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Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Jill Biden holds the Bible during the 59th Presidential Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, as their children Ashley and Hunter watch.(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, Pool)

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021,

Here are a few inauguration-related vignettes as we begin the first full day of the Biden-Harris administration:

From **Kia Breaux** ([Email](#)) – on her 15-year-old son John:

John slept in today so he missed the inauguration.

John: "So nobody was going to wake me up so I could see the inauguration?"

Me: "I didn't know you were interested in watching it live."

John: "I wanted to see Natalie."

Me: "Natalie?"

John: "Yeah, Biden's granddaughter. Whew, she's fine and about my age, too."

And here I thought he wanted to watch for the historical significance. Sigh.

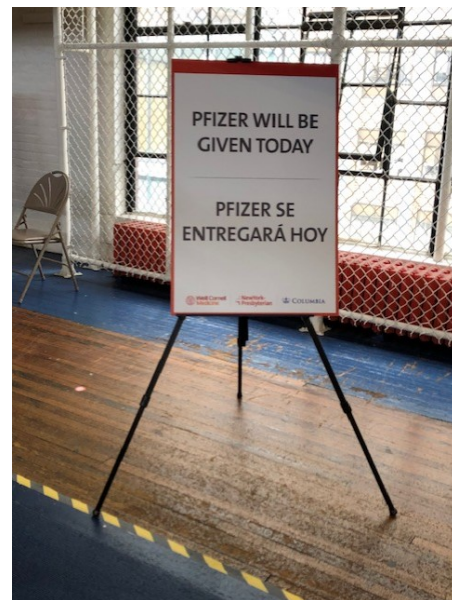


And from **Bobbie Seril (Email)** - Very, very special and moving to be vaccinated while watching the inauguration on huge 4-way TVs --- volume blasting and echoing throughout --- with an armory full of doctors, nurses, police, and people of all stripes, cheering and applauding and genuinely happy to be there. (Some didn't cheer, but at least there was no booing.) It went pretty quickly because all the doses were prepared in advance across the street at the hospital, and brought over as needed.

Someone said it was like the end of a war.

I especially liked the easel with placard announcing the vaccine du jour, like a happy hour special.

New beginnings all around.







And from **David Kennerly** ([Email](#)) – Four years ago today, Jan. 20, 2017, I was there to document this moment. A presidential hat trick. One frame of the three together. All would be president. As you know Trump didn't have the courtesy to show up for Biden's inauguration as Obama did for him. It's now officially Bye Don, Hello Joe!

And from **Peggy Walsh** ([Email](#)) - A glorious day. Daddy would appreciate that today, 1-20-2021, is a palindrome.

Dad (longtime newspaperman Mason Walsh, shown at right wearing his newspaper tie) was Mr. Palindrome. Long ago he wrote a piece for one of the news groups. Wednesday, 1-20-2021, was a fond reminder of him.



(In response, Peggy's friend Paul Stevens noted he was hired into AP by a bureau chief with a palindrome for his last name - Ed Staats.)

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

*'Ladies' and 'girls' at the AP*  
**Article titles that speak for themselves**



## WHERE — AND WHO — THE GIRLS ARE (AP EDITION)

A personnel department survey in April showed that 118 (about 11½%) of AP's 1025 domestic news professionals are women.

Two women—Patricia Leisner at Tampa and Irene Shadoan at Dover—are correspondents in charge of AP offices in their cities.

Here's where the women are, city by city:

**Albany**—Pamela Hanlon, Linda M. Lebsack; **Albuquerque**—Charmian L. Ogden; Ruth Ann Ragland; **Atlanta**—Billie McWhorter Brown, Kathryn Johnson, Sharon Lynn Joiner, Pat Holcomb Koester, Marie Buck Price; **Augusta, Me.**—Phyllis Austin; **Baltimore**—Kristin Goff; **Boston**—Sandra Cannon, Janice Elliott; **Charleston**—Mary Elizabeth Mills; **Cheyenne**—Linda L. Berger; **Chicago**—Dyann M. Dunworth, Pennie Sue Thurman, Judy Alberta VanSlyke; **Columbus**—Pamela Jean Etsinger.

