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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020,

Hannukah is into its fifth day today and Christmas is 11 days away, so Ye Olde Connecting Editor thinks the newsletter ought to get into the holiday spirit.

That means I will welcome any of your interesting holiday-related stories – especially those tied to your work.

Our colleague **Andy Lippman** ([Email](#)) shares this:

“I asked Alexa last night to play Hannukah songs and she came up with this song, ‘I’m spending Hannukah in Santa Monica...’ I thought it was by some 1930s crooner and

was on the floor laughing. It turns out it was by that wonderful 1950s satiric singer Tom Lehrer who also gave us the immortal: "So Long mom. I'm off to drop the bomb. So don't wait up for me..."

You will love this – click [here](#). L'Chaim.

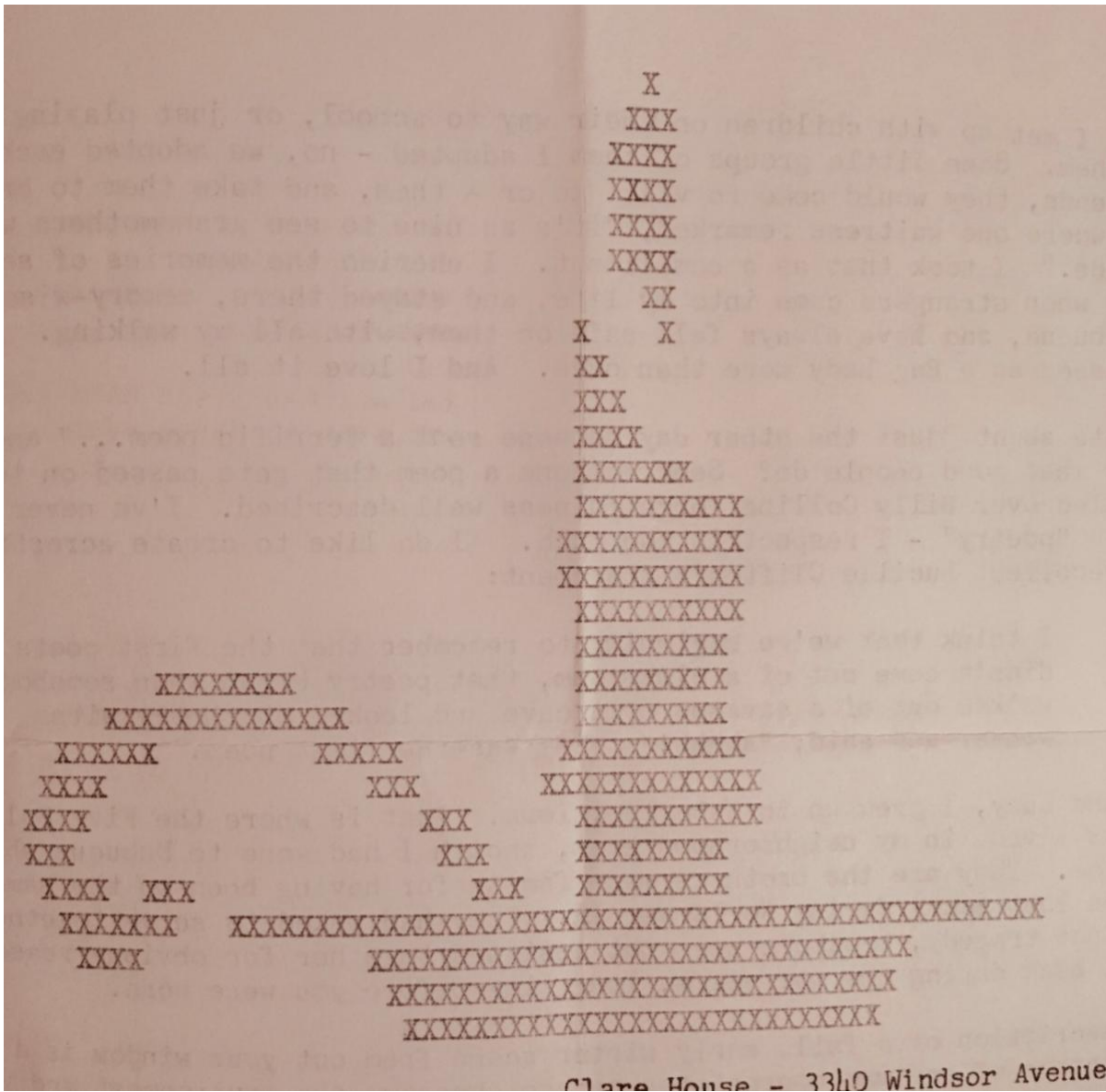
Our colleague **Norm Abelson** shares a story about the impact AP had on a key event in his life and he joins me in encouraging others to tell their own story about AP impacts, outside the news business, in their lives.



