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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020,

**Larry Lage**, sports writer in the AP's Detroit bureau for since 2000, "always has been one of the good guys in the world. Here's an example."

That's the note I received from colleague and former Detroit CoB **Charles Hill** with a link to a Detroit Free Press story on a fundraiser Lage has started to assist freelance writers and independent contractors out of work because of the coronavirus outbreak. The story is headlined "Portraits of a pandemic: Sports writer shows us how we can help each other in tough times."

"My heart aches for those who will lose their income due to sporting events shutting down for a while," Lage said in his Facebook fundraising page. "Some awesome people, who do great work, may go broke because they can't write or talk about sports or make photos or videos as freelancers because there are

no events to cover. No gift is too small or large and I will distribute your donation to people who need it.'

If you would like to contribute by Facebook, click [here](#). You can also contribute to the fund via PayPal, Cash App, Venmo or Zelle by emailing Lage for information at - [ldub@umich.edu](mailto:ldub@umich.edu) – or you can mail a check to him at: [2163 Vail Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48108](#).

Have a great, safe, healthy day – and here's to more like Larry who are trying to make a difference in these trying times.

Paul

## **Out-of-work writer thought emailed money was fake. Then teared up over 'incredible gesture'**



**Larry Lage**

**By Jeff Seidel, Detroit Free Press**

Jon Root was in his bedroom, watching church service online Sunday morning when \$50 popped up in his Venmo account. He figured it was a mistake, or a scam.

Root, 28, of San Jose, California, did some digging and figured out the money came from Larry Lage, an Associated Press sports writer based in Michigan.

“I’ve never met him,” Root said via phone Monday afternoon. “I’m blown away.”

Lage has started an online fundraiser, on Facebook, for freelancer writers and independent contractors who are not being paid because the sports world has shut down because of the coronavirus.

“It made me a little emotional,” said Root, a freelancer based in the Bay Area. “I’m not much of a crier but I teared up. It was an incredible gesture and definitely meant so much to me.”

Read more [here](#).

## 'Bring it On' ... a Viral Reflection

**Beth Grace** ([Email](#)) - Just a week after 9/11, my mother hopped a plane from Pittsburgh to see me. I was AP’s bureau chief for upstate New York then, working in Albany. And of course, in the journalistic world, all hell was still breaking loose.

I really can’t tell you why she made the trip. Maybe she was worried about me, maybe she felt helpless after the attacks that stunned the world and changed every life in this country. But she announced in a call that she was coming, and that was that.

She disembarked from the plane and headed toward me at baggage claim, her Mary Poppins-style roller bag in tow, smiling broadly at her youngest daughter. I admit I had been petrified that she was flying. NOBODY was flying so soon after. NOBODY was doing much of anything.

I released a sigh of relief as she approached, all smiles, gossamer hair and purpose. At 71, the girl was still a force.

I ran up to her, we hugged hard.

“I am SO happy you’re here, safe,” I said, a little teary. “Were you just terrified to be up there?”



She looked at me, cocked her head and said, “Oh, no. I’m old. I’ve seen everything. And if not, I’ve lived a good life. Bring it on.”

I laughed. Typical Mom. Then I noticed something. EVERY passenger coming out of that plane was “of an age.” All silver hair and achy joints. Huh. I mentioned it to Mom.

“See?” she said. “We know stuff you don’t know.”

I keep thinking about that moment as I try to get my head around our newest enemy, this viral assailant that you can’t see coming and have few weapons to fight.

Just like back then, it feels like we’ve all become the lead character in a bad horror movie.

Back then, I wavered between fear, disbelief and ... after a bit, hope.

Everything old being new again, I’m reliving the cycle.

As each day of isolation passes, with each hard lesson learned in this new life we share ... the fear wanes. The disbelief, now educated, is becoming understanding.

So I’m back in hope mode. ... Hope that Julian of Norwich was right and all really SHALL be well. ... Hope that a collective sense of peace, acceptance and joy takes over each and every one of our hearts and heads. ... Hope that one day, this will be a memory that informs everything we do from now on.

Hope.

I am a decade younger than my mom was on that day, and I haven’t seen everything – but I have seen a lot.

I know stuff now, too.

And my hope is strong.

“Bring it on,” she said all those years ago.

Bring it on, indeed.