**Denver**—Jane Ellen Leavitt; **Detroit**—Evelyn August, Christine H. McKnight; **Dover**—Irene Ellen Shadoan; **Hartford**—Judith E. Freund; **Indianapolis**—Janet Susan Morrison; **Jefferson City, Mo.**—Jane M. Erickson; **Kansas City**—

Marsha Rule, Mary Esther Rutter; **Little Rock**—Dala Diane McKinsey; **Los Angeles**—Linda Deutsch, Rachel Ann Eberle, Cynthia Zelda Rawitch; **Louisville**—Maria Braden, Mary Scheier.

**Madison**—Nancy Jane Begalke; **Memphis**—Marian V. Smith; **Miami**—Patricia Lee Bartimus, Ann Bowen Hellmuth, Christine H. MacGill; **Milwaukee**—Sonya Zalubowski; **Minneapolis**—Martha R. Malan, Karren A. Mills; **Nashville**—Nancy R. Shipley; **Newark**—Mary V. Gordon; **New Orleans**—Carol L. Deegan.

**New York**—(business news) Carole M. Martin, Linda K. Rubey; (New York Bureau) Henrietta Leith Ambro, Marcia Chambers, Gladys C. Echols, Susan J. Everly, Mary Ellen Myrene, Mary Schurz; (local) Dolores Barclay, Elizabeth Bassett, Nancy Burton, Adrienne J. Parks; (AP Newsfeatures) Kay Bartlett, Mary Campbell, Cynthia R. Lowry, Peace Sterling Moffat, Joy Stillely; (book division) Marcia Henning; (filmstrips) Jane Dozier, (promotion-AP World) Sibby Christensen; (foreign desk) Shirley Christian, Deborah Rankin;

(general desk) Janet White Battaile, Isabelle Wedemeyer Carse, Louise C. Cook, Earleen Marie Fisher, Ann G. Hencken, Jurate C. Kazickas, Lynn B. Sherr; (sports) Karol Stonger; (radio) Martha Buckwalter, Kay Lawrence Faris, Prudence Heller, Margaret Mary McGovern.

**Oklahoma City**—Stella M. Roberts; **Omaha**—Mildred C. Hollingsworth; **Philadelphia**—Joy A. Elliott; **Pittsburgh**—Jacqueline S. Campbell; **Phoenix**—Melody Cornett; **Portland, Ore.**—Melinda S. Eden, Audrey Rayner Morton; **Raleigh**—Yvonne C. Baskin; **Richmond**—Sue Johnson; **Sacramento**—Susan Sward; **San Francisco**—Edith Lederer; Lynne Olson, Jeanine Yeomans; **Seattle**—Mary E. Hopper, Mary Patricia Murphy; **Sioux Falls**—Phyllis Mensing; **Spokane**—Carole Barns; **Tampa**—Patricia Leisner.

**Washington, D.C.**—Janet M. Barnes, Ann Towers Blackman, Martha Cole, Margaret DeChard, Margaret Ann Gentry; Frances Lewine; Margaret Scherf, Peggy Ann Simpson; Jean Heller Stephens.

From AP World, 1972

## **WELCOME, LADIES!**

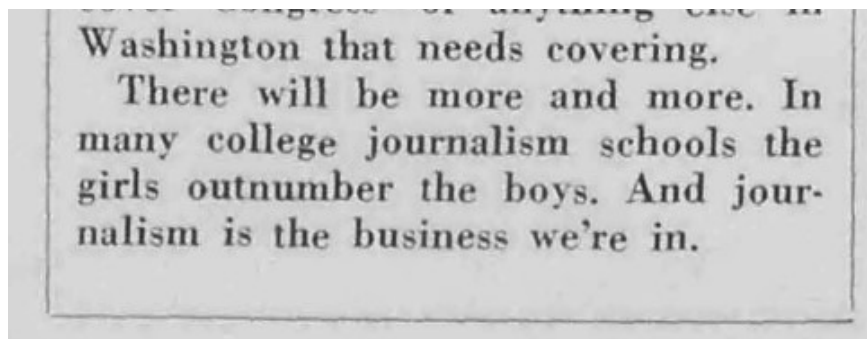
• The Associated Press has 1,016 newsmen in the United States—and 57 of them are women. Only a few years ago it had less than a dozen.

