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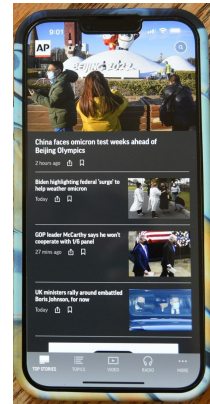
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## The Edmund Fitzgerald slides into its launching basin in Detroit on June 7, 1958. The ship would sink in Lake Superior 17 years later. Photo/Associated Press

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this May 5, 2023,

Everyone loves a mystery – and here’s one that perhaps one of our Connecting colleagues can unravel.

It involves the sinking of the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald on Nov. 10, 1975, in Lake Superior and a haunting ballad by singer Gordon Lightfoot, “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald,” that memorialized the ship and its crew members, whose bodies remain with the sunken vessel. (Here’s [a link](#) to the AP story written at the time.)

Our colleague [Colleen Newvine](#), product manager for the AP Stylebook, wrote to say that she read the following in the [New York Times obituary](#) for Lightfoot, who died on Monday at age 84:

*The morning after the Fitzgerald went down, the rector of Mariners’ Church of Detroit tolled its bell 29 times, once for each man lost. An Associated Press reporter knocked on the church’s door, interviewed the rector and filed an account that was published in newspapers.*

*Mr. Lightfoot read the article. Soon afterward, he started singing a song about the wreck during a previously scheduled recording session. His band joined in, and the first version of the song that they recorded was later released, according to “Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind,” a 2020 documentary.*

*There was no expectation that the song would become a hit single, because its length made it too long for airplay on the radio. But it would spend 21 weeks on the Billboard charts and peak at No. 2, one notch behind Mr. Lightfoot’s only No. 1 hit, “Sundown.” It also turned the tale of the sinking into a modern legend.*

*Yet unlike songs that use a real-life story as the basis for embellishment, Mr. Lightfoot’s ballad hewed precisely to the real-life details. The weight of the ore, for example — “26,000 tons more than the Edmund Fitzgerald weighed empty” — was accurate. So was the number of times that the church bell chimed in Detroit.*

Our colleague [Harry Atkins](#) was not that AP reporter mentioned in the Times story, and said: “Frankly, I have wondered for years about how the mention of the 29 bells got into the story. I was up in Sault Ste. Marie for three days and nights with photographer John Hillary covering the sinking itself and the search for any remains. We were able to hire a local pilot who flew us out over the search area and spent the next couple of days with the Coast Guard before returning to Detroit. I have just now sent messages to both Mike Graczyk and Owen Ullman asking if they know who knocked on the rector's door. I don't know if anyone else who might have been in DET at the time is even alive. Hope we can solve this mystery.”

No success, said Harry in a followup note:

"I have received emails from both Owen Ullman and Mike Graczyk regarding how the line about the 29 bells ringing from the Old Mariners Church crept into the AP story. Mike says he was news editor at the time and that he didn't send anyone to the church. He wonders if perhaps a photographer stopped by the church and maybe mentioned it to whoever was doing some rewrite...And, you know, we all love a mystery!"

Got a clue? Or a similar story from your career? Please send it along.

We lead with an interesting take on obituaries from our colleague **Mark Mittelstadt**. Is what we know at the formal obituary expiring?

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to the fullest!

Paul

## The dying obit?

**Mark Mittelstadt** - A neighbor's recent accidental death has me wondering whether the formal obituary -- long a staple of newspaper pages and web sites -- is itself expiring. Has the question gone from how do we want to be remembered to do we want to be remembered?

Jerry, as spry and young an 80-year-old as you'll ever meet, climbed a ladder to remove a couple tree branches that were hitting Waste Management trucks that drove past three times a week. Whether he slipped in his sandals, reached too far or the ladder wobbled, he lost his balance and fell 10 feet, hitting his head on the pavement. He died in a hospital 24 hours later.

