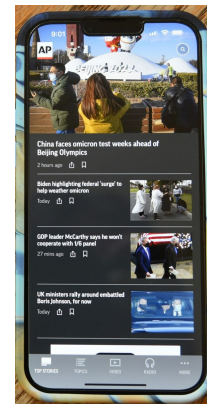


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# Connecting

April 7, 2023

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Colleagues,

We're sorry to bring news of the death of **Harold Olmos**, former AP chief of bureau in Caracas and Rio de Janeiro.

Our colleague **Ed McCullough**, for whom Harold was his first bureau chief, shares the news. If you have a favorite memory of working with Harold, please send it along.

Speaking of fond memories, Connecting received two more on **Don Deibler**, veteran member of the AP's Treasury department.

**Patricia Casillo** – "I had the privilege of working besides my dear friend and colleague at AP. Don was truly one of a kind! His help, and his patience at work, with anything, was an absolute professionalism! With a drop of a hat, Don had your answer! He taught me what I know, and I'm blessed to have had such an amazing mentor. Don had such a great sense of humor, always ready with a joke, his wits about him, as quick as they came, and his comebacks on the pulse. I will truly miss you, my dear, dear friend! Rest in Peace.

[Dave Tomlin](#) - I almost always found kindness, competence and good cheer throughout AP when I needed it, but even in this company, Don Deibler stood out.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Harold Olmos, former AP bureau chief in Caracas and Rio, dies



[Ed McCullough](#) - Former AP bureau chief Harold Olmos passed away Wednesday in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, his daughter Paula Simoes informed me by email.

Harold was a mini legend back in the day among Latin America correspondents, news sources and government officials - sometimes military, often authoritarian - which he succeeded in irking; usually politely.

AP vets would remember better, but I recall that early on - say, the 1970s - young newsman Harold departed his native Bolivia on short notice and little fanfare in the trunk of a car to avoid arrest.

Harold was my first bureau chief. He taught me the ropes.

In 1993 I succeeded him in Caracas, Venezuela, from which he departed for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Born in 1944, he was an AP CoB for 24 years, an accomplishment he cherished and was very good at.

He retired in 2006 and was awarded Bolivia's national journalism prize in 2007, then kept his hand in news, blogging at <http://haroldolmos.wordpress.com>

Kevin Noblet said he “worked with Harold on a couple of occasions in South America, and once briefly filled in for him as Caracas COB. He was a gentleman’s gentleman,

and as persistent in meeting what he saw as AP's needs as he was polite and mannered about going about it. If you had any doubt about his commitment to the company, which I didn't, they were dispelled by the framed complimentary note from Lou Boccardi—on the bedroom wall of his Caracas home.”.

Details of his life and passing may be found [here](#). El Deber is Bolivia's leading newspaper.

