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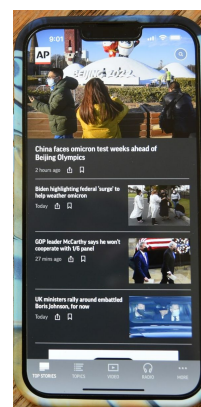
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ANNOUNCEMENT!

Ken's celebration of life is finally on its way! We hope y'all can make it!

Please save the date and RSVP –
Sunday, February 19th, 2023 from
 2:00-4:00pm at the McCoy Barn in Chino Hills.

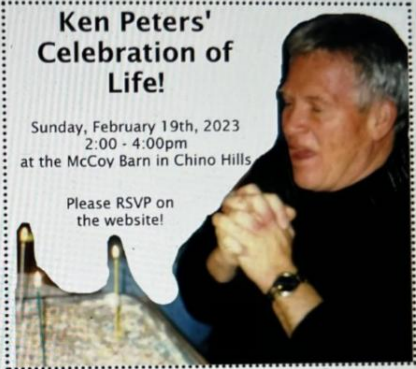
Along with celebrating Ken in general, we'll also be celebrating his 80th birthday (February 1st, 2023) and Ken & Cathy's 50th wedding anniversary (February 17th, 2023). His "ascension day" was also February 23rd, 2020, so he's a February-heavy guy.

You can find out more and [RSVP](https://sites.google.com/view/kenpeterscelebration/home) here:
<https://sites.google.com/view/kenpeterscelebration/home>

Ken Peters' Celebration of Life!

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Please RSVP on the website!



Quick 2022 note: "Ken" actually went on a "trip" this year – Cathy, Ashley, Tara, and Robert took some of his ashes to Ringgold, Georgia in March, where we cleaned up the headstones of his parents and sister (including shaving off a huge ant hill!), and took him for a dip in the very-high, very-cold Chickamauga Creek, which was one of his youthful hangouts growing up (which he shared with us kiddos, particularly Justin, during summer visits). We also had a fun dinner with Ken's niece Sheila at, of course, The Cracker Barrel. When dad's not traveling, he's in his little box on the mantel, covered in whatever wrapping paper we choose seems befitting of the season or the mood. He's currently dressed in his holiday best.

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Jan. 12, 2023,

Three years after his death, **Ken Peters** will be honored in a memorial service next month for the Associated Press sports writer who covered multiple Olympics and other major events during a nearly 35-year career.

His death on Feb. 23, 2020, at the age of 77 came during the start of the coronavirus epidemic. Click [here](#) for the wire obituary written by his LA sports colleague **Beth Harris**.



Ken's family welcomes friends and colleagues to take part in the celebration to be held Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2-4 p.m. PST at the McCoy Barn in Chino Hills. Click [here](#) for the invitation which includes a form to RSVP.

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

Paul

On the day JFK was assassinated

EDITOR'S NOTE: Earlier this week, Connecting colleague **Joe Carter** asked if there is anyone still alive who, like him, was on the White House press bus on Nov. 22, 1963, when JFK was killed in Dallas. Joe was with UPI. Here are two responses.



Harry Cabluck - Brother Jerry Cabluck and I were staffers working for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram at that time. Not stringing for The AP on that day.

We both made pictures in Fort Worth before the breakfast honoring Kennedy at the Hotel Texas, and later in Dallas. Jerry made the photo of me standing above the crowd in Fort Worth.

Jerry also covered the arrival at Dallas Love Field, and later made it to the emergency room at Parkland Hospital. He is reluctant to discuss his experience there as Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connolly were outside the operating rooms. He was rousted by long-time friend and SS Agent Mike Howard.



The layout shows photos I made in Fort Worth on the top row. The bottom row shows photos made in Dallas.

Top left photo, left to right, Gov. John B. Connolly, Rep. Jim Wright, Vice-Pres. Lyndon Johnson and President Kennedy. This is outside the Hotel Texas before the breakfast.

Bottom row shows Kennedy arrival at Dallas Love Field; Security officer running after shots were fired; Dallas police officer with arms spread as flags were removed from the presidential limousine at Parkland Hospital.

I hitched a ride with the traveling press on the flight from Fort Worth's Carswell AFB to Dallas Love Field (eight minutes, wheels up to wheels down) and rode the press bus in the motorcade. Did not make any good or significant photos that day.

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Carl P. Leubsdorf - Sid Davis, who was the radio pooler that day, is very much alive and has very precise memories of that day. He worked at the time for Westinghouse radio, which had a very substantial Washington bureau.