Have a great day and week ahead – stay safe, be healthy.

Paul

## Nicest gift of the season so far



**Chris Sullivan (Email)** - Passing along what is to me the nicest gift so far of this season.

In response to a note that I mailed to our friend Sister Donalda Kehoe in Iowa, she sent a warm, thoughtful, newsy letter, at the top of which was this image with this explanation:

“I made the typewriter picture above just before I got a new ribbon in the manual typewriter, one acquired for me by a nephew who let me know it may well be the last on the planet. (It came all the way from a German manufacturer.)”

To any of Sister Donalda’s many Connecting friends who may wonder how she’s doing in these difficult times, the message seems to be that she’s indomitable. She’s lighting a candle.

# It may be in threads when it arrives

**Gene Herrick (Email)** - My mate, Kitty Hylton, ordered a shirt for her nephew, from Macy's on Nov. 27, 2020. A routine internet purchase.

However, something went wrong and now no one knows anything about where the package is. We know where it has been, but now the routing message says it is in the U.S.A. Kitty is in possession of mail and package routing called UPS Mail Innovations. Here is the routing since purchase.

Assuming the shirt was made in Shanghai, the flying hours, and distance to San Francisco, 12 hours and 50 minutes, and 6,135 miles. Then, Dec. 1, from San Fran to Rocky Mount, VA. (it's destination) 2,758.9 miles, 41 hours. Then something went wrong. On Dec. 4, the Rocky Mount, VA. Post office, instead of sending it to us, just three miles away, on Dec. 4, sent the package to Owasso, OK., 15 hours and 44 minutes, and 1,077 miles. From there it was shipped to Smyrna, TN., 638 miles and 9 hours and 11 minutes. Dec. 7, it was sent to Butner, N.C., 7 hours and 45 minutes, and 523 miles. On Dec. 10, the tracking service said, "Your package may be delayed. We are adjusting delivery plans."

The last message from UPS Mail Innovations said, the package was in the U.S.A.

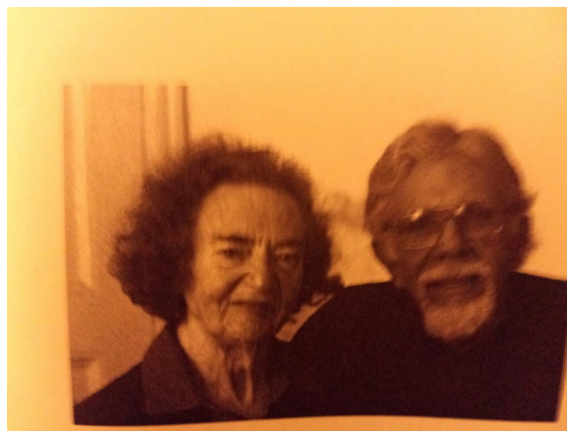
So far, that shirt has traveled approximately 11,131 miles, plus 88.17 hours., and has visited many cities.

Where oh where is that Christmas shirt???

## The Associated Press as marriage broker

**Norm Abelson (Email)** - It's time for me, through Connecting, belatedly to thank The Associated Press for the impact it had on one of the major events of my life. Here's how it happened.

I first met Dina on a wintry New England evening, February 6, 1954. For me, it was love at first sight, so five nights later I nervously proposed. She didn't turn me down, but said she needed time. Three months later, she accepted an engagement ring. Six months after that, we were married. But there was an earlier period when I wasn't sure the wedding would ever come about.



As our feelings deepened, Dina said it was time for her to talk to her family about me. There was a caveat in our tradition about the importance of securing family approval, and that worried me. After all, her Dad and five siblings were all pretty successful and quite sophisticated. I was a 23-year-old, second-year AP reporter in Concord, N.H., barely earning enough to support myself. Hardly making me an ideal catch.

However, when she returned from her family visit, the news was good. She said she had filled them in on our relationship, and they would be delighted to meet me.

“Did you tell them I'm just a low-on-the-totem-pole news reporter?” I asked her.

