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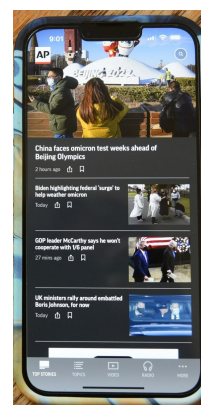
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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this Nov. 21, 2022,

Connecting's series on profiles of colleagues who are retiring this week continues today with **Wayne Chin**, director of Contracts Administration for the Customer Operations team based in Washington.

He retires Tuesday after a 38-year career that began when he was hired by another Connecting colleague **Ed Staats** (who also hired me into AP).

Tuesday is the effective date set for retirements to begin under the AP's Special Retirement Option, a voluntary program open to employees age 60 or older who may be considering retirement. The SRO allows them to take their pension benefit as a lump sum. More than 60 have elected to take it – and Connecting has profiled a half dozen of them. If you're interested in doing a profile, drop me a note.

Services for **Bob Macy**, longtime AP Las Vegas correspondent, are scheduled for Dec. 9 at 11 am. They will be held at Palm Northwest Mortuary - 6701 North Jones Blvd., Las

Vegas, NV 89131. Bob died Nov. 11 at the age of 85.

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

Paul

Connecting retirement profile

Wayne Chin



Wayne Chin and his wife Diana.

What was your final position in AP?

Director, Contracts Administration for the Customer Operations team. In this position, I managed the Washington DC Sales Operations team. Our team supported the AP's sales teams for radio, television and national broadcast customers and was responsible for the efficient and accurate administration of customer agreements, sales orders and the maintenance of customer accounts. We ensured compliance with AP broadcast company sales and business policies and practices and worked closely with sales teams in supporting their sales activities.

How did you get your first job with the AP? Who hired you? What were your first days like?

I was hired as an Administrative Assistant for the Broadcast News Center in Washington, DC, by Ed Staats. I believe he hired me because of my military experience in the United States Air Force.

What were your different past jobs in the AP, in order? Describe briefly what you did with each?

All my jobs were within the contracts department centered around managing the administration of all the Broadcast customers contracts and membership. I worked closely with the sales team and managed broadcast policies and guidelines.

Administrative Assistant - August 1984

Membership Information Services Manager - November 1986

National Broadcast Executive, Administration - July 1987

Assistant Director, Administration - January 1991

Director, Contracts Administration - January 1992 – Present

Who played the most significant role in your career and how?

There are a number of different people who played a significant role in my career but three people come to mind, Lee Perryman, Greg Groce and my current manager Tara Mahoney.

Would you do it all over again- or what would you change?

I would most certainly do it all over again. It's been a good 38 years.

What's your favorite hobby or activity?

My favorite activity is spending time with my family, my wife of 35 years, my 5 kids and 8 grandchildren.

What's the best vacation trip you've ever made?

Diana and I just did this over the summer. We did the trek out West visiting a number of the national parks. We took 2 weeks and drove over 6,000 miles. There are so many beautiful sites in this country of ours.



Wayne's family with 7 of the 8 grandchildren.



Wayne and his children

Names of your family members and what they do?

My wife Diana is retired. Our oldest daughter Ashley is a cosmetologist and has her own studio salon doing haircuts and coloring and she also owns Glam Bridal Beauty where she provides bridal hair and makeup services to the DC/MD/VA area. Our son

Elliott is married to Charity and they have 4 kids, Drew, Jane, Daniel and Caleb. Elliott works for Crown Carpet Care, Inc., a family-owned and -operated business in the Germantown, Maryland area. Our son Morgan is married to Sarah and they have 3 kids, Sophia, Hazel and Wyatt. Morgan is a store manager for Aldi Supermarkets. Our son Cameron works for an excavating company. Our daughter Catherine has 1 child, Kendal and they recently moved to Nashville and she is working as a server in a restaurant.

Wayne Chin's email – wpchin7@gmail.com

Mike Hammer: One of the Best

Brad Kalbfeld - Of all of the masters of the art of writing concise, clear, and easy-to-read copy -- and I've worked with many -- Mike Hammer was one of the very best. The job of editing the national broadcast wire was very important: it was the line of defense for 5,000 member and subscriber newsrooms, ensuring that the copy they received was timely, accurate, and could be read stumble-free on the air.