**‘Stay in your rooms’: How a JoCo (and AP) family self-quarantines**

# after daughter's Europe trip



**Katherine Riedel arriving home from Europe.**

**BY LISA GUTIERREZ, The Kansas City Star**

When Katherine Riedel came home late Friday night after spending six weeks in Europe, she got no hug from Mom or Dad.

She still hasn't.

Katherine can't come within six feet of her parents.

This Overland Park household is in a self-imposed quarantine, a safety measure in case Katherine and her traveling companion were exposed to the new coronavirus overseas.

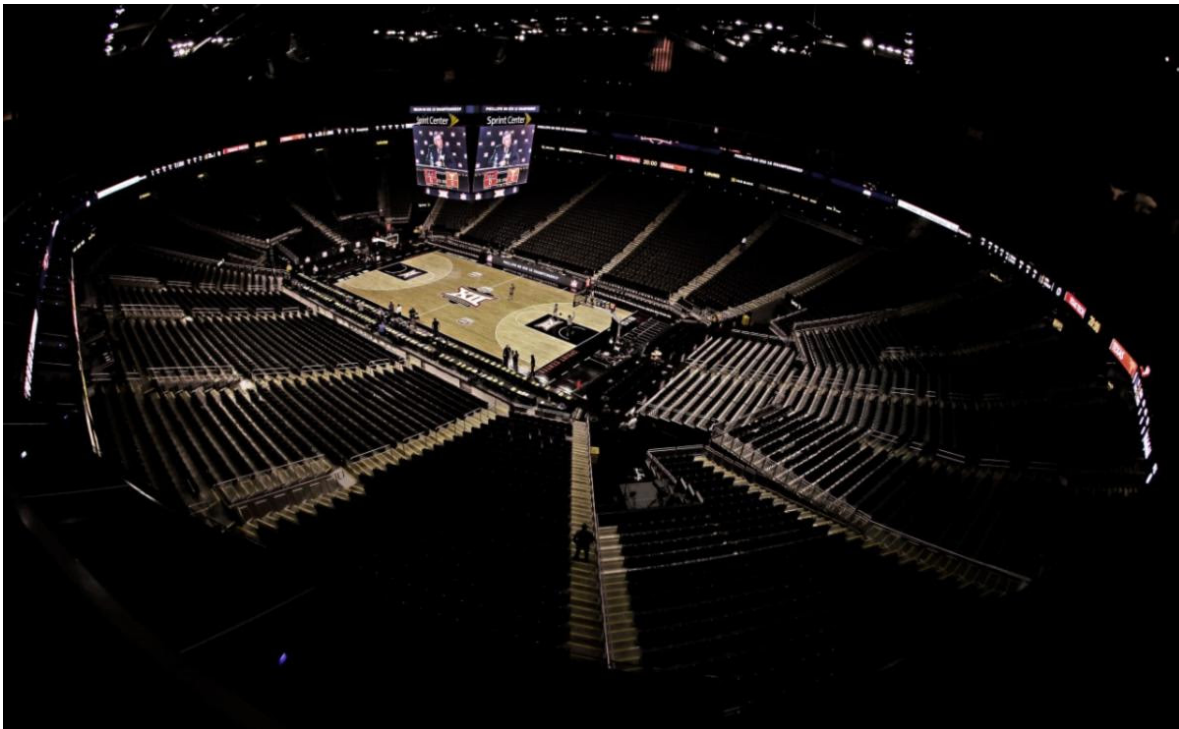
Katherine and her friend, Kacki Dreyer, will spend 24/7 holed up in two upstairs bedrooms while her parents stay put in the rest of the house. Conversations will be held from a distance or by group text.

Read more [here](#).

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**Charlie Riedel (Email)** – AP photographer based in Kansas City – and his wife Denise are the parents of Katherine and offers these thoughts to his Connecting colleagues:

First, I am very proud of the girls and my wife for following a strict quarantine. It's so important that we take this seriously so the health system is not totally overwhelmed. A lot of 23-year-old kids without symptoms might not take this as seriously. I'm looking forward to giving my daughter a big hug when this is all over.



**Big 12 commissioner on big screen in Sprint Center in Kansas City announcing the Big 12 tournament would not be played. AP Photo/Charlie Riedel.**

The coronavirus has drastically changed my work. A very large part of my job involves sports coverage, and with basketball tournaments, baseball, soccer, Masters golf and the Kentucky Derby all coming up in the next few weeks, my calendar was quite full. That has all been cancelled and cleared off my schedule for the foreseeable future. I now spend my time shooting whatever I



can come up with to illustrate the coronavirus and trying to do my little part to document this huge global story. In addition, I'll shoot other features I can come up with or any other stories that may need photos.

