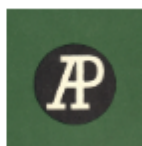


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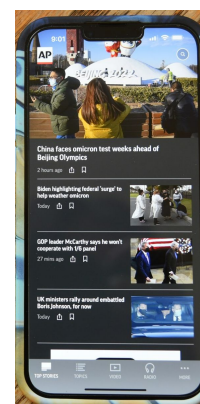
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Dec. 16, 2022,

We bring you in today's Connecting an announcement Thursday that The Associated Press will inject additional resources into covering democracy in the U.S. with the goal of helping an increasingly polarized public better understand their government.

With philanthropic support from several organizations, AP aims to improve civic literacy and combat misinformation by bolstering its explanatory journalism and providing information and tools to local newsrooms to aid their coverage. AP will also deepen its reporting on the impact of elections and election-related policy on communities of color.

We bring you memories of **Bruce Handler**, our colleague who died Wednesday at the age of 79 and for 16 years was the AP's Rio de Janeiro bureau chief.

And, we lead with high compliments for the AP and photographer **Evgeniy Maloletka** in A Poynter Report special: **The 2022 year in media**. Selected by senior media writer

Tom Jones as the **Most Powerful Photo of 2022** was a photo Maloletka took in March of Ukrainian emergency employees and volunteers carrying an injured pregnant woman from a maternity hospital damaged by shelling in Mariupol, Ukraine.

Here's to a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Poynter: Most powerful photo of 2022



Ukrainian emergency employees and volunteers carry an injured pregnant woman from a maternity hospital damaged by shelling in Mariupol, Ukraine, in March. (AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

**Tom Jones** - There were hundreds of haunting images from Ukraine during this war. But there might not have been a more chilling photo than the one taken by Evgeniy Maloletka for The Associated Press. It was a photo of a pregnant woman, badly injured and her face a ghostly white, being carried on a stretcher outside of a maternity hospital that had been bombed by Russian forces. We later learned that the woman and her unborn baby died. Again, this goes back to acknowledging the incredible and courageous reporting done in Ukraine this year. [Writing for CNN](#), longtime media critic David Zurawik wrote, “Both the photograph and AP’s reporting are reminders of how much skilled and focused reporting and photography still matter. It’s not so much new technology that is touching our hearts and souls as it is the effort of reporters and photographers doing what they have been doing for the last century in bearing witness and framing and telling what they saw in ways that rock our souls. As much as we like to focus on what’s new in media, information and

war coverage in our analyses, we should not forget what is old and can still be great in battlefield journalism.”

## AP announces sweeping democracy journalism initiative



Signs point to the entrance on the last day of early voting before the midterm election as a man walks out of a polling site in Cranston, R.I., Nov. 7, 2022. (AP Photo/David Goldman)

### AP News Release

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The effort, supported by Lilly Endowment Inc., Jonathan Logan Family Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, is focused on providing solutions-based journalism rather than merely highlighting problems and extreme voices.

“With a reporter in every statehouse, AP is uniquely positioned to cover democracy in the U.S. and amplify the ideas and issues that connect people,” said AP Senior Vice President and Executive Editor Julie Pace. “Not only have we covered elections across the country since 1848, but we have tallied votes and declared election winners for the better part of two centuries. This investment to ramp up our portfolio builds on AP’s extraordinary role in the American democracy.”

Support from Lilly Endowment will enable AP to emphasize digital and social storytelling that explains topics central to American democracy, including making clear the workings of U.S. election systems, institutions and processes. This work builds on the extensive explanatory journalism AP provided before, during and after the 2022 midterm elections.

AP will also conduct research into news practices that polarize audiences and identify newsroom solutions to both bridge societal divides and engage weary citizens. The Conversation U.S., the fiscal sponsor of the Lilly Endowment grant, will also receive funding to boost democracy-related explanatory articles from scholars.