Jerry was hardly a stranger. A former radio station general manager, his voice could be heard on radio and television ads, as well as in documentaries and corporate films. In our suburban Tucson neighborhood, he was best known in later years for the elaborate front yard displays he created every Halloween and Christmas. With a few other neighbors, the lights, inflatables and animated props drew thousands of trick-or-treaters or holiday admirers driving up and down our five-block street enjoying the lights.

On his death it seemed natural to share the news in the Tucson metropolitan area, if not other cities where he had worked.

But Jerry's wife said no. Scottie was worried about being robbed or having her home burglarized by people who would become aware that she now lived alone. She also did not want to be pestered by real estate agents and solicitors seeking to get a widow's business, or scammers using personal information from an obituary to steal from her or to fraudulently use her late husband's name.

Older neighbors aware of Jerry's death also shared that when they died, they did not want a public death notice or obituary, largely for the same reasons.

That caught me off-guard. Growing up in a small Midwestern city where the hometown newspaper (one well-known to the Connecting editor) recorded virtually every aspect of life -- birth, graduation, college, engagement, marriage, divorce, real estate purchases, scrapes with the law -- most individuals' last appearances on its pages would come after they had taken their final breath. An obituary gave essential details of a person's life, let readers know when and where last rites would be held, how to pay respects. It was something people wanted to know.

As a former newspaper editor, death notices were important content to plug into page layouts. They informed the community (and helped sell papers.) When Dad died, it cost nearly \$800 to place basic obituaries in four newspapers in Iowa. The money was meaningless considering the well-wishes, sympathy cards, flowers and support Mom and our family received, almost all due to letting friends and former workers know.

And obituaries have been an important tool for me in a new hobby. Two years ago, I was roped into doing my high school class video of passed classmates for our 50th Reunion. Print and online death notices were essential in pulling the in-memoriam presentation together. I continue to update the video as we learn of other deaths. Yes, I have become one of those folks who checks the newspaper obituaries daily.

Unfortunately, as I'm discovering, people seem to be moving away from sharing a loved one's death.

Two years ago AARP cautioned against putting too much information online. "When a spouse, parent, sibling or close friend dies, it's natural to want to tell that individual's story — to share in obituaries what made the cherished person special and to swap memories on social media," AARP said. "But as you celebrate a loved one's life and mourn his or her death, take care with what you share, because scammers are paying attention, too.

"Obituary swindles, also known as bereavement scams, typically start with information gleaned from death notices in newspapers or posted online. Fraudsters harvest facts commonly included in obits — such as the deceased's birth date, where the person lived and worked, and family members' names — to start building a profile for identity theft."

When a loved one dies, AARP encouraged relatives to alert Social Security, the IRS, banks and major credit bureaus. But it cautioned against putting too much personal information in an obituary. "Leave out details that could be used for identity theft, such as the deceased's date and place of birth, middle name, maiden name and mother's maiden name," it said. Also, don't include the deceased's home address. "If the obituary also notes the date and time of the funeral, burglars can break into the presumably empty house during the service."

That apparently is happening increasingly around the country. In Alabama, for example, a woman was arrested and charged with multiple burglaries that occurred while victims were attending loved ones' funerals.

