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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020,

With voting in Super Tuesday states ongoing today, Connecting brings you [this video](#), titled "What makes AP's election coverage unique?" Notes **Mike Takett**, AP deputy Washington bureau chief who is featured in the video, "Every election writes the next chapter of the American story. And the key for AP is to write that story from the voices of voters, not from the voices of the insiders."

## 25-Year Club Celebration to be held June 12

AP's Human Resources department has announced that the 2020 25-Year Club Celebration in New York, AP's annual salute to retirees, alumni and current staff with a minimum of 25 years of AP service, will be held on Friday, June 12, at the New York Marriott Downtown, located at 85 West Street (at Albany Street), in the Financial Ballroom on the 2nd floor. You are welcome to bring a guest and mingle with your former colleagues

from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Drinks and dinner will be served. Regarding lodging, a limited number of rooms have been blocked for the night of Friday, June 12, at the New York Marriott Downtown at a rate of \$208/night plus tax and a \$25 destination fee. If you are interested in reserving a room, call 1-877-303-0104 and use group name "Associated Press 25 Year Club Celebration" or [use this link to book online](#) by Tuesday, May 12.

Please RSVP online [here](#) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, May 8. Any questions may be directed to [HR - Service Recognition](#).

### **John and his dogs**

Connecting dips into its archives to bring you a story written last year for the newsletter by **John Kuglin**, longtime AP Helena chief of bureau, who died this past weekend at the age of 78. He talks about his love of his dogs - something that his wife Gale notes in a lead story in today's issue.

### **Send story contributions to Mark Mittelstadt**

Finally, Linda and I are off to Florida for the rest of the week and I am grateful that our colleague **Mark Mittelstadt** will publish the newsletter for the next three days. So please send your contributions to Mark at [markmitt71@yahoo.com](mailto:markmitt71@yahoo.com) through this Friday, when you can return to sending them to me after that.

Have a great day!

Paul

## **Australian Associated Press to shut down after 85 years**



**Staff at the Australian Associated Press head office gather for an announcement in Sydney, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. National news agency Australian Associated Press said it was closing after 85 years, blaming a decline in subscribers and free distribution of news content on digital platforms. (Steven Saphore/AAP Image via AP)**

**By ROD McGUIRK**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - The national news agency Australian Associated Press said Tuesday it will close in late June, its 85 years in business vanquished by a decline in subscribers and free distribution of news content on digital platforms.

"The saddest day: AAP closes after 85 years of excellence in journalism. The AAP family will be sorely missed," AAP Editor-in-Chief Tony Gillies said in a tweet.

Sydney-based AAP was started in 1935 by newspaper publisher Keith Murdoch, father of News Corp. founder Rupert Murdoch. It is owned by Australian news organizations News Corp. Australia, Nine Entertainment Co., Seven West Media and Australian Community Media.

The agency is renowned for its fair and impartial reporting and its extraordinary reach across rural and urban Australia. The surprise decision by its owners to close the agency comes amid a brutal

consolidation in the industry and raised an outcry both from its staff and from many Australians who view it as a pillar of a free and fair press.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lauren Easton, Carl Robinson. Noted in the story: "The AP licenses its news text and photo services to AAP for redistribution in the Australian media market and its customers. The AP is also contracted to use AAP text and photos."

## John Kuglin and his love affair with dogs



**John and Sassy**

**Gale Kuglin** ([Email](#)) - We had Sassy before our son Tom was born. John did not grow up with dogs, but I grew up with beagles. I convinced him they were small, sweet, and possibly hunters. So we found Sassy. John told his brother Charles we had this dog and he said beagles bay and dig out and climb over and run away. So John asked me if this were true and I had to admit it was. But she also used these skills to backpack in the mountains with him and swim through his fishing holes, disturbing the trout. All this in addition to her AP responsibilities. She lived to be 15.

COC Bill Pratt told John one day there were mixed Labrador/Golden Retriever puppies at the Humane Society and he thought they would

hunt. So I made arrangements to pickup Tom from school and meet John to see the dogs. In the middle of the afternoon he called to say he would be unable to meet us because the Unabomber had just been captured in Lincoln, Montana. My response - Sure, you just don't want to look at these dogs. But of course, it was true and I wound up taking dinner and his sleeping bag and a change of clothes to the bureau where he stayed all night. The was some talk of naming her Ted, but that was vetoed, and she became Pepper, his hunting buddy and dog of his lifetime. She lived to be 14.