With an eye to the 2024 U.S. presidential election, AP added to its growing democracy team a reporter dedicated to covering the intersection of race and voting, with support from the Jonathan Logan Family Foundation. The beat bolsters efforts to put people whose voting rights and political representation are at risk at the center of coverage. Journalism Funding Partners is the fiscal sponsor of the Logan grant.

Additionally, with support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, AP will expand coverage of local races in key states and help local newsrooms strengthen their democracy coverage by providing localization guides that offer tools, ideas and information sources for local journalists to cover voter polarization and more in their communities.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation grant provides broad support for the initiative in its entirety.

In all such collaborations, AP retains complete editorial control.

AP works with a variety of philanthropic organizations, including Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Report for America and others, to expand coverage and reach new audiences.

AP standards for working with outside groups are available online:  
<http://apne.ws/lt9xQ2C>

Click [here](#) for link to this news release.

## Your memories of Bruce Handler

**[Brian Bland](#)** - Connecting lived up to its name 13 months ago, with Bruce Handler’s post regarding his work on the day of JFK’s murder in 1963. Bruce was a student at the University of Illinois then, and as noted last year, he and I were working for the same broadcast professor that grim day in 1963, the late Henry Lippold. Bruce was a senior;

I was in grad school. We had no classes together, and six decades later, neither of us could recall knowing the other in college.

Once in touch, through Connecting, Bruce and I emailed each other regularly, describing our respective careers and memories of the U of I's broadcast/journalism instructors. Soon we were swapping thoughts on Brazilian music. Turned out, Bruce – at least in my eyes and ears – was an expert. He'd email audio cuts of favorite artists, some familiar to me, some not. He and Antonio Carlos Jobim were friends, with Jobim asking him to write English lyrics for "Waters of March," which Bruce likened to "a delicate Impressionist painting: fleeting scenes along a country lane following a refreshing late-summer rain." Bruce declined Jobim's offer, saying only a native Brazilian should try it.

By contrast, Bruce also loved the piano styles of legends such as Fats Waller and Jelly Roll Morton. He loved puzzles, too, including Wordle and the Letter Boxed game in the NY Times.

Bruce had beaten colon cancer some years ago, but recently was undergoing heavy-duty radiation treatments for a squamous-cell tumor on his neck. The treatment seemed promising, but the radiation left him weak. His weight dropped to 105 pounds. He also suffered with peripheral neuropathy.

Now he's gone, but I'll always be grateful that Connecting gave us 13 months of friendship, 60 years after we worked together without knowing it.

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**David Daniel** - I met Bruce back in 1985 at a weekly poker game at the Halfway House club in downtown Rio. The game started every Wednesday at noon and Bruce was already regular when I joined. He and I hit it off and became good friends. Bruce was always skinny, but occasionally would put on some extra weight, then lose it again. Problem was, he didn't have any "chubby" clothes for those times, so he just wore his normal skinny clothes, which meant his clothes tended to bulge, especially shirts, pulling open between buttons. One day at the poker game when Bruce was going through a chubby period, one of the guys in the game said "you look like a blivet." Of course, everyone at the table wanted to know what a blivet was. He said, "It's ten pounds of shit in a five-pound bag." From then on, Bruce was known as Blivet. He and I were Blivet and Bear for 37 years, right up until the day before yesterday.

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**Jack Davis** - My wife Mimi, who knew Bruce well from our year at Stanford (ending in 1978), regarded him as a handsome and charming and smart sometimes leader of sly adventures for our group. "Extremely attractive," she says, "but that wouldn't be any kind of a surprise to anybody." Myself, I remember him also as the guy who, along with Mike Reilly, started me in running, every morning in Palo Alto through the Stanford campus and up to the hills with the radio telescope dishes. I did that for 40 more years and thought of Bruce and the dishes often. We also ran the Bay to Breakers race 10k in San Francisco in 1978, which made us all feel that we'd accomplished something. Bruce and Gilda had a paradisiacal place in Niteroi when I visited them in the late '70s or early '80s. What a great life they had!

