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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 7th day of July 2020,

Our colleague **David Briscoe** shares the story of his and wife **Leonor**'s 100th wedding anniversary as our lead story in today's Connecting.

Before you try to figure out how they both look so young for people who are celebrating 100 years of marriage, read further to see how they arrived at the 100-year story.

It's a delightful love story with Associated Press twists.

Ever have a favorite restaurant in your growing-up years? Mine was Treloar's Inn in my hometown of Fort Dodge,

Iowa. It was known for its great BBQ ribs, fried chicken, BBQ beans and sauce, a Country Boy burger – and more. (No, I never ate them all at one sitting!) I got a chance to remember those days through children of the owners in my Spotlight in The Messenger of Fort Dodge that was published last Saturday. Click [here](#) to read the story. In today's Final Word, I share the recipes for a few of those signature dishes.

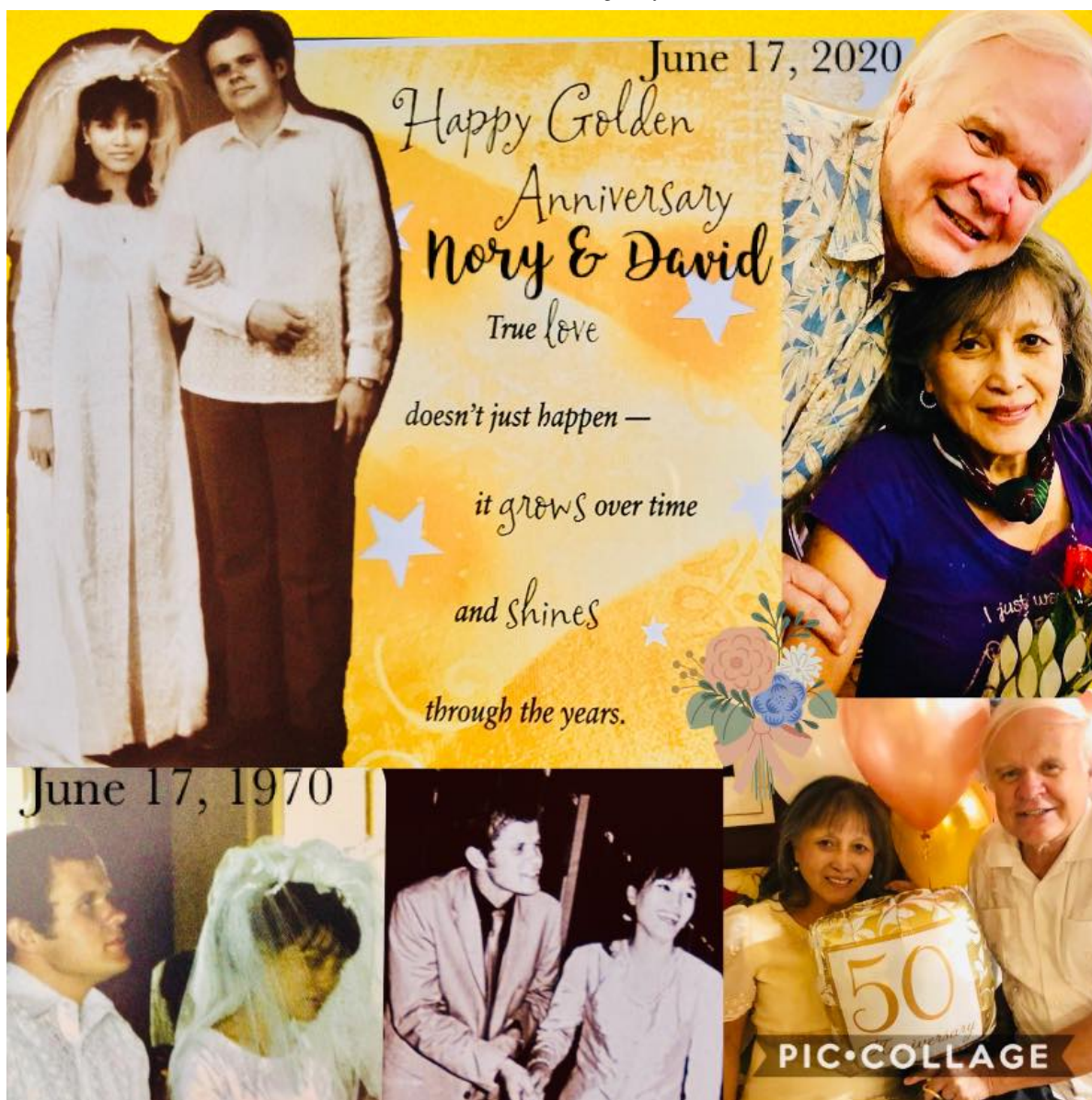


And if you have such a favorite memory of your own, please share it.

Have a great day – be safe and stay healthy.

Paul

Our 100th wedding anniversary



David Briscoe ([Email](#)) - Tied together in life, love and journalism, the former Leonor Aureus and I are joyfully isolated on the island of Oahu, riding out the days between our 99th and 100th wedding anniversary celebrations.

On June 17, we received congratulations from FaceBook friends around the world in honor of our 1970 wedding at a table in the starkly furnished bishop's office at the Mormon church in Makati, Philippines. John Nance, the AP Manila bureau chief who had taken me on as a local hire, hosted a reception for us at his movie producer's mansion. His rent for the luxurious accommodations, as I recall, was simply to pay the shockingly low salaries of more than a dozen servants attached to the house.

This year, a family ZOOM chat on June 17 was only the start of a month-long remembrance of our vows.

On July 12, we will celebrate, also for the 50th time, our second wedding 25 days later in a Catholic chapel in Naga City, south of Manila. Leonor's mother, Angeles Aureus, was unimpressed with the informal Mormon ceremony or our \$16 wedding rings. So,

she turned a planned 18th anniversary for the family's weekly newspaper, The Bicol Mail, into a full-blown Catholic wedding and reception for her daughter, who was the paper's editor-in-chief.