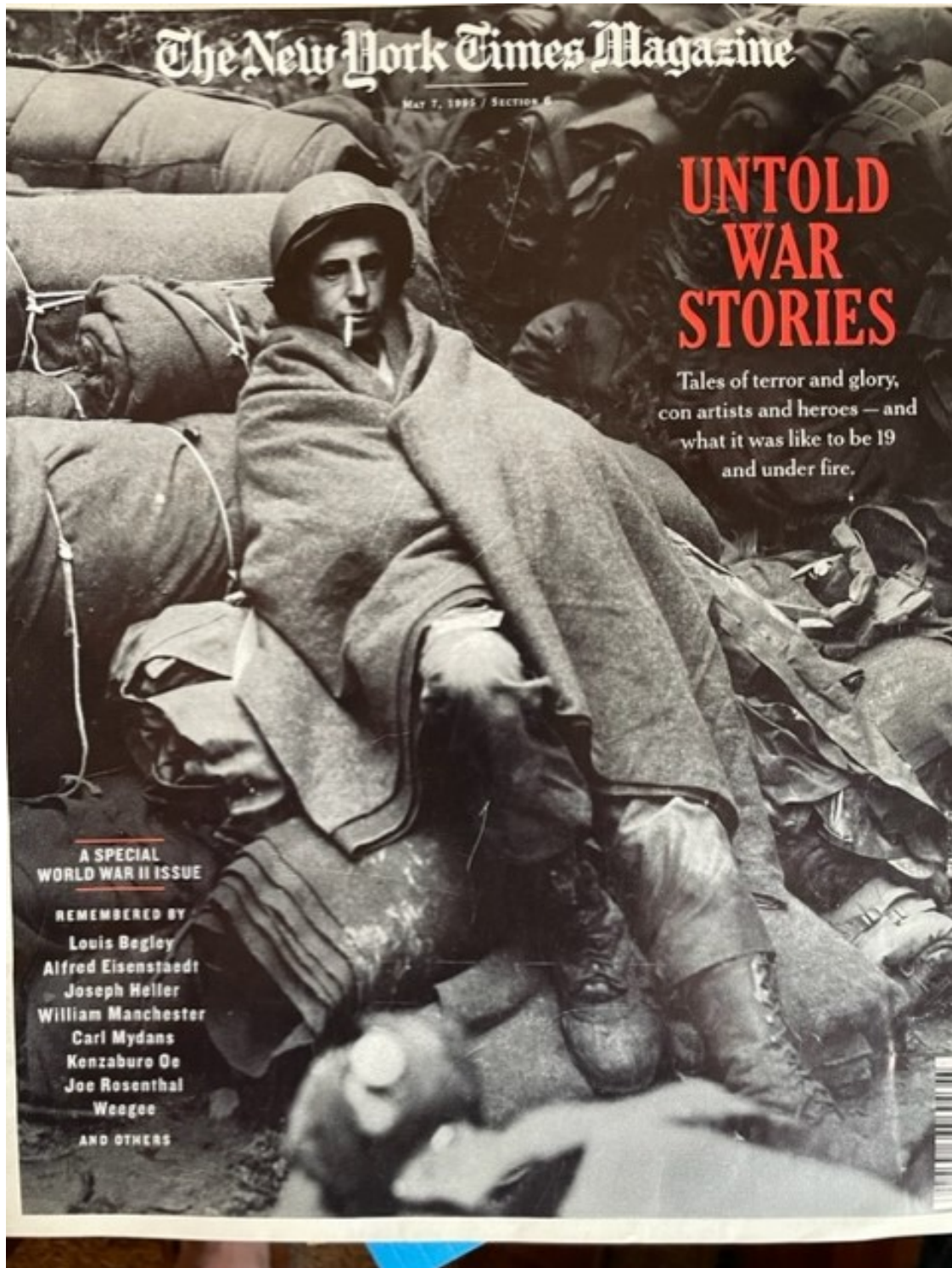
My neighbor Jerry had been general manager at radio stations in Omaha and Tucson. He had a small advertising and production company, owned his own voiceover studio

and in later years had been director and partner in a video production company that, among other projects, had done a well-received documentary from Arizona's border with Mexico. He also was a former Marine. His funeral/celebration of life was a small affair attended only by family and few invited friends, held at the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

A week after his death, Jerry's family sold the tens of thousands of lights, props, inflatables, other holiday decorations that he had packed from floor to ceiling along the sides of his garage. An RV salesman who contributed with an even more elaborate yard display across the street -- even loaning some decorations to neighbors to also illuminate the area -- moved a few days before Jerry's death. Come Halloween this year the end of our street that had been so brilliantly lit twice a year will be void of decoration, likely a surprise and huge disappointment to the many people who had enjoyed it in the past.