“No,” she replied, “I told them you are an Associated Press journalist.”

Our wonderful marriage lasted 47+ happy years until her death.

## Thanks for the music, Charley, and remembering hometown papers



**Mark Thompson** ([Email](#)) - For anyone who ever loved a hometown paper, worked at a hometown paper, or—better yet—loved working at a hometown paper, Saturday's passing of Charley Pride hurts. On his 2011 album, Choices, he performed two songs about losing a woman...and learning of both losses in the pages of his hometown paper. Now we've lost him. Thanks for the great music, Charley. And thanks for remembering the hometown papers we used to know and love. 1934-2020, R.I.P.

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## Hickory Hollow Times and County News

# Lunch with a senator

**Steve Graham** ([Email](#)) - Back in 1980 when I was Oregon news editor, then-Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) was running for re-election.

He arrived at the Portland bureau with Ed Pinto, a former Associated Press WDC staffer, who had left the AP to become Packwood's press secretary, for an interview.

Packwood suggested we do it over lunch and did I know of a good place. I proposed the "Cheerful Tortoise," down the street from where we were in the former Oregonian building and close to Portland State University.

The interview was unremarkable until the waitress realized she was serving a U.S. senator and became so flustered she knocked over Packwood's beverage, with much of it landing in his lap.

He was gallant about it and told her not to worry.

But the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey used to say, was even worse.

Packwood later resigned amid multiple charges of abusing women. The sordid events included planting an unwanted kiss on former Oregonian (and former UPI staffer) staffer Roberta "Bobbie" Ulrich, who had joined the newspaper following UPI's Oregon demise. See this [link](#).

## New-member profile: Stephen Kent

**Stephen Kent** ([Email](#)) - I began with The AP in Seattle in 1967, coming over from city side reporter at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. I was transferred to the state capital bureau in Olympia in 1968 as "the third man" for the legislative session. Turned out to be an enjoyable three years as state government grew as the legislature moved from biennial to annual sessions. Back to Seattle in 1971 as day editor. Typical '70s: antiwar demonstrations, firebombs on the university campus, D.B. Cooper, the parachuting hijacker...

The fun continued in Baltimore where I was transferred as news editor. The attempted assassination of George Wallace, the Maryland presidential primary, Tropical Storm Agnes, and that was just in the first week. Later came

Spiro Agnew, the trial of Arthur Bremmer, Wallace's would-be assassin.

In late 1973, I left The AP to become city editor of The Knickerbocker News in Albany. We were among five dailies in the market, a very competitive situation. A talented newsroom, including a 20-something year old Gene Weingarten who since won two Pulitzers at the Washington Post.

An opportunity presented in 1976 to return to the Pacific Northwest as managing editor of the Yakima Herald-Republic in central Washington. Again, god times good staff. With my impeccable timing, my last day was two days before Mount St. Helens exploded. It was on to Dubuque, Iowa as editor, and later publisher of The Telegraph Herald. Then some discernment led to a second journalistic career, first as editor of the weekly newspaper of the archdiocese of Omaha for 10 year followed by the same position with the archdiocese of Seattle paper. After retirement I wrote weekly commentary columns syndicated nationally by Catholic News Service.

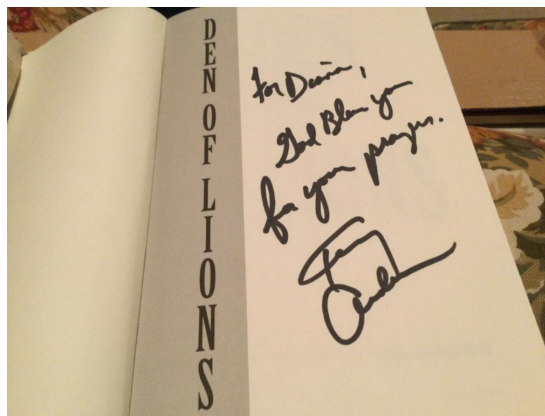


Since re-retired, enjoying life with winters in the Coachella Valley desert of California and summers on Hood Canal in Washington

## Rekindling memories of Terry Anderson visit to Dallas



Dallas AP staffers (from L-R) Diana (then-Jensen) Heidgerd, Mark Lambert, Amanda Barnett, Jim Ribble and Arnie Stapleton attended a book signing by former hostage Terry Anderson, during the Dallas stop of his tour promoting his memoir "Den of Lions."