This all presents a bit of a challenge as I assume I or anyone I encounter while I'm out could carry the virus, so I engage in as much social distancing as I can. I'm shooting more photos with a telephoto lens keeping well away from crowds. I carry disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, latex gloves and a n95 mask in my car, but haven't had the occasion to use the mask or gloves as of yet. The wipes and sanitizer, however, I have been using quite a lot – I guess I've become a bit of a germaphobe.

Other than going out to shoot photos and an occasional trip to the grocery store, I've been staying home. I think that is what we all need to do to try to get through this.

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## ***Look at that smile!***



**Brian Horton ([Email](#))** - When (my wife) Marilyn Dillon was growing up, her dad, being the fine Irishman he was, would get her a green carnation on St. Patrick's Day every year. After Pete passed away in 1985, I picked up the tradition. No matter where I was in the world, I made sure it got delivered. Mar has been in the hospital the past few days fighting an infection and the whole hospital is locked down because of the coronavirus. It took a lot of phone calls and some cajoling, but I was able to get her the carnations again this year. Look at that smile!

Want to drop her a note? Send through Brian at – [hortonmail@gmail.com](mailto:hortonmail@gmail.com)

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## More isolation thoughts

**Gene Herrick (Email)** - From my self-isolation rocking chair, this coronavirus scaree is wondering about things and people over and above, and those underneath.

In other words, what about the men and women in the Space Station? Are they ABOVE getting the virus? Does the virus fly that high? Are the people on earth that support the astronauts contagious and sending the little deadly varmint skyward?

You know, these are serious times. People around the world are getting and dying from this viral outbreak, which has turned into the killer of all killers.

I also wonder about the birds around us. What about the fish? Are fishermen sending those potentially dangerous fishing nets to the bottom of the seas to catch those helpless gourmet treats, and thus giving us the blight? These are serious thoughts and questions.

Is the neighbor's dog contagious? Even in self-isolation I wonder if the killer-bug can slide under the door, or through the window screen?

Self-isolation is not just a relaxing and mind-free experience. No Sir. Serious thinking is taking place.

## Counting votes, declaring winners amid global pandemic





**Votes cast in Florida presidential primary March 17 in Bonita Springs. AP Photo/Elise Amendola**

**By Lauren Easton**

Every major election night at The Associated Press requires staff from across the news cooperative to come together to tell the story of who won, and why. Three U.S. states plan to move ahead today with presidential primary elections amid the COVID-19 outbreak, and that means there will be votes to count and races to call.

Deputy Managing Editor for Operations David Scott explains how AP will continue to play its role in the American democracy amid a global pandemic:

To start, we're reporting. As we did on Monday night in Ohio, and as we do every day, AP reporters are talking to election officials, to the campaigns, to voting rights activists and others to get the latest information about what is taking place in Arizona, Florida and Illinois – and what's happening in Ohio.

We expect the situation to be fluid throughout the day, but we're prepared to do a few things. First, to count the vote, call races and tell the story of these most unusual elections. Second, to communicate to AP's customers around the world about what to expect tonight.

Read more [here](#).

## **Social distancing in Chapel Hill, N.C.**



Photo by Dennis Conrad.

## Connecting mailbox

### *More on home delivery*

**Malcolm Barr Sr. ([Email](#))** - Upon retiring 70 miles west of Washington, D.C. - neighboring Alexandria, VA, actually - we decided upon the Civil War town of Front Royal, VA, which, for the past 18 years, has been a delightful place to live. My wife, Carol, insisted, however, that our new home should be no more than 10 miles from the nearest hospital and the closest Safeway (or whatever). My prerequisite was the home delivery of the Washington Post. We found a home in the middle of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and the Post continues to arrive in our mailbox each day, including Sunday. It is now a dual delivery with the Northern Virginia Daily, one of four newspapers that serve our small town and county - the weeklies Warren Sentinel and Warren County Report, and the outfit I now contribute to, the online Royal Examiner. Given that we have a \$20 million embezzlement accusation against a former executive director of the Economic Development Agency, allegedly involving a number of local businessmen and women that included our county sheriff (committed suicide), our four media outlets, one of which first uncovered the alleged multi-million dollar swindle (Royal Examiner), underscore the importance of, unfortunately, the fast disappearing local news outlets. Plus the Post, we subscribe to all of them. And Walmart recently ingratiated itself even closer than my wife's 10-mile limit.