Before World War I, AP had a woman filing editor in Chicago, but not until Kent Cooper became general manager in 1925 did AP start putting ladies to work as newsgatherers.

At first they were used only in New York and Washington to seek out “the woman’s angle” in news. We’d better not pinpoint any years of arrival—the gals would slay us—but maybe it’s safe to mention a few names. Ethel Halsey seems to have been the first of these girls. After her came Martha Dalrymple, Hazel Reavis, Phyllis Perlman, Lorena Hickok, Katherine Beebe. Before long others were showing up in other bureaus.

Now AP has gals all over. Nearly every domestic control bureau has at least one lady newsman, and they are giving good account of themselves. The day news editor in Albany is a woman. The night editor was, too, until she retired lately. It is common for women to take charge of news desks anywhere.

In New York, a lady covers the broadcasting industry; one has covered sports; two ladies cover business and finance; four write and edit news-features; a dozen handle desk jobs and cover other assignments. In Washington an extremely competent woman covers the White House. Four others cover Congress—or anything else in



From AP World, 1966

**Francesca Pitaro** ([Email](#)) - I'm sharing the 1966 article from AP World that Shirley Christian mentioned in her remembrance of Fran Lewine (in Wednesday's Connecting). Also found one from 1972 listing all the women news professionals.

The article titles speak for themselves.

## And more memories of Fran Lewine

**Walter Mears** ([Email](#)) - When Fran Lewine joined the Washington bureau, she was a pioneer - one or the first women national reporters in what was then a field dominated by men. She matched them and more. Early in her Washington career she covered Jacqueline Kennedy as first lady. Soon she was covering the president as a member of the AP White House staff. She filled that role well during all or part of six administrations.



President Nixon is interviewed about turning 60, the day before his Jan. 9, 1973, birthday by UPI's Helen Thomas and AP's Fran Lewine (right). (White House Photo)



**Cheryl Arvidson (Email)** – I met Fran in 1973 when I had first arrived in Washington with UPI from Iowa. It was at the height of Watergate, just after the Saturday Night Massacre, and it was the first assignment I got after arriving at the UPI bureau. President Nixon was going to Camp David for the weekend and needed constant watching. Those days, both AP and UPI kept rooms at a motel in Thurmont, MD, I think it was called The Cozy, for both reporters and photographers so there was no problem getting rooms when presidents decided to get away for a Camp David break.

I got directions to Camp David from Helen Thomas's husband, retired AP White House reporter Doug Cornell, and left on a Friday afternoon to head to Camp David. I left plenty early because Nixon was holding a news conference that night and then would come by helicopter directly to Camp David afterwards. Reporters needed to be there to watch the helicopter land and make sure the president made it, and presuming he did, to report anything he had to say or anything unusual about the arrival. The trip involved the Beltway, which I had never driven on before in my life. I had no idea what the Beltway was or that it was a circular highway. I just headed out to Virginia from my DC hotel (I was that new – still didn't have an apartment) and got on the Beltway.

I drove and drove for almost two hours in Friday rush hour traffic and never found the exit Doug had told me to take. I had no idea why I had not found the exit and finally concluded I must have gone the wrong way. I exited the Beltway and re-entered going the other way, again in a massive traffic jam. I know now, but didn't know then, that I probably had gone about completely around the Beltway and would have found the exit if I had just gone a little further. Instead, I headed back in traffic and drove and drove again. It was getting really tight timewise when I finally found the exit and was able to head to Thurmont. Meanwhile, I had the news on the radio and was listening to reports about Nixon getting ready for his press conference. I, of course, was panic-stricken, thinking I was about to blow my first assignment in Washington.

