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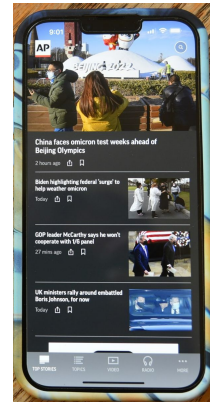
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this May 25, 2023,

Global Sports Editor **Ricardo Zúñiga** is the latest in a long line of Associated Press sports editors that began with one **Edward B. Moss** 110 years ago. Our Connecting ranks include a number of former AP sports editors. See the complete list below.

Our lead story in today's issue tells you about Moss in a History Notes piece by our colleague **Francesca Pitaro** written for Inside AP.

Here's to a great day – be safe, stay healthy, live the day to your fullest!

Paul

110 Years Ago:

Edward B. Moss Hired as AP's First Sports Editor



EDWARD B. MOSS.

[Francesca Pitaro](#) – When Edward B. Moss (1874-1948) arrived at the AP from The Sun in May 1913, he was the AP's entire sports department. He had no staff at New York headquarters, although several AP staffers in other bureaus covered sports in addition to their regular assignments.

As reported in the July 13, 1913, AP Service Bulletin, Moss was appointed “in furtherance of the general plan to strengthen and improve the report on all phases of sporting activity.” Recovering from a period of fiscal restraint, the AP was ready to improve sports coverage as recommended by the 1908 Special Survey committee. To meet the growing public interest in Major League baseball, horse racing and boxing, Moss expanded coverage, carrying expanded box scores, stories on all major sporting events, and summaries of results.

One of Moss’s first assignments was the National Open Championship golfing event, held in September 1913 in Brookline, Mass. Golf, which had been dominated by British professionals, was not a popular sport in the United States at the time. Moss, however, sensed a good story, and reported every shot from the top of a ladder where he could see the action over the heads of the crowd. His instincts were on the mark. The tournament made front-page news when Francis Ouimet, a young American amateur, tied the great English pros Harry Vardon and Ted Ray for the championship. Moss’s story ran to an unprecedented 2,000 words and took almost an hour to transmit.

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 20 – Another name was added to America’s list of victories in international sport here today when Francis Ouimet, a youthful local amateur, won the nineteenth open championship tournament of the United States Golf Association.

Francis Ouimet, Amateur, Wins Open Golf Championship

Youth Just Out of School Carries Off Highest Honors in Golfing World, Defeating Vardon and Ray, England's Premier Professionals

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 20.—Another name was added to America's list of victors in international sport here today, when Francis Ouimet, a youthful local amateur, won the nineteenth open championship tournament of the United States Golf Association. Ouimet is not quite 21 years old.

The winning of this national title was lifted to an international plane, due to the sensational circumstances of the play and the calibre of the entrants whom Ouimet defeated during his four days' march to victory. Safely berthed in his qualifying round, the boy trailed the leaders in the first half of the championship round, tied with Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, the famous English professionals, for first place in the final round; then completely outplayed them today in the 18-hole extra round which was necessary to decide the 1913 championship.

Ouimet won with a score of 72 strokes, two under par for one of the hardest courses in the country. Vardon finished five strokes behind Ouimet, with 77; Ray took third place, with 78.

It was not the actual defeat of this famous pair of golfers so much as the manner of that defeat that entitles Ouimet's name to rank with that of Maurice E. McLoughlin, champion in tennis, and Harry Payne Whitney, leader in polo. Ouimet, a tall slender youth, just past his teens, not only outplayed

Vardon brought cheers when he frankly stated that they had never had a chance to win with Ouimet during the play-off, because the lad played better golf and never gave them an opening. He congratulated Ouimet and America on the victory.

Secretary Reid, in awarding the championship medal to Ouimet, the trophy to the Woodland Club of Auburndale, Mass., which he represented, and cash prizes to Vardon and Ray, took occasion to apologize "in a slight way," as he put it, "for the outbursts of cheering at inopportune times."

