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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020,

As the Associated Press staff continues its intense preparation for coverage and tabulation of the 2020 General Election to be held in eight days, we bring you more memories of covering elections past.

Lessons to be learned from the past? No doubt. And there's plenty of interesting writing by your colleagues who contributed their stories. I look forward to hearing from you with a favorite memory.

One of our colleagues, **Sandy Johnson** ([Email](#)) – former Washington AP chief of bureau, was interviewed by C-SPAN president Susan Swain about the 2000 election night that took five weeks to resolve -- by far the most challenging election night of Sandy's career. The podcast aired Saturday. Click [here](#) to view.

**AUTHORS ALERT:** If you have written a book in the past year, Connecting would like to feature it in our annual listing of books authored by Connecting colleagues. The book issue will appear in a couple weeks – so this is an invitation to send me the following: Name of book, jpg image of the cover and your headshot, and 300 words on the book including where it can be purchased. Send along the information soon.

Here's to a great week ahead – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

## Latest Definitive Source webinar features AP political editor, Washington bureau chief



**Nancy Nussbaum** ([Email](#)) - The sixth session in our Definitive Source webinar series featured AP Political Editor Steven Sloan and Washington Bureau Chief Julie Pace. AP's 50-state footprint has always been a distinguishing value and even more so during the pandemic when travel is limited. AP journalists have been taking a hard look at the core issues affecting voters across the U.S. and this session included an overview of those storylines. Our journalists have been exploring whether the pandemic, the economic crisis and the reckoning on race have changed what people want from their government and how that may play out for Election Day and beyond.

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# How The Associated Press is thinking about this election

## American Press Institute

In September and October, we hosted four conversations with The Associated Press to discuss how AP journalists are covering the voting process, making election calls, using polling to tell stories about the electorate, and responding to election misinformation. The recordings of each of those conversations are included below, with quick lessons and resources to inform your own reporting.

### Decision Desk: Declaring Election Winners in a Global Pandemic

David Scott, AP deputy manager for operations, and Stephen Olemacher, AP election decision editor, discuss how the AP is making calls on contests this year.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lindel Hutson.

## Your memories of covering elections past

**Dan Sewell** ([Email](#)) - Many elections veterans are trading stories of their most memorable election nights as Nov. 3 nears.

I have several. But let's narrow down to two: Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004.

In both cases, those states clinched the election for Republican George W. Bush.

While I spent much of my early career in Florida, I was safely in Chicago on Election Night 2000. Jim Reindl called deep-blue Illinois for Al Gore soon after the polls closed, and we had a smooth evening.

A week later, I was doing my duty as Jim's assistant chief by visiting some of the many AP member newspapers in southern Illinois. These were dailies with circulations of 5,000, 10,000. Illinois is a huge state beyond Chicago. Southern Illinois is as far south as Virginia.

I visited Olney, known for the white squirrel population, and Alton, where the world's tallest man had lived.

Then I got a call from Jim; AP Managing Editor Mike Silverman wanted me to go to Florida to help with coverage of the disputed recount there.

I drove to the nearest airport, which was St. Louis, booked a flight to Tallahassee, and called Mike to ask him what he wanted me to do. "Just keep happy," he said.

Not a problem. Sandy Johnson, as AP's Politics Editor and then Washington Bureau chief, had been calling on me for years to pitch in on presidential campaign coverage.

I joined my friends on the beleaguered Tallahassee staff, led by Brent Kallestad. My friend from Miami days, Will Lester, was there, too, in from D.C.

In my memory, it's mainly snippets now from long, intense days.

Brent got us great lunches every day to eat in the office while we worked. Fox correspondent Shepard Smith got arrested because a woman who was trying to save a coveted parking space for a TV satellite truck wouldn't move, so he bumped her with his car.

I was packed tightly near then-Gov. Jeb Bush in a gaggle of journalists when someone passed gas. There was no escaping the putrid smell.

Brent got me a press pass for the big college football rivalry game, when Florida State crushed Florida. I got my then-Seminole fan son Logan Sewell a T-shirt that read: "No Recount Necessary!"

AP stars such as Linda Deutsch, the famed courts reporter, rotated in. I eventually rotated back home and watched on TV at home when it was decided for George Bush (Jeb's brother).

Then came 2004.

