



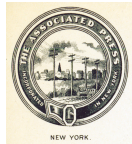
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 21st day of May 2019,

Ye Olde Connecting Editor and his wife Linda returned home late Monday from our latest day-tripping foray - this one into Kentucky and the horse farms and distilleries of the Lexington area. (Hence this being a four-day Connecting week...)



Beautiful country and lots of sunshine greeted us on our driving journey in which we learned one important thing: Bring apples or carrots when you stop along a country road to say hello to Kentucky horses (who were a bit miffed that we did not).

As to the distilleries? What happens in Kentucky stays in Kentucky.

We lead today's issue with the latest AP book - a new biography about a German newspaper that exposed Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany during the 1930s despite persistent attempts to silence any paper that strove to report the truth. It is written by former AP reporter **Terrence Petty**, who in this issue shares background on the book, "Enemy of the People: The Munich Post and the Journalists Who Opposed Hitler."

Terry will be appearing at The Strand Bookstore in New York City on Wednesday, May 29, to discuss the biography - **John Daniszewski**, AP's Standards Editor, will be acting as interviewer and then there will be a Q&A with the audience. Click [here](#) for details.

We also bring you more stories of pets you've known during your career. I look forward to hearing your own tails/tales.

Have a great day!

Paul

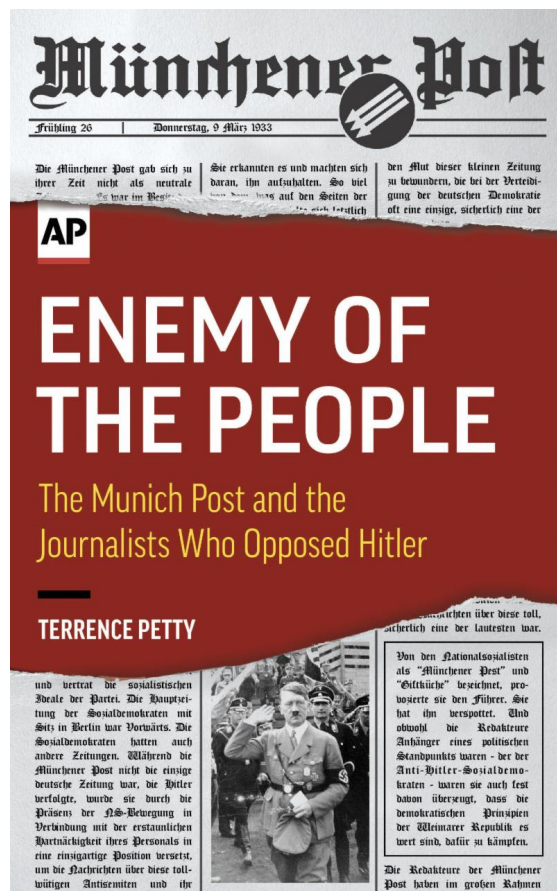
AP publishes biography of newspaper that illuminated Hitler's rise to power

The Associated Press has published a new biography about a German newspaper that exposed Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany during the 1930s despite persistent attempts to silence any paper that strove to report the truth.

Written by former AP reporter Terrence Petty, "Enemy of the People: The Munich Post and the Journalists Who Opposed Hitler" examines how the newspaper covered Hitler and the Nazi party, including telling readers how the country would change if he and the Nazis were to assume power.

Often a lone but loud voice, the Munich Post's reporting on the actions of Hitler and his regime was met with intense resistance. The Nazis decried the Post as the "Poison Kitchen" and as "enemies of the state and of the people" for its probing and critical coverage.

Ultimately Nazi forces would ransack and shut down the Munich Post in March 1933; a front-page headline published days before its shuttering read: "We Will Not Be Intimidated!"



"This important and timely biography serves as a reminder that the freedom of the press is at the core of any democracy," said Peter Costanzo, AP's digital publishing specialist.

Petty, the author, was an AP journalist for 35 years. He covered German and European affairs and traveled between East and West Germany throughout the Cold War.

"Enemy of the People: The Munich Post and the Journalists Who Opposed Hitler" is available exclusively as part of Amazon's "Original Stories" for Kindle and in paperback featuring expanded chapters and more than 30 photographs from the AP archives. Click [here](#) for Amazon link.

'Readers wanted more. Which was great to hear!'