He is probably the only living person who witnessed LBJ's swearing in on AF1, but he then debarked so that he could brief the other reporters at the airport. The only other reporters there, Merriman Smith of UPI and Charles Roberts of Newsweek, accompanied the flight back to Washington. In those days, the pool had five members. But the newspaper pooler, Robert Baskin of The Dallas Morning News, had bailed after Kennedy was shot to go to his paper. And my understanding is that veteran political reporter Jack Bell of the AP, who had been outmaneuvered for the only phone in the wire car that day by UPI's Smith, rebuffed assistant press secretary Mac Kilduff's entreaties to leave for the airport.

Sid later became the Washington Bureau Chief for NBC. He's 95, in good health and will probably be very much in demand next November--the 60th anniversary of that terrible day.

I was the most junior staffer in the AP Washington bureau but got a piece of the action when I reported to work that night at 10:30, my services having not been deemed necessary until then.

And I know that you, Joe, were working for UPI in Dallas that day.

New-member profile: Mark Crane

Mark Crane - I was a reporter/editor at AP's Newark NJ bureau from late 1976 through 1981 covering all the usual including the start of casinos in Atlantic City, fires, politics, corruption (lots of that in NJ) and some hilarious Mafia stories about the gangsters who inspired much of The Sopranos. Great people at the AP and many great memories except for the dreaded midnight shift (major sleep deprivation. My body never adjusted), and the time that vandals smashed the rear window of my car. Our offices were at the Robert Treat Hotel in downtown Newark, completely renovated and fancy today but a dangerous vermin-infested dump when I was there.