Excelling at that job was extraordinarily difficult, but Mike did it every single day. In a cadre of people blessed with that unique talent, he was a role model and a leader.

He spent each day making hundreds of consequential decisions about what news to deliver. He made our copy better every hour of every day he was on the desk, often under intense pressure.

All of us were lucky to have such a skilled, kind, and generous teammate.

The Ukraine war is a test for the news media



Dan Perry (right) and Mihai Razvan Ungureanu in Bucharest, Nov. 2.

Dan Perry - When I was based in London as Europe/Africa editor, I was visited at the AP office by the foreign minister of Romania, who was lobbying then for Romania to be admitted to the European Union. We got to talking, and I discovered that he hails from Iasi, my mother's hometown. Her memories of the place were not uniformly excellent: she was scarred for life by the June 1941 Iasi Pogrom, which she somehow survived as a little girl, finding her way to America.

We called her up and the two Iasi natives hit it off; she was very gracious to Mihai Razvan Ungureanu. In time he became prime minister of her native land, now a member of the EU.

Mihai invited me recently to attend an EU-funded academic conference on the implications of the war in Ukraine. He is now a leading professor of history at Bucharest University and was proud that Romania -- where there are great jitters about spillover from the war -- was hosting the first academic conference on this topic.

My presentation was carried live -- absurdly enough -- on Romanian state TV. In it I spoke of the challenges facing the media in covering international news -- the expense, the danger, the difficulty in getting through the din of social media, the provinciality of many news consumers, ironic in a time of global interdependence.

And yet thousands of reporters streamed to Ukraine, and many risked their lives to get out the story despite objective difficulties: the mountain of lies coming mostly

from one side, the difficulties of access to Russian-held areas, the restrictions of coverage within Russia itself, and the eternal challenge of wildly clashing narratives. The latter is a true vexation: simply presenting both risks “bothsidesism”; completely ignoring the Russian side risks oversimplification – a scourge of the media everywhere. AP, like most major media, has occasionally been guilty of both; I was probably personally involved.

The Ukraine story has proven popular with audiences, and it’s interesting to contemplate why. In my presentation, and in an article I wrote Friday for [Mediaite](#), I identified three key factors:

- Because of the global financial mayhem it caused (including energy, food and supply chain crises) and the stupefying threat of nuclear consequences, even the most provincial feels somehow affected and involved.
- There were constant developments and many of these were surprises, including the overarching theme of the Russian failures on the ground.
- Our celebrity-driven era has warmed to the David and Goliath personality mismatch featuring a cartoonish despot on one hand in Putin (with his underwear poisonings of political rivals) versus the unbelievable hero story of Volodymyr Zelensky, who not so long ago was twirling about in leotards on Dancing with the Stars.

My conclusion was that reporting the facts and connecting the dots are important in equal measure, and the latter is more essential than ever in a world that grows more complex and combustible by the day.

[Link](#) to Romanian TV broadcast:
[Substack version](#).

More on the long-gone but useful-in-afterlife film canister



[Kevin Noblet](#) - The image of the plastic photographic film container triggered memories of a highlight of my AP career.

While based in San Juan in the early '90's I was asked to go to Caracas and fill in for bureau chief Harold Olmos while he took vacation for two weeks. It was a wretched trip: I got sick with a fever and vomiting; the decrepit AP car I drove to work each day broke down and caught fire one morning in front of the Supreme Court, where soldiers took me for a car bomb and threatened me with automatic weapons until I pushed it away with help from passersby; every feature story I tried to put together fell apart after a phone call or two.

It became one of those assignments that make you wonder if you're any good at what you do.

Then, with a few days left in my stay, I fielded a phone call intended for Harold. "He's away," I said, and the caller replied, "Que lastima. We've put together an expedition we thought he'd want to join, but it happens tomorrow. Well, goodbye."

"Don't hang up," I said. "Tell me about it."

The caller, a local naturalist with good political connections, had organized a two-week mission deep into the Amazon in southern Venezuela. It would be led by renowned anthropologist Napoleon Chagnon and would survey the health of indigenous Yanomami in remote villages. The trip was being underwritten by the minister of culture, who was known to be the president's



mistress. "You can fly down with us, spend a couple of hours and fly out, or you can stay all two weeks," the naturalist said.

I wanted the longer excursion but said, "Sign me up for the day trip. Can I bring our photographer, too?"