We were without a dog for three years and I did not want another puppy to train. So Lola came into our lives from a breeding kennel at 2 1/2 years old when they discovered she had orthopedic problems. She is a small Labrador and not a hunter, but his constant fishing companion, especially at our Wisconsin cabin. She is laying here on the floor beside me now.

## More of your memories of John...

**John Brewer** ([Email](#)) - John Kuglin was an outstanding AP bureau chief and freedom-of-information fighter.

He was also a Montana-Wyoming historian and generous author (he directed that all the royalties from his great book, "Montana Dimple Knees Sex Scandal: 1960s Prostitution, Payoffs & Politicians," went to the Butte (Mont.) Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization) -- and he was one heck of fly fisherman, much better than me.

We regularly exchanged emails about fly fishing. Despite his health problems, he rarely turned down an angling opportunity.

Here's a note I got from him last June:

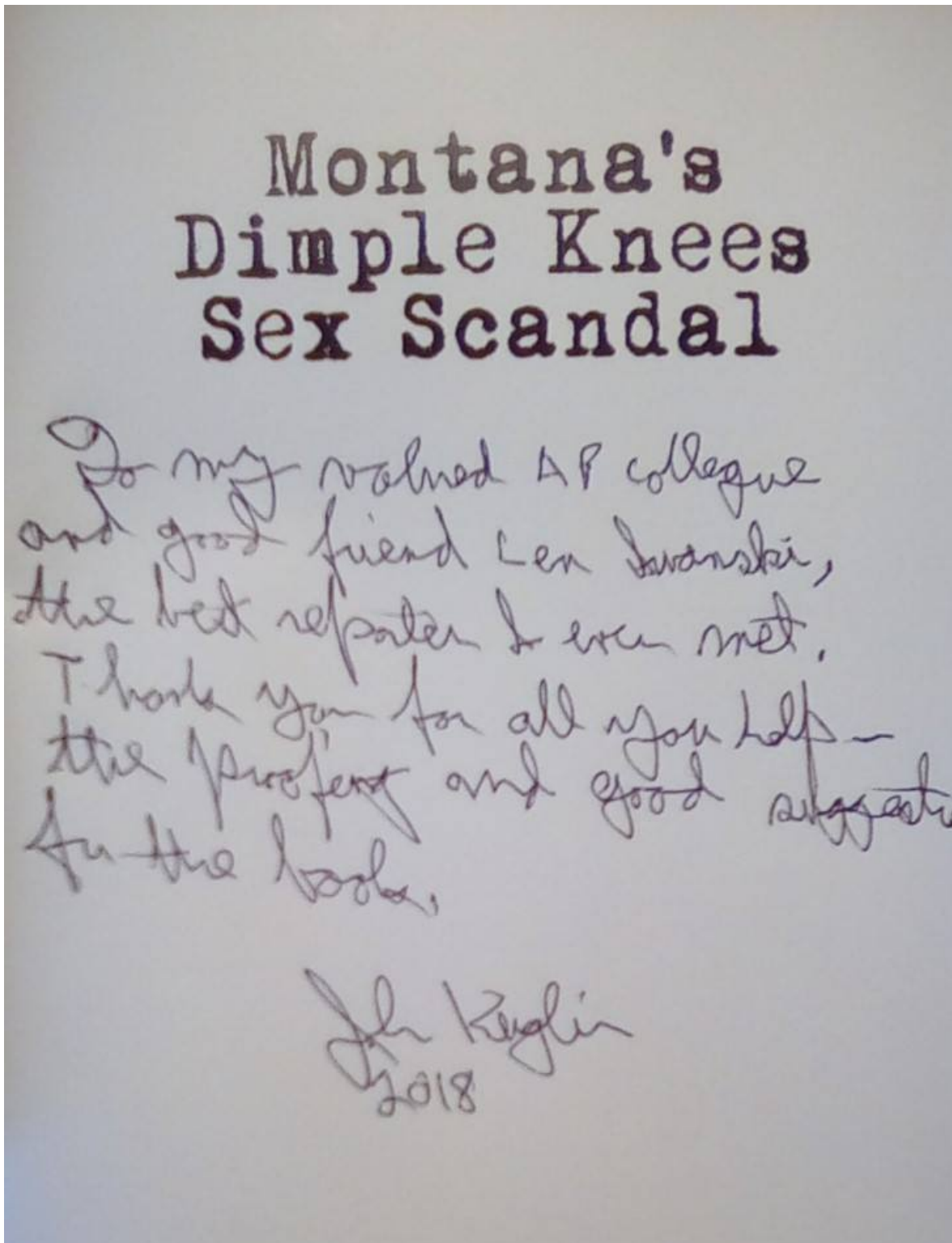
"I don't know if you have caught grayling. They are a pretty interesting fish and fairly easy to catch.