Pranksters in the backshop of The Bicol Mail reported our celebration with several intentional typographic errors, including the headline: "David and Noree Briscoe announce weeding plans."

Nance, who was an AP war correspondent in Vietnam before his Manila post, served as official photographer for both weddings and was a lifelong friend until his death in 2010.

While Noree and I have not been married a hundred years — at least not yet — we have always deemed both our weddings worth celebrating: not just for the four wonderful children and six grandchildren that resulted, but for the way we have both been tied to two lands on opposite sides of the globe and to journalism. Manila is exactly 12 hours ahead of Washington, D.C., where Leonor and I spent much of our careers, and I've always thought if you could dig a hole through the Earth's core from either of our homelands, you'd pop up in the other.

Father Bob Hogan, the Jesuit priest who conducted our second wedding, stressed the ecumenical nature of our bond. We were from different faiths and cultures and we wrote for rival newspapers. Before becoming a local hire at \$90 a month in the Manila AP bureau, I taught English and some journalism in the Peace Corps at a high school and university in the Bicol region of Luzon Island and also wrote a column for The Naga Times.

Leonor's father, Leon Sa Aureus, was the first city mayor of Naga and founding publisher of the Bicol Mail, which is still printed today by her cousin.

The two papers were among more than a dozen English language weeklies in the region. So the aisle in the Ateneo de Naga chapel was carpeted with copies of our rival newspapers, celebrating our lives in journalism.



After the two weddings, we moved to Manila where I worked for a year in the AP bureau, covering earthquakes, typhoons, and democratically elected President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his wife Imelda.

In 1971, we returned to start raising a family in my hometown, Salt Lake City, Utah. As AP's Intermountain news editor, I led coverage of the Mormon church and a number of fascinating environmental and crime stories.

After nine years in Utah, The AP returned us to our other home in Manila, where I served six seminal years as bureau chief, picking up on Marcos' final years, U.S. support of his extension of rule under martial law, and the peaceful People Power revolt that in 1986 ousted the "conjugal dictatorship" and acted as harbinger for other global democracy movements that swept the world.

Our moves from Manila to Salt Lake City and back proved twice that you really can go home again.