**Diana Heidgerd** ([Email](#)) - The recent Connecting stories about now-former AP journalist Terry Anderson brought back memories of his mid-1990s book tour promoting "Den of Lions," which included a stop in Dallas.

Like other AP staffers around the world, we were all very concerned for Terry during the years that he spent as a hostage after being kidnapped in Beirut. I had some AP friends who wore bracelets in support of Terry. We talked of our fears for his safety.

What joy we had at his 1991 release!

A few years later, when Terry's book came out, several of us decided to go to the Dallas book store where he was appearing.



It was an emotional moment for us - Amanda Barnett, Jim Ribble, Mark Lambert, Arnie Stapleton and me. It was difficult to hold back tears while describing to Terry how happy we were for his freedom. Several of us told Terry that we'd prayed for him.

I still have my signed copy of Terry's book, with the inscription: "For Diana, God Bless you for your prayers."

I noticed several other customers standing back, quietly watching the camaraderie at this Texas book store, as they realized Terry was being welcomed by other AP journalists.

Meeting Terry Anderson remains one of the highlights of my AP career.

## **Saturday was 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bush-Gore decision**

# Bayno out; UNLV hit with sanctions

## Problems center on recruiting of Lamar Odom

### UNLV SANCTIONS

Penalties imposed on the UNLV men's basketball program Tuesday by the NCAA infractions committee:

- Four years' probation.
- No postseason play 2000-01 season.
- Banned from participating in assigned events for 2001-02.
- Scholarships reduced from 13 to 11 for 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- A reduction of on-campus recruiting visits from 12 to eight for 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- Public reprimand and censure.
- Develop and implement comprehensive education program on NCAA rules.

In addition, UNLV placed the following self-imposed sanctions on the men's basketball program, which were accepted by the committee:

- University disassociates itself from local dentist Dr. David Chapman and local attorney Steve Stein.
- A reduction of off-campus evaluation days by the head basketball coach from 70 to 35.
- During the summer of 2001 and 2002, no recruited player will be permitted to move to Las Vegas before arriving to begin classes as a full-time student-athlete.
- All first-year players must live in university housing on campus for their first academic year.

By STEVE CAMP

REVIEW JOURNAL



Bill Bayno, coach fired from UNLV after refusing to resign Monday.

UNLV's repeat violator status with the NCAA's infractions committee cost the school's men's basketball program dearly Tuesday. It also cost head coach Bill Bayno his job.

The committee announced it has placed the Rebels on four years' probation, barred

the team from postseason play for this season, reduced the number of scholarships from

13 to 11 for the next two seasons and prohibited the team from participating in exempt competition in 2001.

The penalties came as a result of several extra benefits violations involving one-time recruit Lamar Odom, who accepted more than \$5,600 from local dentist Dr. David Chapman and \$400 that was paid to Odom and former Rebel

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U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION

# BUSH VICTORIOUS

## Late-night ruling seen as end to five-week presidential election saga

## Gore appears beaten

### Some Democrats say vice president should concede

By RON FOURNIER

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election Tuesday night, effectively transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. Some Democrats urged Vice President Al Gore to give up his challenge in America's overtime election.

Gore "should act now and concede," Ed Rendell, the chairman of the Democratic Party said less than an hour after the court issued its 5-4 late night ruling five tumultuous weeks after the nation voted.

The vice president's campaign manager, William Daley, issued a statement saying Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman were reviewing the ruling and "will address the court's decision in full detail at a time to be determined tomorrow." But even so, as the night wore on, some top aides said privately the vice president would be forced to depart the race. "That's where every discussion is headed," said one.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, representing Bush, said the Texas governor and running mate Dick Cheney were "very pleased and gratified" with the court's ruling. "This has been a long and arduous process for everyone involved on both sides," he added in remarks that stopped well short of either a declaration of victory for Bush or a call for a concession from the vice president.

In an extraordinary late-night decision, the justices said the recount ordered last weekend by the Florida Supreme Court could not be

Clearly the race for the presidency has come to an end.

George Bush is going to be the next president of the United States."

SEN. ROBERT TORRICELLI D-N.J.

