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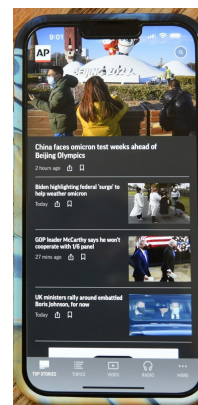
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Dec. 28, 2022,

As 2022 nears a close, this issue of Connecting remembers our colleagues who died during the past year.

The list of names below was compiled from Connecting issues over the past year and the records of AP's Human Resources department. If you see an error or omission in this list, please let me know.

We mourn their deaths, but we remember the words of Dr. Seuss when we think about how they touched us and the world of journalism:

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

If you have a favorite memory to share about one of those we lost, please send it along.

Here's to the new year ahead - the 177th in the long and proud history of The Associated Press. I look forward to continuing the journey together.

Be safe, stay healthy! See you in your Inbox tomorrow morning.

Paul

In Memoriam



Paul Alers

James Angell

Rodney Angove

Emil Anil

Phillip Badger

Jeffrey Barry

Leo Berger

John Besch

Claudia Brown

Marcia Budd

Elton Leigh "Bi" Byington

William Caddell

Dave Caulkin

Jerry Ceppos

Robert Child

Gary Clark

Mike Cochran

Kenneth Conway

Frank Daniels Jr.

Juan Davila

Marcus Eliason

Mitch Feldhandler

Dean Fosdick

Dick Foster

Ralph Gage

Jimmy Gaines

John Gaps III

Ray Goergen

Susan Guffey

Bruce Handler

Subramaniam Harihar

Thomas Harrigon

Bernd Helling

Catherine Hills

John J. Hughes IV

Lenny Ignelzi

Fred Jewell

Tony Keefe

Sister Donalda Kehoe

Dick Kelsey

Stephen Kent

Doug Kranz

Oscar "Skip" Latt

Janet Leissner

William Lewis

Robert Macy

Larry Malkin

Walter R. Mears

Walter Mosby

Craig Nilsson

Jack Pace

Earl Pavao

Al Politowski

Francis Quinn

Eriberto "BJ" Reyes

Jack Ronald

Mike Rouse

Robert Rowand

George Rowland

Wilfred Salomon

Randy Schmid

Edward Seaton

Carlton Simonsen

Greg Small

Mary Smith

Terry Stover

Lonnie Stuart

Toru Takahashi

Robert Thomas

John Vinocure

Harold Waters

Surviving Spouses

Peter Heller

Cheryl Jenkins

Cynthia Johnson

Patricia Moody

Catherine Sullivan

Johnnye Wood

Deanna Young

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Today in History - Dec. 28, 2022



Today is Wednesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 2022. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 2014, the war in Afghanistan, fought for 13 bloody years and still raging, came to a formal end with a quiet flag-lowering ceremony in Kabul that marked the

transition of the fighting from U.S.-led combat troops to the country's own security forces.

On this date:

In 1612, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, held the first public showing of their movies in Paris.

In 1908, a major earthquake followed by a tsunami devastated the Italian city of Messina, killing at least 70,000 people.

In 1912, San Francisco's Municipal Railway began operations with Mayor James Rolph Jr. at the controls of Streetcar No. 1 as 50,000 spectators looked on.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1972, Kim Il Sung, the premier of North Korea, was named the country's president under a new constitution.

In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a rap celebrity basketball game at City College in New York.

In 2007, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest as the country's army tried to quell a frenzy of rioting in the wake of her assassination.

In 2015, a grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, a Black youngster who was shot while playing with what turned out to be a pellet gun.

In 2016, film star Debbie Reynolds, who lit up the screen in "Singin' in the Rain" and other Hollywood classics, died at age 84 a day after losing her daughter, Carrie Fisher, who was 60.

Ten years ago: Dockworkers along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico agreed to extend their contract for more than a month, averting a strike that could have crippled major ports from Boston to Houston and bottled up billions of dollars' worth of cargo. (A new contract was ratified in April 2013.) Russia's President Vladimir Putin signed a law banning Americans from adopting Russian children.

Five years ago: Twelve people died in a Bronx apartment building fire; officials said it was caused by a 3-year-old boy playing with stove burners. (A 13th victim died of his injuries days later.) Officials in Alabama certified Democrat Doug Jones as the winner

of a special U.S. Senate election over Republican Roy Moore, who charged that the election was “fraudulent.” Rose Marie, who began her career in show business as a child in the 1920s and co-starred on “The Dick Van Dyke Show” in the 1960s, died at her Los Angeles-area home at the age of 94. Apple apologized for secretly slowing down older iPhones, a move it said was necessary to avoid unexpected shutdowns due to battery fatigue.

One year ago: Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid died at his Nevada home of complications from pancreatic cancer; the Democrat was 82. Hall of Fame football coach and broadcaster John Madden died at 85; his exuberant calls had provided a weekly soundtrack to NFL games for three decades. Los Angeles Angels two-way superstar Shohei Ohtani was named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Dame Maggie Smith is 88. Former Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota is 76. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 76. Actor Denzel Washington is 68. TV personality Gayle King is 68. Actor Chad McQueen is 62. Country singer-musician Marty Roe (Diamond Rio) is 62. Actor Malcolm Gets is 59. Actor Mauricio Mendoza is 53. Actor Elaine Hendrix is 52. Political commentator Ana Navarro is 51. Talk show host Seth Meyers is 49. Actor Brendan Hines is 46. Actor Joe Manganiello is 46. Actor Vanessa Ferlito is 45. R&B singer John Legend is 44. Rapper-musician-producer Terrace Martin is 44. Actor Andre Holland is 43. Actor Sienna Miller is 41. Actor Beau Garrett (TV: “The Good Doctor”) is 40. Actor Thomas Dekker is 35. Actor Mackenzie Rosman is 33. Pop singer David Archuleta is 32. Actor Mary-Charles Jones (TV: “Kevin Can Wait”) is 21. Actor Miles Brown is 18.

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.

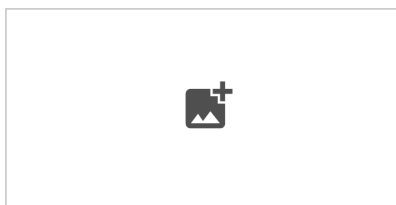
Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

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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