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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Images of reporters running out of the Washington courthouse Tuesday after the Paul Manafort verdict reminded two of our colleagues of a classic AP photo from long ago.

That photo, from October 1, 1946, showed Associated Press war correspondent **Wes Gallagher** racing for the phone to report the news of the verdict at the Nazi war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany.

Thanks to **Scott Charton** and **Tori Ekstrand** for outpointing the similarities and to **Francesca Pitaro** of AP Corporate Archives for retrieving the Gallagher image. Gallagher eventually headed The Associated Press as president and general manager, serving from 1962 to 1976. He died in 1997 at the age of 86.

Connecting thanks Chicago AP photographer **Charlie Arbogast** for outpointing a fifth AP journalist who was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. He was **John Duricka**, a photographer who joined the AP in New York and transferred to Washington three years later where he spent the next 27 years covering Capitol Hill. Duricka died in 1996. Charlie joined other staff members of the Washington bureau when his ashes were placed in the Memorial Wall at Arlington.

Have a good day!

Paul

Remembering their special wedding day in 1987



Photo by Cassandra Ludington

Brenda Smiley (Email) - wife of the late Richard Pyle - This event on a sparkling day on May 20, 1987, in Nicosia, Cyprus, could not have occurred without the push-pull and behind-the-scenes machinations of colleagues and friends Nick and Cassandra Ludington. At the time, Nick was Chief of Middle East services in Nicosia. Nick, Cass and George Georgiades of the AP's Nicosia bureau served as witnesses to our wedding. Nick and Cass doubled as best man and woman. Nick is pictured behind Richard and me, ushering us in the direction of one of the most delicious seafood restaurants in Nicosia where we will toast, celebrating a marriage composed in heavenly spheres, one which was always meant to be.

And, yes, the dress I wore Monday at the Arlington National Cemetery for Richard's services is the same one I wore on that glorious day in sunny Cyprus.

It was D-Day - and Marty Lederhandler's first photos flew the coop, literally

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Unverbrüchliche deutsch-finnische Solidarität

Deutsche Waffenhilfe für den Schicksalskampf des tapferen finnischen Verbündeten

Waffenlieferungen Ribbentrops mit der finnischen Regierung im Geiste bewährter Waffenbrüderlichkeit

Berlin, 26. Juni. Der Reichsminister der auswärtigen Angelegenheiten hat der finnischen Regierung einen Brief abgeschickt. Während dieses Briefes wurden die deutsch-finnische und finnisch-interessierenden Fragen und insbesondere die von der finnischen Regierung vorgebrachten Wünsche nach Waffenhilfe besprochen. Die deutsche Regierung hat sich bereit erklärt, diesen Wünschen der finnischen Regierung zu entsprechen.

Die Waffenlieferungen, die zwischen Reichsminister Ribbentrop einerseits und dem finnischen Außenminister Kallio andererseits vereinbart wurden, werden getragen von dem Geiste der Waffenbrüderlichkeit zwischen den Armeen und der Freundschaft zwischen den beiden Völkern.

Vollständige Übereinstimmung der Auffassungen der Reichsregierung und der finnischen Regierung wurde in allen Punkten erzielt.

12. Finnland steht in einem schweren Kampf um sein Dasein. Mit bewundernswürdiger Tapferkeit hat das finnische Volk, das im Norden Europas die Kulturträger und Lebenswerte unseres Kontinents mitteilt, bisher gelitten. Ermutigt haben die Soldaten ihre Widerstandskraft gegen die Finnen einlegt, um ihren Widerstand zu brechen. Das deutsche Volk, seit Jahrzehnten der finnischen Nation auf das nächste verbunden,



Die Jerrückung entgegen.

Umladung von Fahrzeugen der 4. amerikanischen Infanteriedivision von einem Spezialtransportschiff an Bord eines Leichter. Der Leichter wurde von der deutschen Küstenartillerie getroffen und zerstört. Die Aufnahme stammt von dem US-Reporter Leutnant Lederhandler von der 4. amerikanischen Division und wurde einer Freilichtausstellung in deutsche Hände fiel, abgenommen. (Aufnahme Scherl-Bilderdienst)

Finlands harte Kampfentschlossenheit

Helsinki, 26. Juni. „Man Suunta“ betrachtet im Verlaufe vom Dienstag die gegenwärtige militärische und politische Lage Finnlands: „Wenn man das Gewinn- und Verlustkonto des derzeitigen Kampfes an der finnischen Front ins Auge fasst“, so erklärt das Blatt weiterhin, „gibt es für Finnland keinen Anlaß zur Besorgnis. Die Territorierfolge auf der Kareliischen Fronte sind zwar im Augenblicke schwach, jedoch nur vorübergehend, und mit ihrem Verbleib ist durch die angewandte Taktik die Kampfkraft der finnischen Armee ungeschwächt erhalten geblieben. Die Ereignisse haben ihren Ausgangspunkt zwar begünstigt, jedoch haben sie keine entscheidenden Folgen gebracht.“