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**Jim Reindl** - Bruce was an avid baseball fan who loved the Cubs and the Sox. He lived listening to or watching games on the internet. Baseball is how I met him. One day years ago when I was Chicago news editor, the message wire clacked to life and the office clerk brought me a note, which read something like, "I am Bruce Handler, bureau chief in Rio. I will be in Chicago on leave (whatever dates it was). Please buy me two tickets to these Cubs games and I will pick them up and pay you when I get there." It's what AP family does for each other, right? We stayed friends through all these years since.

Bruce also was an avid golfer for many years. He introduced me to one of my best friends in pretty much the same way he ordered the baseball tickets. This time by email when he said one of his Rio golf buddies was moving to Chicago and Graca and I should meet him and his wife. So we did. That marriage didn't last but our friendship has and he lives back in Rio now.

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**Gloria Helena Rey** – I am a Colombian journalist who worked with Bruce Handler during 7 years as a correspondent of Latin American desk in Rio de Janeiro. So sad for Bruce's death.

## Reuters appoints new chief photographer for UK and Ireland



Reuters photo

By Bron Maher  
Press Gazette

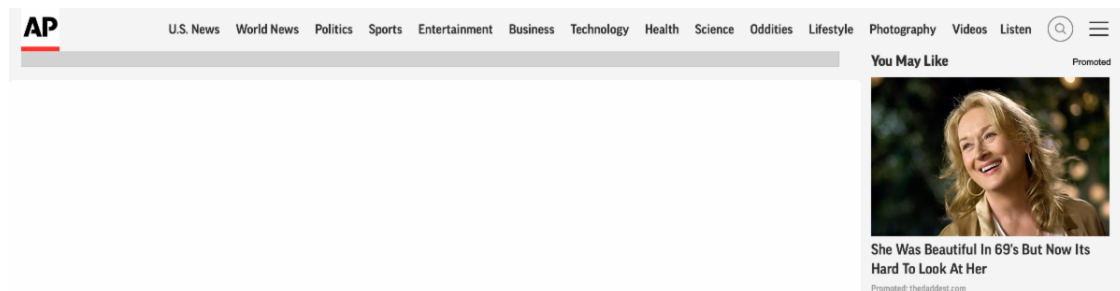
Reuters has announced [Suzanne Plunkett](#) as the agency's new chief photographer for the UK and Ireland.

Plunkett, a Minnesota native now living in London, will start her new role on 16 January 2023.

Plunkett spent the past seven years teaching and freelancing in London for news organisations including The New York Times and CNN. Before that she had been a staff photographer at Reuters for seven years, a senior photographer at Bloomberg and a chief photographer at the Associated Press. At the AP, Plunkett managed a team of five in Jakarta following the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and took a famous photograph of pedestrians fleeing the collapse of the twin towers on 9/11.

## Connecting mailbox

### *Does AP or anyone police ads on AP Wire?*



[Dennis Whitehead](#) - The various AP Wires are consistently loaded with this crap along the sidebars.

Isn't anybody noticing and taking action to clean this up? Or is this genuine "fake news" OK by the AP?

This came from Thursday's story about the Jan 6 Committee report, whited-out for emphasis on the ad.

Needless to say, I did not click on the link to see how ugly Meryl Streep is today. (Cannot imagine and could not care less about this nonsense.)

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### *Study on decline of local news and impact on democracy*

[Sally Hale](#) - I'm wondering whether Connecting readers might be interested in a study I participated in for the League of Women Voters of Washington, "The Decline of Local News and Its Impact on Democracy."

The nation is on track to lose a third of its local newspapers by 2025. When newspapers close, communities lose some of the glue that holds them together. Fewer people vote and run for office, and political polarization grows. Public health information is more difficult to obtain. And government costs more when fewer reporters are looking over the shoulders of elected officials. We conducted original research, reviewed 500 documents and interviewed more than 50 people from around the country, including some former AP folks: Sue Cross, David Ammons and Paul Queary.

You can read the study [here](#).