**Harry Dunphy (Email)** – When on March 7 the Raleigh News & Observer (or disturber as my barber calls it) stopped publishing the Saturday print edition, it also meant New York Times delivery stopped because the carrier does both. “Sure blows a hole in Saturday morning,” one of our neighbors said.

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## ***John Kuglin: An Appreciation***

*Len Iwanski worked in the Helena, Montana, bureau of The Associated Press for 23 years. These are remarks he delivered at a recent memorial gathering for John Kuglin, retired Helena bureau chief, who died on February 29, 2020.*

**By LEN IWANSKI (Email)**

I first met John Kuglin in late June of 1986. I came out to Helena from Albany, New York, where I had left the AP to work for the state bar association. I didn't like that job, my first marriage was on the rocks, and I was looking for a fresh start.

Happily, John had offered me a one-year temporary job in the Helena bureau - I believe it was while Tom Laceky was pursuing a master's degree at UM -- and I ended up staying another 23 years, until I took early retirement from AP, about four years after John retired.

John's decision to hire me back in 1986 gave me the opportunity to restart my AP career and, thanks largely to him, my years in Helena were the most satisfying and productive of my working life. It also gave me the opportunity to meet the love of my life, Kathleen.

I'm sure you're familiar with the concept of "job enrichment." It's based on a 1968 article in the Harvard Business Review, by a psychologist named Frederick Herzberg. Among the enriching factors he cited were achievement, recognition, responsibility and growth.

I don't know whether John ever read that article, but he certainly put it into practice in the Helena bureau -- at least as far as I was concerned. I started my journalism career in radio news, and I had a talent for broadcast writing. So he appointed me the bureau's broadcast editor -- writing news that went out to radio and TV stations. John encouraged me to offer staff notes on broadcast writing, and to be heavily involved in coordinating our annual broadcast news competition and state AP broadcaster meetings.

John also provided me with significant opportunities in print journalism. He gave me feature assignments that took me to all corners of the state, and sent me to cover some of the most significant stories of those years, including the arrest of the Unabomber, the Montana Freemen standoff and the 1988 Yellowstone fires.

He allowed me to accumulate a ton of bylines -- and overtime pay -- covering the Legislature. And he trusted me with the responsibility of organizing and supervising our election-night vote tallying.

John inspired the Helena staff with his fierce defense of press access and the public's right to know. And he treated us as colleagues rather than underlings. He was old-school AP, when we had a very collegiate, "We're all in this together" atmosphere. John left the news service when the "corporatization" of AP was taking hold. I lasted another four years.

My contacts with John were very occasional in our post-AP years, but we kept in touch by email, and saw each other a few times at the annual meetings of the Butte Press Club -- and at memorial gatherings for departed AP friends Warren Wintrode and Billy Pratt. And thanks to Gale's kindness, I was able to have a brief visit with John a couple of days before he left us.

Two years ago, John published 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, John wrote an eight-part series that exposed prostitution and corruption in Butte, a story that other Montana newspapers shied away from.

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

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

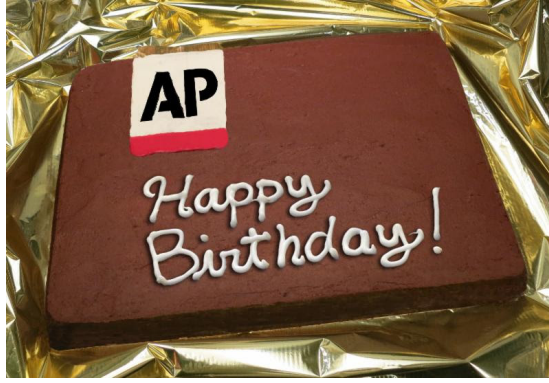
Here's what he wrote:

"To my valued AP colleague and good friend, Len Iwanski, the best reporter I ever met. Thank you for all your help with the proofing, and good suggestions for the book."

And here's what I say: Thank you, John Kuglin, for your friendship, and for making my years in the Helena bureau so richly rewarding. I will be forever grateful.

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**





*A day late to...*

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## **Welcome to Connecting**



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## **Stories of interest**

### ***At least 13 US journalists facing expulsion from China***

**By KEN MORITSUGU**

BEIJING (AP) — At least 13 American journalists stand to be expelled from China in retaliation for a new visa limit imposed by the Trump administration on Chinese state-owned media operating in the U.S.