Making the trip were the naturalist, Chagnon, a New York Times reporter, a German TV crew, me and our bureau-based photographer, Diego Giudice. We strapped ourselves into a Venezuelan army cargo plane, which took us south to a small airport, where we boarded a much smaller single-engine plane, which flew further south to a jungle airstrip where a helicopter awaited us. We couldn't all fit in the chopper, so the Times guy, Diego and I went first, with Chagnon. The destination was a specific Yanomami village not all that far from the border with Brazil. We'd be able to stay only an hour or two, until the helicopter made a second trip with the TV crew, which was staying the whole two weeks. Then we day-trippers would make the three-leg haul back to Caracas.

The jungle scenery was mesmerizing from above. Maybe it was for the helicopter pilot, too, because he got lost. He wound up spotting a random Yanomami roundhouse in the dense foliage, with a small banana plantation next to it. He descended into the bananas, blowing a lot of them down, but the Yanomami who ran out to greet us didn't seem to care. They appeared thrilled by the visit, which they said was the first ever by "whites" to their tiny community.

Chagnon served as my translator, and I got a great story with lots of quotes and color in the short time we had. Diego took a bunch of photos and each time he changed rolls the Yanomami asked for the plastic canister. He gave them several.

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[Jeff Barnard](#) - Those 35 mm film canisters are part of my rafting bear kit. I fill them with ammonia and set them tops off on my coolers when camped for the night, then spread a tarp over the lot. If a bear goes after the coolers, he/she gets a snootful of ammonia.

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[Gene Herrick](#) - I knew a friend, photog for Life mag, who used these canisters for whiskey!

Re Friday's 'Dangerous Lake-effect Snow Paralyzes parts of western N.Y.'

Buffalo recalls blizzard of '77

By ED McCULLOUGH
The Associated Press

BUFFALO — Two weeks ago, a storm dumped 25 inches of snow here and cold temperatures and wind gusts made it feel like 70 degrees below zero.

Buffalonians call that the mini-blizzard.

Five years ago, another winter storm packing snow and high winds hit Buffalo and local residents needed the U.S. Army and the National Guard to dig them out. To residents of New York's second-largest city, that was The Blizzard.

"We had 24 hours of very bad weather two weeks ago. It was an extreme storm," said Joe Tomasulo, commissioner of streets and sanitation. "But no question about it, 1977 is the benchmark." Buffalonians use to measure winter storms, he said.

The Blizzard of 1977 astounded the world as well as upstate New Yorkers. Headlines in Tokyo's *Asahi Shinbun* called it "White Hell." To South African readers of *The Sunday Tribune*, it was "White Death."

In the mini-blizzard, snow fell at the rate of more than an inch an hour for a full day to break a 27-year record. But as *The Courier-Express* said afterward in an editorial, "It was memorable, but not ... historic."

The winter of 1977 was historic. Just under 200 inches of snow fell here and, at one point, it snowed 42 straight days.



68 inches

Paul Corbett of suburban Buffalo is pictured in 1977 as he prepared to shovel his car out from some 68 inches of snow that blanketed western New York that winter. Residents of that area were snowbound for days after the biggest blizzard there in memory. (AP Laserphoto)

Temperatures in January averaged 13.8 degrees, the lowest average for a month here since the National Weather Service began recording such things in 1870.

The blizzard officially occurred between Friday Jan. 28 and Wednesday Feb. 2. Only about eight inches of new snow fell, but that topped the 60 inches that fell in both December and January. Winds clocked at up to 69 miles an hour whipped that snow around and on the morning of the 29th,

Buffalo was buried.

Pictures show residents standing on snowbanks and looking down at their houses. A 16,000-pound snowblower had to be towed after it got stuck in a drift.

Pictures show mountains of snow piled so high in city parks that they still were melting next summer.

Pictures show some of the thousands of cars that got stranded on city streets and highways. When the abandoned cars finally were reclaimed, 29 people were found dead, including

one skeleton found 27 months later in a car that had been towed to a little-used garage and forgotten.

President Jimmy Carter declared western New York a disaster area. Federal dollars and food stamps, plus snowplows from New England, Canada and Colorado, poured into Buffalo.

It was the only time in the nation's history that the federal government declared a disaster area because of snow.

"It was just a horrendous time," said James C. Lindner, who was Buffalo's streets and sanitation commissioner in 1977. "I didn't leave the public works garage for a week."