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***Proceed Until Apprehended***





**Peter Lawless** - When visiting my daughter at the University of Texas at Austin in 2014, I told her, "I'm going to apply here." I got the typical "eye roll," but applied to a graduate program called Human Dimensions of Organizations, a unique program that's part of the University's School of Liberal Arts. Business professors do not teach in this program, but rather anthropologists, psychologists, and sociologists do. The program focused on how to motivate and innovate with leadership behaviors that illustrate respect for co-workers and subordinates and lead with high ethical standards.

I graduated with an MA in Human Dimensions of Organizations last Friday). It's my third master's degree. I have an MBA from St Johns, Queens, NY, and an MS in Accounting from SUNY.

At 64, I certainly didn't need another master's degree, but this turned out to be an amazing educational experience! Now I'm officially done!

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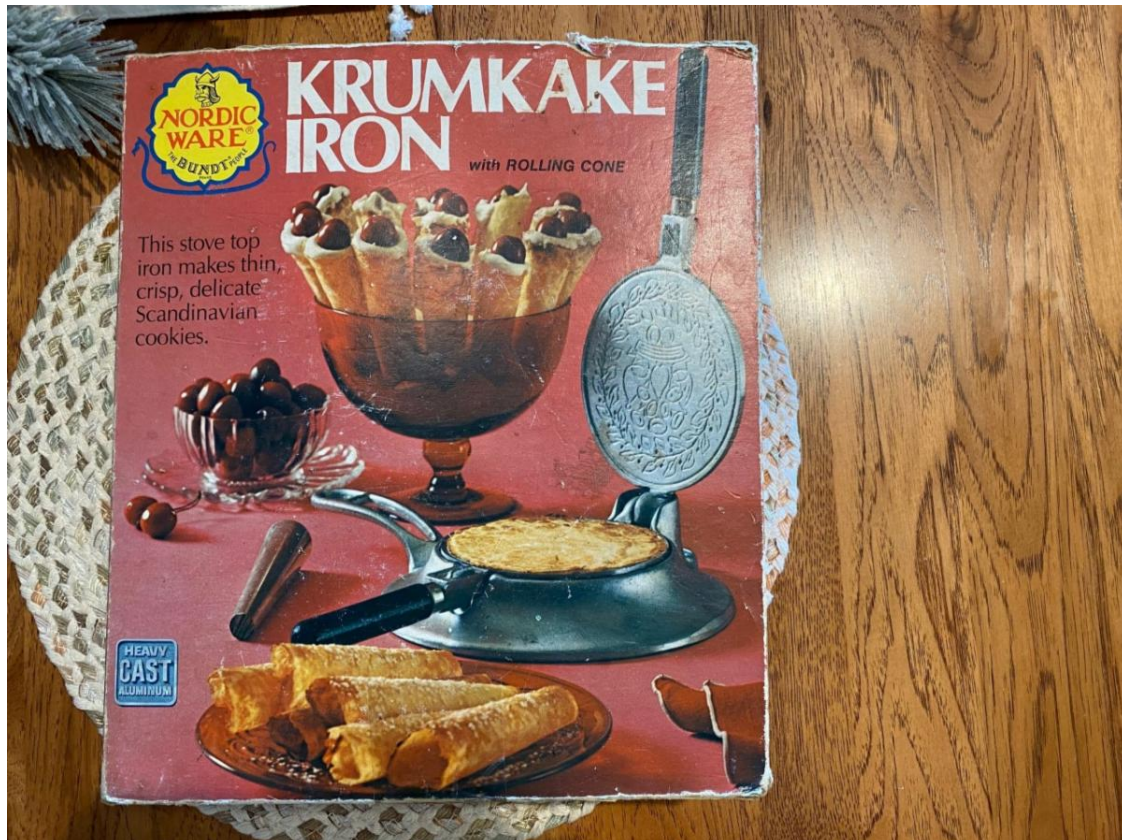
## *Abelson and Schneider*

[Adolphe Bernotas](#) - Thanks, Connecting, for featuring my buddy Norm Abelson and his provisional obit and dear late friend Andy Schneider's cookbook on the same day.