Terrence Petty (Email) - When the e-book version of my "Enemy Of The People" was released by Amazon in mid-December of last year, it became an instant best-seller. As the e-book took off. I was already at work on an expanded paperback to be published by The AP, a project overseen by Peter Costanzo. "Enemy Of The People" tells the story of the Munich Post, a small newspaper that went up against Adolf Hitler in the 1920s and early 1930s. The Post used investigative journalism - such as publishing documents leaked by malcontents at Nazi headquarters in Munich - to expose Nazi secrets. Many readers of my 12,000-word e-book said they found the story compelling and relevant. The main complaint: it was too short. They wanted more. Which was great to hear! The AP on May 14 published a paperback that has new chapters, photo galleries and other additional content. The paperback goes deeper into the lives of the editors of the Munich Post and into the gutsy newspaper's battles with Hitler.



Terrence Petty

While the e-book provided a foundation for the paperback, this edition is in many ways a whole new book. Luckily, I didn't need to do any new reporting, because at home I already had everything I needed: in filing cabinets bulging with copies of Munich Post articles, on crowded book shelves, and on my anarchic desk. To get the e-book down to about 10,000 words, I had to leave out a lot of fascinating material, some of it on the pages of the Munich Post, some in obscure books that I had been collecting since I began research on the newspaper more than a decade ago, some of it in notes I had taken during research trips to Germany. For the paperback, I went through everything I had, identifying the best material and thinking about how to use it in a new narrative. At the same time, I began contacting German archives to see what I could dig up for photos. I hit the jackpot with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, a nonprofit political organization affiliated with the Social Democrats. The foundation was able to provide high-resolution photos of all four of the main editors at the Munich Post. I also hit the jackpot with the editor who was assigned to me by Peter Costanzo: Chris Sullivan, a fellow AP retiree. As I wrote new chapters for the book, I

sent them to Chris, who gave them an initial edit and sent them back with suggestions. Chris' ideas and insights brought the Post's editors to life and significantly improved the narrative. As we went through this process, the search for photos continued. I found more at the Sueddeutsche Zeitung in Munich, one of Germany's best newspapers. The Sueddeutsche owns a terrific 1933 photo showing storm troopers standing in front of the offices of the Munich Post after they had raided the newspaper and shut it down. Peter Costanzo and I also combed through AP archives for suitable photos to be displayed in the paperback as photo galleries. Peter also arranged for a new cover design and got it all pulled together in a terrific-looking book. I've been invited to discuss my book at the Strand bookstore in Manhattan on May 29, and am delighted that John Daniszewski will be my conversation partner for that event. I hope to arrange more events like this on the West Coast, including in Portland, where I live.

I retired from The AP in March 2017. I'd been The AP's news editor for Oregon since 1999. For two years before that, I was The AP's supervisory correspondent for Rhode Island. And for a decade before that - 1987-97 - I was an AP foreign correspondent based in Germany. While working and living abroad, I wrote about and experienced the final years of the Cold War and the beginning years of a new Europe. I started my journalism career in the late 1970s as a reporter/photographer for an ag weekly in Vermont, my home state. I subsequently worked at newspapers in upstate New York, the last one in Albany. While working for the Albany Times-Union, I got in touch with The AP bureau that was upstairs in the T-U building. I made the acquaintance of the Albany bureau chief - Lew Wheaton - and told him of my aspirations to join The AP and get sent to Germany. Lew hired me in 1982 and introduced me to The AP's legendary foreign editor, Nate Polowitzky. I joined the Foreign Desk a couple of years after that, in preparation for an overseas assignment.

My book "Enemy Of The People" is a logical extension of my journalism career. I chose Germany as the place where I would like to work as a foreign correspondent because I was eager to try to understand how Germans fell under the spell of Hitler. Living in Germany for a decade gave me new perspectives. And my years of research on this book have given me even more.

Connecting mailbox

Death of ET - Eric Talmadge - is a personal loss

Denis Gray ([Email](#)) - Much has rightly been written about Eric's pioneering achievements on the North Korean story. But this should not be overshadowed by his ability to wonderfully execute an extremely wide range of assignments in Asia and beyond -- from armed conflicts to natural disasters to sports. I can attest to this

personally since I was privileged to work together with him on a number of these stories over several decades.