The Chinese government announced Wednesday that Americans working at three major U.S. newspapers would have to surrender their press cards within



10 days. They will all but certainly have to leave the country, as their visas are tied to their media credentials.

The number of affected journalists at the papers — The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post — is at least 13 and could be higher depending on how broadly the group is defined, said the Foreign Correspondents' Club of China, or FCCC.

It would be by far the largest expulsion of foreign journalists from China in recent memory.

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

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***Not often do I threaten to sue someone, but reliable information in time of uncertainty is vital*** (Southeast Missourian)

**By JON K. RUST**

For those who read the Southeast Missourian online, you are already familiar with parts of this story. Print readers not so much. Around midnight last Wednesday, a man posted a fake story on Facebook, making it appear that he was sharing an article from the Southeast Missourian about "the first official case of COVID-19" in Southeast Missouri. He used the Southeast Missourian logo -- and mimicked how the newspaper's stories appear online. He cited real names at a local hospital while posting fake news. It was an irresponsible fraud.

One response to his Facebook post stated, "I'm seriously having a heart attack! I was just visiting someone in the emergency room Saturday."

I later learned the man favors himself a jokester, though nothing in the story or on his site (besides listing himself as a former mayor of Cape Girardeau, which is untrue) indicated he might be doing parody. What he did was like yelling "fire" in a crowded movie theater.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

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***The Newsroom at the Center of a Pandemic***  
(New York Times)

**By Rachel Abrams**

SEATTLE — It was supposed to be a quiet Saturday.

Sydney Brownstone was in the newsroom at The Seattle Times, monitoring the police scanner for any activity and planning to spend the day, Feb. 29, working on an upcoming article.

Then came an email saying someone had died at the Life Care Center of Kirkland, an assisted-living facility about 20 minutes to the northeast. More people were sick. It was the coronavirus.

Journalists began streaming into the newsroom. The disease had already been on people's minds: The paper's health reporter, Ryan Blethen, had started reading up on the coronavirus when the outbreak began in China, figuring that if it came to this country, it could hit the West Coast first. In January, when the first person in the United States got sick — in nearby Snohomish County — the newsroom began preparing, making a spreadsheet listing all members of the staff and what they would need to work from home.

Soon after the news broke on Feb. 29, the staff realized that this wasn't just a one-off story. This was an outbreak, and The Times was at the epicenter.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Jeannie Eblen.

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## ***Kevin Slimp: Prepare to get your newspaper out from home*** (State of Newspapers)

**Kevin Slimp** - I received an email from Dennis Derossett, executive director of Nebraska Press Association, a little while ago. He posed an interesting question.

“The C-virus poses a question. What if the staff of a community newspapers must quarantine itself – how would they continue to produce the newspaper?”

I've got a pretty good idea Dennis knew the answer to that question, but was interested in my thoughts on the subject.

If anyone knows a lot about publishing with a home-based staff, I suppose it's me. For the past three years, I've run a flourishing book publishing business with a staff that works from home. Don't get me wrong, we have an office. I just haven't been there in five weeks. Neither have any of my staff, as far as I know.

I'm a social person. I prefer to work at the office, but business took a huge turn upwards in January and I quickly learned I can get a lot more done if I jump out of bed, go straight to my computer (after a shower), and work till late night.

How do we do it? Pretty easily, actually. Because all of our folks worked out of their homes at the beginning, we've learned to do anything that needs to be done, whether at the office or at home. We've got bookkeeping, editing, designing, marketing – and even writing books – from home down to an art form.

Read more [here](#).

## The Final Word

***HEALTH OFFICIALS: “Wash your hands.”***  
***THE PEOPLE: “We’ll buy more toilet paper!”***

**BY DAVE BARRY**

There was a time when going to Target did not feel like a daring and dangerous mission. That time, of course, was long ago, by which I mean last week. The good old days!

It's different now. Now we are hunkering in our homes and keeping our social distance. We are also trying not to panic, which is difficult because every 14 seconds some health authority reminds us that this thing is going to get worse before it gets better and we don't really know WHEN it will get better so for now you need to use common sense and remain calm and not panic and just REMAIN CALM BECAUSE THERE IS NO REASON TO PANIC even though we have ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN and ...