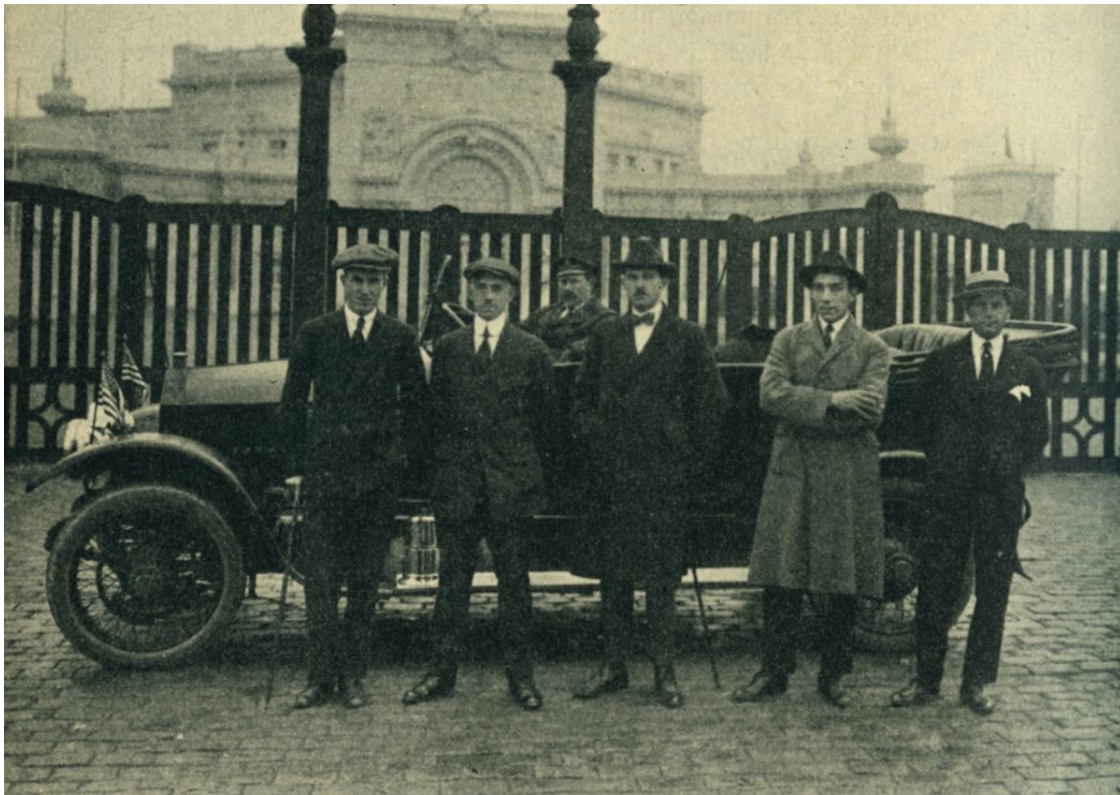
This was a delicate reference to a feature of today's play which is quite likely to be a subject of international comment by the golfing contingents of England and the United States. Several times today, the gallery violated the ethics of the sport, by cheering wildly whenever Ouimet gained a point. The same outbursts occurred yesterday, but Ouimet was then playing with George Sargent, who had no chance for first place. Today, it was different, and these outbreaks plainly annoyed both Ray and Vardon.

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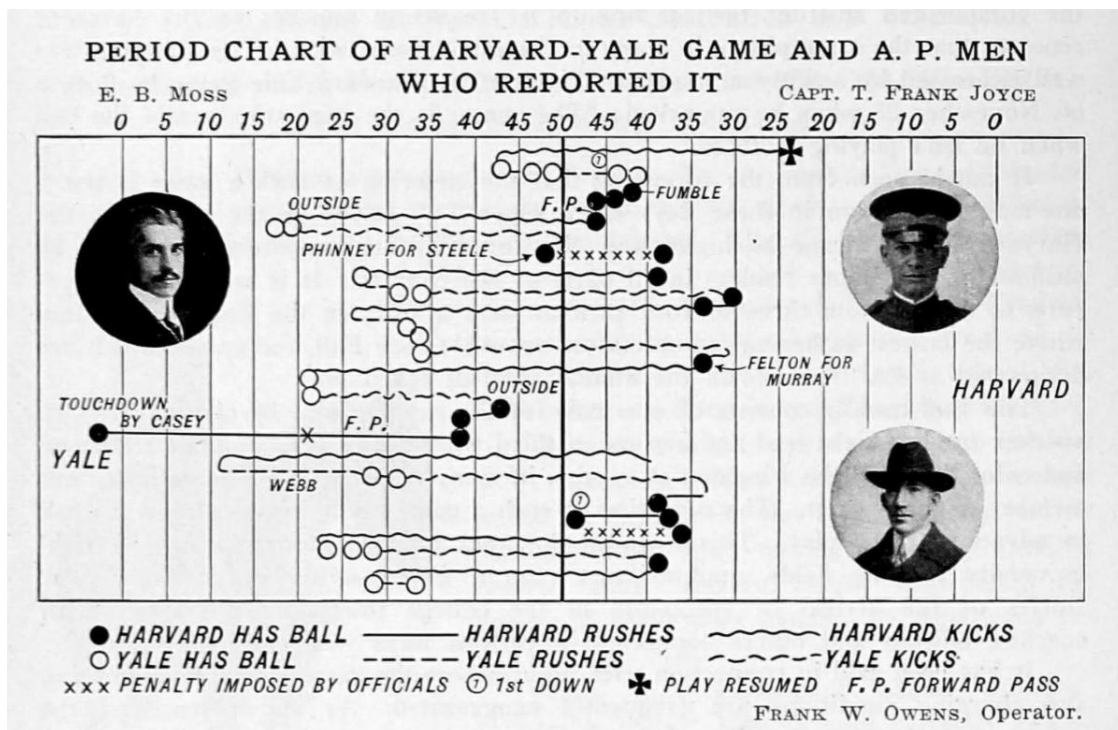
Approaching the seventeenth hole, Ray deliberately halted a swing and refused to play until the cheering ceased. This action of the gallery had little or no effect on the result, but a number of golfers publicly stated their regret that cheering like that at boat races or football games should have occurred, although they realized and stated that it was impossible to check these outbursts of enthusiasm.