„Finnland befindet sich heute“, so fährt „Man Suunta“ fort, „in einer Phase, die für die Zukunft des Landes von größter Wichtigkeit ist.“

25 Jahre nach Versailles

"ON THE WAY TO DESTRUCTION

"Reloading of vehicles of the 4th American Infantry Division from a special transport ship to a barge. The barge was destroyed by German Coast Artillery fire. The picture comes from the USA reporter Lt. Lederhandler of the 4th American Infantry Division and was taken from a carrier pigeon which fell into German hands completely exhausted."

By George Widman ([Email](#))

With a 66-year career, AP photographer Marty Lederhandler always had the proof that he had been there and had done that: his extraordinary photos. Except. Just. Once.

It was only the largest military operation the world would ever see, the Allied landings at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, and his first photos flew the coop, literally.

Then he got a break. In January 1981, near Newburgh, NY, a group of AP NY staff and stringer photographers gathered, awaiting the U.S. arrival of hostages held in Iran for 444 days.



Marty Lederhandler is shown, probably in late June 1944 in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, France.

At dinner the night before, Marty was seated with me, a stringer at that time. Someone may have tipped him to my interest in World War II history, and he told me his story, best recounted in Marty's obit by AP writer Richard Pyle. Here's part of that story:

"Drafted into the Army in 1940, he became an officer and on June 6, 1944, led his Signal Corps camera team ashore with the 4th Infantry Division at Utah Beach, toting two carrier pigeons along with his camera gear.

"But when he attached film canisters for the pigeons to return across the Channel to England, the second one, evidently confused, flew inland instead."

(The birds had been weakened by the delay of the invasion, originally set for June 5. To not overburden the pigeons, Marty told me, only a short strip of 35mm film was sent per bird, along with a caption written in India ink on onion-skin paper.)

"Weeks later, U.S. troops capturing Cherbourg found a German army newspaper left by fleeing Germans with one of the photos on Page 1, duly credited to 'U.S.A. reporter, Lt. Lederhandler.'"

The German caption had the beaten Americans trying to escape the beach!

That night in Newburgh, Lederhandler told me that he had never seen the newspaper nor the photo, only heard about it from soldiers.

I told Marty I had some good news for him: as a youngster I had seen a copy of the German army newspaper in a book belonging to my father, who had landed at Utah Beach with him as a first lieutenant with the 4th Infantry Division. Post-war, his regiment had a book published which covered its WWII story, and Marty's photo was part of it.

I told him that, not only did I have proof of his great yarn - and of course, with his name, the Germans HAD to give him a byline - but I would send the book to him.

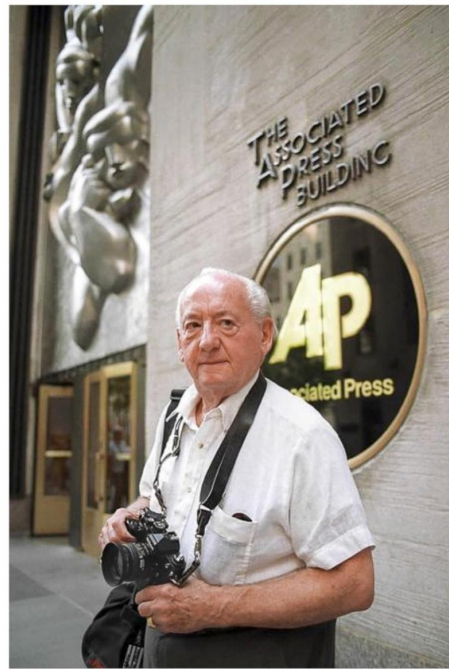
Within a few days Marty had the book, and a copy of the newspaper was prominently displayed over his living room couch, he said after returning the book.

By the way, fairly recently it became known that another young fellow had waded ashore with Marty and my dad on Utah Beach that day, also with the 4th Infantry Division - 12th Infantry Regiment: J.D. Salinger had a cellophane-wrapped draft of "The Catcher in the Rye" with him in his pack.

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For more detail, [click here](#).

Audio: Marty shares his memories of D-day in an interview with NPR's Linda Wertheimer. [Click here](#).