"I went with my son Tuesday to a mountain lake you can drive to in the mountains above Helena, and we caught about 20 grayling and cutthroats on bead head nymphs, with a few that were rising for small caddis. About 40 lakes in Montana have grayling, and they are related to the endangered river grayling in the upper Big Hole."



If Heaven has rivers and lakes, and I believe it does, I can see John up there, talking hunting and fishing with the angels and catching big ones on his hand-tied flies.

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**Len Iwanski** ([Email](#)) - John wrote a true-crime book, [Montana's Dimple Knees Sex Scandal: 1960s Prostitution, Payoffs and Politicians](#).

In 1968, as a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune, Kuglin wrote an eight-part series that exposed prostitution and corruption in the rough-and-tumble mining town of Butte, a story that other Montana newspapers shied away from.

His book, with a forward by former Montana Congressman Pat Williams, recounts his experiences reporting the story -- including a death threat -- and gives a detailed narrative of the people and events that shaped his headline-making stories.

I was privileged to offer notes on John's manuscript, and deeply honored when he gave me a signed copy of the book, with a most kind and generous inscription.

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**Peter Mattiace** ([Email](#)) - I mostly remember riding with John down a very narrow mountain road in southern Montana. He leaned over, looked out my window at the crystal stream way below, and said, " I wonder if the trout are biting down there." I asked him if one can sleep with the fishes there, too.

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**Marty Thompson** ([Email](#)) - John Kuglin was well equipped with the smarts and talent needed to tell Montana's story in the state and beyond. His role in protecting First Amendment rights was exemplary.

And he was a very nice guy who was always appreciated and who will always have a place in my AP memories.

It always brings a smile to recall John apologizing for the afternoon commute traffic as we stopped in his APmobile at a downtown Helena traffic light. We were third in line!

## The story behind this postcard



# The Associated Press is asking you to participate in an important study.

Help strengthen democracy and earn \$5 by completing a 10-minute survey.

The Associated Press is conducting an important, nonpartisan study to understand the views of registered voters about the upcoming Presidential primaries. You have been randomly selected to represent thousands of registered voters like you.

We are an independent, not-for-profit news organization that has been committed to the highest standards of objective, accurate journalism for the last 170 years. We are not selling anything, and we are not affiliated with any political candidate or party.

The short survey will inform news coverage across the country about policy issues facing your state and the nation. It will allow researchers and policymakers to hear the opinions of voters and nonvoters. NORC at the University of Chicago is conducting the survey for The Associated Press.

To participate, please visit us at [election.apnorc.org](http://election.apnorc.org) and enter your PIN (see other side), or call us at 877-774-6585.

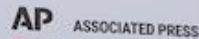
**You will receive \$5 for completing the 10-minute survey. It must be completed by a registered voter before polls close on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3.**

On behalf of all of us at The Associated Press, thank you for your help.

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*Sally Buzbee*  
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Executive Editor, The Associated Press

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A neighbor of Connecting colleague **Matt Mygatt** in California received this mailing from The Associated Press. Here's the story behind it.



But first, colleague Sibby Christensen spotted [this story](#) in last Saturday's New York Times, written by Reid J. Epstein and headlined, "This is how a race is called the moment polls close."

RALEIGH, N.C. - South Carolina's primary didn't bring much suspense: The Associated Press called the race for former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. as soon as polls closed at 7 p.m.

How can they know who won the moment the polls closed, before official results are in?

