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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 3rd day of May 2021,

Bob O'Meara and **Tim Curran** were Connecting colleagues who once worked together in the AP's Milwaukee bureau and distinguished themselves in AP careers that spanned four decades.

Last week, we lost both of them – with news that O'Meara died last Thursday, two days after Curran, at the age of 98. We brought you Tim's obituary on Friday and today we sadly bring you Bob's. (Photo at right shows Tim (left) and Bob in June 2018 at art exhibit.)

One of our oldest Connecting colleagues, Bob was an accomplished artist from an early age, He was a World War II veteran, among a dwindling few among our Connecting colleagues who served in that war. If you are a World War II veteran, please let me know – for a future Connecting story.

If you have a favorite memory of Bob, please send it along.

Our colleague Julia Weeks (Email) invites you to join a Facebook Live Book Chat in which Hal Buell and Nick Ut discuss their new book, photojournalism and more. Hal just authored a book on Nick's AP career – From Hell to Hollywood: The Incredible Journey of AP Photographer Nick Ut. The chat will take place Tuesday, May 4, at 7pm EDT - facebook.com/APImages



Here's to the new month – and to being safe and healthy as our country tries to ease out of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Bob O'Meara - WWII veteran, AP Milwaukee journalist and talented artist dies at 98



Bob O'Meara at an exhibit of his work in 2017 at the Milwaukee Catholic Home, (Photo: Rick Wood, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)

Milwaukee bureau newsroom in 1966: in foreground news editor Dion Henderson; background from left, Bob O'Meara, Francis (Curly) Bordsen and Jimmy Fox.(Photo/AP Corporate Archives)

By JIM CARLSON

Robert "Bob" O'Meara, a World War II veteran, journalist for the Associated Press for 39 years, dedicated family man and artist who sketched and exhibited his works well into his 90s, has died at the age of 98.

O'Meara, who died last Thursday, April 29, spent his entire AP career with the Milwaukee bureau, serving for years as the news editor before retiring in 1987.



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"Bob was a quiet and knowledgeable leader of the staff as news editor," said Jim Carlson, who worked with O'Meara starting in 1971. "Near the end of his AP career he took on an assignment as a traveling writer, making trips around the state where he sought out and wrote feature stories and other news. I remember him producing one series telling the distress of homeowners and communities along the Lake Michigan shore during a time of severe erosion from extreme high water."

O'Meara was born on a farm in Monroe, Wis., on July 13, 1922. He left the University of Wisconsin journalism school to join the Army in March 1943 and served for nearly three years in radio communications in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in Italy, Morocco and French West Africa, communicating with planes coming and going to the war zone.

He once recalled for Connecting: "When Germany surrendered, I was with an Army Air Force group manning a radio outpost in the Western Sahara. We knew our mission was over. Then speculation began. Would it be the Pacific for us? Would we be part of a landing force in Japan? We all know the outcome. Our view of the Statue of Liberty as our troopship pulled into New York harbor was magnificent."

O'Meara returned to Madison to complete his journalism degree and then joined the AP in Milwaukee, where he was a reporter and editor for 39 years. He was known in the AP as REO, short for Robert Eugene O'Meara. "It was a tradition in my parents' family to name someone after the saint who was honored on the day they were born," he once told Connecting. "I was born on St. Eugene's Day. The tradition ended when my young brother was born on St. Polycarp's Day."

He was hired in 1948 by Milwaukee Chief of Bureau Bill Weekes and quickly assigned to the night operation – located in a small room adjacent to the city room of the morning newspaper, The Hearst-owned Milwaukee Sentinel, several blocks from the main AP office at the afternoon Milwaukee Journal.



Over his AP years, stories he covered included: Father James Groppi and the Milwaukee's open housing marches; being the only reporter to gain access to John F. Kennedy's hotel suite on the night he won the Wisconsin primary; attending Mass at St. Josephat Basilica with Robert Kennedy and Governor Pat Lucey, and covering Mother Teresa when she visited Marquette University in 1981. O'Meara was inducted into the Milwaukee Press Club Media Hall of Fame in 1996.