I was with The Cincinnati Enquirer, heading the suburban bureau in West Chester Township. Seemed pretty far from the national action.

It was not.

Warren County, the heavily Republican county with Lebanon as its county seat, suddenly locked down the board of elections and kicked out reporters after the polls closed. County officials said they had received an alert they were being targeted for a terrorist attack. It was a misunderstanding of a very general Homeland Security alert to everyone, not just Warren County.

The vote in Ohio was close.

In Columbus, AP Bureau Chief Eva Parziale called the state for Bush at 11 a.m. Wednesday after determining the yet-uncounted provisional ballots wouldn't be

enough for John Kerry to overcome Bush's lead.

Kerry eventually conceded the election to Bush.

Soon, Democratic Party officials started calling me from Washington to ask what was going on in Warren County. They suspected Republican county officials had stolen votes from Kerry.

MSNBC wanted one of us to go on live TV. Before I knew it, young reporter Erica Solvig was on national television.

I wound up as a witness before a Warren County Commission hearing into what happened.

So, top those, 2020!

Wait, what am I saying? It's like Joe Kay said about covering sports games. You don't care who wins, you just want it be a quick no-doubter and easy to wrap up.

**R.I.P. to one of Buffalo's and journalism's best:**

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**Terry Ganey ([Email](#))** - The general election of 1976; sometimes I relive it in my dreams.

At 28 then, I don't know how many years I aged during the hours of that Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Was that when my gray hair first sprouted?

Covering my first governor's race in Missouri for The Associated Press, I was on the spot to call the winner between incumbent Republican Gov. Christopher Bond and his Democratic challenger, Joseph Teasdale, a prosecutor from Kansas City.

My homework involved studying previous results and voter turnout. Bond had won his first four-year term in 1972 by over 200,000 votes. Political handicappers marked Teasdale as a long shot.

By Nov. 2, 1976, Missouri had seen plenty of political drama. Ronald Reagan had unsuccessfully challenged President Gerald Ford for the nomination that was delivered at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City. The night of the August primary U.S. Rep. Jerry Litton, who had won Missouri's Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, was killed in a plane crash on his way to a victory celebration. There was a party fight over who would succeed him on the ticket.

On general election night could political news jump the rails again?

Sure enough, as the votes came in, there was evidence that Bond would not win in a run-away as before. Then, as more were counted it seemed he might be upset.

Shortly after midnight, Bond told a gathering of supporters that while he was running behind, he was convinced that when more ballots were counted in Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Louis County, he would be re-elected. But for now, he said, the race was too close to call.

That's what I thought, too. At that point, Teasdale was winning by about 25,000 votes, but there were many more to count.

At about 12:30 a.m. Fred Moen, the AP bureau chief in Kansas City, was on the phone. He recommended the race be called for Teasdale. I wanted to wait, but Fred said there couldn't be enough Bond votes out there to make up the difference.

I went ahead with Fred's suggestion, and the AP declared Teasdale Missouri's new governor.

Within minutes of the news alert appearing on the wire, I got another phone call. It was Charlie Hucker, the political reporter for the *Kansas City Star*.

"What are you doing?" Hucker asked. "You're going to look like an idiot in the morning."

No sooner had I hung up, the next batch of returns showed Teasdale's lead diminishing. It went down to 18,000 votes.