Sad, but perhaps fitting for someone who had enlightened so many other lives over the years but whose life was ended far too early and whose passing was hidden in darkness.

## **NY Times Magazine WWII 50th Anniversary Edition/Joe Rosenthal**





on May 7, 1995, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the fighting in Europe during World War II.

My mother didn't remember how it got into the box, but she thought it was likely something saved by my late father, who was 10 when WWII started. The special issue featured stories by well-known WWII veterans-turned-writers such as Joseph Heller ("Catch-22") and William Manchester ("American Caesar") as well as a two-page spread of photos by three of the war's most noted photographers: Life magazine's Cary Mydans and Alfred Eisenstaedt and AP's Joe Rosenthal.

Titled "Their Best Pictures," the spread included an iconic photo taken by each of the photographers alongside a second image chosen by each man as their "favorite" photo from the war, accompanied by their brief descriptions of those second photos.

Mydans' iconic photo shows Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his staff stepping off a landing craft and wading through knee-deep water at the beach at Luzon in the Philippines in early 1945. The second photo, taken five weeks later during the bloody battle for Manila, shows a severely wounded Filipino woman lying on a bamboo gate after it had been laid across the back of a U.S. Army Jeep, with a second woman with a vacant stare sitting next to the American soldier driving the vehicle.

"Later I found the medic station where they had taken" the wounded woman, Mydans wrote for the Times magazine spread. "She died soon after she got there."

The iconic photo for Eisenstaedt was the most famous of his storied career: a U.S. Navy sailor kissing a white-clad nurse in Times Square on Victory-Japan Day on Aug. 15, 1945. The photo he chose for that Times magazine article was taken four months later in Hiroshima. The stark black-and-white image shows a mother and her young son sitting amid the ruins of the Japanese city destroyed by an atomic bomb the previous Aug. 6.

"It was December, and everything was dark," Eisenstaedt wrote. "There were children playing in the streets. I only spent a few hours there."

Joe Rosenthal's iconic photo is, of course, the raising of the American flag atop Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945. The photo he selected as his personal favorite shows U.S. Marines charging ashore five days earlier during the initial assault landings. Snapped from the back of the landing craft, Joe's photo shows two Marines in the foreground pulling a two-wheeled carriage used to haul ammo and equipment, while in the background other heavily laden troops struggle up the island's sloping black volcanic sand, framed by large puffs of smoke from enemy mortars exploding in front of them. No faces are visible in the photo.

"They were young men that hadn't even lived yet," Joe says in the Times spread. "It didn't matter too much what happened to me. Death is something that happens to every one of us. It's the way you live, not the way you die."

## The joys of writing a newspaper column



[Michael Doan](#) - I have never enjoyed writing as much as I do with the newspaper column I began a year ago. Every week in the South Boston (VA) News & Record, I say what I think. What? Journalists of my era weren't supposed to do that! It's he-said, she-said, just the facts, ma'am.

Sometimes I actually do reporting. I wrote about a local homeless shelter, a play about the civil rights movement and a prominent singer. They didn't get much attention, if I trust the reaction on Facebook, where I also publish the column.

But the numbers take off when I write about myself. Moi? I am nobody. Why does anybody care? I am a very private person—except in print. I got dozens of engagements when I wrote that I never think about death, mainly from people who felt the same way. When I described what I watched on TV as a kid, it was very popular. They liked my experiences with my wife's bed & breakfast. Another hit was a column about my seventh-grade teacher, who inspired a rock 'n' roll star (John Fogerty). I wrote those off the top of my head, with no reporting at all. (Oh, I did misspell the teacher's name. Argggh!)