Excerpt from Moss's story as published in the Pittsburgh Daily Post, Sept. 21, 1913.

The members loved it and Moss continued to expand AP's sports coverage until 1923 when he retired, passing the mantle to Alan J. Gould, who served until 1938. The AP sports report continued to move on the general news wire until the development of the Sports Wire in 1946.



AP Representatives and Friends at Main Entrance to Olympic Stadium, Antwerp, Belgium, 1920. From left to right; H.L. Rennick of the Hague; E.B. Moss, General Sports Editor, New York; G.T. Emerson of London; E.L. Riberio of Rio Janeiro and a famous Brazilian swimmer.



Moss's chart, showing coverage of the Harvard-Yale football game on November 22, 1919, appeared in his Service Bulletin article on the difficulties of covering college football. Moss reported that "Some of the college football associations endeavor to

aid the spectators and reporters in following the game, by numbering the players and furnishing megaphone announcers for the press section.”



• The AP's first four general sports editors posing together. L.-R.: Orlo L. Robertson, the late Edward B. Moss, Alan J. Gould and Herbert W. Barker. Picture taken in 1945 on Moss' last visit to New York AP office. He was secretary of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Assn.

AP World, Spring 1963.

AP General Sports Editors/Global Sports Editors

1913-1923	Edward B. Moss
1923-1938	Alan J. Gould
1938-1943	Herbert W. Barker
1943-1945	Orlo L. Robertson
1945-1946	Robert J. Cavagnaro
1946 -1969	T.R. (Ted) Smits
1969-1973	Robert H. (Bob) Johnson
1973-1980	Wick Temple
1980-1985	Byron Yake
1985-1992	Darrell Christian
1992-2013	Terry Taylor

2013-2021 Michael Giarrusso
2021-2022 Howie Rumberg (Interim Sports Editor)
2022 - Ricardo Zuniga

Tina Turner, 'Queen of Rock 'n' Roll' whose triumphant career made her world-famous, dies at 83



Amy Sancetta - Mick Jagger and Tina Turner perform their set together at Live Aid in Philadelphia on July 13, 1985. This was really the first big benefit concert, playing in JFK Stadium in Philadelphia and Wembley Stadium in London at the same time. The concert ran from 8am until after midnight, and every performer, big or small, got a 15-minute set and played for free. Mick and Tina were the crescendo performance of our concert in the US. It was the brainchild of Bob Geldof and the money raised went to relieve the famine in Ethiopia. 72,000 fans crammed JFK Stadium - including former AP NY photo editor Claudia Counts and her husband Chuck Troyer - and another 89,500 filled Wembley. It was truly one of the best assignments of my life.

By Hillel Italie

NEW YORK (AP) — Tina Turner, the unstoppable singer and stage performer who teamed with husband Ike Turner for a dynamic run of hit records and live shows in the 1960s and '70s and survived her horrifying marriage to triumph in middle age with the chart-topping “What’s Love Got to Do With It,” has died at 83.

Turner died Tuesday, after a long illness in her home in Küsnacht near Zurich, according to her manager. She became a Swiss citizen a decade ago.