In our first year of marriage, Leonor worked for the Philippine Press Institute. During our six years in Manila, she was a founding member of a Women in Media group that led much of the bold reporting during the Marcos years. She also edited a two-volume compilation, Philippine Media under Siege, that was recompiled by other journalists in recent years.

Leonor also worked for the Philippine Press Institute and takes full credit for my first job at AP, having her boss recommend me to Nance for an opening in his bureau. I had a year's experience as a clerk and reporter for the Deseret News in Salt Lake City.

Leonor later edited a Philippine community publication in Washington, D.C., and contributed to Filipino publications in the U.S., Europe and Manila. I covered foreign affairs in Washington and later led AP's World Services team for AP's biggest bureau. My career wrapped up as bureau chief and then news editor in Honolulu, where we are now retired with feet comfortably placed halfway between Washington and Manila.

COVID-19 scrapped plans for a grand family reunion for our 50th anniversaries in Utah this year, where our children were all born. Our ZOOM virtual reunion instead linked five households in Hawaii and Virginia. We told stories, read poetry, sang and enjoyed a new level of family contact that in some ways draws us closer than ever.

The coronavirus continues to create an alternate universe of all our lives, taking loved ones we did not expect to lose so soon, yet also revealing a world even more interconnected than we thought.

This pandemic has altered the nature of retirement for those of us among the most vulnerable, suspended nearly all traditional gatherings and shifted the very nature of human contact, entertainment, sports, politics, family celebration and journalism. Anniversaries, birthdays, weddings and funerals seem to have become antiquated rituals that may never be the same.

Nonetheless, our grandchildren will simply accept this new normal. They won't even know the smell of the crowds they missed.

We feel exceptionally lucky to be riding out this virus in Hawaii, run by politicians who put health before an economy dependent mostly on tourists, which were instantly reduced from 30,000 a day to a few hundred.

Mostly, though, we feel lucky to have survived 50 years of life, family, and love enriched by a connection to some of the most vital journalism on the planet.

(**FOOTNOTE** : John Nance, after taking very early retirement from AP in Manila, stayed on in the country to write *The Gentle Tasaday: A Stone Age People in the Philippine Rain Forest*. His fascinating 1977 book chronicled the revelation and lives of the isolated, partially cave-dwelling tribe found on the island of Mindanao in the early 1970s. He reported on the Tasaday discovery for The AP, and National Geographic also featured the tribe. The story became controversial a decade later when other TV and print reporters attempted to debunk the Tasaday as a hoax perpetrated by the Philippine government. Anthropologists, however, generally validated Nance's work, which meticulously examined and beautifully photographed all aspects of the partially cave-dwelling Tasaday and their lives cut off from all but very limited contact with the world beyond their forest.)

Man in famous (AP) 9/11 photo dies from COVID-19 in Florida



FILE - In this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo, people run from the collapse of one of the twin towers at the World Trade Center in New York. Stephen Cooper, far left, fleeing smoke and debris as the south tower crumbled just a block away on Sept. 11, has died from coronavirus, his family said, according to The Palm Beach Post. (AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett, File)

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man photographed fleeing smoke and debris as the south tower of the World Trade Center crumbled just a block away on Sept. 11, 2001, has died from coronavirus, his family said.

The Palm Beach Post reported that Stephen Cooper, an electrical engineer from New York who lived part-time in the Delray Beach, Florida area, died March 28 at Delray Medical Center due to COVID-19. He was 78.

The photo, captured by an Associated Press photographer, was published in newspapers and magazines around the world and is featured at the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York.

“He didn’t even know the photograph was taken,” said Janet Rashes, Cooper’s partner for 33 years. “All of a sudden, he’s looking in Time magazine one day and he sees himself and says, ‘Oh my God. That’s me.’ He was amazed. Couldn’t believe it.”

Rashes said Cooper was delivering documents near the World Trade Center, unaware of exactly what had happened that morning, when he heard a police officer yell, "You have to run."

The photo shows Cooper, who was 60 at the time, with a manila envelope tucked under his left arm. He and several other men were in a desperate sprint as a wall of debris from the collapsing tower looms behind them.

Cooper ducked to safety into a nearby subway station.