I couldn't have written these as a young person. I think my perspective gives them some gravitas. Best of all, I run into people all the time who have read the column in this small town and compliment me on it. Some of them have never met me before. When I was at AP, perhaps millions read or heard some of my stories about economic reports from the government, but I would never hear from any of them (unless we got sued, which never happened.)

One problem: I am afraid of offending anyone. I don't like conflict. I could never have been an investigative reporter. I avoid politics and local controversies. The only complaints I have gotten were from a lady upset that I blamed waitresses for late service (it's the kitchen's fault!) and a relative, who didn't like a veiled reference to his son. Big mistake. Can't please everyone.

(Blogged versions of the column can be found at: <https://mikedoan1.blogspot.com/>)

## Latin America dictators

[Monte Hayes](#) - I enjoyed Tom Fenton's anecdotes about covering Latin American dictators.

For more than a decade I covered Peruvian strongman Alberto Fujimori, a colorful character who was elected democratically but ruled with a fist of iron.

For years "Fuji," as he was known to his followers, enjoyed majority support, just as Panama's Torrijos did, Peruvians supported him because he ended the economic chaos and 3,000 percent annual inflation he inherited from his predecessor in 1990 and because he put down the bloody Shining Path insurrection by capturing the rebels' leader Abimael Guzman.

He was not corrupt, but he loved power and didn't want to give it up. After being freely elected twice, he tried to stay in power by running for a third term, violating the

constitution. He ended up in prison, probably for the rest of his life, because the political establishment hates and fears him.

I was the only journalist, Peruvian or foreign, to whom he would give interviews and that gave me many scoops. He would receive me near midnight at the presidential palace at the end of his work day (he worked long hours). He knew English and apparently read my stories, which often were critical of him but also recognized his achievements. I once asked his PR guy what Fuji thought of me: He paused and then said: "He thinks you are a fair man."

That is all a reporter can hope for.

## Linda Deutsch to address Monmouth University graduates, will receive Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree

### Monmouth University news release

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. (May 3, 2023) – Celebrated American journalist and Monmouth University alumna [Linda Deutsch](#) '65 will deliver the keynote address at the Monmouth University graduate and doctoral commencement exercises, as well as the University's all-undergraduate class gathering on May 10, where she will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.

In a half century with The Associated Press (AP), Deutsch established herself as the nation's leading expert in coverage of high profile trials. From Charles Manson to Patty Hearst, O.J. Simpson to Michael Jackson and many others, she provided a journalistic history of the American justice system in the pressure cooker of celebrity trials.

Summing up her career, the magazine, "Current Biography," wrote, "She has been ranked among the foremost American courtroom journalists of modern times...She is best known for her detailed, objective reporting on some of the most sensational, newsworthy and influential trials of recent decades."



When Deutsch first joined the AP, she was the only woman in the Los Angeles bureau. Over the course of her career, she rose through the ranks and in 1992 earned the title of special correspondent, a designation bestowed on only 18 reporters since the news

cooperative was founded in 1846. Deutsch has proudly noted that an AP reporter covered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and another rode with George Armstrong Custer to his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Deutsch's title and distinguished career have earned her a permanent place in AP's rich history.

Born in Perth Amboy, N.J., Deutsch was raised in Bradley Beach, graduated from Asbury Park High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in English from then Monmouth College in 1965. While at Monmouth, she served as a features editor for The Outlook and editor-in-chief of Monmouth Letters (now Monmouth Review), an award-winning literary and art magazine. In 1996 she received the Distinguished Alumni Award, in 2018 she established the Linda Deutsch '65 scholarship for communication students, and in 2019 the university celebrated the naming of the Linda Deutsch '65 Student Journalism Center.

Deutsch will return to campus on May 10 to deliver an address at both the graduate and doctoral ceremony and the all-undergraduate class gathering, sharing her remarkable journey of entering Monmouth as a "hopeful bright-eyed teenager" and leaving as "a campus leader, an accomplished journalist, and a confident woman ready to face the world."