Few stars traveled so far — she was born Anna Mae Bullock in a segregated Tennessee hospital and spent her latter years on a 260,000 square foot estate on Lake Zurich — and overcame so much. Physically battered, emotionally devastated and financially ruined by her 20-year relationship with Ike Turner, she became a superstar on her own in her 40s, at a time when most of her peers were on their way down, and remained a top concert draw for years after.

“How do we say farewell to a woman who owned her pain and trauma and used it as a means to help change the world?” Angela Bassett, who played Turner in the 1993 biopic “What’s Love Got to Do With It,” said in a statement.

Read more [here](#).

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This is big, very big. This is rock start territory. No other Sri Lankan photographer or journalist had gained this recognition. And if there was anyone who deserved this accolade, Eranga is top on that list



The government military had controlled access to within 100km of the theatre of fighting for months now. The narrative was controlled by a physical noose. No one without authority was allowed beyond Medawachchiya either way

in the North Central Province with the rapid spread of renal failure cases. He did so by photographing the life of one victim. It starts with an active man, going about his daily routines, that included regular visits to the hospital to treat the onset of kidney failure. The last images are of an empty house after the demise of the protagonist. It is an intimate look into lives. it does not pry open their lives. It is more a gentle act of looking through the hourglass of the unfolding tragedy.

The documentation demanded the photographer integrate himself in the life of his subjects at the risk of emotional embedding. Eranga also had to deal with the expectations from those

[Jim Reindl](#) - Today's Colombo Daily Mirror features an appreciation of AP photographer and Pulitzer finalist Eranga Jayawardena by a colleague. Jayawardena was shortlisted for breaking news photography with Rafiq Maqbool for their coverage of the 2022 uprising that led the then-Sri Lankan president to flee the country. Click [here](#) to view.

Impressive stuff from the AP

[Jim Carrier](#) - We expect good things from AP. But these are exceptional...

Turning a veteran Florida reporter loose:

[With all the politics and maneuvering, how is life in Florida changing for its residents?](#)

And this one...wow.

[From Birth to Death](#)

A memory of the Brooklyn Bridge



[Cliff Schiappa](#) - Despite growing up on Long Island, I'd never walked across the Brooklyn Bridge until I was 62 years old. While in the city in late June 2019 for the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and to perform with a 631-voice chorus in Carnegie Hall, two buds and I wandered lower Manhattan and chose the pedestrian path across the famous span. There was a street vendor offering folks a chance to handle his Albino Boa Constrictor for \$20, I was a tad reticent, so he lowered the price to \$10. Apparently, the snake was well fed because it had no interest in wrapping too tightly around my neck.

Enjoying lunch



Bill Pilc - We had lunch with retired AP Staffer Walter Rastetter, back right. Back Left - Robert Hirsch – Director of Facilities NY, Front right - Jorge Nunez – Technical Specialist NY, Front Left – Bill Pilc – Technical Specialist NY.

Stories of interest

The looming existential crisis for cable news (Washington Post)

Analysis by Paul Farhi

After a week of promotion and controversy, CNN staged a live town hall telecast with Donald Trump this month that was studded with the former president’s insults and falsehoods. It drew thunderous criticism — but strikingly few eyeballs.

The 70-minute broadcast attracted an audience of just 3.3 million viewers, about a third less than the number of people watching an episode of “Celebrity Wheel of Fortune” on ABC the same night.

The tepid response may reflect Trump’s waning drawing power, or the fact that the town hall aired eight months before primary voting begins. But it also tells an ominous tale about cable news’s declining influence and troubled business model.

As recently as 2016, when Trump was narrowly elected president, just over 70 percent of all households with a TV had cable or satellite TV subscriptions. Today the figure is just under 40 percent, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, a research firm. And it's dropping fast.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Len Iwanski.

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Elon Musk wants to build a digital town square. But his debut for DeSantis had a tech failure. (AP)

By Barbara Ortutay

Elon Musk wants to turn Twitter into a “digital town square,” but his much-publicized Twitter Spaces kickoff event, with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announcing his run for president, struggled with technical glitches and a near half-hour delay Tuesday.

The billionaire Twitter owner said the problems were due to “straining” servers because so many people were trying to listen to the audio-only event. But even at their highest, the number of listeners listed topped out at around 420,000, far from the millions of viewers that televised presidential announcements attract.

“There’s so many people,” said host David Sacks amid the disruptions. “We’ve got so many people here that we are kind of melting the servers, which is a good sign.”

After it concluded without further disruptions, Musk, DeSantis and Sacks played off the event as a success, with Sacks quipping “it’s not how you start, it’s how you finish — and we finished really strong.”