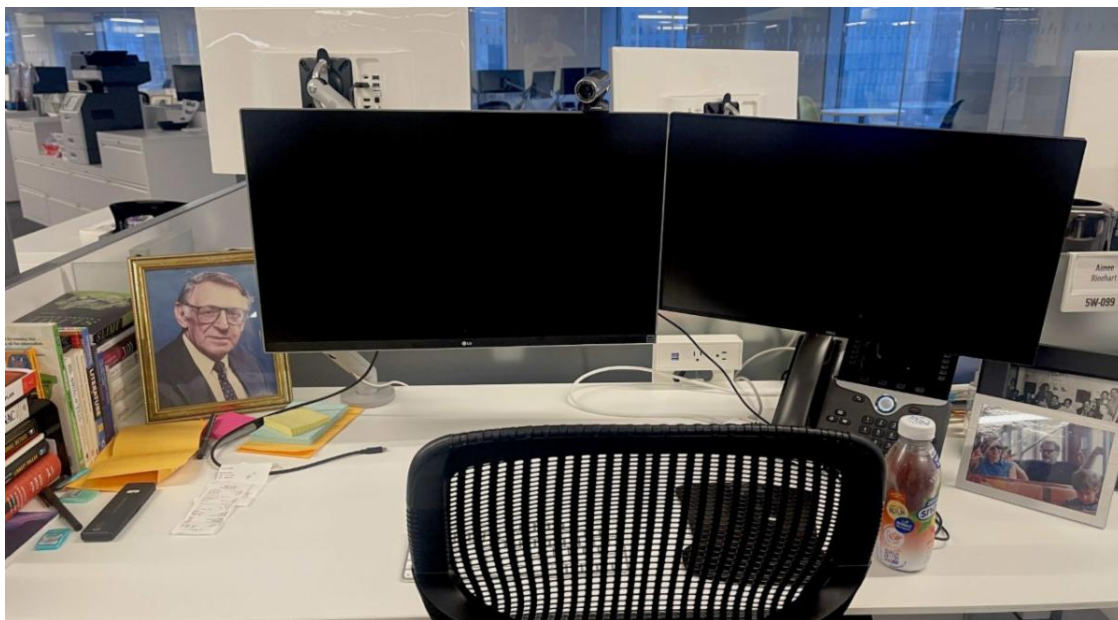
## ChatGPT

[Hal Spencer](#) - In response to John Brewer's curiosity about ChatGPT, I've played with it, though I feel like a traitor. I give it information and it writes lackluster stories, always with happy endings. It writes sonnets that conjure concrete buildings. But I'm sure it's learning, always learning.

## And AI

[AI Cross](#) - On behalf of all who go by AI, I ask that artificial intelligence be abbreviated A.I., not acronymed!

## A photo of Nate Polowetzky remains in AP newsroom



[Ted Anthony](#) - Noting the new Connecting membership of Daniel Polowetzky this week, I thought he and your readers might appreciate the attached photo.

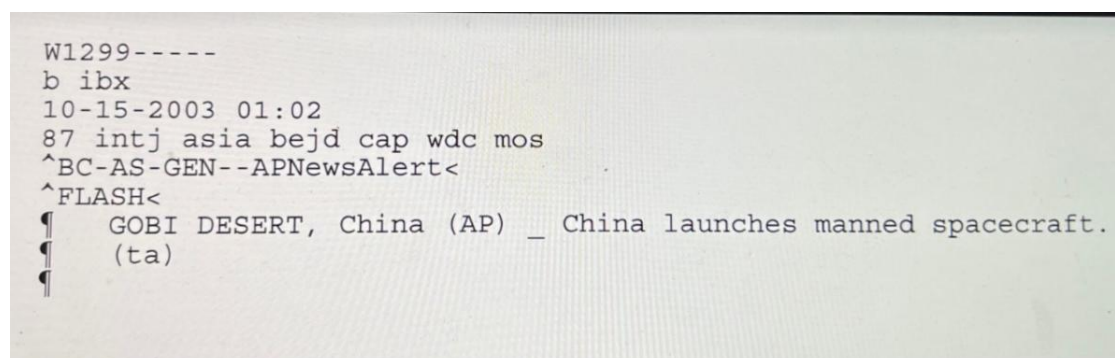
When we decamped from 50 Rock to West 33rd St. in 2004, Jerry Schwartz liberated the framed portrait of Nate that was on the wall in Newsfeatures and started keeping it on his desk. I loved this; Nate, and the stories about him and his passion for

compelling and effective storytelling, were part of what attracted me to the AP as a college student in the late 1980s when I was a stringer for then-State College correspondent David S. Martin. When I finally got a temp job in West Virginia in 1992 thanks to Pete Mattiace, I got to work with Nate on a passel of Newsfeatures stories while in the Charleston and Philadelphia bureaus early in my AP career, on subjects that ranged from mummies in a small West Virginia town to the nation's oldest tobacco shop in Lancaster, PA.

Nate encouraged my ambition of becoming a foreign correspondent in Asia. He was also hugely influential in my introduction to the aaa and bbb wires and always a supporter of my work (and quick to ring the bureau if a feature I was working on was taking too long!). He at once awed and terrified me with his knowledge and his velocity. Once he told me something like, "You've got promise. You've also got ego." Then, in what I later learned was his signature move, he hung up.

Alas, I never got to meet Nate in person. The week I was to visit 50 Rock for the first time, in March 1994, we were to get together for lunch but he was out sick. And by the end of that summer he was gone. But his portrait on Jerry's desk reminded many of us of his sharp, idiosyncratic spirit. Here at 200 Liberty, when Jerry retired in November, I inherited the photo. I wanted to make sure that Nate's picture remained visible in the newsroom, where, sadly, there are few of us left who worked with him. Now it sits on my desk, and it will for as long as I'm here.