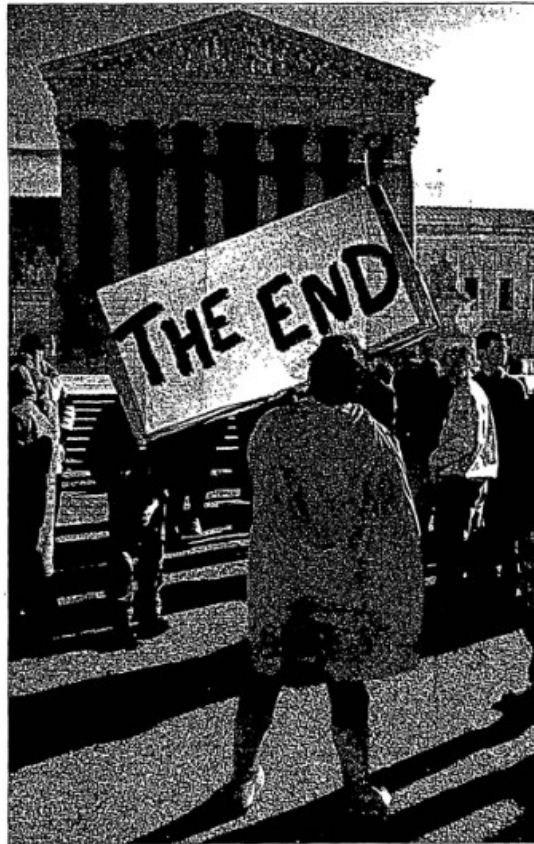
completed by a midnight deadline for selection of presidential electors and still pass constitutional muster.

"It is obvious that the recount cannot be conducted in compliance with the requirements of equal protection and due process without substantial additional work," the justices wrote. Its ruling came with exceptional haste for the court, the day after it heard arguments in the case.

In a forceful dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens wrote, "Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the law."

The ruling was the latest pivot point in the nation's unbearably close election, a saga of counts, recounts, lawsuits by the dozens and two trips to the highest court in the land. For five tumultuous weeks, it has held Gore and Bush in limbo and the nation in thrall, and seared new terms into the

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Scott LaBardo of New York, dressed in a Superman costume, carries a sign in front of the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday in Washington.

By WALTER R. MEARS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democrats began advising Al Gore to take the gracious way out of the overtime campaign for the White House and yield to George W. Bush after the Supreme Court reversed the Florida recount order that held the vice president's last hope Tuesday night.

ANALYSIS

For Bush, the mandate was as murky as his margin was minuscule in Florida for the electoral votes to give him one more than a majority and make him the 43rd president of the United States. And that promised a test like few before as he tries to lead and to

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# Gibbons calls ruling the end of the line; Democrats mum

By STEVE TETRAKLI, JANE ANN MORRISON and RYAN OLIVER

REVIEW JOURNAL

Republican Rep. Jim Gibbons said it appears the presidential race is over once and for all.

"Al Gore is to be commended for running a very tough

He could not be reached for comment.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., had no immediate comment, spokesman Mark Schuerman

said.

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., was traveling in the state and could not be contacted.

In a ruling that could extin-

Friday by the Florida Supreme Court was unconstitutional and there was no time to fashion a proper recount.

Gibbons said the Supreme

Nevada Democrats in Congress said little after Tuesday night's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, while

campaign, but I think tonight clearly indicates that it is over," Gibbons said in a statement prepared by his office.

said. Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., was not answering her phones and had likely gone to bed, aide Michael O'Donovan

quash Gore's flickering presidential hopes, the nation's highest court ruled that a recount of ballots ordered

Court decision "should be respected by all Americans."  
"We must keep in mind that  
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Daniel Martinoa, a supporter of Texas Governor George W. Bush, reacts in front of the U. S. Supreme Court after the nation's highest court reversed the Florida Supreme Court's order for manual recounts late Tuesday night, Dec. 12, 2000, in Washington. The order prevents further counting and all but assures a presidential victory for Texas Gov. George W. Bush. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)



Demonstrators chant during a march to the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee, Fla., Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, in support of Vice President Al Gore and in protest of the U.S. Supreme Court decision stopping the manual counting of ballots. (AP Photo/Beth A. Keiser)

Saturday was the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Bush v. Gore* (*Bush v. Gore*, 531 U.S. 98 (2000), which was argued Dec. 11, 2000 before the Court and decided on Dec. 12. AP's report was published Dec. 13.

I am attaching Ron Fournier's account in the newspaper front page

(Shared by Valerie Komor, with images from AP Corporate Archives.)