Such incidents are not easily forgotten and city officials say The Blizzard has changed the way residents here act in winter storms.

"My complaint is that they overreact," said Pat Lucey, secretary of the Erie County Association of Town Superintendents of Highways. "The young and the old tend to abandon cars more quickly and stay away longer. I think it's a fear of being trapped in the car."

People also stock up on food at first reports of a storm, Lucey said, although that now "seems to be dying off."

Many residents of this third-snowiest city in America (after Juneau, Alaska, and nearby Syracuse) remember The Blizzard vividly enough to recall the day it began, Friday, and the

date, Jan. 28.

Tomasulo knows without looking at statistics how much snow fell and the high wind gusts.

But memories of hardships have dimmed to be replaced by a sense of accomplishment at having lived through The Blizzard.

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Ed McCullough - In 1977 on my way to Rochester for a wedding I drove off the highway which could no longer be seen under drifting snow. Visibility was close to zero because of falling snow driven sideways by high winds. By mid-afternoon the highway officially was closed. I was fortunate to stumble onto a motel that soon after was packed. Rooms and food were shared. A nice enough night after all, if completely unexpected. We were happy just to be warm.

"The Blizzard" highlighted a historic winter. It snowed 42 days in a row - just under 200 inches in all. January temperatures were the lowest (average: 13.8 degrees) "since the National Weather Service began recording such things in 1870." An 8-ton snowblower had to be towed from a snowdrift.

Five years later I was living in The Queen City and covering the Buffalo Bills when another "lake effect" monster storm struck. My AP story is attached, published Feb. 1, 1982, in the Glens Falls "Post-Star."

Now there's another. Last week's storm forced the Bills to play a "home" game yesterday (Sunday) at Detroit's stadium - a reminder if one were needed that Buffalo is the third-snowiest city in America (after Juneau, Alaska and Syracuse, N.Y.).

I generally worked nights at the AP office then located alongside the newsroom at the Buffalo Courier-Express, which shut down - ending a 148-year run - a few months after the storm. Winters, I could ski half-days in Rochester and be back to work the night shift. When NFL football and NHL hockey seasons overlapped, on Sundays I got paid overtime to cover games I would have watched for free.

Connecting sky shot – Oregon coast



[Lee Siegel](#) - Sunset over the Pacific from Wade Creek on the Oregon coast.

BEST OF THE WEEK - FIRST WINNER

From vote count to race calls to mood of the electorate, AP commits 'single largest act of journalism'



Voters line up to cast their midterm election ballots at the Aspray Boat House in Warwick, R.I., Nov. 8, 2022. AP PHOTO / DAVID GOLDMAN

AP delivered stellar work on the 2022 midterm elections with fast, accurate vote count and race calling; engaging explanatory journalism, unparalleled insight into the minds of voters thanks to AP VoteCast survey methodology; and ambitious, robust all-formats coverage that chronicled an unexpectedly successful election for Democrats and the defeat of many candidates who supported the baseless claims that the 2020 election was mired in fraud.

The key to that success was collaboration among formats, teams, departments and more across the entire AP, not just on Election Day but in the weeks and months leading up to Nov. 8 and beyond. This was AP teamwork at its absolute best. As Election Decision Editor Stephen Ohlemacher likes to say, elections at AP are the single largest acts of journalism every two years.