Good advice from Norm on when I write my own obit.

As for Concord-AP colleague Andy, (never met better reporter or cook), I can almost taste the memorable meal of salmon with maple sugar he served Marguerite and me several years ago at his and Kathy Best's home in Seattle's environs. He required the maple sugar to be from New Hampshire, which I would supply as often as required.

## Another recipe for the holiday season



[Mark Mittelstadt](#) - If Germans like anything, beer and holiday cookies have to be at the top of the list. (Not necessarily consumed together, although after enough beers

sweet pastries might be tasty.) With Connecting's call for recipes, here are three cookie concoctions that are pulled out of the recipe box at Christmas time by four generations of Mittelstadts.

### **PFEFFERNUSSE (PEPPERNUITS)**

Tasty, baked balls of dough.

1 1/2 cup sorghum (sub molasses if sorghum not available)  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup solid Crisco shortening  
2 eggs  
1 large tsp soda  
2 tsp of ground cardamom if grinding fresh; 2 tbsp if using pre-ground)  
2 tsp ground cloves  
6 1/2 - 7 cups flour

In a large bowl mix all to create a stiff dough. Cover with wax paper or foil. Refrigerate and let stand for a day, at least overnight. When ready to bake, break off small pieces, roll in palm of hand, place on large cookie tray. Bake at 350 degrees until just lightly browned on bottom. Cool. Put in bags but leave top open for several hours, then close bags so they don't get too hard. Best after a day or two. (Option: when still warm out of the oven shake in a bag of powdered sugar.)

### **KRUMKAKE**

Thin, crisp, delicate, Scandinavian cookies. NOTE: Krumkake Iron with rolling cone required. (See photo)

3 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted  
1/2 cup flour  
1 tsp almond extract  
(variations: substitute sherry, lemon or vanilla for the lemon extract)

Combine beaten eggs and sugar; beat well. Add melted butter, flour and extract. Heat lightly oiled iron over medium heat and flip. Spoon about 1 tsp of batter in center of iron. Close and squeeze handles together. (Not necessary to re-oil iron after first krumkake.) Turn iron and scrape off any batter that flows out. (Batter flowing out indicates too much batter being used.) Bake until krumkake is light golden brown; open iron to check doneness. Remove krumkake quickly with a spatula. Immediately roll on cone to shape; remove cone and cool krumkake seam side down on wire rack. Store air-tight.

### **DATE BALLS**

Sweet balls of dates, walnuts and crispy rice, rolled in coconut.

1 1/2 cup dates cut up

1 cup sugar  
2 eggs

2 cups Rice Krispies  
1 cup walnuts  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp vanilla

Coconut for rolling

In sauce pan cook dates, sugar and eggs until smooth, then hard to stir. Add Rice Krispies, walnuts, salt and vanilla to mixture and mix. Allow to cool just enough to handle. Make into balls (slightly larger than a marble shooter) and roll in coconut. Keep covered. Refrigerate for longer storage.

## More tips on hummingbird feeding

[Doug Pizac](#) - I've gotten a few direct replies from Connecting colleagues about my hummingbird pictures Wednesday, with some asking about feeding practices in winter. Below is what I found on the internet and asking at a local wild bird store.

Some hummingbirds migrate, but others do not. For those who stick around during the winter months you have to alter your feeding routine. To survive the cold at night they lower their heart beats and metabolism down to a semi-hibernation. They stop feeding after dusk and then start up again in the morning.

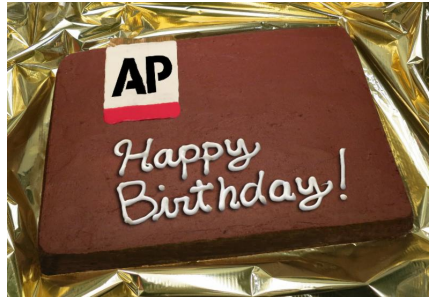
Because hummingbirds can be very protective of their food source, you also need multiple feeders to break up territorial fights -- about 25-30 feet apart.