Read more [here](#).

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How the ProPublica Guys Broke That Huge Clarence Thomas Story (Slate)

BY HILLARY FREY

This is a part of Disorder in the Court, a weeklong series on the legal press and the most explosive Supreme Court in generations: how we cover it, how we’ve failed, and how we can do better.

In early April, three reporters at ProPublica published an explosive story about the friendship between billionaire Republican donor Harlan Crow and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Joshua Kaplan, Justin Elliott, and Alex Mierjeski reported that Crow had flown Thomas all over the world for fancy holidays and hosted him in a

variety of luxury settings—none of which was disclosed on required financial filings. After publishing the story, tips came in detailing other largesse: In 2014, Crow had purchased the home where Thomas' mother lived—and continues to live to this day—and also paid for the private schooling of Thomas' grandnephew, whom he raised as his own son.

These stories have had huge impact: Members of Congress have demanded an investigation into the undisclosed travel of Thomas on Crow's dime, ethics watchdogs have called for new rules regarding Supreme Court justices and their financial ties to donors, and journalists—notably here at Slate—have begun a conversation about just how important it is to cover the justices as well as the court itself. The rules are changing.

So how did ProPublica get the goods? Reporter Josh Kaplan was kind enough to answer a few questions over email about just how they managed to blow the lid off the troubling connections between Harlan Crow and Justice Clarence Thomas.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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Longtime Tennessean editor to lead new nationwide effort to reinvigorate hundreds of local newspapers

(Tennessean)

Sandy Mazza
Nashville Tennessean

Michael A. Anastasi, vice president of The Tennessean and USA Today South Region editor, was promoted this week to lead a new nationwide Gannett effort to transform the growth trajectory for hundreds of local newspapers.

His new role, vice president of local, will report directly to Gannett Co. Inc. Chief Content Officer Kristin Roberts.

Gannett, owner of USA Today and its nationwide network of local papers, hired Roberts in March to redevelop its local news strategy.

“Michael is an experienced news leader with a demonstrated history of transformative success through innovation while achieving business results and fostering a culture of excellence,” Roberts said.

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

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The gender beat. How reporting has evolved and what is still missing (Editor and Publisher)

Alyssa Choiniere | for Editor & Publisher

The “gender beat” concept developed less than a decade ago, but it has already evolved significantly since then.

“The modern concept of a gender beat started to emerge in trade publications, on Twitter and just in casual conversations among journalists probably around 2015, 2016. The New York Times’ appointment of a gender editor was a huge deal,” said Meg Heckman, a journalist, author and educator with Northeastern University. “I think it really empowered journalists that had long been covering these issues and interested in them to go to their bosses and get the approval to formalize gender beat coverage.”

Heckman published research in 2021 in “Constructing the ‘Gender Beat:’ U.S. Journalists Refocus the News in the Aftermath of #MeToo.” Many journalists Heckman interviewed in 2020 found the term “gender beat” too broad.

“[They] didn’t love the term ‘gender beat’ because it felt like too much of a catchall to them. But at the same time, they liked the broadness and flexibility it gave them,” Heckman said.

Journalists covered topics ranging from women’s health, trans health, legal issues around reproductive health care access, women in politics, investigations into sexual misconduct and broad LGBTQ+ coverage.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - May 25, 2023



Today is Thursday, May 25, the 145th day of 2023. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, was killed when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for about 9 ½ minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and pleading that he couldn't breathe; Floyd's death, captured on video by a bystander, would lead to worldwide protests, some of which turned violent, and a reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S.

On this date

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah I.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Griffin v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, ordered the Virginia county to reopen its public schools, which officials had closed in an attempt to circumvent the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka desegregation ruling.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

In 1977, the first "Star Wars" film (later retitled "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope") was released by 20th Century Fox.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

In 2008, NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Red Planet to begin searching for evidence of water; the spacecraft confirmed the presence of water ice at its landing site.

In 2011, a judge in Salt Lake City sentenced street preacher Brian David Mitchell to life in prison for kidnapping and raping Elizabeth Smart, who was 14 at the time of her abduction in 2002.

In 2016, actor Johnny Depp's wife, Amber Heard, filed for divorce in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences after 15 months of marriage.

In 2020, a white woman, Amy Cooper, called 911 to claim she was being threatened by "an African American man," Christian Cooper, who had confronted her for walking her dog without a leash in New York's Central Park. (After a video of the confrontation was widely circulated, Amy Cooper lost her job with investment firm Franklin Templeton and was charged with filing a false police report; the charge was dismissed after she completed a counseling program.)