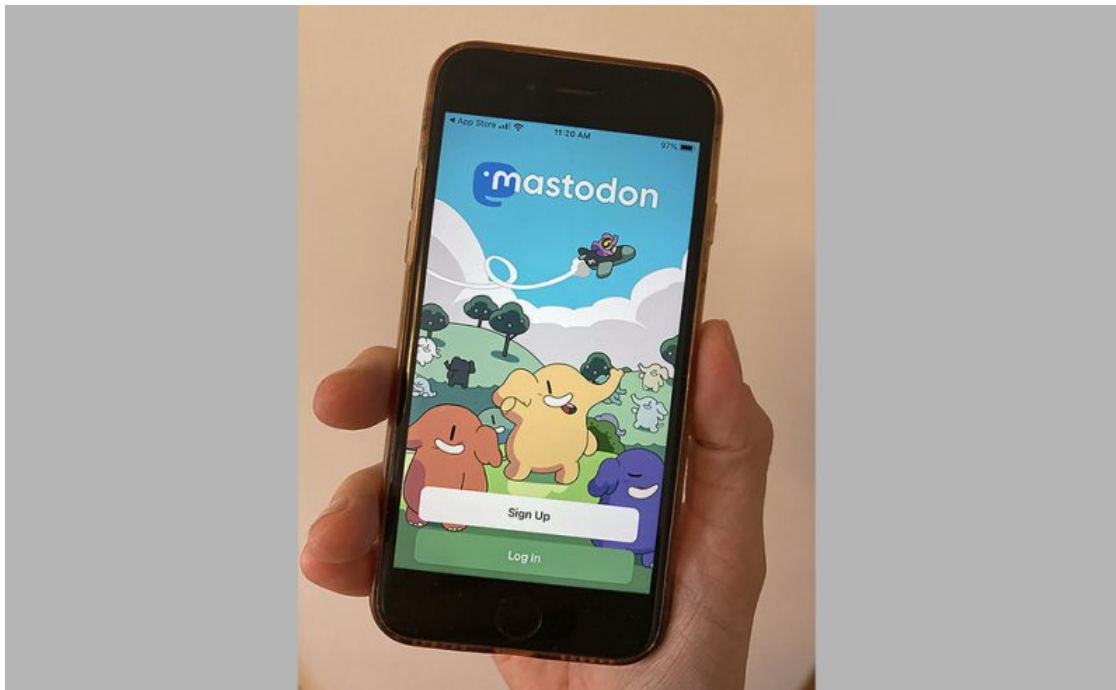
Among the many highlights:

AP's team of 60 race callers and election analysts provided accurate and timely race calls in thousands of elections, under the weight of election night pressure, using new technology they had spent months learning and practicing, contributing to informed, confident calls. A week after the election, the race calling team had declared winners in 4,435 contested races — and counting.

Read more [here](#).

BEST OF THE WEEK — SECOND WINNER

AP cuts through the Twitter turmoil: What it all means to users of the bird platform



The Mastodon social media site, shown Nov. 11, 2022, has emerged as an alternative for some users abandoning Twitter. AP PHOTO / BARBARA ORTUTAY

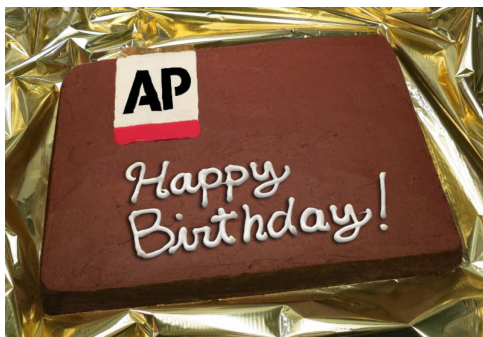
AP's Business News department distinguished its coverage of Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter by putting one key ideal at the center of the reporting: how the platform was changing itself, and how it might change the future of discourse on the site.

This has allowed AP to cut through the daily chaos of Musk's tweets, layoff reports and buggy things happening on the site to prioritize details of the fast-breaking story that mattered most to one key group of people: users.

Technology reporters Matt O'Brien and Barbara Ortutay, along with misinformation beat reporter David Klepper and other key contributors from AP departments around the world, helped ensure AP was competitive on the story, and that it was presented in a way that readers could understand and apply to their own lives and accounts.

Read more [here](#).

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[Andrew Selsky](#)

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[Janet McConnaughey](#)

Stories of interest

Opinion | The Pundits Blew the Midterms. Who's Surprised? (Politico)

Opinion by JACK SHAFER

The jury has returned a true verdict: The press and the pundits, which forecast a gaudy red wave, got it horribly, terribly, magnificently wrong.

The Washington Post's Dana Milbank and Vanity Fair's Charlotte Klein, among others, presented the receipts after the election to scold the reporters and columnists who had so confidently crystal-balled a sweeping Republican triumph.

The beatings passed out to the press and commentariat have been well deserved. If you pick a pony and he loses, you should pay some sort of price. But at this late date

in our political progress, why should anybody place much faith in election prognostications? Surely readers and viewers must have remembered the 2016 election, where the Saturday before Election Day, the Princeton Election Consortium expressed the press/pundit consensus by pegging Hillary Clinton's chance of winning at 99 percent before she dramatically lost three days later.

Apparently not. As the political press reported out the 2022 campaign like 2016 never happened, making their many wrong-headed prophecies about the red wave, readers, who should have known better, lapped up their prophecies until they had to barf them out the next day.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Holmes.