A favorite story was covering Al McGuire, the colorful and successful basketball coach at Marquette University. When the AP sports desk in New York wanted comment from McGuire about rumors that he was being considered for the head-coaching job of the New York Knicks, O'Meara reached McGuire and was told: ""Ice fishing is one of the dumbest and dullest things I ever heard of, and I would take up ice fishing before I'd Connecting - May 03, 2021

become a coach in the NBA." O'Meara said, "He was speaking, of course, about the popular Wisconsin midwinter sport of fishing through a hole in the ice. I relayed the quotation to NY. As far as I know, it was never used. The story said only that McGuire, reached in Milwaukee, indicated he was not interested."

O'Meara excelled at art from an early age. His paintings are in more than 200 private collections.

As recently as 2017, O'Meara's art was on display at the Milwaukee Catholic Home where he resided. A review by former Milwaukee Journal Sentinel writer Jim Stingl noted how O'Meara had combined news, art and family: "Throughout all that gritty news gathering, and while raising six children with his late wife, Peg, Bob managed to carve out time for painting and sketching. His studio, if you can call it that, was the dining room at home in Shorewood."

His wife Margaret Joy O'Meara preceded him in death. They were the parents of David O'Meara, Mary Joy "MJ" (Jon Spelt) O'Meara, Monica (Mark Szaflarski) O'Meara, Anne (Mike) O'Meara Stillwell, Jack (Bridget) O'Meara, Jane (Alan Purintun) O'Meara.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 6, from 10-11 a.m. at Robert Catholic Church, 2214 E. Capitol Dr., in Shorewood. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated immediately following at 11 a.m. Private interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery. The Mass will be live streamed. A link to view the live stream will be provided in his obituary on **www.feerickfuneralhome.com**. Memorials in Robert's name may be made to the Milwaukee Catholic Home, 2462 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211; or to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, 830 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

Memories of Bob O'Meara



In front, granddaughter Grace and Bob O'Meara, with (back, from left) Anne, Margaret, Suzy, Jane and Bridget O'Meara (daughters, granddaughters and daughter in law) in late 2019/early 2020.

Anne O'Meara Stillwell (<u>Email</u>), daughter - Of Dad's stories, we/I loved to hear the ones about the Kennedys most. (See photo, below right, with Dad and JFK, courtesy AP Corporate Archives,)

We couldn't believe that he got into Jack's suite at the Schroeder Hotel and saw Jackie, too.(They thought he was part of the entourage.) He got to sit with Bobby and Governor Pat Lucey at church because someone knew he was Catholic and asked him to move to the front. My brother Jack remembers him saying that the other reporters were hesitant to go into the church, but Dad said, "I'm Catholic I can go in there!"

I remember when he interviewed Bart Starr as well. He said that Bart and Cherry were very warm and gracious. He remembered that their son Bret wouldn't come out of his room to say hi and Dad thought that was strange. Bret later died of an overdose which was very tragic.

Jack says that Dad talked about working the night Otis Redding died in a plane crash in Madison, WI. He did a lot of work on that story. It was a Saturday night and Dad may have been the only reporter in the Milwaukee office.

In driving around Milwaukee looking for things to draw, Dad would talk about the different buildings he worked in over the years. He talked Connecting - May 03, 2021

about hand delivering copy to a building near Plankinton St. and Wisconsin Ave, and a little bar the reporters frequented. I am sorry I cannot remember the name! It was right next to where I have worked for the last 22 years!

Many of our memories of Dad were from when we were kids and are from kids' point of view. We were aware of election nights because he would work most of the night. I remember him coming home from the Open Housing marches with sore feet from walking with Fr. Groppi.



My sister Monica remembers running to the kitchen to answer the phone and it was very often "the office" calling for Dad.

Dad often took the bus to work, but in the evenings we would sometimes pick him up. This became a rite of passage because we would use that trip downtown to practice our driving-- and eventually be able to pick him up ourselves.

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Dan Day (<u>Email</u>) - I was saddened to hear the news of the death of Bob O'Meara, one of the best representatives of the "Greatest Generation."