"Every year on 9/11, he would go looking for the magazine and say, 'Look, it's here again,'" said Jessica Rashes, Cooper's 27-year-old daughter. "He would bring it to family barbecues, parties, anywhere he could show it off."

Susan Gould, a longtime friend, said Cooper was proud of the photo, purchasing multiple copies of Time and handing them out "like a calling card." She said Cooper shrank a copy of the photo, laminated it, and kept it in his wallet.

"Stephen was a character," Gould said.

Suzanne Plunkett, the Associated Press photographer who snapped the shot, wrote that she's been in touch with two of the people in the photo, but Cooper was not among them.

"It is a shame I was never aware of the identity of Mr. Cooper," Plunkett wrote after his death in an email to The Palm Beach Post.

Click [here](#) for link to this story.

Connecting mailbox

Recalling an Oscars adventure with Laura Rauch



Los Angeles

Winning Performance

AP's Oscar photo crew strike a pose with two giant Oscar statues after the 77th annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theatre, Feb. 27, 2005.

- **Holding front statue, from left:** Earl Pavao, David Yim, Tom Driscoll, Eric Klimek, Reed Saxon (behind Klimek) and Roy Wu, far right.
- **Second row, from left:** Sara Frier, Paula Frier, Melissa Einberg, Tracy Gitnick, Tom Stathis, Mark Terrill and Benny Snyder (behind Terrill).
- **Third Row, from left:** Laura Rauch, Kim Johnson, Stephanie Mullen and Amy Sancetta.
- **Back Row, from left:** Sean Hayes, Dan Becker, Courtney Dittmar (partially obscured).
- **Holding back statue, from left:** Jim Collins, Bob Graves, David Ake, Blair Godbout and Jim Dietz, far right.

Laura Rauch at far left, with bandaged fingers. Photo courtesy AP Corporate Archives

Amy Sancetta ([Email](#)) - I loved reading the profile on former AP staff photographer Laura Rauch in Monday's AP Connecting. What a life she's led!

Working alongside Laura on a number of assignments – Olympics, World Track and Field Championships, Super Bowls and the Oscars – became some of the favorite experiences of my 30-year AP career as a staff photographer. I always thought of her as a brilliant photographer and even more so, a wonderful human being.

I had to smile reading her profile thinking of an adventure she and I had while covering the 77th Academy Awards in 2005. It was nearly midnight and I was finally ready for bed the night before the Oscars when my hotel room phone rang. It was an alarming call from Laura. While trying to get her gear ready for the next day's arduous shoot, she badly sliced her right index finger with a piece of metal on some sort of clamp. Keep in mind that while the brain and the eye see the picture, the right index finger does the heavy lifting.

I hurried down to her room, where Laura was sitting with her hand wrapped in a blood-soaked towel. She opened it up to show her injury, which I have to say was pretty startling. I'll never forget that my first words after looking at her remarkably deep wound was, 'oh no, I don't think you need that stitched up.' Not the best first

advice from this doctor's daughter. Luckily Laura is also a doctor's daughter and after some discussion, I drove her, well after midnight, to what I like to refer to as the Knife and Gun ER. It was actually Cedar Sinai, and while someone with what could have been a gunshot wound did come into the ER too, the treatment was excellent and the very handsome young doctor who bandaged her up was a pleasant surprise.

Turns out, she had sliced her finger to the bone. She ended up with a boatload of stitches, her finger splinted, and her hand wrapped within an inch of its life. The next day we both covered the Oscars Red Carpet. I went on to cover the Governor's Ball and Laura was AP's shooter in the Photo Room - this is where the winners and their presenters come right after being awarded their statues for a series of flash-blinding photographs. And Laura got through it all - in significant pain, only a few hours of sleep and her right hand wrapped up like a club.

I'm so proud of Laura and the life she's created for herself, and now her beautiful family too. And I loved the time I got to spend working and laughing, and sometimes bleeding, with her.