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Opinion: Fox News 'voter analysis' disagrees with Fox News (Washington Post)

By Erik Wemple

Fox News's election night coverage and the data it drew on tell us something about the network's ordinary coverage and our country's political health.

Consider: Fox News host Tucker Carlson declared in 2018 that immigrants make the United States "poorer and dirtier and more divided."

Fresh data suggest that Carlson's view, which prompted an advertiser backlash, isn't held by the majority in this country. Fifty-two percent of survey respondents said that immigrants do more to help the country, four points more than the share that said immigrants do more to hurt it.

Those findings don't stem from some random study. They're part of the Fox News Voter Analysis, a survey of about 100,000 interviews with registered voters by NORC at the University of Chicago for Fox and the Associated Press. The survey is the result of a power move by Fox News and the AP after they grew disenchanted with the results of exit polling in the 2016 elections. (Fox News has used the methodology in the 2018 and 2020 elections as well.) It includes interviews with early in-person voters, mail-in voters and Election Day voters, a range that "allows us to drill down on different demographics in the U.S., different states in the U.S. ... We'll be able to tell the story of what soccer moms are doing, what suburban moms are doing, what the biggest issue is," Arnon Mishkin, head of the Fox News Decision Desk, said in a podcast with Fox News host Martha MacCallum published on Tuesday.

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

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Review: ‘She Said’ chronicles the scoop that fed a movement (AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Those old Hollywood newspaper flicks are great, but today’s journalists don’t run around newsrooms yelling “Get me rewrite!” Nor do they sprint across the room shouting “Stop the presses!” over the click-clack of teletype machines and manual typewriters.

But that doesn’t mean you can’t stage a thrilling scene in a modern newsroom where people stare at monitors, munch on takeout salads and try not to spill coffee on the keyboard. To wit: Just try not succumbing to goosebumps in “She Said,” the story of the New York Times’ initial Harvey Weinstein scoop, when the editor’s cursor finally hits “Publish.” Or not gasping aloud, which I heard myself doing.

But “She Said,” a worthy entry to a film genre that includes “Spotlight” and of course “All the President’s Men,” isn’t just about the power of journalism. It’s also about courage, from the women who suffered sexual harassment or assault at Weinstein’s hands and came forward at personal risk — to their careers, reputations or well-being. It was their bravery that enabled reporters Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey to tell a story that helped launch the broad reckoning known as the #MeToo movement. And it’s because of women like them — some famous actresses, but mostly young women trying to work in an industry they loved — that Weinstein sits in a Los Angeles courtroom this week, already serving a 23-year sentence in New York, and now facing seven more counts. (He’s pleaded not guilty).

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

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Michael Gerson, Post columnist and Bush speechwriter on 9/11, dies at 58 (Washington Post)

By Brian Murphy

Michael Gerson, a speechwriter for President George W. Bush who helped craft messages of grief and resolve after 9/11, then explored conservative politics and faith as a Washington Post columnist writing on issues as diverse as President Donald Trump’s disruptive grip on the GOP and his own struggles with depression, died Nov. 17 at a hospital in Washington. He was 58.

The cause of death was complications of cancer, said Peter Wehner, a longtime friend and former colleague.

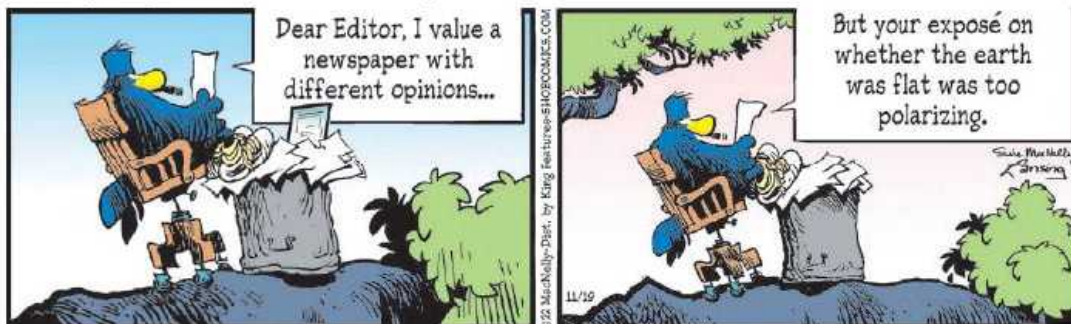
After years of working as a writer for conservative and evangelical leaders, including Prison Fellowship Ministries founder and Watergate felon Charles Colson, Mr. Gerson joined the Bush campaign in 1999. Mr. Gerson, an evangelical Christian, wrote with an

eye toward religious and moral imagery, and that approach melded well with Bush's personality as a leader open about his own Christian faith.