So bring your feeders in at night once it gets dark, and then put them out in the morning when you get up to allow the sugar/water mix to warm up overnight. When the juice gets close to freezing the birds can get brain freeze and become disoriented - like when you eat too much ice cream at once.

Stores also sell hummingbird feeder heaters which are nothing but a 4-8 watt mini-bulb you attach to the underside of the feeder. The bulb needs to be old-style incandescent; the new LEDs do not produce warming heat. The bulb produces enough heat to keep the juice palatable, but also means you have to run an electrical extension cord to it.

I find bringing the feeders in at night works fine. And when we bring them out in the morning, they buzz around us waiting for them to be hung up which is a nice experience too.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



*On Saturday to...*

[Susanne Shaw](#)

*On Sunday to...*

[Hillel Italie](#)

[Will Lester](#)

[Angus Thuermer](#)

**Welcome to Connecting**



[Kathy Best](#)

[Walter Colton](#)

**Stories of interest**

## ***Twitter suspends journalists who wrote about Elon Musk*** (AP)

By MATT O'BRIEN

Twitter on Thursday suspended the accounts of journalists who cover the social media platform and its new owner Elon Musk, including reporters working for The New York Times, Washington Post, CNN and other publications.

The company hasn't explained why it took down the accounts and made their profiles and past tweets disappear.

The sudden suspension of news reporters followed Musk's decision Wednesday to permanently ban an account that automatically tracked the flights of his private jet using publicly available data.

Twitter also on Wednesday changed its rules to prohibit the sharing of another person's current location without their consent.

Several of the reporters suspended Thursday night had been writing about that new policy and Musk's rationale for imposing it, which involved his allegations about a stalking incident that affected his family on Tuesday night in Los Angeles.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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## ***In Minnesota, 'ghost paper' serves a community of 200,000 with a staff of 2*** (Star-Tribune)

By John Reinan  
Star Tribune

With falling circulation and a news staff that's been slashed almost to nonexistence, the St. Cloud Times is a ghost of the publication that was once one of the best small daily newspapers in Minnesota.

Corporate owner Gannett Co. Inc., heavily in debt and under pressure to reverse revenue declines, has cut staff to the point that only two reporters remain to cover news and events in the central Minnesota region of about 200,000 residents.

"People have always relied on the St. Cloud Times to be the agenda-setter," said Dale Zacher, chair of the Department of Mass Communications at St. Cloud State University. "It's not the civic institution it used to be. It's a sad downward spiral.

"This would be a great time to be involved in political corruption, because there's nobody watching."

In its prime, the paper had 40 to 50 people in its newsroom covering three counties and beyond, regularly winning state and even national journalism awards. Today, its overworked reporting duo writes for a drastically reduced audience. The paper's circulation has fallen from about 28,000 in 2013 to about 8,600 today.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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## ***An Alternate Reality: How Russia's State TV Spins the Ukraine War*** (New York Times)

By Paul Mozur, Adam Satariano and Aaron Krolik

*The reporters spent the past year writing a series of stories about Russian censorship, surveillance and propaganda.*

As Russian tanks were stuck in the mud outside Kyiv earlier this year and the economic fallout of war with Ukraine took hold, one part of Russia's government hummed with precision: television propaganda.

Spinning together a counternarrative for tens of millions of viewers, Russian propagandists plucked clips from American cable news, right-wing social media and Chinese officials. They latched onto claims that Western embargoes of Russian oil would be self-defeating, that the United States was hiding secret bioweapon research labs in Ukraine and that China was a loyal ally against a fragmenting West.

Day by day, state media journalists sharpened those themes in emails. They sometimes broadcast battlefield videos and other information sent to them by the successor agency to the K.G.B. And they excerpted and translated footage from favorite pundits, like the Fox News host Tucker Carlson, whose remarks about the war were shown to millions of Russians.