The A.P. made its call based on A.P. VoteCast, a survey of the American electorate conducted by the research organization NORC at the University of Chicago.

It's the same system the A.P. will use to call noncompetitive states in the general election come November, and similar to the exit polling the television networks use to call races.

Lauren Easton, AP's global director of media relations and corporate communications, explains:

This postcard is part of the AP VoteCast survey, which AP launched in the 2018 midterms. See more [here](#).

AP VoteCast is a modern approach to election polling, developed by AP and NORC at the University of Chicago. AP VoteCast meets registered voters where they are, reaching them via mail (like the postcard you shared), by phone (landline and cell) and online, using a random sample of registered voters to carefully calibrate a massive poll conducted using opt-in online panels. AP is deploying VoteCast in a number of early primary states, including South Carolina, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Arizona, Florida and Illinois. We also used it in Iowa and New Hampshire.

See [this 2018 Q&A](#) with Deputy Managing Editor David Scott on how AP VoteCast works.

## **Traveling with an Austin Healey Sprite...and a U-Haul**

**Bruce Lowitt (Email)** - When I was hired by The AP in 1967 after a year and a half as a reporter at the Port Chester (N.Y.) Daily Item, I drove to my parents' house in Brooklyn and loaded my 1966 Austin Healey Sprite, a two-seater convertible, with most of my books and records, a turntable, reel-to-reel tape recorder, radio, a disassembled wooden rocking chair, and various tchotchkes.

It took a lot of moving stuff around in the trunk, on the shotgun seat, behind both seats and in the floor well before I could close both doors and put up the convertible top. I was ready to drive to Los Angeles to start my new job.

The last thing my father said to me before I pulled away from the curb was, "Don't pick up any hitchhikers."

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**Robert Meyers (Email)** - Labor Day Weekend 1984 found me behind the wheel of the smallest available U-Haul truck from St. Simons Island, Ga., to Athens, Ga., where I picked up most of my furniture and possessions left behind when I finished my studies at the University of Georgia, as well as my girlfriend, Mary Jane, who came in support. We were climbing a mountain in Tennessee late Friday afternoon before the holiday weekend started when the transmission went out on the truck. I got to the nearest rest area and called U-Haul who either transferred my call or gave me the number of the nearest repair shop. The phone rang a long time and finally a man answered. When I told him my problem and where I was, he swore a bunch of times. He was minutes from leaving on a long weekend fishing trip. He came out and on the side of the road, replaced whatever the transmission needed single-handed. Seems like it was something big like the gear box. It was dark by the time we headed on up the mountain hoping the truck would hold up for the rest of the journey. It did fortunately.

I probably wouldn't have had a U-Haul as all my previous long distance moves between Pittsburgh and Colorado and Georgia had been with a backpack hitchhiking. Sturgis Journal Editor Carol Ankney (Gannett-owned) had called in August to offer me a job as chief photographer. I told her I was interested but should come up to visit the newspaper and location first. She said they would pay for either a trip up to look around, or relocation expenses. I had gone back to the weekly Darien News in McIntosh County, Georgia, where I mostly did print work. A fulltime reporting/photography job on a Gannett daily newspaper seemed like a good step up so I took the relocation expenses and got the U-Haul. I got great experience for the next two years but no sleep. It was a 24 / 7 job. My co-pilot on that trip decided to come back to Sturgis in a big step up for our relationship. Mary Jane and I married two years later in Gravesend, Kent, England, just before I joined the AP in London. We still

enjoy a good road trip. Last November we drove the 3,300 miles from Hyattsville, MD, to give our best car to our younger daughter in San Diego, Calif., for her 30th birthday.

## **Susan Clark, born three days before Joe Rosenthal shot his famous Iwo Jima photo, stayed in touch with him in later years**



**On a Joe Rosenthal visit to AP headquarters at 50 Rock 21 years ago. From left, Tori Smith, Christine Tash, Janis Magin, Joe Rosenthal, Susan Clark and Cheryl Pientka. Photo by Nick Ut.**

**Susan Clark** ([Email](#)) - celebrated her 75th birthday on Feb. 21. Susan, travel manager at AP Headquarters in New York, was born two days before Joe Rosenthal took the iconic photo of six Marines hoisting the American flag on Iwo Jima on Feb. 23, 1945. Connecting asked her about meeting with Joe on his occasional trips to headquarters and about her very early days:

I called Joe every other week when I was in Corp Comm. We had long chats about his health and his family. We spoke about his health, how he was managing. He had a daughter who came to take care of him. Sometimes when he came to New York, we all took him to lunch. Kelly Tunney was in charge of Corporate Communications at the time.