I was extremely fortunate to have worked for Bob during my first few years in the AP, in which through his kind, patient style, he taught me so much of what I learned that shaped my entire career.

Whenever we had a tough call on what to file or not file, it was Bob to whom I usually turned for answers. His counsel was unerringly wise and grounded in good judgment.

Bob was a great family man, and I suppose it was only natural that I woke him up before dawn one morning when my first-born child decided it was time to enter the world July 3, 1981. A train hauling toxic chemicals derailed in far northern Wisconsin, and I took the call from a broadcaster who reported that a town of 500 or so was being evacuated. Almost simultaneously, my wife called to say her water really had broken and that her doctor told her to report immediately to St. Francis Hospital on Milwaukee's south side.

Bob, groggy but nonplussed, took my call and said he'd call someone in so I could tend to the birth of what would be my daughter, Katie.

I owe so much to Bob, and although I mourn his passing, I rejoice in knowing he lived a full life before, during and after his long service to the AP.

RIP, REO, and give my regards to DWH in that great MI bureau in the afterlife.

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Kathy Curran (Email) - Tim Curran and Bob O'Meara were great friends. Bob was news editor in the Milwaukee bureau when Tim was hired by the AP. When Tim transferred to Ohio in 1981 Bob and his late wife Peggy hosted a farewell party for us. They never stopped exchanging Christmas cards, most of those from Bob featuring his beautiful artistry. Several times since we returned to Milwaukee we have attended his art exhibit opening night receptions at The Catholic Home where he lived not too far from us. Bob was a talented and extremely nice man. It is such a coincidence that they should die two days apart and now be at the same funeral home here in Milwaukee.

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Dave DeGrace (<u>Email</u>) - I visited him during his art exhibition. It was amazing not only to see his other talent beside journalism, but also how sharp his mind was at that age. A great colleague who will be greatly missed!



At 2017 Milwaukee bureau reunion, from left: Tim Curran, Kathy Curran, Rich Eggleston, Mary Sandok, Helen Mitternight, Ellen Dodge Severson and Bob O'Meara.

Helen Mitternight (<u>Email</u>) - I was so sorry to hear about Bob O'Meara's death. I so enjoyed working with him in the Milwaukee bureau. It was my first job out of college and Bob was the cool to bureau chief Dion Henderson's fire. He was kind, even to a callow youth such as I, and had the most wonderful silent laugh. He would say something and I would stare, wondering, "Is this guy serious?" and then I'd see his shoulders shaking and his blue eyes twinkling and realize that no, this guy was just seeing if I would get the joke. I last saw him at this reunion in Milwaukee in 2017 (see photo) and he was sharp and charming and just as kind as I remembered. The reunion

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would introduce me to Tim Curran as well, whom I knew only from staff stories, and Tim died just two days before Bob did.

Connecting mailbox

Saddened by Tim Curran's death

Jim Carlson (Email) - I'm saddened to hear of Tim Curran's passing. He was a solid, steady presence on the Milwaukee AP staff when I joined in June 1971 (the same day, by the way, that Dennis Kois started work there).

Tim always impressed me as a wise, caring individual and dedicated newsman but also someone with a quirky sense of humor that could ease tensions and set off laughter at just the right times.

Thanks to Kathy for her heart-warming tribute to her husband.

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"There are only two forces that can carry light to all the corners of the globe – only two – the sun in the heavens and the Associated Press down here." -- Mark Twain, 1906.

Malcolm Ritter (<u>Email</u>) - The other day I gave a Zoom talk about science writing to fellow volunteers at the American Museum of Natural History. This slide helped me describe the AP. It shows the 22-foot-tall, stainless steel depiction of journalists by Isamu Noguchi that since 1940 has adorned 50 Rockefeller Plaza, the longtime home of AP's headquarters.

Of course, I pointed out how muscular we journalists are. A former colleague suggests that's from lifting all those cups of coffee.