ET, as he was often called, graphically chronicled the aftermath of the great Asian tsunami as we flew out each day from a US aircraft carrier to the utterly devastated coast of Indonesia's Aceh province. He was always an enthusiastic and tireless member of the AP teams which covered regional sports events across Asia. In those days, following the Spielberg movie, he was invariably greeted each morning with, "ET have you called home yet?"

The last time we saw each other was during the street violence in Bangkok between government forces and the so-called Red Shirts in 2010. And as usual, he was cool and collected as we hunkered down as protection from M-79 grenades which severely wounded a Canadian colleague near us.

Like for all who knew him, his death is a personal loss. Let's hope he has found his Extra Terrestrial home.

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He opened window to life in North Korea



Chris Connell ([Email](#)) - What a loss, not only for Eric Talmadge's superb reporting but the window he opened on life in North Korea with the exquisite photographs he posted frequently to Instagram for his 33,000 followers. He recently reposted [a favorite](#) from 2013.

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Hail to our (Sally) Hale



After wrapping up her last Pennsylvania AP Media Editors awards banquet Friday, May 17, in Harrisburg, Sally Hale poses with a framed celebratory front page from the Doylestown Intelligencer, her local newspaper.

The page was a gift of the board of editors and news directors and was presented to her by PAPME President Shane Fitzgerald, regional executive editor for Gatehouse Media. More than 100 people in the room gave Hale a standing ovation at her 16th and final year of emceeing the awards banquet. Sally retires from the AP on July 1 after a 40-year AP career. The photo was taken by Connecting colleague Dan Day, whose wife Becky is the group's contest and event coordinator. Sally's email is - shale@ap.org

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AP a partner in Peabody Award winner



Valerie Komor (Email) - I attended the Peabody Awards presentation Saturday night and although this award had already been announced, I was delighted to see this!

From Reveal - website, public radio program and social media platform or the Center for Investigative Reporting:

The Peabody Awards are one of journalism's highest honors. This week, we won two of them in the radio/podcast category.

Both stories focused on the past and present of structural racism in America.

Kept Out, our investigation into modern-day redlining, revealed that African Americans and Latinos continue to be routinely denied conventional mortgage loans at rates far higher than their white counterparts. The investigation was done in partnership with PRX, PBS NewsHour and The Associated Press. Listen to the show [here](#).

Read more of its story [here](#).

Creating the new standard in election research

By David Scott

AP deputy managing editor

Election polling is unlike any other kind of public opinion research, because you can measure your work against a known result - the actual tally of ballots cast. It means that when The Associated Press debuted AP VoteCast in the 2018 midterm elections, we'd know by the end of Election Day if our replacement for the in-person exit poll was a success.

The vote count showed, without a doubt, that VoteCast is the new standard in election research. At 5 p.m. ET, VoteCast's estimates of vote choice correctly projected the winner in 92% of the 35 races for U.S. Senate and 36 races for governor. The average error in those races was only 1.2 percentage points.

But VoteCast is about more than winners and losers. In the months since Election Day, our partners at NORC at the University of Chicago have looked in depth at the data created from VoteCast's nearly 139,000 interviews with voters and non-voters. What they found proves in several ways that our approach to



Voters wait in line in the gymnasium of Brunswick Junior High School in Brunswick, Maine, to receive ballots to vote in the midterm election, Nov. 2, 2018. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

election research delivers accurate, trustworthy data about the American electorate.

Read more [here](#).

More stories of the pets who accompany you through chapters of your life

Hal Bock ([Email](#)) - My cat tells time.

My wife rescued Smokey when the kitten was so small she could fit in the palm of your hand. She had been deposited on our patio by her mother who went on her merry way without her offspring.

Smokey has feral genes and was having none of my wife's overtures for a long time. The little kitten would scurry off every time Fran moved toward her. This went on for several weeks until one day Smokey pulled together enough courage to allow Fran to pet her. She must have decided this was not a bad thing and soon she was living in my house. That was 16 years ago.



Fran cooks for Smokey -- chicken one day, fish the next. We wouldn't want her to get bored. After dinner, Smokey has ice cream for desert and then goes off to one of her secret spots to sleep off her meat. At 9:30 p.m., she arrives in our den to say good night. The next morning at 4:30 a.m. she starts calling us to start the day. It is a ritual; 9:30 at night, 4:30 in the morning.

I am thinking of buying her a paw watch.

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Herb Hemming (Email) - On February 1, 2018, our beautiful smooth hair Fox Terrier, Annie, died in my arms while laying with me on the sofa she so loved.