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Also, nowhere near as exciting as the one from Lou Boccardi (whom I saw last week for the first time in years), but I filed a Flash in October 2003 when the first Chinese "taikonaut" went into space.

## Today in History sparks memories of story that was turning report in his career plans



**Firemen stand on the rubble of the Marting Arms Building, where my Dad had his office for many years.**

**Brian Horton** - Chicago photographer Charles Arbogast is visiting retired AP photographer and photo editor Harry Cabluck at his home in Austin, Texas, this week and they spotted Connecting's Today in History notation of the April 6, 1968 explosion in Richmond, Ind., which killed 41. They knew I had grown up there and called to ask if I remembered anything of the story.

It turns out, I have very vivid memories of that spring Saturday. And, it was a turning point in my future plans to be a photographer.

For 20-some years, my dad had been the eastern Indiana bureau chief for the Indianapolis Star, the state's biggest paper. For many years, his office had been on the second floor of the building housing Marting Arms in downtown Richmond, which was the Ground Zero for the explosion of gas mains that devastated the downtown area.

The Star had closed down the bureau a few years before the explosion and we had moved to Indianapolis where my dad became the night makeup editor, handling page flow and making stories fit the layouts. I was a copyboy at the Star during my high school years.

On that first Saturday in April, the first day of Spring Break from Warren Central High School, where we were seniors, a friend, Ward Beckham (we would later share an apartment while attending Indiana University), and I were planning a spring break trip to Florida. Planning would be a loose description. Neither of us had ever been to Florida, had no clear plan on our route and what we were going to do once we got there. But, you have to admit, it sounded like a great idea.

My Dad got a call from Bo Connor, the Star's City Editor, at home that morning, telling him of the explosion and asking him to come in to handle desking the story since he had first-hand knowledge of the city. Before heading to the office, he told me I should go and see if I could help the reporters and the photographer being sent from Indianapolis since I knew my way around the downtown area and knew the Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Chief. I headed east on I-70, which was pretty much done at the time but hadn't been officially opened yet. It was a quick trip over the 65 miles, dodging a few pieces of construction equipment still on the roadway.

I made my way to the intersection where the sporting goods store had stood and paused for a moment, knowing that my dad had worked upstairs and I had often been to that office. It was jarring to see the smoldering crater where the store had stood. I gathered as much information as I could, calling in from a pay phone a couple of blocks away, and helped the Star reporters on the scene. That night, I made the attached picture from the roof of a fire truck and slept in the hose bed.

I was able to ferry my film back to the Star the next day with a reporter and the Star used the picture on the front page of the next edition. The AP picked it up, too. I knew I wanted to be a news photographer then.

Beckham came over to join me that Sunday and, instead of the beaches in Florida, we spent spring break in Richmond, gathering obit information and family photos of the victims. In many cases, I knew the victim or was at least familiar with someone in their family. We spent the days calling in the information and ferrying the photos to Indianapolis on the daily 4 p.m. Greyhound bus. I was familiar with that because I had often ridden my bike to the bus station as a kid to give my dad's film to a driver to carry to Indianapolis where a copyboy would meet the bus.

The Star paid for our hotel room and we were on a steady diet of pizza and Big Boys from the Frisch's drive-in across the street from the hotel. It was quite a week.

As long as I could remember, I had wanted to be a journalist like my dad, but my experience that week certainly galvanized that plan.

## Claire Smith wins the 2023 Red Smith Award (APSE)



Claire Smith. Photo by Charles Fox, The Philadelphia Inquirer

By Gary Potosky

Blazing trails is a way of life for Claire Smith. Some things never change.

Smith is the winner of the 2023 Red Smith Award, regarded as the highest sports journalism honor in the United States.

She is the first African American woman to win the award, given annually by the Associated Press Sports Editors to a writer or editor who has made major contributions to sports journalism. Smith is the sixth woman and fourth Black journalist to win the award.

“There always has to be a first before you hand the baton, and when I see how many women are taking on the task of being great sports writers and editors, women of color, and Latin American women ... it’s just heartening,” Smith said, upon learning from APSE President Jorge Rojas that she won the Red Smith Award. “I’m just so proud to be in their company. To be recognized and be in such great company ... I certainly know I won’t be the last.