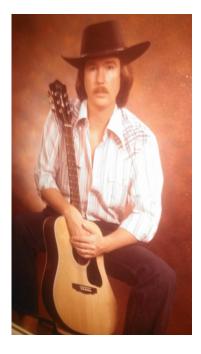
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Resigned from AP to be a singer

Bill Winter (Email) - I don't have anything to offer in the way of a "garage band". Nor do I have anything to offer concerning musically gifted, handsome, charming, intelligent, witty, and otherwise special persons I may have met.

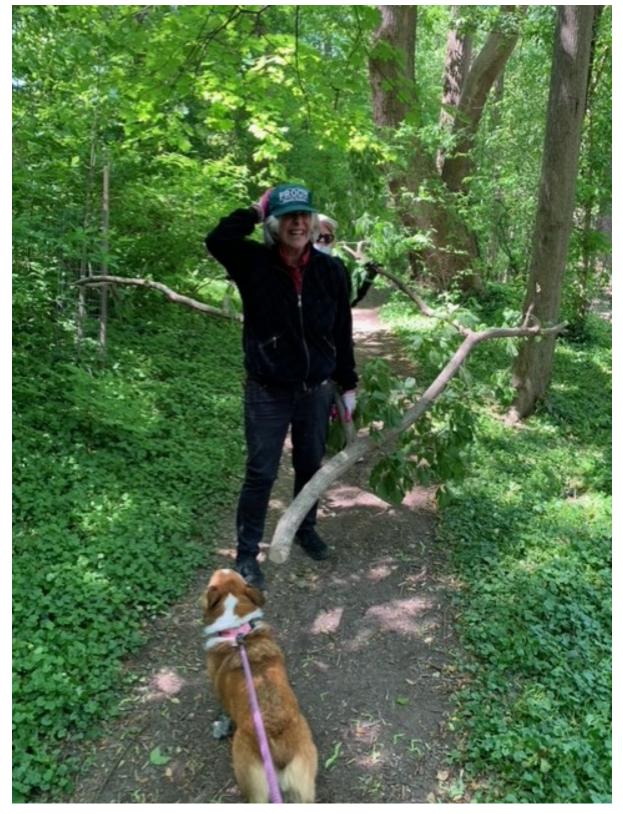
But I will offer this photo from my days as a country/pop singer/guitarist in Louisville. I resigned the Louisville bureau chief's job in the late '70s to sing in a string of often-rowdy bars around the city. Keith Fuller rejected the resignation, saying "let me know when you've gotten this foolishness out of your system. We'll have a job for you."

(I sang for a year. Then went to work for the Louisville newspapers.)



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Retirement hasn't slowed Ann Blackman, Michael Putzel



Joan Mower (<u>Email</u>) - Retirement has not slowed Ann Blackman who along with her husband Mike Putzel have helped create and save a beautiful pocket park in the Spring Valley neighborhood of Washington, DC.

Here's a picture of Ann hauling dead trees out of the park at a clean up organized by Mike.

Best of the Week Chauvin trial verdict, a Tigray refugee family: Diverse coverage exemplifies AP at its best



AP Photo/Morry Gash

From major breaking news in the U.S. to unmatched international enterprise reporting, AP proves why, 175 years in, it remains an indispensable new source:

First, AP's teamwork delivered unmatched breaking and explanatory cross-format coverage of a trial that framed the conversation on race and policing; then, a trio of AP journalists produced a riveting package on a Tigray father's harrowing journey with his newborn twins, a stark illustration of the devastating war in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

All-formats coverage from the courthouse in Minneapolis and beyond captured the reaction to a case that had triggered a reckoning on race and policing. Preparation for the verdict in the trial of former police Officer Derek Chauvin stretched back months, before the beginning of jury selection on March 9. The core Minnesota team covering the trial had prepared for that in coordination with colleagues on AP's law enforcement and race and ethnicity beat teams, among others in the AP.

Read more here.

Best of the States A photographer's affecting portrait of Korean American seniors, fearful amid anti-Asian violence



A sign from a recent rally against anti-Asian hate crimes is displayed in the apartment of Jen Ho Lee, a 76-year-old South Korean immigrant, in Los Angeles, March 31, 2021. AP PHOTO / JAE C. HONG

Koreatown, an area of Los Angeles with many Korean Americans, can be a very difficult place to report. A journalist might spend a day just trying to get on-the-record interviews.