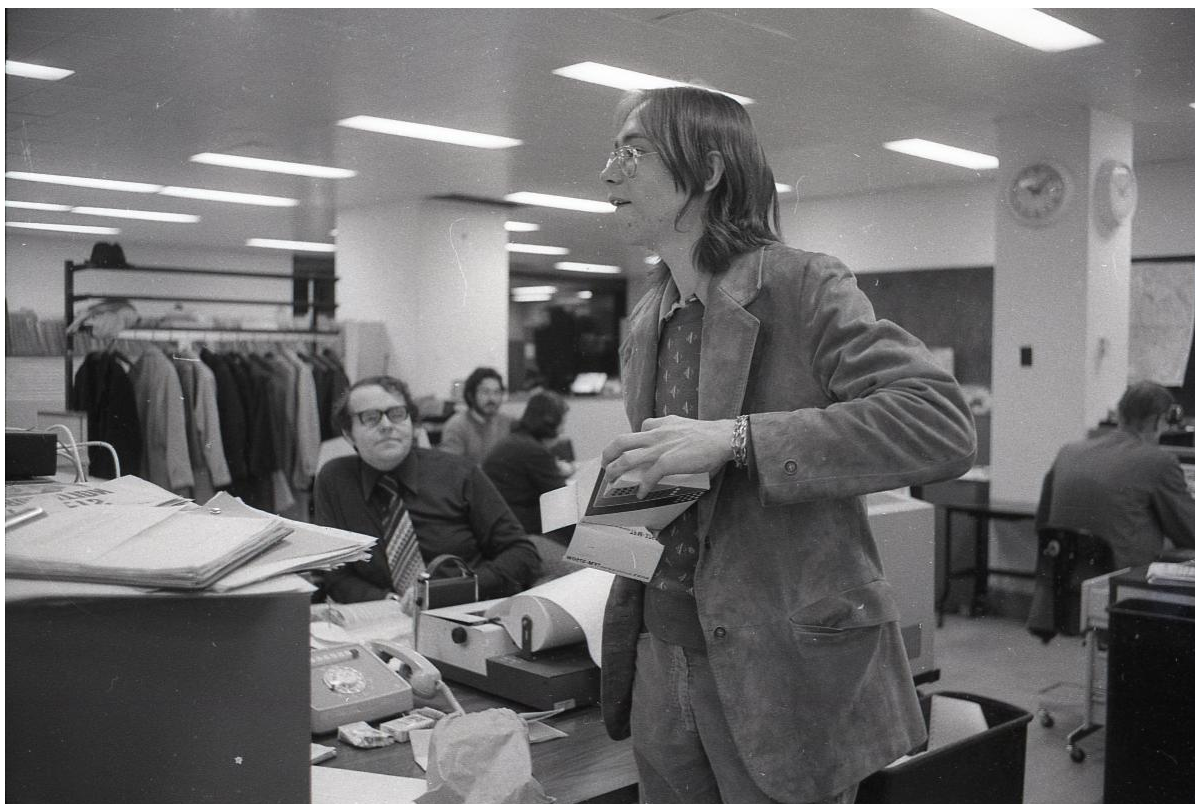
Then, at 1 a.m., Teasdale greeted his supporters in a ballroom in Kansas City. Bleary-eyed from watching the returns, his voice broke several times as he thanked them. He had been closeted all evening, and I believe he only made a public appearance after the AP declared him the winner.

As the hours went by his lead continued to erode. But in the end, the official tabulation showed Teasdale winning by just more than 13,000 votes: 971,184 for Teasdale, 958,110 for Bond. Fred was right.

A footnote: UPI declared the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, House Speaker Richard Rabbitt, the winner over Republican William Phelps. We went to bed with the lieutenant governor's race too close to call.

After about three hours' sleep, the AP reported Phelps had won by 14,690 votes. I got another phone call. It was Dick Rabbitt. I had to tell him that he had lost.

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**Wick Temple III (Email)** - I was reading Friday's Connecting about covering difficult elections and it reminded me of when I was working the City Desk in '79. I was sent to the Waldorf Astoria where Jimmy Carter was speaking to meet a photographer and bring some film back. I had long hair, dirty jeans, army boots and coat and probably my US flag knit cap. I got about 50 feet inside the hotel when all of the sudden my feet were off the ground and I had Secret Service agents, one under each arm, pick me up, turn me around and head back to the front door. I had to explain why I was there as I was floating towards the front door. Great memories working for the AP!

I found these pictures recently going through old boxes. I remember the faces but can only remember one name – the impeccable Tom Kelly (he was a very memorable individual!) Every morning I was assigned to go get his coffee with lots of sugar and a little cream so he could begin working off the hangover from some festivity the night before.

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**Brent Kallestad (Email)** - Enjoying the recollections from many of the folks who were so helpful to the cause at ground zero in Tallahassee during the 2000 recount.

Back to Larry Margasak's comment In Friday's "Connecting," the dive he mentioned remains to this day, although we generally describe it as a blues club.

Others who joined us during those the five weeks of long days and nights included Anne Gearan, Dan Sewell, James Martinez, Kendal Weaver. Linda Deutsch and Larry Neumeister and our great court reporter, Jackie Hallifax, kept AP in front on the legal skirmishes of which there were many. All top-notch folks!