About my early years:

My father was born in 1908 in a small village called Yatra, near Nowogradok, an area that switched back and forth between Poland and White Russia several times and is now in Belarus. He was the youngest of six children, three boys and three girls. His father passed away in 1919 when he was 11 and soon after that his oldest brother, Solly, left for South Africa, where their uncle, David Meyer had emigrated to some years earlier. My dad joined Solly in Paarl, South Africa in 1928 where Solly had established himself in the hotel business. My father worked in the business, and at the same time was learning the languages (English and Afrikaans) and attending Paarl Boys High School, conveniently located across the street. My father met my mother who was a cashier at a nearby movie theater and they were married in 1939.



**Family photo shows, from left: Dad Alec, Susan (2nd oldest), Mervyn (oldest) , Charles (middle), Becky my mom) and Samuel (the baby) who passed away last year. We are all 3 years apart.**

In 1942 my parents moved to Kimberley (where the world's deepest diamond mine is situated) which became my father's home base during World War II. I was born February 21, 1945. He spent most of 1942-1945 with the South African Air Force based in Cairo. With his experience in the hotel business he was assigned as a chef in charge of feeding hundreds of troops daily. After the war my parents returned to Paarl and were in the hotel business until they retired. They owned and managed the Commercial Hotel and Mutual Hall Hotel in Paarl and then moved to Muizenberg, a popular beach resort suburb of Cape Town, where they owned the Muizenberg Hotel.

My father acquired his work ethic as a young boy, helping out after his father's death and older brother's departure. This ethic was nurtured



during his many years working 18-hour days in the hotel business. His enjoyed his weekly recreation climbing Paarl Mountain on a Sunday morning with a group of friends, leaving at 5:00 a.m. and back at work by 8:00 a.m. He was a strict disciplinarian with his children yet had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to tease. Although his time for his family was limited, he was always there to encourage us as children to work hard at school, go to afternoon cheder, and go to shul on Shabbat. He took time off to spend with us annually for what were always memorable family winter vacations. Every summer he would make sure we had a house at the beach for a month and we would look forward to him joining us at the weekends.

I did not see my dad until I was 9 months old. After the war he bought the Commercial Hotel where I was raised. I left South Africa to come to the U.S.A. in 1972 to stay with my elder brother and family, who had left a year earlier to run a South African textile company, and the last 12 years of my father's life we were living several thousand miles apart yet my relationship with him became so much closer during that time. By then my parents were retired and we spoke on the phone often and saw each other for a few weeks every year either me visiting Cape Town or my parents travelling to the U.S.A. to visit us. I treasure getting to know my father during these years as sensitive, religious, and spiritual man, who cared deeply about the wellbeing of his wife, his children, and his grandchildren and I wish he could have seen his great grandchildren.

I think my dad would have been very proud of me knowing that I have been at my job at AP for 47 years. Who knew!

## **Nick Ut to be honored by White House with National Medal of Arts**

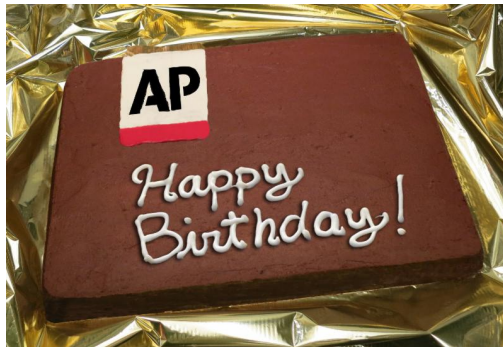
Retired AP photographer **Nick Ut** ([Email](#)) - winner of a Pulitzer Prize for his photo of the children burned by napalm during the Vietnam War - has received word of his selection to receive the National Medal of Arts.