"We are so grateful to Linda for her enduring commitment to her alma mater," said Monmouth University President Patrick F. Leahy. "She is an inspiration and a beacon of success for our community. It is a privilege and an honor to welcome her back to campus to impart her storied life experience and advice to our graduates."

Monmouth University's commencement exercises will span May 10-11. The graduate and doctoral commencement ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at 10 a.m., and the all-undergraduate class gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at 4 p.m. Both events will be held on campus at the OceanFirst Bank Center. Three additional, school-specific, undergraduate degree conferral ceremonies will take place on Thursday, May 11. For additional details, including links to livestreams of each ceremony, visit [monmouth.edu/commencement](https://monmouth.edu/commencement).

## Bruce Adams

### December 28, 1944 - April 21, 2023

Bruce Adams never seemed fully San Franciscanized, what with being a native of Wisconsin and a born-and-bred cynicized newspaperman and all, but he did find a very SF-style way to pass from his adopted city and this earthly realm: dropping of a heart attack on April 21 while trying to move his car on street cleaning day.

Had he known this would be his particular final forfeit, he probably would have let the car get towed, but that's not guaranteed. Of all the things Bruce Adams understood, the concept of disproportionate response was one he grasped most keenly.

Adams, 78, was a 35-year veteran of Bay Area journalism with the Contra Costa Times, Associated Press, the San Francisco Examiner and finally the San Francisco Chronicle.

He reported, he edited and, in his happiest and best times, covered sports because, as he put it, "Beats a four-car pileup every time."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Martha Malan. Former San Francisco AP bureau chief Marty Thompson said, "I remember Bruce as a talented reporter and a bright, likeable personality in the bureau."

## Around the AP world



Ruth Gersh, director of global product operations and infrastructure, celebrates 45 years at AP with a surprise cake during her visit to London, April 25, 2023. (AP photo/Véronique Foucault)