## Doug Skaff: Return of AP part of us listening to customers

By Doug Skaff  
President of HD Media  
Published in Charleston Gazette-Mail

..You will notice a change in today's newspaper. That is the resumption of our use of The Associated Press wire service. Since I arrived here, listening to our readers as well as Lee Wolverton, our vice president of news and executive editor, I have recognized the need to bring back The Associated Press, whose combined coverage of national and international news, sports, business and entertainment is the most comprehensive and far-reaching on the planet.

Returning the AP to this newspaper is part of an ongoing commitment on the part of our entire organization to listen to our customers and respond whenever and wherever we can to give them the best product possible.

Read entire column [here](#).

### *Best of the Week*

## In exclusive AP interview, AG Barr says no evidence of widespread election fraud, undermining Trump



**Attorney General William Barr leaves a meeting at the White House, Dec. 1, 2020. Earlier in the day he had told the AP that the Justice Department has found no evidence of widespread fraud in November's general election. AP PHOTO / EVAN VUCCI**

It may have been the punctuation point that put the end to the lie that the Nov. 3 presidential voting was invalidated by widespread fraud. AP Justice Department reporter Mike Balsamo, with an exclusive interview, reported that William Barr, the U.S. attorney general who had defended President Donald Trump countless times before, could find no evidence of widespread voting fraud, undercutting Trump's insistence to the contrary.

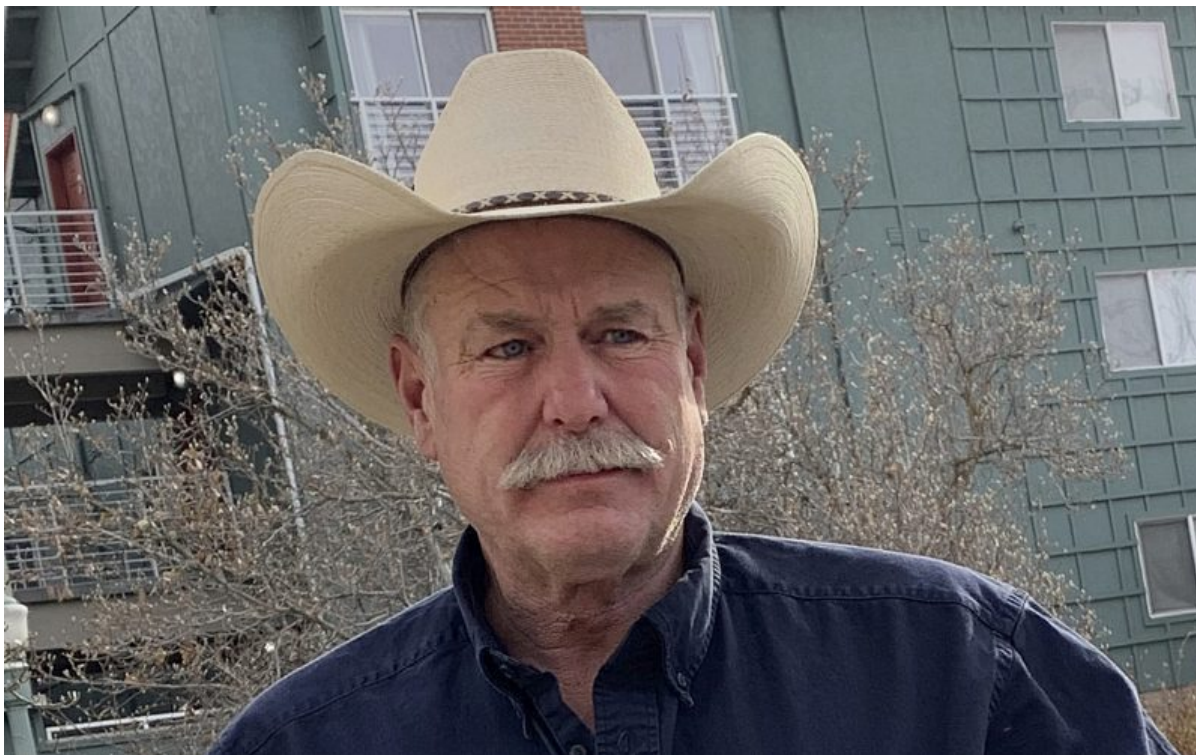
The news flashed around the world and resonated for days.