In a letter from Caroline Mac Millan, director of Event Management at the National Endowment for the Arts, she wrote: "On behalf of the Chairman, Mary Anne Carter and the National Endowment for the Arts, we would like to congratulate you on your acceptance for the National Medal of Arts, the highest honor bestowed upon artists and art patrons by the President of the United States. We are very excited to join the rest of our nation as we unite to recognize the contribution you have made to our national artistic community."

The Medal of Arts' Reception and Dinner will be held March 19 at The Hay Adams Hotel at "The Top of the Hay" and The White House Rehearsal, Ceremony, and Reception will be held at the White House the next day.



## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



to

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## Welcome to Connecting



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# Stories of interest

## ***Media faces challenges in covering coronavirus outbreak***



**FILE - In this Feb. 29, 2020, file photo, a staff member blocks the view as a person is taken by a stretcher to a waiting ambulance from a nursing facility where more than 50 people are sick and being tested for the COVID-19 virus, in Kirkland, Wash. News organizations must walk a fine line in covering coronavirus. They need to convey the story's seriousness without provoking panic and report a flood of news while much remains a mystery. At the same time, they have to remind people who to stay safe and keep their own employees well. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)**

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) - Covering the coronavirus story requires careful navigation and constant attention.

News organizations trying to responsibly report on the growing health crisis are confronted with the task of conveying its seriousness without provoking panic, keeping up with a torrent of information while much

remains a mystery and continually advising readers and viewers how to stay safe.

"It's a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week, around-the-world story," said Michael Slackman, assistant managing editor, international at The New York Times.

The Times maintains a live news blog about the coronavirus that is refreshed 24 hours a day, with editors in New York, London and Hong Kong dividing responsibility. The Slack channel set up by Associated Press journalists to discuss coverage among themselves and contribute to the story has more than 400 members. Starting Monday, NBC News is turning its morning newsletter solely into a vehicle for talking about the disease.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Chris Matthews retires from MSNBC, cites comments to women***

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) - Longtime MSNBC host Chris Matthews abruptly retired from his "Hardball" show on Monday, apologizing for making inappropriate comments about women and following a brutal week where he also took heat from supporters of Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

His exit came after a weekend of discussions with his bosses, three days after GQ ran a column by a freelance journalist about her "own sexist run-in" with Matthews in the makeup room before appearing on his show.

Matthews opened his program Monday with the announcement, talking in his familiar staccato style, that he was ending his run on the political talk show he started in 1997. After a commercial break, he was replaced in the anchor chair by a shaken Steve Kornacki.



"This is the last 'Hardball' on MSNBC, and obviously this isn't for lack of interest in politics," Matthews said.

He said that "compliments on a woman's appearance that some men, including me, might have incorrectly thought were OK were never OK. Not then, and certainly not today, and for making such comments in the past, I'm sorry."

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

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## ***Idaho Statesman journalists announce plans to unionize***

**By REBECCA BOONE**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Journalists at a major daily newspaper in Idaho announced plans to unionize on Monday.

All of the eligible newsroom employees at the Idaho Statesman in Boise signed onto the plan to form the Idaho News Guild, according to a prepared statement sent out by the group. They asked the newspaper's owner, McClatchy Co., to voluntarily recognize the union.

"The Statesman's journalists are forming a union with the goal to preserve Idaho news, ensure their ability to tell the community's stories and give staff a seat at the table," the group wrote in the prepared statement.

If McClatchy Co. declines to recognize the union, the group will reach out to the National Labor Relations Board, which will hold a union election for eligible employees sometime in the next several weeks.

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

# The Final Word

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: John Kuglin shared this story with Connecting colleagues in the issue of May 28, 2019. The Connecting editor thought - in light of his death this past weekend - that you would enjoy seeing it again and remembering a man we so admired.)**