Ed Bailey, File - Associated Press

Marty Lederhandler outside former headquarters of the Associated Press. (AP Photo/Ed Bailey, file)

Connecting mailbox

Arlington story reminder of first AP Pulitzer

Francesca Pitaro ([Email](#)) - Reading Wednesday's Connecting about AP staffers buried at Arlington reminded me that AP's first Pulitzer, and the first for a wire service writer, went to Kirke Simpson for his Unknown Soldier stories. They were written in 1921 when the nation buried an "unknown soldier," a soldier whose remains were never identified, in a tomb at Arlington National Cemetery. The stories were originally

published without a byline, as was AP practice at the time, but there were so many requests for the name of the writer that the AP sent out a message on the wire identifying Kirke L. Simpson. He is sometimes cited as AP's first byliner. Simpson (1881-1972) worked for the AP from 1909 to 1945, mostly in Washington where he specialized in political coverage. He was awarded the 1922 Pulitzer Prize for reporting on the burial of the "Unknown Soldier." You can read the full text of his stories as they appeared in AP's Service Bulletin [here](#).



A U.S. guard on duty marches in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. on Oct. 20, 1945. (AP Photo)

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Scene from reception honoring Richard Pyle



Pat Milton shares this photo from the reception following Richard Pyle's services at Arlington National Cemetery. From left, it shows Mike Putzel, Brenda Smiley and Pat.

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There's an AP tie to upcoming Japanese exhibit in Pasadena

Valerie Komor ([Email](#)) - Readers of Connecting will be interested in knowing about and perhaps visiting an exhibit - Shiguchi: The Hidden Art of Japanese Joinery - at Pasadena's Gamble House which opens in late September. [Click here](#) for a link to the announcement.



Shinto Priest

What they may not recall is the deep and abiding connection between Yoshihiro (Yochan) Takishita, the exhibit's guest curator, and longtime AP China watcher, John Roderick, who died in 2008.

The two met in Tokyo in the early 1960s, and eventually, Roderick adopted Yochan as his son. After John's retirement from AP in 1984, and perhaps even before then, Yochan and John began rebuilding and restoring 17th c. Japanese farmhouses, known as minkas. Since then, Yochan has supervised the restoration of minkas all over the world, including one in Argentina and three in Honolulu.

When I saw Yochan in Boston a year ago after he received an honorary doctorate from Colby College in Maine, John's alma mater, he was working on a minka on Cape Cod. In addition to restoring minkas, Yochan is active as an Asian antiquities dealer, writer and preservationist. His latest book, [The Art of Shiguchi: Japanese Joinery on Display](#) (2017), will doubtless serve as the catalog to the Pasadena exhibit.

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Thoughts on 'No one is', AP-UPI, datelines

Joe McKnight (Email) - Reading the Aug. 22 Connecting column, I'm with Henry Bradsher. "No one is" reads and sounds smoother than the alternatives.

Joe Galu's note about the Troy (N.Y.) Record running contradictory AP/UPI stories, calls to mind the night in Birmingham AL., in the 1960s when I re-wrote a brief story from carbons supplied by the Birmingham Post-Herald. I sent the item out to Alabama members and when the Post-Herald print edition was dropped off in the office later, I found it had printed its own story, the AP story and the UPI story, in its state news section.

On another occasion, The Tuscaloosa (Al.) news supplied a story that the village council of Intercourse, AL had voted to change the village name to Beat 5. The stringer said there was no discussion or comment on the motion that was approved unanimously.

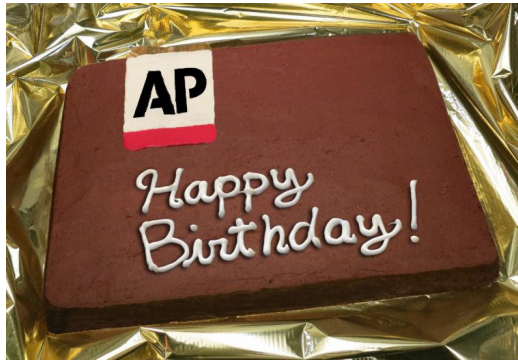
Finally, the lead picture in the section on iconic photographs calls to mind a similar picture from Atlanta in the late 1940s, when the Winecoff Hotel burned in downtown Atlanta. It showed a woman, skirt flared, jumping from an upper floor of the hotel. The late Jimmy Laxson was Atlanta photo editor at the time. He told me about buying the picture from a bystander who watched the hotel burn.