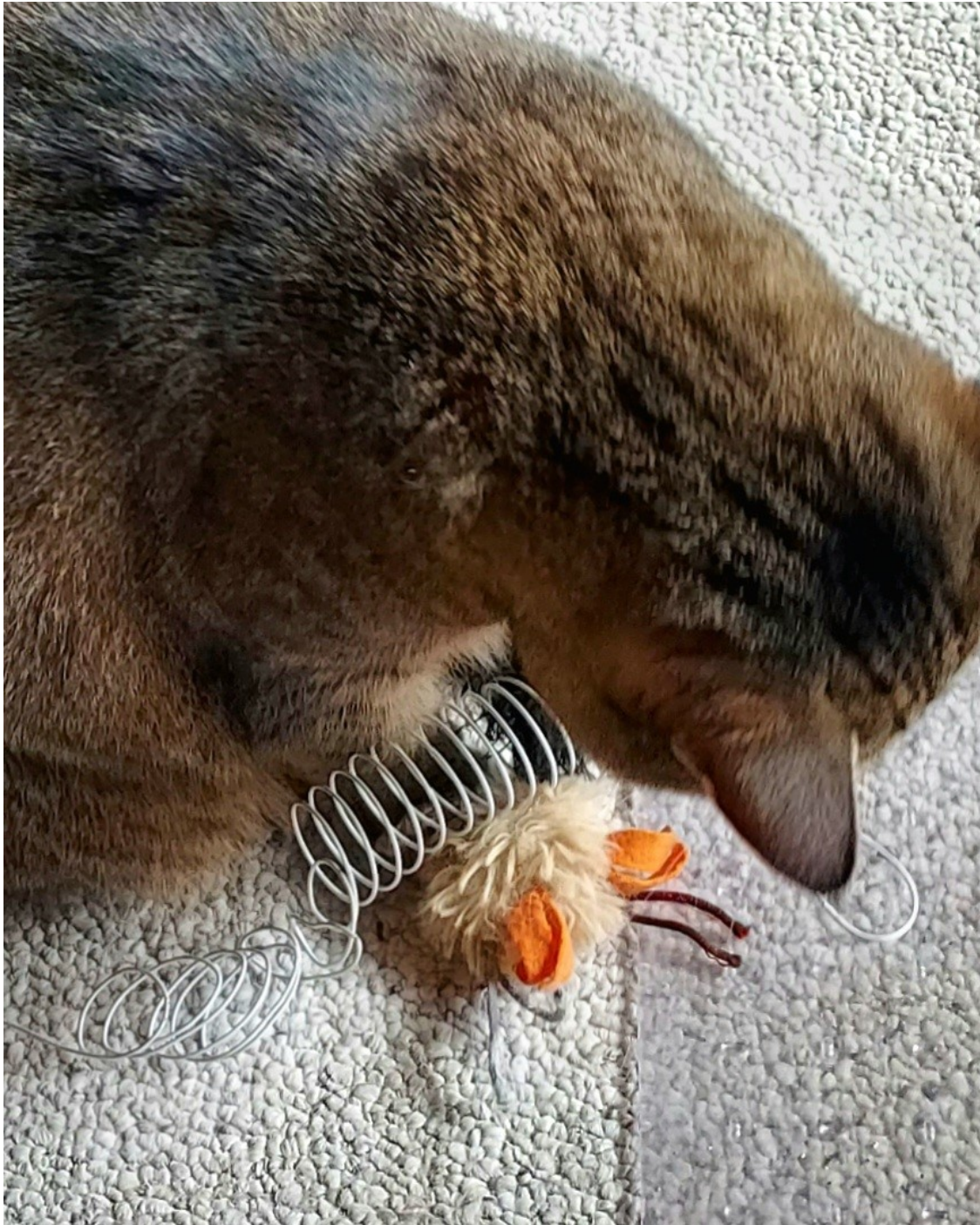


After AP, I became a writer/editor for Medical Economics, a business and lifestyle journal for physicians. I wrote mainly about medical malpractice and tort reform issues. That lasted for 22 years. I started freelancing op-eds to newspapers mostly on medico-legal issues.

I was an editorial writer at USA TODAY from 2004 to 2007. I think I met every member of President George W. Bush's cabinet and several presidential candidates and governors at editorial board meetings. I've freelanced articles and projects ever since, mostly for Medscape/WebMD.

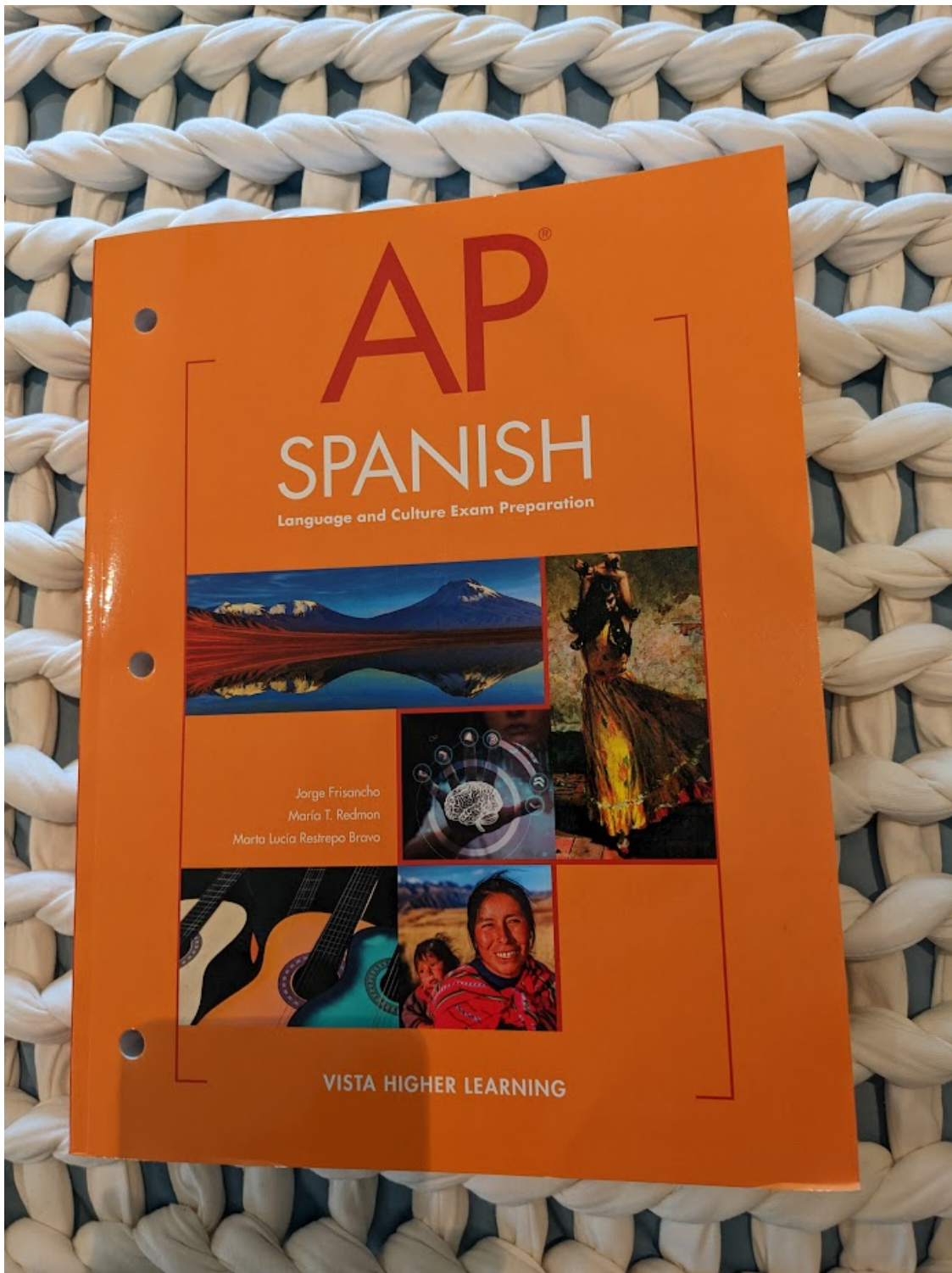
I now live near Sarasota, Fla., with my wife Rebecca and mini-labradoodle Max.