... and so on. So we were hunkered in our home, trying to figure out what to do besides wash our hands and not panic, and my daughter — whose return to college, like everything else, has been postponed — suggested that maybe we could do a jigsaw puzzle.

We didn't have any jigsaw puzzles at home, so I, not really thinking it through, said, OK, I'll go to Target and get one.

My wife looked at me as though I had volunteered to fight a bear.

“Really?” she said.

“I'll be careful,” I said.

And so, armed with a small bottle of hand sanitizer (current retail value \$17,000) I got in my car and set out for the Target store. Perhaps you are familiar with the TV series “The Walking Dead,” in which survivors of a worldwide plague of flesh-eating zombies must forage for supplies in a bleak post-apocalyptic landscape, constantly risking infection and death. This is how

I felt, driving to Target. I tried to distract myself by listening to the radio, but this is what the radio sounds like now: “Coronavirus! Coronavirus! Coronavirus! After these messages, we’ll have more coronavirus!”

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Brewer.

## Today in History – March 18, 2020



### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 78th day of 2020. There are 288 days left in the year.

#### Today’s Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany’s war against France and Britain.

#### On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years’ imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.

In 1937, in America’s worst school disaster, nearly 300 people, most of them children, were killed in a natural gas explosion at the New London Consolidated School in Rusk County, Texas.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, New York. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1996, rejecting an insanity defense, a jury in Dedham, Massachusetts, convicted John C. Salvi III of murdering two women in attacks at two Boston-area abortion clinics in December 1994. (Salvi later committed suicide in his prison cell.)

In 2002, Brittanie Cecil died two days short of her 14th birthday after being hit in the head by a puck at a game between the host Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames; it was apparently the first such fan fatality in NHL history.

In 2005, doctors in Florida, acting on orders of a state judge, removed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. (Despite the efforts of congressional Republicans to intervene and repeated court appeals by Schiavo's parents, the brain-damaged woman died on March 31, 2005, at age 41.)

In 2018, Vladimir Putin rolled to a crushing reelection victory for six more years as Russia's president.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed into law a \$38 billion jobs bill containing a modest mix of tax breaks and spending designed to encourage the private sector to start hiring again. Actor Fess Parker, 85, died in Santa Ynez, California. Jerome York, an Apple Inc. board member and a financial wizard credited with turning around Chrysler and IBM, died in Pontiac, Michigan, at age 71.

Five years ago: Militants opened fire at a museum in Tunisia's capital, killing 22 people, most of them foreign tourists. Serbia arrested eight men accused of taking part in the massacre of some 1,300 people at a warehouse on the outskirts of Srebrenica (sreh-breh-NEET'-sah) in 1995. Lindsey Vonn won the World Cup downhill title for the seventh time, winning the last race in the discipline at the World Cup finals in Meribel, France.

One year ago: Warner Bros. chief Kevin Tsujihara stepped down from the studio following claims that he had promised roles to an actress with whom he was having an affair; he was one of the highest-ranking Hollywood executives



to be belted by sexual misconduct allegations. Brooks & Dunn, Ray Stevens and record label head Jerry Bradley were announced as inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander is 93. Country singer Charley Pride is 86. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 84. Country singer Margie Bowes is 79. Actor Kevin Dobson is 77. Actor Brad Dourif is 70. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 69. Singer Irene Cara is 61. Alt-country musician Karen Grotberg (The Jayhawks) is 61. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 61. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 59. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 58. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 58. TV personality Mike Rowe is 58. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 57. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 56. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 56. Actor David Cubitt is 55. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 54. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi (ber-EN'-ee) is 53. Actor Michael Bergin is 51. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 50. Former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus (ryns PREE'-bus) is 48. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 48. Country singer Philip Sweet (Little Big Town) is 46. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 46. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein are 46. Actress-singer-dancer Sutton Foster is 45. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 41. Rock musician Daren Taylor (Airborne Toxic Event) is 40. Olympic gold medal figure skater Alexei Yagudin is 40. Actor Adam Pally is 38. Actor Cornelius Smith Jr. is 38. Actor Duane Henry (TV: "NCIS") is 35. Actress Lily Collins is 31. Actress-dancer Julia Goldani Telles is 25. Actress Ciara Bravo is 23. Actor Blake Garrett Rosenthal is 16.

**Thought for Today: "No man has a right in America to treat any other man tolerantly, for tolerance is the assumption of superiority." – Wendell Willkie, American politician (1892-1944).**

## 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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