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An AP gift she wears every day, recalling parents Paul and Karen Shane



Juleen Shane ([Email](#)) – daughter of Connecting colleague Paul Shane, who died March 18, 2020, and his wife Karen, who died September 28, 2019 - It has been a difficult time dealing with my parents estate. I am currently wearing a gold bracelet that my mother must have picked out from an AP anniversary catalog. It is a gold chain with the charm of the AP logo. It means a lot to me as it belonged to my mother but also includes my father's career with the AP. I wear it every day. I miss him and my mom. It's a good way to keep their memory close. Best wishes for you and all the AP family for a happy and healthy future.

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Another Mount Rushmore memory on 50th anniversary of memorial

Mark Mittelstadt's story in Monday's Connecting of visiting Mount Rushmore as a child with his family to witness the Mormon Tabernacle Choir elicited memories with colleague **Chris Connell** of another memory of the iconic South Dakota monument. He was with colleague **Terry Hunt** for Independence Day 1991 when President George H.W. Bush spoke at the 50th anniversary of the completion of the memorial to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

Click [here](#) to read the story by **Terry Hunt** ([Email](#)) who recalls:

Kinder, gentler times. It was exciting to see Mount Rushmore up close. I had seen it from Air Force One once during a fly-by when President Reagan was in South Dakota. Rereading this story three decades later, I am struck by how uncomplicated and beautiful the day was. No hint of rancor or division, just a drapery of patriotism and the themes of independence, freedom, democracy and equality. Bush's words that resonate with me now are these: "Look at the vast sculpture before us, and you see carved in stone a symbol that evokes the American character, soaring and unafraid."

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Holiday Zooming with AP friends



Amy Sancetta shared a Zoom shot from a weekend call with a whole slew of dear AP friends! The photo shows, left to right top to bottom: Bill Haber, Jenny Campbell and Amy Sancetta, Jenn Poggi, Brian Horton, Jim Gerberich, Hal Buell and Claudia DiMartino, Cliff Schiappa, Claudia Counts, Rob and Laura Kozloff

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A matchbook cover, a coin slot – and a two-minute beat

Mike Tharp ([Email](#)) - Reading the telephone yarns on this Connecting thread reminded me of when I was on the front lines of the Dow Jones-Reuters war. I'd been in the Wall Street Journal Dallas bureau less than a year when bureau chief Ken Slocum (my best boss ever) told me to cover the Texas Instruments annual meeting. They were a 'Big Board' outfit--New York Stock Exchange--and breaking news about them could move their stock price like mercury.

It was my first annual meeting. Other reporters in the bureau warned me about 'Fast Frank' from Reuters. He was supposed to be nearly impossible to beat. So I got to TI headquarters two hours before the meeting was due to start. In the lobby were two pay phones on a wall. Smiling at the receptionist, I sat down at one of the glass-topped tables in the waiting room. All the tables had ashtrays and matchbooks. As nonchalantly as possible, I palmed a matchbook. I tore the cover off, then walked to one of the phones. While faking a conversation, I folded the matchbook cover and jammed it into the coin slot.

Once the annual meeting started, I sat in the back with Fast Frank. Just as the CEO was ready to announce quarterly earnings to the crowd, the main PR guy handed Frank and me a news release with the numbers on it. We sprinted out of the room to the lobby. I went to the farther phone. Frank went to the closer one. I stuck my quarter in and gave the operator our calling code number. While I waited a few seconds for the phone to ring at the ticker desk in New York, I could hear Fast Frank cussing and pounding the phone box. When Dow Jones answered, I said, 'Tharp in Dallas with Big Board earnings.' Then I delivered the headline and proceeded to dictate the numbers. I think we beat Reuters by two minutes--an eon in that battle. I almost felt guilty.

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Connecting sky shot – near Olgallala, Nebraska



Mike Holmes ([Email](#)) - Old boots on fenceposts. A Nebraska ranching tradition.

New AP series takes pulse of disrupted electorate

By Patrick Maks

A new data-driven AP series will examine the state of the American electorate as it grapples with the coronavirus pandemic and racial injustice ahead of the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

It launches tomorrow (Tuesday – today).

Using its unrivaled footprint of journalists in all 50 states, the AP’s “America Disrupted” will survey the American electorate during a period of extraordinary upheaval, exploring how the tumult has changed how Americans’ lives and how they vote.