That isn't because Koreans don't want to share their stories or be accommodating. Many just have hesitancy when it comes to speaking to the press. That makes what Los Angeles-based photographer Jae Hong pulled off that much more impressive: an intimate look, in both images and words, at older Korean Americans who are fearful in the wake of attacks on Asians in the U.S. during the pandemic.

Hong started thinking of this story after completing a year-long assignment in Tokyo. When the 2020 Olympics were canceled, he returned to Los Angeles earlier than expected. Back in the U.S., Hong, a Korean American who had moved to LA as a teenager, was astonished by the increased aggression he saw toward Asian Americans, who were being broadly blamed by some for COVID-19. Among his many other assignments, Hong began looking closely at the Korean community in Los Angeles. Then, a mass shooting in Atlanta in mid-March, which left eight people dead, including six Asian women, pushed him to speed up his timeline. He decided to focus on older Koreans, some of the most cautious and hesitant when it comes to the press. After much outreach and many conversations, he found a few families willing to let him into their lives.

Read more here.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Betsy Blaney - <u>ecblaney@gmail.com</u>

Stories of interest

Newsmax Issues Retraction And Apology To Dominion Employee Over Election Stories (NPR)

By BENTE BIRKELAND

The far-right media outlet Newsmax, which amplified former President Donald Trump's false allegations of election rigging and widespread voter fraud, said on Friday there is no evidence that Dominion Voting Systems and one of its top employees, Eric Coomer, manipulated election results in 2020.

"Newsmax subsequently found no evidence that such allegations were true. Many of the states whose results were contested by the Trump campaign after the November 2020 election have conducted extensive recounts and audits, and each of these states certified the results as legal and final," the company said in a statement published online that will also be broadcast.

Coomer filed a defamation lawsuit against Newsmax in Colorado state court on Dec. 22. He withdrew that suit earlier Friday, ahead of Newmax's apology. Coomer's

attorneys said he has reached a financial settlement, but terms of the arrangement were not disclosed.

Read more here. Shared by Peg Coughlin.

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The politicians who tried to overturn an election — and the local news team that won't let anyone forget

it (Washington Post)

By Margaret Sullivan Media columnist

The journalists at WITF, an all-news public radio station in Harrisburg, Pa., made a perfectly reasonable decision a few months ago.

They decided they wouldn't shrug off the damaging lies of election denialism.

They wouldn't do what too many in Big Journalism have done in recent months: shove into the memory hole the undemocratic efforts by some Republican elected officials to delegitimize or overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Too many Sunday news shows repeatedly book the likes of Kevin McCarthy, Ted Cruz and Ron Johnson without reminding viewers how these members of Congress tried to undo the results of the election — and encouraged the Trumpian lies about election fraud that led to the violent assault on the U.S. Capitol less than four months ago. A rare exception is CNN's "State of the Union," which hasn't booked a single member of the so-called Sedition Caucus since January.

Read more here. Shared by Scott Dine, Sibby Christensen, Michael Rubin.

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Wyoming 11-year-old launches weekly newspaper (AP)



Charlie von Maur-Newcomb poses in Kelly, Wy., on April 15, 2021. The eleven-year-old created the publication "Kelly Out Loud" in October 2020 as a way to cover his neighborhood on a hyper-local level. "I came up with the idea of wanting my voice to be heard out loud, in Kelly," he said of his newspaper's title. His favorite part of the reporting process is conducting interviews and getting quotes from Kelly's fellow residents. (Kayla Renie/Jackson Hole News & Guide via AP) By TIMOTHY J. WOODS

KELLY, Wyo. (AP) — Watch out, Jackson Hole News & Guide, there's a new kid in town.

Well, maybe not in town, but in the town of Kelly.

An 11-year-old's newspaper is catching the attention of residents not only in Kelly but across Jackson Hole. And yes, you read that correctly: It's not an 11-year-old newspaper but an 11-year-old boy's newspaper, "Kelly Out Loud!"