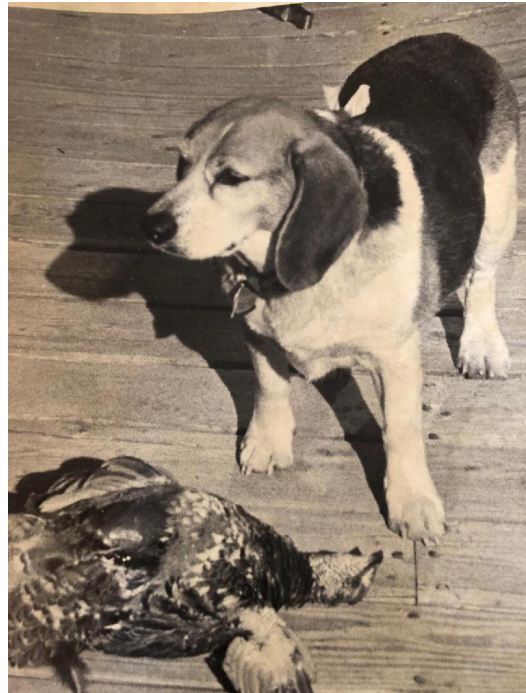
**John Kuglin** - I don't know how many Connecting readers remember Sassy, but my late beagle was once the mascot for AP bureau chiefs.

Thanks to former Membership Department executive Rick Spratling, Sassy's photo was featured on the front page of an online help site for bureau chiefs.

Sassy, who lived to be 15, often assisted when I visited the newspaper and broadcast members.

When Dwight Tracy, publisher of the Havre Daily News, and I began hunting turkeys together in the late 1980s, Sassy went along for the ambience when we camped in the outback. She didn't hunt, except to chase jackrabbits and cottontails, but was good company.

On one trip Dwight and I each shot a turkey in a remote area of southeastern Montana. We stayed that night in a cheap hotel in the small Powder River County seat of Broadus. It was pitch black in the room when we went to sleep. At some point, Sassy hopped from on top of my bed to the publisher's bed where he later rolled on top of her while he was asleep. I woke up hearing Dwight yelling, ``I'm under attack," as Sassy growled and bared her teeth.



**Sassy**

Dwight wrote a weekly column for his newspaper. Several columns were devoted to our turkey trips. In one column, Dwight described my annual presentation on ``New AP Products and Services" as we sat around a campfire.

Another column began: `` Always mindful of the responsibilities of publishing, I met last week with the bureau chief of The Associated Press to go over a number of items to further improve coverage by the Havre Daily News."

`` We set the meeting on neutral ground in the Custer National Forest.  
`` We donned camouflage and carried firearms to give the appearance of simply two men on a fall turkey hunt. You never can tell when other nosy newsmen will be watching.

`` John brought along his legendary turkey tracking beagle..."

Dwight wrote that `` now I know all about turkey hunting - of course along with AccuWeather, GraphicsNet and other AP offerings."

AP's clipping service thoughtfully sent me copies of Dwight's columns.  
`` My God, I thought, `` I wonder if LDB read this?" He probably did.

Sassy later achieved even more notoriety when the late South Carolina COB John Shurr used a color photo of a beagle with the word SASSY on the back of shirts he distributed to COBs at a meeting in New York. One year when AP's election computers misfired during a rehearsal, a group of COBs invented a new service called `` BeagleSpeed." The service would backstop AP's election system, using packs of devoted beagles to deliver returns to the members.

After Sassy died, our family acquired a wonderful yellow Lab-golden retriever-cross puppy from the animal shelter on the day that Unabomber Ted Kaczynski was captured near Helena by the FBI. We thought about calling our new pet Ted, but she was too nice a dog to name after that monster. We called her Pepper, which fit her personality.

Without any training, Pepper did a stellar job finding, retrieving and even pointing pheasants. She was especially welcome at the Havre newspaper where my friend Dwight was still the publisher. I was trying to upgrade Dwight's newspaper from slowspeed to DataStream, and he finally agreed to do this if Pepper helped him shoot his limit of three roosters. With Pepper's help, he shot two, including one with the longest tail either of us had ever seen on a pheasant. `` Doesn't that count as three?" I asked. `` No," Dwight replied.

When Dwight was promoted to the Pioneer group's larger paper in Klamath Falls, Oregon, I started hunting upland birds with Harvey Brock, the new publisher at Havre. Pepper started flushing a lot of birds for

Harvey, including a flock of about 15 sharptail grouse. This prompted Harvey to order a limited AP photo service and graphics package for small newspapers. After I retired, Harvey became publisher of the paper in Dickinson, where I was invited a few years ago to help him deal with the pheasant problem in western North Dakota.

