campaign about his business interests in Russia. The House approved a measure requiring federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, as a handful of Republicans joined Democrats in the first major gun control legislation considered by Congress in nearly 25 years. (The legislation was not taken up by the Senate.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 90. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 86. Actress Barbara Babcock is 83. Actor Howard Hesseman is 80. Actress Debra Monk is 71. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 66. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 63. Actor Timothy Spall is 63. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 60. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 60. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer James Worthy is 59. Actor Adam Baldwin is 58. Actor Grant Show is 58. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 55. Actor Noah Emmerich is 55. Actor Donal Logue (DOH'-nuhl LOHG) is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 49. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 47. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker is 42. Chelsea Clinton is 40. Actor Brandon Beemer is 40. Rock musician Cyrus Bolooki (New Found Glory) is 40. Rock musician Jake Clemons (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 40. Singer Josh Groban is 39. Banjoist Noam (cq) Pikelný is 39. Rock musician Jared Champion (Cage the Elephant) is 37. Actress Kate Mara is 37. TV personality JWoww (AKA Jenni Farley) is 34. Actress Lindsey Morgan is 30.

Thought for Today: "I am indeed rich, since my income is superior to my expenses, and my expense is equal to my wishes." [-] Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).

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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