I finally got to Thurmont. It was pitch black, Nixon's press conference was under way, and I had no idea where the motel was, let alone how to get to Camp David. I called the motel, the owner took pity on me, directed me to where I needed to be and alerted the UPI photographer, Frank Cansellere, that a crazed reporter was coming and needed help. I finally got there, Frank handed me a shot of whiskey, told me to calm down and said he would take me to Camp David so I could be there for Nixon's arrival. Fran, as it turned out, was the reporter assigned by the AP, so we met while standing behind a big wall that I believe had peep holes in it so you could look through it and see the president land and depart. Nixon got there very soon after Frank and I arrived, said nothing and quickly disappeared. But Fran asked me to join her for breakfast the next day and she would tell me what the procedures were for the weekend president watch.

As it turned out, it was a gorgeous October weekend in the Catoclin Mountains, Nixon did nothing newsworthy, and we literally had nothing to do but enjoy the beautiful weather, have meals together, talk and get to know one another. Fran was so kind and helpful to me, taking me under her wing to make sure I knew what might happen and what to do if anything did happen. She was a fierce competitor of course, but she also

was a female journalist who had experienced plenty of discrimination and wanted to make sure she could help any other female journalist along the way.

As it turned out, our friendship grew both as UPI and AP reporters and as we worked together on many other professional projects including the Washington National Press Club (formerly the Women's National Press Club which changed its name in the early 1970s and opened the door to men members) and as part of a group that planned the legendary Counter Gridiron Celebration. The Counter Gridiron was held to protest the then all-male membership of the Gridiron Club, and it was such a success and so well-attended that it helped bring down the barriers and open the Gridiron to women. Helen Thomas was the first woman member, and Fran was the second. Later, I also became a member of the Gridiron, and Fran and I spent much time together in various costumes as we rehearsed for and performed in various Gridiron skits. When she died, I was the Gridiron Historian, and I gave a report at our monthly meeting saluting Fran for her tremendous work and accomplishments.

It remains one of my great honors to have known her both as a competitor and a friend.

## In support of Nick's decision

**Robert Meyers** ([Email](#)) - I support Nick Ut's decision to accept the National Medal for the Arts. It is an award from the United States of America, not from President Trump. He well deserves to be the first news photographer so honored.

On Jan. 8, two days after the storming of the Capitol, we buried my father, Robert J. Meyers Sr., in Bethel Cemetery near Pittsburgh, Pa. (Photo at right shows him on the farm where he grew up near New Brighton, Pa.)

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, the graveside service following the funeral mass, was led by a priest and attended by three U.S. Navy sailors. Two of them folded the U.S. flag from his coffin as a third played taps. As they presented it to my mother, one said "We present this Ensign on behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Navy and a grateful nation."

My mother wouldn't have accepted anything but a formal resignation from Donald Trump, but she accepted the flag without comment. Later my sister noted that she, like myself, felt a stutter at those words.



## Iran Hostage Crisis Ended 40 Years Ago



In this Jan. 16, 1979 photo, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Empress Farah walk on the tarmac at Mehrabad Airport in Tehran, Iran, to board a plane to leave the country. Forty years ago, Iran's ruling shah left his nation for the last time and an Islamic Revolution overthrew the vestiges of his caretaker government. The effects of the 1979 revolution, including the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and ensuing hostage crisis, reverberate through decades of tense relations between Iran and America. (AP Photo)

### AP Images Blog

It's been 40 years since 52 American hostages were held for 444 days after the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was seized by revolutionary Iranian students.

The impetus for the takeover was the exiled Shah of Iran's entry into the U.S. The hostage crisis brought Ayatollah Khomeini into power, and would eventually cost U.S. President Jimmy Carter his reelection bid in the 1980 Presidential Election.

The majority of hostages were released the day Ronald Reagan was sworn in as president.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting sky shot – Brooklyn...