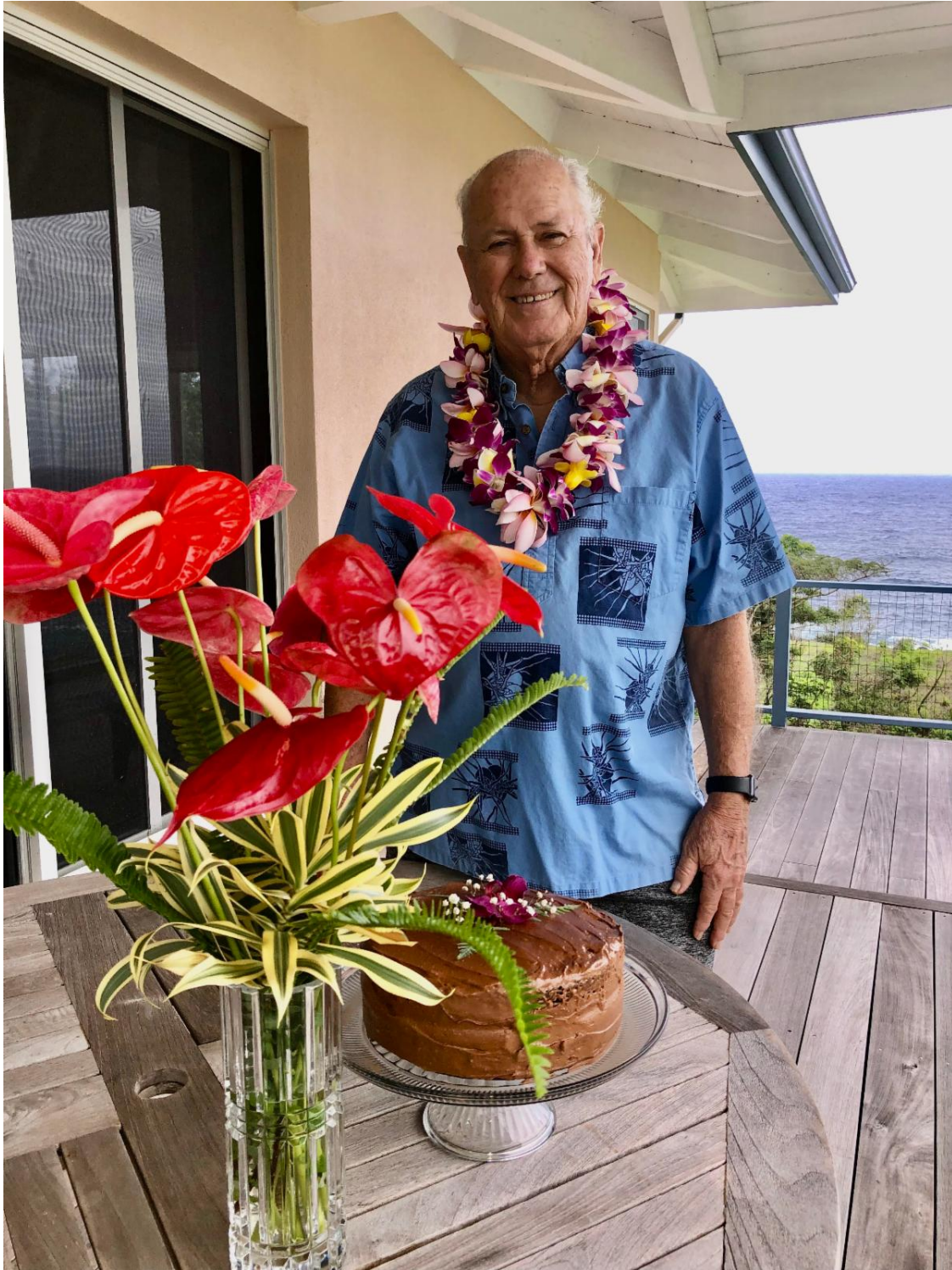


Investigative reporter Jason Dearen drives through Hawthorne, Fla. with a camera rigged by photographer David Goldman on the hood of a car, while filming for a story about an informant who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan, April 15, 2021. The scene was featured in the ABC News, AP documentary 'Grand Knighthawk: Infiltrating the KKK'. (AP Photo/David Goldman)



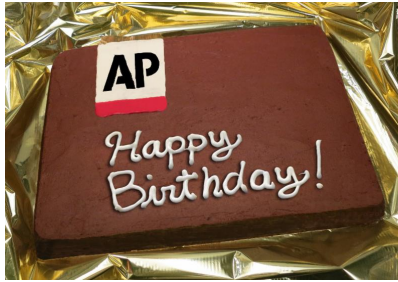
AP President and CEO Daisy Veerasingham, center, speaks at the International Journalism Festival in Perugia, Italy, April 21, 2023, with former AP staffers, Shazna Nessa, global head of visuals at The Wall Street Journal, left, and Paul Cheung.

## Happy birthday, Dean Wariner!



[Tad Bartimus](#) - My husband [Dean Wariner](#) celebrates his 82nd birthday today... and still playing killer tennis!

# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Dean Wariner](#)

*On Saturday to...*

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*On Sunday to...*

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## Story of interest

***Fox opposes fellow journalists trying to uncover documents*** (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News is opposing a renewed effort by three news organizations to unseal documents related to its recently settled defamation lawsuit, saying it would do nothing but “gratify private spite or promote public scandal.”

The Associated Press, The New York Times and National Public Radio asked a Delaware judge earlier this week to reveal mostly private text messages and conversations between Fox employees shortly after the 2020 presidential election. The information was uncovered during the Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit.

Fox lawyer Katharine L. Mowery, in a letter sent to Delaware Superior Court Judge Eric Davis and accepted by the court Thursday, said much of the material its competitors sought wasn't relevant to the issues of the lawsuit.