The paper is the brainchild of a certainly brainy child: Charlie von Maur-Newcomb, the son of Allison von Maur and Teton County Commissioner Mark Newcomb. He covers everything from local news in Kelly to world news about how China has "upped its game on lunar exploration" to important news obituaries and the latest in tech offerings.

Read more here. Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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When The Times Didn't Print on Sundays (New York Times)

By Terence McGinley

Times Insider explains who we are and what we do, and delivers behind-the-scenes insights into how our journalism comes together.

Today, the Sunday print edition of The New York Times is a thick bundle of news and features, with enough information and diversions to while away the day. But it wasn't always this way. In fact, for the first 10 years of publication, The Times did not print a Sunday edition at all. "The New-York Daily Times is published every morning, (Sunday excepted)," read the first words of the first issue, on Sept. 18, 1851.

One of the biggest news stories imaginable would change that.

Many of the Sunday newspapers printed in the United States early in the 19th century were weekly editions. A daily Sunday paper filled with the news was not customary, and one big obstacle was the Christian Sabbath. Many worshipers did not want anything competing with the clergy, and new entries were often met with public backlash.

Read more here. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

Today in History - May 3, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2021. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 3, 1948, the Supreme Court, in Shelley v. Kraemer, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to Blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

On this date:

In 1765, the first school of medicine in the American colonies, the Medical School of the College of Philadelphia (now the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of

Pennsylvania), was founded.

In 1802, Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city.

In 1916, Irish nationalists Padraic Pearse, Thomas Clarke and Thomas MacDonagh were executed by a British firing squad; they were among 16 people put to death for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone with the Wind."

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labour government in parliamentary elections.

In 1984, Michael Dell founded Dell Computer Corp. while a student at the University of Texas in Austin.

In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the resulting controversy torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)

In 1999, some 70 tornadoes roared across Oklahoma and Kansas, killing 46 people and injuring hundreds.

In 2006, a federal jury in Alexandria, Virginia, rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11; as he was led from the courtroom, Moussaoui taunted, "America, you lost."

In 2007, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Virginia for the commemoration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

In 2009, Mexican President Felipe Calderon told state television that a nationwide shutdown and an aggressive informational campaign appeared to have helped curtail an outbreak of swine flu in Mexico.

In 2015, two gunmen were shot and killed by a police officer in Garland, Texas, after they opened fire outside a purposely provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

Ten years ago: The White House said that Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room at his Pakistan compound and shot him to death, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive. Chicago's Derrick Rose became at age 22 the NBA's youngest MVP. Actor-director Jackie Cooper died in Santa Monica, California, at age 88.

Five years ago: In a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race.

One year ago: In a televised town hall, President Donald Trump increased his projection for the total U.S. coronavirus death toll to as many as 100,000, but insisted that states could gradually lift lockdowns and still protect people from the pandemic. An incursion by a few dozen Venezuelan military deserters hoping to overthrow the country's socialist leadership, backed by a former U.S. Green Beret, ended in failure on a Venezuelan beach with six insurgents dead and two former U.S. Special Forces soldiers behind bars.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alex Cord is 88. Singer Frankie Valli is 87. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, is 78. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 75. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is 72. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 71. Singer Christopher Cross is 70. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 62. Country singer Shane Minor is 53. Actor Amy Ryan is 53. Actor Bobby Cannavale (ka-nuh-VAL'-ee) is 51. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 50. Country musician John Driskell Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 50. Country-rock musician John Neff is 50. Country singer Brad Martin is 48. Actor Marsha Stephanie-Blake is 46. TV personality Willie Geist (TV: "Today") is 46. Actor Christina Hendricks is 46. Actor Dule (doo-LAY') Hill is 46. Country singer Eric Church is 44. Actor Tanya Wright is 43. Dancer Cheryl Burke is 37. Soul singer Michael Kiwanuka is 34. Actor Zoe De Grand Maison is 26. Rapper Desiigner (cq) is 24.

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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