Ten years ago: Making his first official trip to sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry demanded that Nigeria respect human rights as it cracked down on Islamist extremists and pledged to work hard in the coming months to ease tensions between Sudan and South Sudan. A French soldier, Cedric Cordier, was wounded in the throat in a busy commercial district outside Paris; a suspect was later arrested. Marshall Lytle, 79, the original bass player for Bill Haley & His Comets, died in New Port Richey, Florida.

Five years ago: Harvey Weinstein was charged in New York with rape and another sex felony in the first prosecution to result from the wave of allegations against him; the once-powerful movie producer turned himself in to face the charges and was released on \$1 million bail after a court appearance. A student opened fire in a classroom at a suburban Indianapolis middle school; the student was tackled and disarmed by a teacher, Jason Seaman, who was shot three times as he ended the shooting, which also seriously wounded a 13-year-old girl. President Donald Trump signed a trio of executive orders to overhaul the federal bureaucracy by making it easier to fire federal workers for poor performance and misconduct. By a two-to-one margin, voters in Ireland chose to repeal a constitutional ban on abortion.

One year ago: Texas Governor Greg Abbott said that 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, the gunman who massacred 19 children and two teachers at an Uvalde elementary school a day earlier, warned in online messages sent minutes before the attack that he had shot his grandmother and was going to shoot up a school. Ramos was killed by police. Former reality TV star Josh Duggar was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison on child pornography charges. Harold Billow, the last known survivor of a World War II POW massacre during the Battle of the Bulge, died at age 99. Johnny Depp called his ex-wife's accusations of sexual and physical abuse "insane" as he returned to the witness stand in his libel suit against Amber Heard.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ann Robinson is 94. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 89. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 84. Country singer Jessi Colter is 80. Actor-singer Leslie Uggams is 80. Movie director and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 79. Actor Karen Valentine is 76. Actor Jacki Weaver is 76. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 75. Actor Patti D'Arbanville is 72. Playwright Eve Ensler is 70. Musician Cindy Cashdollar is 68. Actor Connie Sellecca is 68. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 65. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 63. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 60. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 56. Actor Joseph Reitman is 55. Rock musician Glen Drover is 54. Actors Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") are 53. Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy is 53. Actor Octavia Spencer is 53. Actor Justin Henry is 52. Rapper Daz Dillinger is 50. Actor Molly Sims is 50. Actor Erinn Hayes is 47. Actor Cillian Murphy is 47. Actor Ethan Suplee is 47. Rock musician Todd Whitener is 45. Actor Corbin Allred is 44. Actor-singer Lauren Frost is 38. Actor Ebonee Noel is 33. Musician Guy Lawrence (Disclosure) is 32. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman is 29.

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.

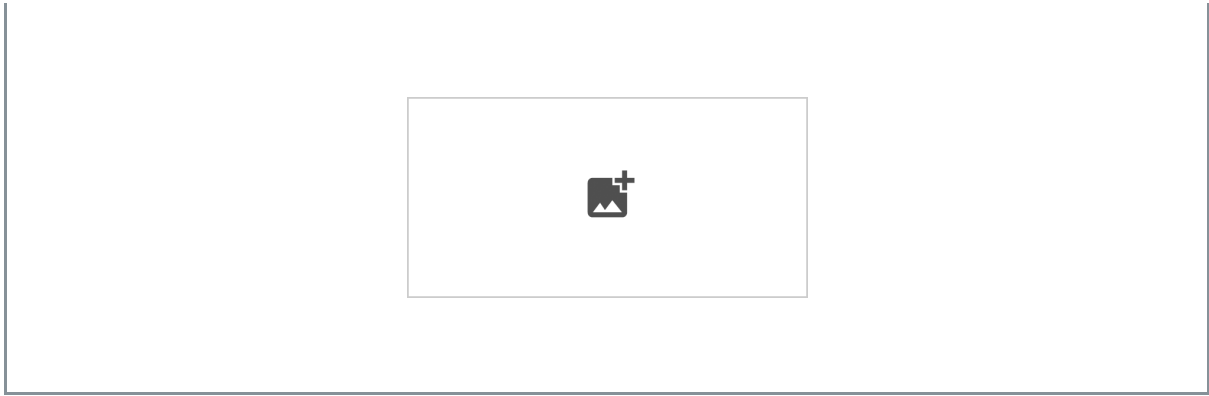


Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

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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