Adam Yeomans was the ACoB in Miami then and a former Tallahassee staffer who proved to be an enormous help as well, especially directing traffic efficiently from afar with so many moving parts. (Miami is nearly 500 miles away from Tallahassee.)

So hard to believe that 20 years have flown by since those days. In retrospect, always thought it was good that a story of that magnitude came nearly 30 years into my AP career. Hard to imagine coming across another one that dominated the world's front pages for that long a period.

It also introduced us to several new AP friends and underscored the quality of journalists we at AP were so fortunate to have worked with through the years.

## More memories of Pete Yost

**David Morris (Email)** - Others have captured the reporting prowess and colorful vocabulary of Pete Yost.

But the story that stuck with me from the six years we overlapped in Washington in the 1990s is the day Pete came back to the bureau with a bloody, bruised face and mangled glasses. Seems an out-of-it man was threatening/assaulting a woman on the sidewalk. Pete intervened, and was punched several times for the effort as the woman slipped away. That was quintessential Pete, always looking to right wrongs and to help wherever and whenever he could. He was the best.

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**Owen Ullmann (Email)** - It was with both joy and sorrow that I read Larry Paladino's post about Pete Yost and saw the photo of the two of them with Jon Wolman from our days in the AP Detroit Bureau in the 1970s. What a group of talented journalists I was so fortunate to work with back then.

I remember Pete well as both an excellent, and intense, journalist, as well as a really sweet guy. I send my deepest condolences to his family over their loss of such a fine man. When I worked in the Bureau, Larry was a top-notch sports writer who took me as a guest on a few assignments so I could watch a game for free.

Those were wonderful days and I regret that Jon and Pete are no longer here to reminisce about them with us.



# Connecting mailbox

## *Julie Inskeep to retire as publisher of Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*

By JIM CHAPMAN | The Journal Gazette

The Journal Gazette will see management changes next month.

Julie Inskeep announced she will retire Dec. 1 after nearly 24 years as publisher. Inskeep has worked at the newspaper for 37 years and will remain president of The Journal Gazette Co. and continue serving on the newspaper's editorial board.

Editor Sherry Skufca will become publisher and Managing Editor Jim Touvell will become editor. Skufca has worked at the newspaper 31 years – the last five as editor. Touvell has worked at the newspaper 28 years – the last five as managing editor. Lisa Green will become managing editor. Green has worked at the newspaper 20 years and has been assistant managing editor/local news since 2013.



Inskeep said she has the “utmost confidence in the ability of our staff to move us forward.”

Read more [here](#). Julie, a Connecting colleague, served on the AP’s board of directors from 2000-2009. Her email – [jinskeep@jg.net](mailto:jinskeep@jg.net)

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## *Connecting photo gallery*



**Tom Jory (Email)** - My granddaughter Annika Deutsch captures dawn over Lake Beebe on the campus of Cornell University, where she is a freshman.



**Norm Clarke** ([Email](#)) - Buffalo bull on a frosty morning. That's frost atop the trees from the heavy mist. Outside Westcliffe, Colorado.

### *Best of the Week*

**AP documents international child labor as families put children to work during pandemic**



AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo

When Mexico announced in August that its 30 million students would start a new school year using a combination of internet and television-based distance learning, it became clear that swaths of the country would be left behind. And the problem was not just a lack of technology.

Without students physically present in school, many poor families chose to send their children to work to help survive the pandemic's economic toll. As one teacher put it, "For them, to sit around watching television, if they have it, is like wasting time."

Read more [here](#).

*Best of the States*

## Amid heightened racial tensions, 'Looking for America' series examines 'sundown towns'



AP Photo/Noreen Nasir

Many white Americans have likely never heard of “sundown towns,” where Black people were forbidden to go after dark. So Tim Sullivan, Maye-E Wong and Noreen Nasir visited one such Midwest town on the second stop in AP’s “Looking for America” series, to see how it is faring in a year marked by racial protests across the nation. Their multiformat package is in fact an examination of the larger issue of systemic racism that is obvious to some people but invisible to others.

The team ended up in Vienna, Illinois, thanks to a confluence of factors. Minneapolis-based enterprise reporter Sullivan found the town’s story referenced in a book, then dug into newspaper reports from the 1950s, when racial violence erupted and the town’s Black community was driven out. A scholar put him in contact with a local high school teacher and sometime historian who knew more of the history.