Of course my reaction was, no more dogs. This is too painful.

At the same time, my partner of 31 years, Edmund, was in the throes of Parkinson's and dementia.

Come August, I think maybe a new dog will be good for Edmund and help him perk up.

I do some research and find a breeder a couple hours from us. I looked at pictures of his new litter and fell in love with the one with the half black, half white face. I talked to the breeder and he told me he still had two available, including the one I liked. He said he'd bring them both down so I could choose.



Well, how do you separate the sisters? I have to take both.

Edmund did not react much to the new dogs. But, since Edmund passed away in December, they have been my loving companions, helping me deal with the extreme loneliness. I know now they were put into my life to help me.

Josie has the half white, half black face and her sister is Katy. They turn one-year-old May 24.

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Richard Horwitz ([Email](#)) - Our budgie, Herbie, was chattering away in his cage on June 10, 1987, when he suddenly stopped talking. About a minute later I went into the living room to make sure he was OK and that's when I felt it. An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale shook our building on the north side of Chicago. The quake, centered in southern Illinois, caused minor damage over a 700-mile area of the Midwest. Soon reports came into local radio stations. I called the Chicago AP bureau to see if any damage was worth photographing, and I mentioned Herbie predicted it. Herbie's silence made the AAA wire.

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Bill Schiffmann ([Email](#)) - This is a story about the late, lamented Dudley.

When my wife Eden and I moved to Lago Vista TX in 2003 we fell in love with the town and went looking for some way to pay back. We volunteered at the city's animal shelter and wound up working with the cats.

We had always had cats but were at that time dog people. All the cats who needed homes weighed on us until we agreed it was time.

We sat on the floor and let the kittens come to us. One little long-haired grey orphan caught our attention.

We called him Dudley. Dudley had been abandoned in a box on the side of the road. He was very skittish and really only got along with our beagle Shiner and with Eden. He studiously ignored me. We have a pet sitter who comes in when we're traveling. In the five years she worked for us, she never actually saw Dudley.



Dudley passed last week, the victim of age and failing kidneys. In his last few years, he and I became buddies, although he still would only appear when we were home alone. We shed some tears and some memories, toasted him with a bit of tequila and made room for his ashes in a drawer with other pets who have gone to a well-deserved reward. He'll be missed.

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Sonya Zalubowski ([Email](#)) - Her name was Delilah, intriguing, especially for a dog that didn't even weigh six pounds. Was she named after the Biblical tale? Or was it because of the Tom Jones' song. That's what everyone kept asking me.

Besides my own pop culture ignorance - I'd never heard of the song - I had no idea because she was a rescue dog that I found online. Someone else named her. That was just the beginning of the mystery about to unfold for me, the mystery involved in adopting such a dog, both the joys and sorrows.

I'd been looking online for almost a year to replace my Australian terrier whom I lost to liver disease and old age, scanning humane societies and other no-kill shelters and rescue outfits throughout my home state of Washington and adjacent Oregon. I believed in their slogan: you not only save a pet but you also create a space to save another.

Delilah. I looked up the biblical reference. Yes, she was the one responsible for Samson's haircut and subsequent loss of power. As for the Tom Jones' song. that was the story of a crime of passion, of a man who stabbed Delilah after he learned she had cheated on him.



For me, Delilah the dog, indeed, was a temptress. The rescue operation featuring her said she was a yorkie-poodle mix. One with black straight hair and gray highlights with a profile picture online of her face that was reminiscent of my Aussie. Both shared the same characteristic nose bump.

That was enough to push me over the edge and make me apply for her adoption, even though it would mean a drive through treacherous Portland traffic enroute to her temporary home in the timber wilds some 50 miles to the west.

I rolled though the traffic seamlessly thanks to the GPS on my car and out into the countryside. Then north through raw timber cuts till we came to Delilah's rescue, a 501-C non-profit run by a local

woman. She chose to remain anonymous for my story.

The ranch house was surrounded by separate fenced areas, all for the dozens of small dogs she cares for there. Everything from fluffball Pomeranians to Chinese crested dogs to various mixes of Chihuahuas and papillons.

Many of them, second-chance animals that they received, I learned, from California. It this year became the first state to put in place a new law restricting pet stores to the sale only of dogs, cats and rabbits from animal shelters or non-profit rescue operations.