“We know there’s no crying in baseball, but there’s crying in my car today.”

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Brian Burnes](#)

[Juliet Williams](#)

*On Saturday to...*

[Deborah Hastings](#)

*On Sunday to...*

[Len Iwanski](#)

[Mary Sandok](#)

## Stories of interest

***The fate of local news: America's largest newspaper company is creating news deserts*** (NPR)

By Jason Fuller, Mallory Yu, Adrian Florido

NPR's Adrian Florido speaks with Joshua Benton, senior writer at the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University, about Gannett newspaper sales and how news deserts weaken democracy.

**ADRIAN FLORIDO, HOST:**

The country's largest newspaper company, Gannett, is once again forecasting it will sell off more of its daily newspapers. Since its merge with newspaper company GateHouse Media in 2019, Gannett has closed or sold hundreds of papers and slashed staff by more than half, and that is projected to continue. Joshua Benton has been writing about this for the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard, and he joins me now. Welcome.



JOSHUA BENTON: Good to be with you.

FLORIDO: Joshua, Gannett had 25,000 employees at the end of 2019, and less than four years later, it has just over 11,000. It slashed staff by more than half. I mean, newspaper revenue has been steadily declining over that time but not by that much, not at that rate. So what's going on here?

BENTON: The Gannett that we have now is the result of the merger of two very large companies. The idea was an individual newspaper might struggle on its own, but if you buy enough of them, you can extract as much of the cost of producing the newspaper from the local community as possible. You cut down on print days. You have the page layout and editing done elsewhere. The thought was you could achieve these economies of scale and make a profitable business. The problem is, as part of the merger, Gannett took on a lot of debt, and they have to pay off that debt. So they need revenue. And the way that they have been doing that is by cutting costs to the bone. That means cutting staff and cutting the quality of their newspapers.

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

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## ***Justice Thomas reportedly took undisclosed luxury trips*** (AP)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has for more than two decades accepted luxury trips nearly every year from Republican megadonor Harlan Crow without reporting them on financial disclosure forms, ProPublica reports.

In a lengthy story published Thursday the nonprofit investigative journalism organization catalogs various trips Thomas has taken aboard Crow's yacht and private jet as well as to Crow's private resort in the Adirondacks. A 2019 trip to Indonesia the story detailed could have cost more than \$500,000 had Thomas chartered the plane and yacht himself, ProPublica reported.

Supreme Court justices, like other federal judges, are required to file an annual financial disclosure report which asks them to list gifts they have received. It was not clear why Thomas omitted the trips, but under a judiciary policy guide consulted by The Associated Press, food, lodging or entertainment received as "personal hospitality of any individual" does not need to be reported if it is at the personal residence of that individual or their family. That said, the exception to reporting is not supposed to cover "transportation that substitutes for commercial transportation" and properties owned by an entity.

Read more [here](#).

Click [here](#) for ProPublica story.

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## ***Ukraine War Plans Leak Prompts Pentagon Investigation*** (New York Times)

By Helene Cooper and Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON — Classified war documents detailing secret American and NATO plans for building up the Ukrainian military ahead of a planned offensive against Russia were posted this week on social media channels, senior Biden administration officials said.

The Pentagon is investigating who may have been behind the leak of the documents, which appeared on Twitter and on Telegram, a platform with more than half a billion users that is widely available in Russia.

Military analysts said the documents appear to have been modified in certain parts from their original format, overstating American estimates of Ukrainian war dead and understating estimates of Russian troops killed.

The modifications could point to an effort of disinformation by Moscow, the analysts said. But the disclosures in the original documents, which appear as photographs of charts of anticipated weapons deliveries, troop and battalion strengths, and other plans, represents a significant breach of American intelligence in the effort to aid Ukraine.

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

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## ***Bosses Want Hard Workers—So They're Hiring Older People*** (Wall Street Journal)

By Callum Borchers

Kip Conforti is hiring for a part-time position at one of two package-shipping stations that he owns in Pennsylvania. He's filled such roles with high school and college students during two decades in business, but this time his top candidate is a man in his 70s.

Mr. Conforti has grown weary of younger employees who, he says, arrive late for shifts, call out of work often and spend more time scrolling social media feeds than chatting with customers. About a year ago, he tried something different—recruiting people who are more likely to carry AARP cards than the latest iPhone.