Some material from the vast trove of evidence that Dominion gathered has already been released and proved newsworthy, showing that Fox hosts and executives didn't believe the false allegations about Dominion's voting equipment but still continued to air them. Some messages revealed former Fox host Tucker Carlson's scorn for former President Donald Trump, including one text where he declared, "I hate him passionately."

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

## Today in History - May 5, 2023



Today is Friday, May 5, the 125th day of 2023. There are 240 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

### On this date:

In 1494, during his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus landed in Jamaica.

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1942, wartime sugar rationing began in the United States.



In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland on his 66th day without food.

In 1994, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton.

In 2009, Texas health officials confirmed the first death of a U.S. resident with swine flu.

In 2014, a narrowly divided Supreme Court upheld Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings.

In 2016, former Los Angeles trash collector Lonnie Franklin Jr. was convicted of 10 counts of murder in the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings that targeted poor, young Black women over two decades.

In 2020, Tyson Foods said it would resume limited operation of its huge pork processing plant in Waterloo, Iowa, with enhanced safety measures, more than two weeks after closing the facility because of a coronavirus outbreak among workers.

Ten years ago: In Afghanistan, seven Americans and one German soldier were killed in three separate attacks. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, seriously wounded in a 2011 shooting at a Tucson, Arizona, shopping mall, received the 2013 Profile in Courage award at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. LeBron James of the Miami Heat was the overwhelming choice as the NBA's Most Valuable Player. Brett Rumford won the China Open by four strokes to become the first Australian in 41 years to win consecutive European Tour titles.

Five years ago: Russians demonstrated in scores of cities across the country against the impending inauguration of Vladimir Putin to a new term as president, and police responded by reportedly arresting nearly 1,600 of them. North Korea readjusted its time zone to match South Korea's, saying it was an early step toward making the longtime rivals "become one." NASA launched the Mars InSight lander from California on a flight of more than six months to the red planet, where the robot geologist would dig deeper in to the Martian surface than ever before. Justify, on his way to a Triple Crown sweep, splashed through the slop at Churchill Downs to win the Kentucky Derby by 2½ lengths, becoming the first horse since Apollo in 1882 to win the Derby without having raced as a 2-year-old.

One year ago: Ukrainian fighters in the tunnels underneath Mariupol's pulverized steel plant held out against Russian troops in an increasingly desperate effort to deny Moscow what would be its biggest success of the war yet: the full capture of the strategic port city. (The siege would end with Russia capturing the city May 20.) Hong

Kong reopened beaches and pools in a relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, while China's capital Beijing began easing quarantine rules for arrivals from overseas. President Joe Biden named Karine Jean-Pierre to be White House press secretary, the first Black woman and openly LGBTQ person to serve in the role.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 85. Actor Michael Murphy is 85. Actor Lance Henriksen is 83. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 80. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 79. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 78. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 75. Actor Melinda Culea is 68. Actor Lisa Eilbacher is 66. Actor Richard E. Grant is 66. Former broadcast journalist John Miller is 65. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 64. Broadcast journalist Brian Williams is 64. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 57. TV personality Kyan (KY'-ihn) Douglas is 53. Actor Tina Yothers is 50. R&B singer Raheem DeVaughn is 48. Actor Santiago Cabrera is 45. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 44. Singer Craig David is 42. Actor Danielle Fishel is 42. Actor Henry Cavill is 40. Actor Clark Duke is 38. Soul singer Adele is 35. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 35. R&B singer Chris Brown is 34. Figure skater Nathan Chen is 24.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. 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:

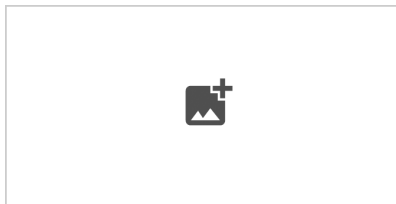
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **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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