The series takes the pulse of a nation confronting a series of crises, looking at whether issues including the coronavirus, health care, the economy and shifting demographics are changing communities and voters’ minds.

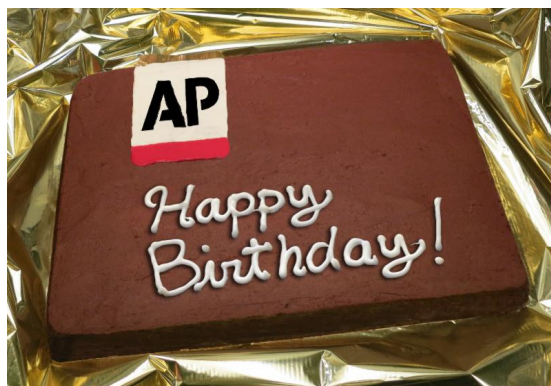
“America Disrupted” uses data gathered through AP VoteCast, the new standard survey of the American electorate, AP-NORC polling and other sources to tell the story of demographic and public opinion trends in the U.S.

The first story, which digs into the stirrings of change in Saginaw, Michigan, will be available to AP member news organizations and customers on Tuesday, July 7. Subsequent installments are planned through November. The stories will include photo and video elements.

All of the stories comprising “America Disrupted” will be available online.

Click [here](#) for link to this blog.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Announcing the Pulitzer Center's New 'Indigenous Communities' Portal

The Pulitzer Center is pleased to announce the launch of a new portal created as a hub for Pulitzer Center-supported reporting on Indigenous communities. We are launching this on the day immortalized by the Declaration that "all men are created equal"—and in recognition that this equality has too rarely extended to the Indigenous peoples of the world.

The world's Indigenous population includes some 370 million people from more than 5,000 Indigenous communities, which speak more than 4,000 languages and reside in over 90 countries. Representing just five percent of the global population, Indigenous communities protect about 80 percent of the world's biodiversity. Due to widespread discrimination, Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by land theft, malnutrition, and internal displacement compared to other communities.'

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Richard Chady.

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*Newsonomics: There's no Knight in shining armor coming to rescue McClatchy*_(Nieman)

By KEN DOCTOR

The bids are in, and the bankruptcy auction is now on. Who will the board of newspaper company McClatchy choose as its new owner? It faces a July 8 court-imposed deadline to pick.

All lips are sealed, publicly, but numerous sources tell me that, as of today, there are three bidders for the 30-newspaper chain.

We know two of them, and they're familiar names to those who've watched the news industry's conquest by hedge funds and private equity. And the list doesn't include the knight-in-shining-armor many had hoped would turn McClatchy into the country's first nonprofit newspaper chain.

As we've known for months, Chatham Asset Management, both McClatchy's leading investor and leading debtholder, is among them — and still the likeliest to become the company's new operator by the end of July.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Richard Chady.

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A quarter of US newspapers have folded in the last 15 years (USA Today)

By DOUGLAS A. MCINTYRE

The digital transformation of the local news business robbed newspapers of much of their print advertising and subscription revenue. They have tried to transform themselves into digital properties with online advertising and paid subscriptions for products people read online. For the most part, it has failed.

One outcome is that an extraordinary quarter of all American newspapers have closed in the past 15 years. Many others are on their last legs.

A major new research report from the Hussman School of Journalism and Media at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill covers the carnage in great detail via a 124-page document called "News Deserts and Ghost Newspapers: Will Local News Survive?" The analysis points out that vast parts of America have been left without any newspaper.

Due to the shuttering of local papers, half of the journalists in the industry lost their jobs over the same period. The other major by-product is that 1,800 American communities have been left without a newspaper at all. At the start of the period examined, which was 2004, there were 9,000 local papers in the United States. Print circulation across the country has dropped by 5 million since then.

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

The Final Word

Recipes from Treloar's Inn



Treloar's Baby Back Ribs : 3 racks baby back pork ribs (2-2.5 lbs each), Rub with celery salt. Place ribs in 350-degree oven on a baking sheet, meat side up. Bake for 30 minutes. Then brush lightly with BBQ sauce. After 20 minutes, repeat brushing with sauce. Do again after another 20 minutes. Continue cooking another 30 minutes (Total cooking time is 1hr40 min).