“The learning curve is a bit longer,” he says, “but once they get it, God, it's refreshing. I say, ‘This is what we're doing today,’ and it gets done. Their shift starts at 9 and they're here at 8:50. It's their work ethic.”

Older workers are in demand at a growing number of companies. Perceptions of generational differences don't always match reality, but three-quarters of people 65 and older said in a Wall Street Journal-NORC survey of Americans' values last month that hard work is very important to them personally. Among 18-to-29-year-olds, 61% said hard work is very important.

So much for youthful ambition.

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

## Coming events

### ***Updated Registration for May 19-21 AP Connecting Reunion in Texas***

***Details on paying (by check, cash or via Zelle) will be available after the close of registration May 1.***

Please join us for the May 19-21, 2023, AP Connecting Reunion in the Dallas area. Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha [imikeholmes@cox.net](mailto:imikeholmes@cox.net) and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net)

Please pay your own way to all events. A list of people planning to attend is at the end of this registration advisory (will be updated). Two group meals are planned, Friday night May 19 (\$25 per person) and Saturday night May 20 (\$40 per person). You are invited to attend either meal or both (total cost: \$65).

The reunion hotel is the Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine (details below), with free parking, free airport shuttle and free breakfast. This hotel also has a bar, restaurant and outdoor pool. Please reserve your hotel room by May 1. AP Reunion check-in will begin, with your co-hosts, on Friday afternoon, May 19, in the hotel lobby.

#### **GROUP SCHEDULE:**

Friday night, May 19: BBQ dinner (\$25 per person) at Meat-U-Anywhere in Trophy Club, operated by former AP journalist David Sedeno & his family.

Saturday night, May 20: Tex-Mex dinner (\$40 per person) at the reunion hotel: Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine.

Sunday afternoon, May 21: Limited number of tickets (\$15 per person) available for Texas Rangers vs. Colorado Rockies game at Globe Life Field in Arlington. Join Diana & Paul Heidgerd at the game!

#### **REUNION REGISTRATION (deadline May 1):**

Email the name(s) of those attending & a contact phone number to Diana Heidgerd: [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net)

How many for group dinner Friday night, May 19 (\$25 per person) at Meat-U-Anywhere in Trophy Club, 91 Trophy Club Drive, Trophy Club, TX 76262. Includes BBQ meal, soft drink or tea, plus dessert. Restaurant is BYOB, no alcohol sold on the premises. Convenience stores are nearby. Please coordinate with Mike Holmes if you wish to donate funds/beverages for a 5 p.m.-6 p.m. happy hour [imikeholmes@cox.net](mailto:mikeholmes@cox.net) Dinner 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Note: We have to confirm the number of paid meals, so if you commit to attending BBQ dinner please be prepared to pay for your spot. You can reserve a spot but cancel no later than May 1, at no cost to you. More details later on paying.

How many for group dinner Saturday night, May 20 (\$40 per person), from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the **Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine**. Includes Tex-Mex buffet, iced tea, plus dessert. Beer, wine & mixed drinks available for sale at hotel bar. Note: We have to confirm the number of paid meals, so if you commit to attending Tex-Mex dinner please be prepared to pay for your spot. You can reserve a spot but cancel no later than May 1, at no cost to you. More details later on paying.

How many Texas Rangers tickets for Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 1:35 p.m. vs Colorado Rockies? (\$15 per ticket). Two game promotions: ***Rangers Powder Blue Visor (first 15,000 guests) & Blue Bell Ice Cream Sunday treats for \$1 (kids 13 & under).***

**GROUP HOTEL/RESERVE A ROOM:** Includes free shuttle to/from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and within 5 miles of hotel.

**Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine**

**2020 State Highway 26**

**Grapevine, TX 76051**

**972-539-8989 (call this hotel number to request the free airport shuttle)**

Use this link to book (by May 1) at the AP Reunion rate: [Book your group rate for AP Reunion](#)

**Would you like an accessible/special needs room? Call the hotel directly & ask for the "AP Reunion" rate. 972-539-8989.**

Some possible individual outings:

Main Street Fest in nearby Grapevine, all weekend. Free shuttle from hotel. [Mainstreetfest.com](http://Mainstreetfest.com)

Fort Worth cowboy history & museums, including Fort Worth Stockyards. [Fortworthstockyards.org](http://Fortworthstockyards.org)

History of 1963 JFK assassination. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. [JFK.org](http://JFK.org)

Current presidential history, on SMU campus in Dallas. The George W. Bush Presidential Center. [Bushcenter.org](http://Bushcenter.org)

Tour AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. [Attstadium.com](http://Attstadium.com)

Reminder: please register by May 1: [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net)

People planning to attend: (will be updated)

- Amanda Barnett
- Barry & Patty Bedlan
- Schuyler Dixon
- Katie Fairbank & Andy Herrmann
- Steve Graham
- Stephen & Andrea Hawkins
- Ron & Sue Heflin
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- Dave & Darlene Koenig
- Stefani Kopenec
- Mark Lambert
- Dale & Linda Leach
- John & Eileen Lumpkin
- John McFarland
- Michelle Mittelstadt
- Betty (Mrs. Burl) Osborne
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Linda & Ed Sargent
- David & Ellen Sedeno
- Ed & Barbara Staats
- Jamie Stengle
- Paul Stevens
- Terry Wallace
- Melissa Williams Finn
- Sylvia & Will Wingfield
- David Woo

## Today in History - April 7, 2023



Today is Friday, April 7, the 97th day of 2023. There are 268 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On April 7, 1984, the Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in terms of population.

**On this date:**

In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1915, jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.

In 1922, the Teapot Dome scandal had its beginnings as Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming and California to his friends, oilmen Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, in exchange for cash gifts.

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

In 1957, shortly after midnight, the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

In 1959, a referendum in Oklahoma repealed the state's ban on alcoholic beverages.

In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.

In 2020, acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly resigned after lambasting the officer he'd fired as the captain of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which had been stricken by a coronavirus outbreak; James McPherson was appointed as acting Navy secretary.

Ten years ago: A fierce battle between U.S.-backed Afghan forces and Taliban militants in a remote corner of eastern Afghanistan left nearly 20 people dead, including 11 Afghan children killed in an airstrike and an American civilian adviser. In Egypt,

Christians angered by the killing of four Christians in sectarian violence clashed with a Muslim mob throwing rocks and firebombs, killing one and turning Cairo's main Coptic cathedral into a battleground.

Five years ago: Opposition activists and local rescuers said at least 40 people were killed in a suspected poison gas attack on the last remaining foothold for the Syrian opposition in the eastern suburbs of Damascus. Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was taken into police custody after a showdown with his own supporters, who tried to keep him from surrendering to face prison time for a corruption conviction.

One year ago: The Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, shattering a historic barrier by securing her place as the first Black female justice and giving President Joe Biden a bipartisan endorsement for his effort to diversify the high court. In a Senate package targeted at stopping the coronavirus, U.S. lawmakers dropped nearly all funding for curbing the virus beyond American borders, a move many health experts described as dangerously short-sighted. Five-time champion Tiger Woods returned to golf at the Masters, shooting a 1-under 71 in his first competitive round since a devastating car wreck 14 months earlier. .

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Bobby Bare is 88. Former California Gov. Jerry Brown is 85. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 84. Actor Roberta Shore is 80. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 76. Singer John Oates is 75. Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 74. Singer Janis Ian is 72. Country musician John Dittrich is 72. Actor Jackie Chan is 69. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett is 69. Actor Russell Crowe is 59. Christian/jazz singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 59. Actor Bill Bellamy is 58. Rock musician Dave "Yorkie" Palmer (Space) is 58. Rock musician Charlie Hall (The War on Drugs) is 49. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 48. Actor Heather Burns is 48. Christian rock singer-musician John Cooper (Skillet) is 48. Actor Kevin Alejandro is 47. Retired baseball infielder Adrian Beltre is 44. Actor Sian Clifford is 41. Rock musician Ben McKee (Imagine Dragons) is 38. Christian rock singer Tauren Wells is 37. Actor Ed Speleers is 35.

## 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.

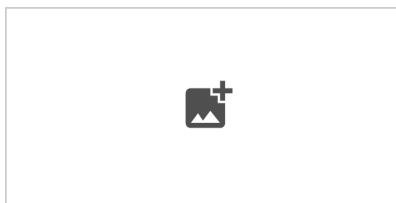
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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