Pepper was in demand after a new dean was appointed at the University of Montana School of Journalism. I wanted to meet Jerry Brown and he suggested breakfast at a very greasy spoon in Missoula. I knew Jerry would be a great dean when I heard an old pickup truck with a failing muffler pull up in front of the restaurant. Looking through the grease covered window, I saw two decrepit dog cages in the bed of Jerry's truck. Jerry went on to raise millions of dollars to build a new journalism building. But when we hunted pheasant he always insisted on bringing the same Spartan lunch - crackers, sardines and Spam.

Hunting and fishing were a good way to connect with the members. I was once fishing a small, remote creek in northwestern Montana when my wife, Gale, and I were at a resort for the weekend with Pat King, the late publisher of The Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell, and his wife, Chic.

I showed Pat a hole where a big cutthroat trout had flashed at my fly the previous day. Pat dropped his fly in the hole and hooked and landed the trout. He phoned me the following week and said he wanted to take LaserPhoto.

Sassy and Pepper were also wonderful family pets. Our son Tom was five when he received his first backpack, and Sassy and then Pepper were enthusiastic companions when Tom and I backpacked into countless lakes in Montana's high country.

Several years after Pepper died, we acquired a yellow Lab named Lola after a breeder wanted to find her a good home because she couldn't be bred because of elbow problems. Pepper will be nine in August. Like all Labs, she loves water. The social highlight of the day at our Wisconsin cabin is Duck Toss when she retrieves a rubber duck thrown multiple times off our dock. In Montana, Lola loves to go fly fishing with me, and like Pepper, sometimes tries to retrieve trout. Pepper would also sit on my float tube when I was trying to catch something with my fly rod. Sassy distinguished herself by getting covered with muck when I was fishing in beaver ponds. Dogs are a lot of fun.

**Today in History - March 3, 2020**





## **By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, March 3, the 63rd day of 2020. There are 303 days left in the year.

On March 3, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

### **On this date:**

In 1791, Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the National Academy of Sciences.

In 1894, British Prime Minister William Gladstone submitted his resignation to Queen Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana, along with another prisoner, Herbert Youngblood.

In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station, which was being used as a wartime air

raid shelter.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1985, coal miners in Britain voted to end a year-long strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

In 1996, Israel declared "total war" against the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in eight days.

In 2001, a plane carrying members of a National Guard engineering crew crashed in heavy rain near Macon, Ga., killing all 21 people on board.

In 2002, voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality.

Ten years ago: Appearing before a White House audience of invited guests, many wearing white medical coats, President Barack Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new health care legislation from scratch. Greece announced painful new austerity measures, cutting salaries for government workers and raising sales taxes as it tried to snuff out a financial crisis threatening Europe's economy. British politician Michael Foot died in north London at age 96.

Five years ago: In a direct challenge to the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood before Congress and bluntly warned the U.S. that an emerging nuclear agreement with Iran would pave "Iran's path to the bomb." President Barack Obama pushed back sternly, saying the U.S. would never sign such a deal and that Netanyahu was offering no useful alternative.

One year ago: A tornado roared into the small community of Beauregard, Alabama, killing 23 people; it was the nation's deadliest tornado in nearly six years.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Mike Pender (The Searchers) is 79. Movie producer-director George Miller is 75. Actress Hattie Winston is 75. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 73. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 70. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 67. Actor Robert Gossett is 66. Rock musician John Lilley is 66. Actress Miranda Richardson is 62. Rock musician John Bigham is 61. Radio personality Ira Glass is 61. Actress Mary Page Keller is 59. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 58. Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 58. Actress Laura Harring is 56. Contemporary Christian musician Duncan Phillips (Newsboys) is 56. Rapper-actor Tone Loc (lohk) is 54. Actress Julie Bowen is 50. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 49. Actor David Faustino is 46. Gospel singer Jason Crabb is 43. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 43. Rapper Lil' Flip is 39. Actress Jessica Biel is 38. Rock musician Blower (AKA Joe Garvey) (Hinder) is 36. Musician Brett Hite (Frenship) is 34. Pop singer Camila Cabello is 23. Actor Thomas Barbusca (TV: "The Mick") is 17. Actress Reylynn Caster is 17.

**Thought for Today: "Nothing is really real unless it happens on television." [-] Daniel J. Boorstin, educator and Librarian of Congress (1914-2004).**

## 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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