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

## **The Final Word**

### ***Scenes from Vietnam***







**Nick Ut** – From my recent visit to Vietnam, here are pictures from a wedding near Ho Chi Minh City and a grandfather fishing with his grandson near Hanoi.

## Today in History – Dec. 16, 2022



Today is Friday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2022. There are 15 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

### On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battleships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

In 2000, President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first African-American secretary of state.

In 2001, after nine weeks of fighting, Afghan militia leaders claimed control of the last mountain bastion of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters, but bin Laden himself was nowhere to be seen.

In 2011, in San Francisco, eight years of being investigated for steroid allegations ended for home run king Barry Bonds with a 30-day sentence to be served at home. (Bonds never served the sentence; his conviction for obstruction of justice was overturned.)

In 2014, Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar, killing at least 148 people, mostly children.

In 2019, House Democrats laid out their first impeachment case against President Donald Trump; a sweeping report from the House Judiciary Committee said Trump had "betrayed the Nation by abusing his high office to enlist a foreign power in corrupting democratic elections."

In 2020, the first COVID-19 vaccinations were underway at U.S. nursing homes, where the virus had killed 110,000 people. Tyson Foods said it had fired seven top managers at its largest pork plant after an investigation confirmed allegations that they had wagered on how many workers at the plant in Iowa would test positive for the coronavirus. (An outbreak centered around the plant infected more than 1,000 employees, at least six of whom died.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama visited Newtown, Connecticut, the scene of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre; after meeting privately with victims' families, the president told an evening vigil he would use "whatever power" he had to prevent future shootings. A 23-year-old woman was brutally raped and beaten on a bus in New Delhi, a crime that triggered widespread protests in India. (The woman died 13 days later.)

Five years ago: Two female couples tied the knot in Australia's first same-sex weddings under new legislation allowing gay marriages.

One year ago: U.S. health officials said most Americans should get the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines instead of the Johnson & Johnson shot; the decision came after government advisers reviewed new safety data about rare but potentially life-threatening blood clots linked to J&J's shot. A federal judge rejected OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma's sweeping deal to settle thousands of lawsuits over the toll of opioids; the judge found flaws in the way the bankruptcy settlement protected members of the Sackler family who owned the company from lawsuits. The last 12 hostages from a U.S.-based missionary group who were kidnapped and held for ransom in Haiti were freed and were flown out of the country following a two-month ordeal; five others had been released earlier. Urban Meyer's tumultuous NFL tenure ended after just 13 games — and two victories — when the Jacksonville Jaguars fired him because of an accumulation of missteps.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights attorney and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center Morris Dees is 86. Actor Joyce Bulifant is 85. Actor Liv Ullmann is 84. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 81. Pop musician Tony Hicks (The Hollies) is 77. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 76. Rock singer-musician Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top) is 73. Rock musician Bill Bateman (The Blasters) is 71. Actor Xander Berkeley is 67. Actor Alison LaPlaca is 63. Actor Sam Robards is 61. Actor Jon Tenney is 61. Actor Benjamin Bratt is 59. Actor-comedian JB Smoove is 57. Actor Miranda Otto is 55. Actor Daniel Cosgrove is 52. R&B singer Michael McCary is 51. Actor Jonathan Scarfe is 47. Actor Krysten Ritter is 41. Actor Zoe Jarman is 40. Country musician Chris Scruggs is 40. Actor Theo James is 38. Actor Amanda Setton is 37. Rock musician Dave Rublin (American Authors) is 36. Actor Hallee Hirsh is 35. Actor Anna Popplewell is 34. Actor Stephan James is 29.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking [Connecting Archive](#) in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

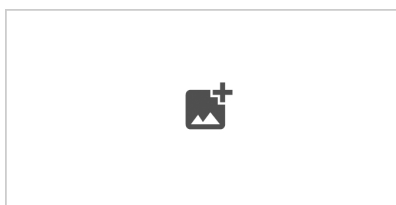
Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to [Ye Olde Connecting Editor](#). And don't forget to include photos!



Here are some suggestions:

- **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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