AP Photo of the Day



Valerie Nessel blows a kiss to her late husband, Air Force Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, as he is awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor on Wednesday. The Air Force sergeant gave his life while trying to rescue a Navy SEAL in Afghanistan.
Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



A day late to:

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Stories of interest

Amid Threats of Violence, White House Reporter April Ryan Fights for the Press (Hollywood Reporter)



Paras Griffin/Getty Images for Essence

By **JEREMY BARR**

Few reporters have lived the Trump administration's war against the press more vividly than April Ryan, a 21-year veteran of the White House press corps who has seen her national profile grow along with concerns about her physical safety.

"They've put a target on my head.... I've had death threats. I've had craziness," said Ryan, who revealed to The Hollywood Reporter that she recently hired a bodyguard to protect her. "All I'm going to say for my safety is: I have a team." (She said the White House should pay for her protection.)

On Sept. 1, Rowman & Littlefield will publish her new book, *Under Fire: Reporting From the Front Lines of the Trump White House* (former Today show co-host Tamron Hall wrote the book's forward). Ryan is scheduled to promote the book on The Daily Show With Trevor Noah, This Week with George Stephanopoulos and across CNN, the network that employs her as a contributor. (Her main gig is covering the White House and Washington for American Urban Radio Networks.)

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

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So your news organization has real, paying digital subscribers. Now how do you keep them? (Nieman)

By SHAN WANG

Raking in first-time subscribers is one thing. Getting these paying news readers to stay paying is another.

A new WAN-IFRA report walks through several case studies of news organizations (note: mostly European), that have found some success retaining their paying subscribers, through an elusive combination of consistently offering readers the news experience they want, and tracking relevant metrics to address problem points that might lead them to unsubscribe.

Easier said than done; we hear you. The news organizations represented in the report range from national to local-level outlets, and their paywall and audience growth strategies run the gamut. Many of them have the backing of a significant editorial, tech, analytics, and sales teams. Still, here are several ideas to steal:

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - August 23, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2018. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 23, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

On this date:

In 1754, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles (vehr-SY').

In 1785, U.S. naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry was born in South Kingstown, R.I.

In 1912, actor, dancer, director and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM'-ur-STYN') II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.)

In 2000, an estimated 51 million viewers tuned in for the finale of the first season of the CBS reality show "Survivor," in which contestant Richard Hatch won the \$1 million prize.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. Two foreign journalists, Canadian Amanda Lindhout and Australian Nigel Brennan, were kidnapped near Mogadishu, Somalia; both were freed after 15 months in captivity. At the Beijing Olympics, the United States won gold in the women's and men's 1,600-meter relay track events. The U.S. women's basketball team beat Australia 92-65 to win a fourth straight gold medal. Angel Matos of Cuba and his coach were banned for life after the taekwondo athlete kicked the referee in the face following his bronze-medal match disqualification.

Five years ago: A military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole. San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, a Democrat, agreed to resign in return for the city's help defending him against claims he'd groped, kissed and made lewd comments to women. (Filner later pleaded guilty to a felony for manhandling a woman at a fundraising event and two misdemeanor battery charges; he served three months of house arrest.)

One year ago: City workers in Charlottesville, Virginia, draped giant black covers over two statues of Confederate generals to symbolize the city's mourning for a woman killed while protesting a white nationalist rally. A federal judge again blocked a set of voter ID requirements in Texas, rejecting a weakened version that had been backed by the Trump administration. (An appeals court later allowed the law to stay in effect; it allows voters without any acceptable photo ID to cast a ballot as long as they sign an affidavit.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 88. Actress Barbara Eden is 87. Political satirist Mark Russell is 86. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 84. Actor Richard Sanders is 78. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 76. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 74. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 73. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 71. Actor David Robb is 71. Singer Linda Thompson is 71. Actress Shelley Long is 69. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 69. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 69. Queen Noor of Jordan is 67. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 67. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 62. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Mike Boddicker is 61. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 57. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 49. Actor Jay Mohr is 48. Actor Ray Park is 44. Actor Scott Caan is 42. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 41. Figure skater Nicole Bobek is 41. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 40. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 40. Actress Joanne Froggatt is 38. Actress Jaime Lee Kirchner is 37. Neo-soul musician Andy Wild (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 37. Actress Annie Ilonzeh is 35. Dance musician Sky Blu is 32. Actress Kimberly Matula is 30. NBA player Jeremy Lin is 30.

Thought for Today: "I know the world is filled with troubles and many injustices. But reality is as beautiful as it is ugly. I think it is just as important to sing about beautiful mornings as it is to talk about slums. I just couldn't write anything without hope in it." - Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960).

Got a story or photos to share?

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:

- **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?

- **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.

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

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