Read more [here](#).

## Stories of interest

***National News Outlets Prepare for an Election Night that Might Turn into Days, Weeks*** (Nieman Reports)

By ALLEGRA HOBBS

David Lauter, Washington bureau chief at the Los Angeles Times, is not preparing for Election Day — he is preparing for election week, or even election weeks. Most election cycles at the paper have followed a more succinct timeline: Political reporters make it across the finish line of the first Tuesday in November, then they take what Lauter describes as “a well-deserved vacation.” But this year is different.

“Typically, on Election Day, we prepare a couple different versions of a story with alternative ledes so when you know the result you can publish something quickly. This time around there are several more scenarios you need to plan for, and you also need to plan staffing with an eye towards the possibility that maybe it’s Wednesday, maybe it’s Thursday, maybe it’s the following week, maybe it’s longer before we know how all of this ends,” says Lauter.

The L.A. Times is one of many newsrooms across the country currently bracing for a potentially chaotic election period, which has seasoned journalists on edge. The New York Times has created a “Daily Distortions” page devoted to debunking viral misinformation in the weeks leading up to the election, is crafting its vote modeling system to clearly convey uncertainty where it exists to readers, and will have 20 reporters pre-positioned in battleground states. At BuzzFeed News, political editor Matt Berman says the newsroom has taken on an “all hands on deck” mentality: “We’re in part taking an approach that’s similar to how we handled the first months of the coronavirus pandemic, in that every reporter in the newsroom is taking on some piece of this election under the assumption that it is very possible that election night and election week might be unprecedented.”

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Trump Had One Last Story to Sell. The Wall Street Journal Wouldn't Buy It.*** (New York Times)

**By Ben Smith**

By early October, even people inside the White House believed President Trump’s re-election campaign needed a desperate rescue mission. So three men allied with the president gathered at a house in McLean, Va., to launch one.

The host was Arthur Schwartz, a New York public relations man close to President Trump’s eldest son, Donald Jr. The guests were a White House lawyer, Eric Herschmann, and a former deputy White House counsel, Stefan Passantino, according to two people familiar with the meeting.

Mr. Herschmann knew the subject matter they were there to discuss. He had represented Mr. Trump during the impeachment trial early this year, and he tried to

deflect allegations against the president in part by pointing to Hunter Biden's work in Ukraine. More recently, he has been working on the White House payroll with a hazy portfolio, listed as "a senior adviser to the president," and remains close to Jared Kushner.

The three had pinned their hopes for re-electing the president on a fourth guest, a straight-shooting Wall Street Journal White House reporter named Michael Bender. They delivered the goods to him there: a cache of emails detailing Hunter Biden's business activities, and, on speaker phone, a former business partner of Hunter Biden's named Tony Bobulinski. Mr. Bobulinski was willing to go on the record in The Journal with an explosive claim: that Joe Biden, the former vice president, had been aware of, and profited from, his son's activities. The Trump team left believing that The Journal would blow the thing open and their excitement was conveyed to the president.

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

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## ***Conservative New Hampshire paper backs Biden -- its first Democratic endorsement in 100 years*** (CNN)

By Jazmin Goodwin, CNN Business

New York (CNN Business)The New Hampshire Union Leader, a conservative-leaning newspaper, has endorsed Democratic candidate Joe Biden for president, despite its century-long history of backing Republicans. In backing Biden, the newspaper endorsed its first Democratic candidate in over 100 years.

"Building this country up sits squarely within the skill set of Joseph Biden. We have found Mr. Biden to be a caring, compassionate and professional public servant," the Union Leader editorial board wrote on Sunday. "He has repeatedly expressed his desire to be a president for all of America, and we take him at his word." The paper's editorial board did however highlight what it calls "significant" policy disagreements with Biden, which the board says it expects to spend a "portion of the next four years disagreeing with."

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

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## ***Began career at AP Raleigh bureau Todd Richissin, Patch National Editor, Beloved Mentor, Dead At 57*** (Patch)

**By Dennis Robaugh**

Todd Richissin, an old-school journalist with a salty, gregarious sense of humor who embraced digital media in an enthusiastic bear hug and worked tirelessly over the last decade to build Patch, died Friday. He was 57.