Treloar's BBQ Sauce : ¾ lb sugar (1-3/4 cups), 3 tbsp salt, ½ oz pepper (2 weak tbsps), ½ oz chile powder (1-1/2 tbsps), ½ tsp garlic powder, ½ tsp MSG, 2/3 cup vinegar, 1-10# can catsup, Makes approx. 1 gallon

Treloar's BBQ Beans : 4 cans Great Northern Beans, 2 cups white sugar, 1-1/4 cups catsup, 2 tsp chili powder, 1 tsp white pepper, 1-1/2 tsp paprika, 1 tsp garlic powder. Mix above ingredients together. Fry ½ lb fatty bacon til crisp and crumble. Add bacon and all the fat to the beans. Bake at 350 degrees till bubbly. Stir and serve.

Today in History - July 7, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 7, the 189th day of 2020. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the federal government.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1941, U.S. forces took up positions in Iceland, Trinidad and British Guiana to forestall any Nazi invasion, even though the United States had not yet entered the Second World War.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.

In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1963, a Navy jet fighter from Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania crashed into a picnic area, killing seven people; the pilot, who ejected, survived.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford and the first lady hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf).

In 2005, terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II.

In 2009, some 20,000 people gathered inside Staples Center in Los Angeles for a memorial service honoring the late Michael Jackson, who was tearfully described by his 11-year-old daughter, Paris-Michael, as "the best father you could ever imagine."

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama bypassed the Senate and appointed Dr. Donald Berwick to run Medicare and Medicaid. In Philadelphia, a disabled sightseeing "duck boat" adrift in the Delaware River was struck by a barge and capsized; two Hungarian tourists died. Los Angeles police charged Lonnie Franklin Jr. in the city's "Grim Sleeper" serial killings. (Franklin, who was sentenced to death for the killings of nine women and a teenage girl, died in prison in March 2020 at the age of 67.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with the head of Vietnam's Communist Party, Nguyen Phu Trong, as the U.S. pressed ahead to conclude talks on a groundbreaking Asia-Pacific economic pact. Subway said it had mutually agreed with Jared Fogle to suspend their relationship after the home of the sandwich chain's longtime pitchman was raided by federal and state investigators. (Fogle later pleaded guilty to one count each of distributing and receiving child porn and traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a child, and was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison.)

One year ago: The Navy announced that Adm. William Moran, the four-star admiral who'd been set to become the Navy's top officer, would instead retire, a move prompted by what Navy Secretary Richard Spencer described as poor judgment regarding a professional relationship. The U.S. women's soccer team won its fourth Women's World Cup title, beating the Netherlands 2-0; Megan Rapinoe converted a tiebreaking penalty kick and Rose Lavelle added a goal. Leaked diplomatic cables published in Britain's Mail on Sunday newspaper revealed that Britain's ambassador to the United States had called the Trump administration "dysfunctional" and "inept."

Today's Birthdays: Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 93. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 87. Rock star Ringo Starr is 80. Comedian Bill Oddie is 79. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 77. Actor Joe Spano is 74. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 73. Country singer Linda Williams is 73. Actress Shelley Duvall is 71. Actress Roz Ryan is 69. Actor Billy Campbell is 61. Actor Robert Taylor is 60. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 58. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 57. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 54. Actress Amy Carlson is 52. Actress Jorja Fox is 52. Actress Cree Summer is 51. Actress Robin Weigert is 51. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 48. Actor Troy Garity is 47. Actress Berenice Bejo (BEH'-ruh-nees BAY'-hoh) is 44. Actor Hamish Linklater is 44. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 40. Rapper Cassidy is 38. Country singer Gabbie Nolen is 38. Actor Ross Malinger is 36. Actor-comedian Luke Null (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 30. Pop singer Ally Hernandez (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 27. Pop musician Ashton Irwin (5 Seconds to Summer) is 26. Country singer Maddie Marlow (Maddie and Tae) is 25.

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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