Balsamo has spent months cultivating sources at the Justice Department, as a neutral and balanced reporter who can deliver news in a way people on both sides of the political divide accept. His relationships paid off in a huge way. Although Justice's U.S. attorneys and FBI agents had been working to follow up specific complaints they'd received, Barr told Balsamo: "To date, we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have effected a different outcome in the election."

Read more [here](#).

***Best of the States***

# True West: Enterprise reporting reveals lurid story that led to Idaho cold case arrest



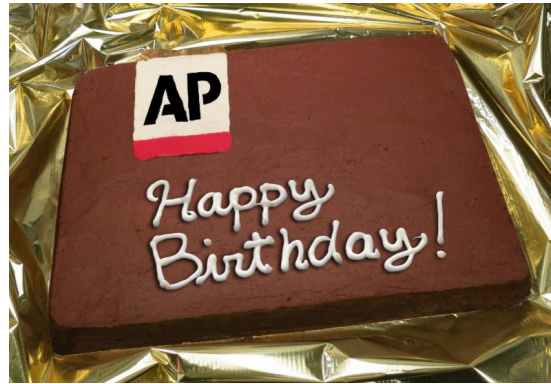
**Brett Woolley poses in Boise, Idaho, Nov. 14, 2019. Forty years ago, Woolley's father Dan Woolley was shot in the parking lot of a small town bar deep in the Idaho mountains. Over the decades, Woolley accepted the likelihood that his father's murderer would never be found. But all that changed last year when authorities arrested a former pro rodeo rider named Walter Mason in a small Texas village. "I didn't want him to be found. I was fine with it like it was," Woolley said after the arrest, voice choked. "It's like it just happened yesterday, all over again." AP PHOTO / REBECCA BOONE**

When an arrest came in a storied, decades-old killing in a remote Idaho mining town, Boise correspondent Rebecca Boone started digging, aiming to tell a broader story about the victim, the suspect and the colorful — and at times shady — pro rodeo and gambling circuit.

Forty years ago, Dan Woolley was shot in the parking lot of a small-town bar in the Idaho mountains. The shooter crossed the street to the only other bar in town, ordered a drink and declared, "I just killed a man." Then he disappeared. It looked like the killing would forever fade into history, unsolved. But late last year an 87-year-old man was arrested for the slaying — a former pro rodeo rider named Walter Mason, who had connections to Las Vegas mobster and casino owner Benny Binion.

Read more [here](#).

# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

*Iran executes exiled journalist who encouraged 2017 protests* (AP)





**File - In this June 2, 2020 file photo, journalist Ruhollah Zam speaks during his trial at the Revolutionary Court, in Tehran, Iran. Iran. Iranian state television and the state-run IRNA news agency say Ruhollah Zam was hanged early Saturday, Dec. 11, 2020, just months after he returned to Tehran under mysterious circumstances. (Ali Shirband/Mizan News Agency via AP, File)**

**By JON GAMBRELL**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran on Saturday executed an exiled journalist over his online work that helped inspire nationwide economic protests in 2017, a little more than a year after authorities tricked him into traveling to Iraq where he was abducted.

Ruhollah Zam, 47, was one of several opposition figures successfully seized by Iranian intelligence operatives abroad in recent months as Tehran struggles under the weight of U.S. sanctions.

Kidnapping and executing Zam, who lived in Paris under what Iran described as French government protection, likely will further chill an already-scattered Iranian opposition across the West. It also comes as Iran tries to pressure France and other European nations over the collapsed atomic accord in the waning days of President Donald Trump's administration.

The execution drew immediate international condemnation.

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

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## ***Ailing newspapers abandon newsrooms as pandemic deepens woes*** (AFP)

**By Thomas Urbain**

The buzzing newsroom has long been the lifeblood of American newspapers. But in recent months the buzz has become virtual as the pandemic deepens the industry crisis and forces journalists to work remotely.

In recent months, established dailies such as the New York Daily News, Miami Herald and Baltimore Sun have joined other news outlets abandoning their headquarters, amid pandemic workplace restrictions that had already left them empty.

Tribune Publishing, owner of the Baltimore daily and others, has acknowledged it is re-evaluating its real estate needs as it struggles with a difficult environment, with

lower print circulation, falling advertising revenues and increased costs for health and safety.