Mr. Richissin's contribution to Patch was immeasurable — as an editor, mentor and wise counselor, as an unabashed champion of the company's local news mission, and most of all as an unrelenting source of inspiration, enthusiasm and joy to his Patch family.

As national editor leading Patch's local news teams, Mr. Richissin was instrumental in rebuilding Patch's newsroom after the 2014 spin-out from Aol when the editorial staff went from 750 to 50 overnight. He oversaw the hiring of new reporters, built a national and breaking news desk, and helped to right a ship that might have foundered without his expertise and energy.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Larry Blasko.

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## ***No matter who wins the US election, the world's 'fake news' problem is here to stay*** (CNN)

**Analysis by Eliza Mackintosh, CNN**

(CNN) US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin were in high spirits, smirking and jovial, when they appeared in front of the press corps at the annual G20 summit in Osaka, Japan, in 2019.

It was their first meeting since then-special counsel Robert Mueller wrapped his investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US presidential election, and Trump was quick to make light of the situation, wagging his finger at Putin while instructing him not to meddle in the 2020 race.

As journalists assembled for a photo op, setting up cameras, Trump quipped: "Get rid of them. Fake news is a great term, isn't it? You don't have this problem in Russia, but we do."



"We also have, it's the same," Putin replied.

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

## Today in History - October 26, 2020



### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 26, the 300th day of 2020. There are 66 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 26th, 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

#### On this date:

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

In 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations, giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. (The last run of the Pony Express was completed the following month.)

In 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Arizona, as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded.

In 1902, women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton died in New York at age 86.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY'-tay) Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States.

In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu.

In 1980, Israeli President Yitzhak Navon became the first Israeli head of state to visit Egypt.

In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

In 2002, a hostage siege by Chechen rebels at a Moscow theater ended with 129 of the 800-plus captives dead, most from a knockout gas used by Russian special forces who stormed the theater; 41 rebels also died.

Ten years ago: Saddam Hussein's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death for persecuting members of Shiite religious parties under the former regime. (The sentence was never carried out; Aziz died of a heart attack in June 2015.) Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first nuclear power plant. A day after an earthquake sparked a deadly tsunami, Indonesia saw another natural disaster as Mount Merapi (meh-RAH'-pee) began erupting explosively, resulting in hundreds of deaths in the weeks that followed.

Five years ago: A 7.5-magnitude quake in the Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan caused extensive damage in neighboring Pakistan and killed around 400 people. The World Health Organization, throwing its global weight behind years of experts' warnings, declared that processed meats raised the risk of colon and stomach cancer and that red meat was probably harmful, too.

One year ago: Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi blew himself up during a raid by U.S. special operations forces on his compound in Syria. A Northern California blaze forced evacuation orders and warnings for nearly all of Sonoma County; forecasts of strong winds prompted additional blackouts in the event of damage to power lines. Hollywood producer Robert Evans, who at Paramount Pictures had backed such films as "Chinatown" and "The Godfather," died at the age of 89. A homemade device that was meant to discharge colorful powder at a "gender reveal" party to celebrate an upcoming birth for an Iowa family instead exploded like a pipe bomb; a 56-year-old relative was killed when she was hit by debris.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jaclyn Smith is 75. TV host Pat Sajak is 74. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 73. Musician Bootsy Collins is 69. Actor James Pickens Jr. is 68. Rock musician David Was is 68. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 67. Actor Lauren Tewes is 67. Actor D.W. Moffett is 66. Actor-singer Rita Wilson is 64. Actor Patrick Breen is 60. Actor Dylan McDermott is 59. Actor Cary Elwes is 58. Singer Natalie Merchant is 57. Actor Steve Valentine is 54. Country singer Keith Urban is 53. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 52. Actor Rosemarie DeWitt is 49. Actor Anthony Rapp is 49. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 47. TV news correspondent Paula Faris is 45. Actor Lennon Parham is 45. Actor Florence Kasumba is 44. Actor Hal Ozsan is 44. Actor Jon Heder is 43. Singer Mark Barry (BBMak) is 42. Actor Jonathan Chase is 41. Actor Folake Olowofoyeku (foh-LAH'-kay oh-low-wow-foh-YAY'-koo) is 37. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 36. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 34. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0?") is 29.

## 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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