**Francesca Pitaro** ([Email](#)) - I took a lovely walk on the boardwalk at Brighton Beach (Brooklyn) on Saturday.

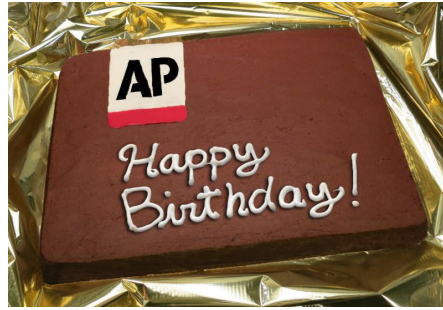
## ...and Victoria, British Columbia



**Scott McDonald** ([Email](#)) - One of the joys of working on the Asia Desk in Bangkok was playing golf on the weekends with Markus Kreutz and “Crusty” Baker. Now while he is in shorts playing in Bangkok, I have to wear three jackets in the winter weather in Victoria, but I still have an AP hat. (Scott McDonald was news editor in Beijing and day supervisor on the Asia Desk.)

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday





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## Stories of interest

*Jen Psaki's Debut: No Attacks, No Lectures, No Crowd Size Fixation* (New York Times)



Jennifer Psaki, the new White House press secretary, took questions from reporters on Wednesday in an appearance designed to project President Biden's adherence to tradition. Credit...Doug Mills/The New York Times

By Annie Karni



WASHINGTON — There was no discussion of the inauguration’s crowd size.

The White House press secretary, Jennifer Psaki, arrived in the briefing room on Wednesday night for the first time, wearing two masks, promising to bring “truth and transparency” to her exchanges with the news media, and taking questions from almost every reporter — even a correspondent from Fox News.

“I have deep respect for the role of a free and independent press,” Ms. Psaki said, flipping through a heavy briefing book marked up with notes. “We have a common goal, which is sharing accurate information with the American people.”

Her noncombative briefing was designed to project a return to normalcy, a sense that the briefing room, like the rest of the West Wing just hours into the Biden administration, is back in the hands of substantive government professionals who are not seeking to undermine the role of the press. Ms. Psaki herself worked as White House communications director and State Department spokeswoman during the Obama administration, making her one of the most experienced people ever to take on the difficult, highly scrutinized position of press secretary.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Controversial head of Voice of America resigns hours after President Biden takes office*** (Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi

Michael Pack, a Trump appointee who sought to remake the Voice of America and other government-funded overseas news agencies, resigned on Wednesday, bringing an end to a short and tumultuous tenure.

Pack quit a few hours after President Biden took office and less than eight months into his three-year term as chief executive of the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM). The government agency oversees VOA, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting and other networks that produce and distribute news to millions of people in countries whose governments suppress independent reporting.

He said that his resignation came at Biden’s request. During the president campaign, Biden’s staff had signaled that he would replace Pack if Biden won election.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***The Free Press and Democracy in a "Murder the Media" Age*** (History News Network)

by Wendy Melillo

The ugly message "Murder the media," etched into a door of the Capitol by an angry mob of violent Trump supporters January 6, reflects the deep lack of trust in American journalism stoked by a demagogic President and his enablers over the last five years.

Two new media efforts offer contrasting visions about how best to solve the problem. Should journalists place objectivity at the core of their work by only reciting facts about what happened and how things work? Or should journalism more purposely foster a healthy democracy?

Punchbowl, the political news start-up founded by three former Politico staff writers including Capitol Hill correspondent Jake Sherman, aims to cover Congress by garnering scoops and explaining how power operates. It's just-the-facts-please, no-taking-sides approach is betting that there's an audience hungry for information that explains politics as a profession.

In the other camp, veteran journalists Charlie Sennott and Steven Waldman have dedicated their new enterprise – Report for America – to "saving journalism" by emphasizing local news and issues. Their take is that the collapse in local journalism, underscored by the 2,100 newspapers that have closed since 2004 and the 200 counties in America with no newspaper at all, is a real threat to democracy.

Read more [here](#). Shared by George Arfield.

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## ***Shepard Smith Opens Up About Leaving Fox News After 23 Years: "I Stuck With It for as Long as I Could"*** (Hollywood Reporter)

by Katie Kilkeny

Shepard Smith has opened up about why he decided to leave Fox News in 2019 after 23 years at the network.