'Wire service' kitty



Margaret Lillard - Got a smile while at my desk today as one of my cats reminded me of another use for old stylebooks. This is the spine from the 2006 AP Stylebook - the pages were recycled, but Maple is in love with the wire. Appropriate for a "wire service" kitty.

AP sighting



Claude Erbsen — Don't know if this counts as an AP Sighting: My granddaughter's AP Spanish textbook.

Stories of interest

Oregon paper closing after more than century of publishing (AP)

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — One of Oregon's oldest operating newspapers will shut down by the end of the week.

The Mail Tribune publisher and CEO Steven Saslow on Wednesday announced the newspaper's abrupt closure on its website, saying unused paid subscriptions would be refunded.

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce that as of Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, the Mail Tribune will cease all operations," the announcement on the website said.

The paper, which is based in Medford, stopped producing a print edition in September but continued operating in a digital format, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright, Jeff Barnard, Doug Pizac, Steve Graham.

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The George Santos story shows how local news AND institutions should work (Poynter)

By: Kristen Hare

Of all the strange things we saw as the Republican-led House tried to elect a speaker last week, a New York representative-elect who embellished, invented and lied about his background was right among them.

But George Santos' story was on my mind for another reason.

At the end of last year, Sarah Ellison reported for The Washington Post about the North Shore Leader, which questioned Santos' wealth and background months before The New York Times took up the story.

"The Leader reluctantly endorsed Santos's Democratic opponent the next month. 'This newspaper would like to endorse a Republican,' it wrote, but Santos 'is so bizarre, unprincipled and sketchy that we cannot,' adding, 'He boasts like an insecure child — but he's most likely just a fabulist — a fake.'"

The story goes on to point out a few of the reasons the Leader's reporting didn't get picked up more widely by the national press, including a shrinking news force. For The Bulwark, Report for America's Steve Waldman gets into the nuances of the local news ecosystem and how it impacted this story.

Read more [here](#).

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Blake Hounshell, 'On Politics' Editor at The Times, Dies at 44 (New York Times)

By Sam Roberts

Blake Hounshell, an influential political journalist who was managing editor of Foreign Policy magazine and a top editor at Politico before joining The New York Times and overseeing its popular newsletter "On Politics," died on Tuesday in Washington. He was 44.

His family said in a statement that he had died "after a long and courageous battle with depression." The police in Washington were investigating the death as a suicide, a police official said.

Mr. Hounshell, who joined The Times in 2021, wrote "On Politics" out of Washington, incorporating contributions from other Times correspondents. The newsletter appears five days a week and is regularly read by an estimated half-million paying subscribers.

Mr. Hounshell "quickly distinguished himself as our lead politics newsletter writer and a gifted observer of our country's political scene," Joseph Kahn, the Times's executive editor, said in a memo to the staff, adding, "He became an indispensable and always insightful voice in the report during a busy election cycle."

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

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ProPublica to launch investigative reporting hub in the Northwest

Press Release | ProPublica

ProPublica has announced it will expand in the Northwest by establishing a new regional team of investigative journalists reporting on accountability issues in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho.

This hub will be the fifth in a growing network of state and regionally based ProPublica investigative offices, including the Midwest, South, Southwest and Texas. These teams of reporters and editors provide critical reporting at a time when local accountability journalism is increasingly scarce.

Our approach in the Northwest will be a new one for ProPublica, a hybrid model that matches the strengths of staff reporters with a constellation of journalists working at other publications in the region through the Local Reporting Network. Our new editor will oversee three ProPublica reporters who will be based in the region and the work of three Distinguished Fellows who work for local news organizations.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lindel Hutson.

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C-SPAN is calling on McCarthy to allow its cameras in the House after its unprecedented coverage of the leadership fight (CNN)

By Oliver Darcy

C-SPAN isn't packing up its cameras quietly.