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

The Final Word

SHOE By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

Today in History – Nov. 21, 2022



Today is Monday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2022. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1920, the Irish Republican Army killed 12 British intelligence officers and two auxiliary policemen in the Dublin area; British forces responded by raiding a soccer

match, killing 14 civilians.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U-S Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (The shooter turned out to be J.R. Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard.)

In 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested and accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; he was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015, and moved to Israel five years later.)

In 1990, junk-bond financier Michael R. Milken, who had pleaded guilty to six felony counts, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to 10 years in prison. (Milken served two.)

In 1995, Balkan leaders meeting in Dayton, Ohio, initialed a peace plan to end 3 1/2 years of ethnic fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BAHZ'-nee-ah HEHR'-tsuh-goh-vee-nah).

In 2001, Otilie (AH'-tih-lee) Lundgren, a 94-year-old resident of Oxford, Connecticut, died of inhalation anthrax; she was the apparent last victim of a series of anthrax attacks carried out through the mail system.

In 2020, a federal judge in Pennsylvania tossed out a Trump campaign lawsuit seeking to prevent certification of Joe Biden's victory in the state; in a scathing order, the judge said Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani presented only "speculative accusations." The Trump campaign requested a recount of votes in the Georgia presidential race, a day after state officials certified results showing that Democrat Joe Biden won the state. (After the recount, the state's top elections official recertified Biden's victory.)

Ten years ago: Two weeks after he was re-elected to a ninth full term in Congress, Democratic Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois quietly resigned in a letter in which he acknowledged an ongoing federal investigation. (Jackson would eventually be sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for illegally spending campaign money.) Israel and the Hamas militant group in Gaza agreed to a cease-fire to end eight days of the fiercest fighting in nearly four years.

Five years ago: Zimbabwe's 93-year-old president Robert Mugabe resigned; he was facing impeachment proceedings and had been placed under house arrest by the

military. Former teen pop idol David Cassidy, star of the 1970s sitcom “The Partridge Family,” died at the age of 67; he’d announced earlier in the year that he had been diagnosed with dementia.

One year ago: A man drove an SUV into a suburban Milwaukee Christmas parade, leaving six people dead and more than 60 injured. (Darrell Brooks Jr. was convicted of 76 counts, including six counts of first-degree intentional homicide; he would be sentenced to life in prison with no chance of release.) Sudan’s deposed prime minister, Abdalla Hamdok, signed a deal with the military to reinstate him, almost a month after a military coup put him under house arrest. (Hamdok would resign in January 2022 after failing to bridge a gap between the military and pro-democracy protesters.) South Korean superstars BTS were crowned artist of the year at the American Music Awards, brushing aside challenges from Taylor Swift, Drake and The Weeknd.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 88. Actor Marlo Thomas is 85. Actor Rick Lenz is 83. Actor Juliet Mills is 81. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 78. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 78. Actor Goldie Hawn is 77. Movie director Andrew Davis is 76. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 74. Singer Livingston Taylor is 72. Actor-singer Lorna Luft is 70. Actor Cherry Jones is 66. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 62. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 60. Actor Nicollette Sheridan is 59. Singer-actor Bjork (byork) is 57. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 56. R&B singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 54. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 54. Baseball Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. is 53. TV personality Rib Hillis is 52. Football player-turned-TV personality Michael Strahan (STRAY’-han) is 51. Actor Rain Phoenix is 50. Actor Marina de Távira is 49. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 48. Actor Jimmi Simpson is 47. Singer-actor Lindsey Haun is 38. Actor Jena Malone is 38. Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen is 37. Actor-singer Sam Palladio is 36.

Got a story or photos to share?

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Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself.

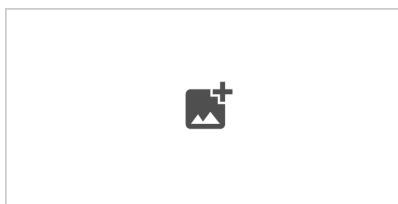


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Here are some suggestions:

- **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.
- **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?
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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