The former Shepard Smith Reporting anchor and current CNBC host got candid about his tenure at the cable news network in an interview with journalist Christiane

Amanpour that will air Tuesday night on PBS. "If you feel like the Fox viewers were getting mis- or disinformation, I was there to make sure that they got it straight," Smith said in the clip, which Amanpour tweeted on Tuesday. "I stuck with it for as long as I could. And at some point I realized I've reached a point of diminishing returns and I left."

When Amanpour pressed Smith as to whether he "accept[s]" that Fox News "perpetuated so many of the divisions, the lies, the conspiracies" of the Trump presidency, Smith spoke abstractly about journalists who "lead people astray" and expressed his distaste for them.

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

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## ***World Wide Web inventor opposes Australia's news payment plan*** (AFP)

World Wide Web inventor Tim Berners-Lee says Australia's plan to force digital giants to pay media outlets for news content is "unworkable" and undermines a "fundamental principle" of the internet.

Canberra is pursuing world-first laws that would require Google and Facebook to compensate Australian news organisations, or pay millions of dollars in fines.

The aggressive move to check the tech giants' power has prompted blowback from the US firms, with Facebook warning Australians could be blocked from sharing articles on its "News Feed", while Google has been experimenting with hiding local news in searches.

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

# Today in History - Jan. 21, 2021





## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2021. There are 344 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 2020, the U.S. reported its first known case of the new virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who had returned the previous week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle; U.S. officials stressed that they believed the overall risk of the virus to the American public remained low.

### On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

In 2007, Lovie Smith became the first Black head coach to make it to the Super Bowl when his Chicago Bears won the NFC championship, beating the New Orleans Saints 39-14; Tony Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.

In 2010, a bitterly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress. Former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards finally admitted fathering a daughter during an affair before his second White House bid.

In 2019, first-term senator and former California attorney general Kamala Harris entered the Democratic presidential race. (Harris would withdraw from the race in December; she would be chosen the following August as the party's vice presidential nominee.) A light aircraft carrying Argentine soccer player Emiliano Sala to his new team in Wales went missing over the English Channel. (Sala's body was recovered from the wreckage two weeks later.)

Ten years ago: Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, seriously wounded in a shooting rampage, was transferred from the University Medical Center trauma center in Tucson to Texas Medical Center in Houston to undergo months of therapy. President Barack Obama visited Schenectady, New York, the birthplace of the General Electric Co., to declare that his job was "putting our economy into overdrive." South Korean special forces stormed a hijacked freighter in the Arabian Sea, rescuing all 21 crew members and killing eight Somali pirates. Ed Mauser, the oldest living member of a 101st Airborne Division company that became known as the "Band of Brothers" during World War II, died in Omaha, Nebraska, at age 94.

Five years ago: The Obama administration tightened restrictions on European and other travelers who had visited Iran, Iraq, Syria or Sudan in the previous five years. Daniel Holtzclaw, a former police officer convicted of raping and sexually victimizing women while on his beat in a low-income Oklahoma City neighborhood, was ordered to spend the rest of his life in prison.

One year ago: A rancorous dispute over rules marked the first full day of President Donald Trump's Senate impeachment trial; Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell added an extra day for opening arguments and agreed that evidence from the House impeachment proceedings would be included in the record. Terry Jones, a founding member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, died at his London home at the age of

77 after suffering from dementia. Derek Jeter came within one vote of being a unanimous pick for baseball's Hall of Fame, while Larry Walker earned baseball's highest honor in his last chance on the ballot. Heavy metal music legend Ozzy Osbourne announced that he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 81. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 80. Actor Jill Eikenberry is 74. Country musician Jim Ibbotson is 74. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 71. Former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 71. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 70. Actor-director Robby Benson is 65. Actor Geena Davis is 65. Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 58. Actor Charlotte Ross is 53. Actor John Ducey is 52. Actor Karina Lombard is 52. Actor Ken Leung is 51. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 51. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 49. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 48. Actor Vincent Laresca is 47. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 45. Actor Jerry Trainor is 44. Country singer Phil Stacey is 43. R&B singer Nokio is 42. Actor Izabella Miko (MEE'-koh) is 40. Actor Luke Grimes is 37. Actor Feliz Ramirez 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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