But many journalists say the loss of the newsroom has changed the nature of their work and worry that newspapers may not re-establish newsrooms even after the pandemic.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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## ***The rise of nonprofit journalism continues*** (Nieman)

By RACHEL SCHALLOM

Newsrooms aren't changing fast enough. We're still too white. We're still too male. We're still too deeply tied to legacy products — whether they be print newspapers, TV broadcasts, or magazines — even though we claim to put digital first. Solutions for key issues that were “just around the corner” when I was starting my career are still massive pain points.

It is unsurprising that we're seeing nonprofit newsrooms spring up on a regular basis. ProPublica and The Texas Tribune have been excellent models for years, and this year we've seen the arrival of new players such as The Beacon in Kansas City, The 19th\*, and The Markup.

It's not an entirely new trend. The 2020 INN Index reports that nonprofit newsrooms “have launched at a pace of a dozen or more a year since 2008.” Local and explanatory reporting are two major focus areas for nonprofit news organizations.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Restoring the Voice of America after a Trump 'wrecking ball' won't be easy. But it's worth saving.***

(Washington Post)

By Margaret Sullivan  
Media columnist

When Sanford Ungar visited a small village in Bangladesh as the Voice of America director two decades ago, he wore a tiny lapel pin that featured a microphone and the

letters “VOA.”

The villagers who saw it overflowed with appreciation, he recalled.

“It was like I was a rock star or a Bollywood actor,” the former Washington Post journalist, now the director of the Free Speech Project at Georgetown University, told me recently.

This happened throughout his travels in many places that were “information deserts” — where there was an “absolute starvation to know what was going on in the world, including in their own countries,” and, importantly, with the news often told in their own languages.

Now the organization is under siege, thanks to the efforts of Michael Pack, President Trump’s appointed chief of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, which oversees VOA as well as Radio Free Europe, Radio Free Asia and others. With about 4,000 employees, many of whom are journalists, along with another 1,500 freelance “stringers,” the organizations broadcast in about 40 languages.

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

## Today in History - Dec. 14, 2020



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2020. There are 17 days left in the year.

### Today’s Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 2012, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; the 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

**On this date:**

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH'-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in February 1917.)

In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colorado, killing 20 students.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States*, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks).

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1988, President Reagan authorized the U.S. to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism."

In 2005, President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong."

In 2006, a British police inquiry concluded that the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a 1997 Paris car crash were a "tragic accident," and that allegations of a murder conspiracy were unfounded. Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun died in New York at age 83.

In 2016, Yahoo said it believed hackers had stolen data from more than one billion user accounts in Aug. 2013 (in Oct. 2017, Yahoo raised that figure to 3 billion).

Ten years ago: The White House insisted the implementation of President Barack Obama's landmark health care law would not be affected by a negative federal court

ruling, and the Justice Department said it would appeal. Gunman Clay A. Duke fired at school board members in Panama City, Florida, but hit no one before fatally shooting himself. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi scraped through two parliamentary votes of no confidence.

Five years ago: Bill Cosby fired back at seven women who were suing him for defamation, accusing them in a federal countersuit of making false accusations of sexual misconduct for financial gain. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced that Pete Rose, serving a lifetime ban for betting on baseball, would continue to be banned from working in the sport. Lillian Vernon, 88, creator of a multimillion dollar catalog business that sold specialized gifts and home goods, died in New York. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" had its world premiere at Hollywood's TCL Chinese Theater.

One year ago: French New Wave film star Anna Karina, an icon of the cinema in the 1960s, died at the age of 79. The bat that Babe Ruth used to hit his 500th home run was sold at auction for more than \$1 million. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner defeated Tony Buzbee in a runoff election to win a second term; Turner had highlighted Buzbee's prior support of President Donald Trump. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow won the Heisman Trophy in a record landslide vote.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actor Abbe Lane is 89. Actor Hal Williams is 86. Actor-singer Jane Birkin is 74. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 74. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 74. Actor Dee Wallace is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 71. Rock musician Cliff Williams is 71. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 64. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 62. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 62. Actor Cynthia Gibb is 57. Actor Nancy Valen is 55. Actor Archie Kao is 51. Actor Natascha McElhone is 51. Actor-comedian Michaela Watkins is 49. Actor-comedian Miranda Hart is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 45. Actor KaDee Strickland is 45. Actor Tammy Blanchard is 44. Actor Sophie Monk is 41. Actor-singer-musician Jackson Rathbone is 36. Actor Vanessa Hudgens is 32. Rock/R&B singer Tori Kelly is 28.

## 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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