The public affairs network on Tuesday sent a letter to new House Speaker Kevin McCarthy asking for permission to operate its own independent cameras in the House chamber. "Allow C-SPAN to cover House floor proceedings on behalf of our network and all Congressionally-accredited news organizations," co-chief executive Susan Swain wrote McCarthy.

Typically, the video feed viewers see on television of the House conducting its normal day-to-day business is one provided by the government to the press from government-controlled cameras. That's because the House normally forbids independent media coverage of proceedings. But during special events, such as last week during the election of the House speaker, independent cameras from outlets like C-SPAN are permitted.

Read more [here](#).

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Noah Oppenheim stepping aside as president of NBC News (Washington Post)

By Jeremy Barr

Noah Oppenheim, who has served as president of NBC News since 2017, will leave his role as part of a broader reorganization of the network's newsroom leadership that will shift most of his responsibilities to a new role to be filled by Rebecca Blumenstein, currently a deputy managing editor for the New York Times.

Oppenheim will return to working on movies and scripted television shows as part of a new deal with the company's entertainment arm.

"I leave with enormous pride in all that we've accomplished together," he wrote in a memo to NBC employees on Wednesday afternoon. "Sharing this front-row seat to history with the smartest, most committed, and most compassionate colleagues has been a tremendous privilege."

Blumenstein's appointment into the new job of president of editorial was announced Wednesday by NBCUniversal News Group Chairman Cesar Conde, who called her an

“innovative leader” and wrote that “those who have worked with her speak highly of her journalistic judgment and her unwavering support for her team members.” (Her hiring was first reported by the Times.)

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

Today in History - Jan. 12, 2023



Today is Thursday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2023. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette — it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. Aircraft from U.S. Task Force 38 sank about 40

Japanese ships off Indochina.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma*, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped. The TV series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered on ABC.

In 1969, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Illinois v. Wardlow*, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake; the Haitian government said 316,000 people were killed, while a report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development suggested the death toll may have been between 46,000 and 85,000.

In 2016, Iran detained 10 American sailors and their two small Navy boats after the boats drifted into Iranian waters; the sailors and their vessels were released the following day.

Ten years ago: The NHL's four-month lockout finally ended as the league and the players' association completed signing a required memorandum of understanding. Gary Stevens won the first race at Santa Anita, giving the Hall of Fame jockey his first win in North America since 2005, when he began a seven-year retirement that had recently ended. (Stevens rode 5-1 shot Branding to a 2 1/2-length victory in his third race since beginning his comeback on Jan. 6, 2013.)

Five years ago: President Donald Trump's White House physician, Dr. Ronny Jackson, declared him in "excellent health" after the president received his first checkup at Walter Reed military hospital. Sportscaster Keith Jackson, best known as the down-home voice of college football, died; he was 89. John Tunney, whose successful campaign for a California seat in the U.S. Senate was the basis for the Robert Redford film "The Candidate," died in Los Angeles at the age of 83.

One year ago: The House panel investigating the U.S. Capitol insurrection requested an interview and records from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy as it continued to seek first-hand details from members of Congress on former President Donald Trump's actions on Jan. 6; McCarthy issued a statement saying he would refuse to cooperate, accusing the panel of an "abuse of power." The government reported that inflation jumped in December at its fastest year-over-year pace in nearly four decades,

surging 7%. Ronnie Spector, who sang 1960s hits including “Be My Baby” as leader of the girl group The Ronettes, died at 78 after a brief battle with cancer.

Today’s birthdays: The Amazing Kreskin is 88. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 84. Actor Anthony Andrews is 75. Movie director Wayne Wang is 74. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 72. Writer Walter Mosley is 71. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 71. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 69. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 66. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 65. Actor Oliver Platt is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins is 63. Entrepreneur Jeff Bezos is 59. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 58. Actor Olivier Martinez is 57. Model Vendela is 56. Actor Rachael Harris is 55. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 53. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 53. Actor Zabryna Guevara is 51. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 50. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 49. Contemporary Christian singer Jeremy Camp is 45. Actor Cynthia Addai-Robinson is 43. R&B singer Amerie is 43. Actor Issa Rae is 38. Actor Will Rothhaar is 36. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 35. Rock singer ZAYN is 30. Pop/soul singer Ella Henderson (TV: “The X Factor”) is 27.

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:

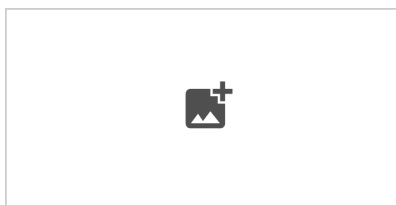
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **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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