Perhaps the new law will help reduce the number of pets euthanized every year in the United States. The ASPCA, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, estimates that 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. shelters. It says of those, 1.5 million companion animals are euthanized every year.

Delilah was a product of the shelter to rescue system set up in Oregon. A system that gives hard to place animals that second or third chance by sending them to rescue operations that take more time to deal with problems.

The poor little thing was surrendered to the Multnomah County pound east of Portland when her family of five years had to move and couldn't take her. They listed

her as a mixed dog, a yorkie-poo.

The shelter trauma was hard on her. She was described by the pound as rigid, non-responsive, and worst of all that she might bite. Paperwork from the pound showed she had surgery to spay her and remove some bad teeth. She was then placed with foster homes.

She was put up for adoption but it didn't work out. The county then decided to give Delilah her last chance, to put her with the rescue.

The rescue operator said, "You must let her come to you. You need to rebuild her trust."

There she was before me, standing taller than I expected. A skinny girl with coarse black hair. The cute terrier-like face, she hopped around the small room that she shared with a nursing Chihuahua and her nearby crate with little brood of pups.

I sat quietly, my palm out with a few treats. Delilah sniffed. Then she took the morsels from me.

By the end of our session, when Delilah got a bath and her nails trimmed, she was jumping up and down on the nearby bench to come to me. Close enough to cuddle.

So far so good. It's been four months. We take it slow and easy. She needs to know I am someone she can trust, someone who can take care of both of us. After the helter-skelter shelter existence she's endured, she needs predictability, rules and structure.

She is my constant companion. When I write, she follows me into my office and sits on a little pillow near my feet. When I am in the living room, she is on the couch next to me.

Surprises. She is house trained, a good girl who waits for me to put on her leash to go outside and do her business. She is smart, when raindrops fall, she makes a U-turn to take us back home.

Even more of a surprise, I think people misidentified her. She looks more to me with her coarse dark hair and cute face like an affen-huahua. That is a cross between the

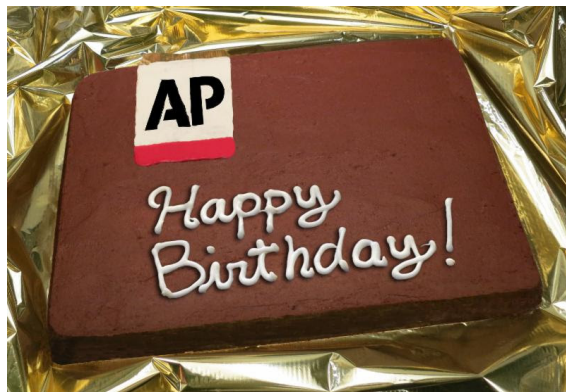
so-called monkey dog, the affenpinscher from Germany, and a chihuahua. Not a yorkie-poo.

Like I said, more mystery. I will never know for sure. It doesn't matter.

The joy, at seeing her open up and unfold. The sorrow at knowing how hard her previous shelter months had been.

It would have been such a shame had she and all that love and companionship not been given this new chance.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Pope urges foreign media to use power of press to seek truth



Pope Francis shares a laugh with a group of faithful as he poses for a family photo, at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday May 15, 2019. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Francis urged foreign correspondents on Saturday to humbly use the power of the press to search for the truth and give voice to the voiceless, saying journalism is an important tool to counter the hatred, prejudice and fake news.

In an audience with the Foreign Press Association in Rome, Francis also urged journalists to not fall prey to sending click-bait headlines and half-reported stories, saying errors can not only misrepresent the truth but damage entire communities.

He lamented attacks on journalists around the globe and assured reporters that the Catholic Church at large appreciated their work "even when you touch a raw nerve, including within the ecclesial community."

While Francis meets with journalists regularly during his foreign trips, it was the first time a pope has received the Foreign Press Association, which represents journalists from more than 50 countries, since St. John Paul II in 1988.

Read more [here](#).

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53 percent of college students say free speech is important; 45 percent say that have little trust in the media (Knight Foundation)

MIAMI-May 13, 2019-As college students across the United States continue to test the limits and protections of the First Amendment, a new report by College Pulse reveals that students show support for these rights, but are divided on whether it's more important to promote an inclusive society that welcomes diverse groups or to protect the extremes of free speech. Opinions sharply diverge by gender, race, sexual orientation, political affiliation and religion.

Supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the report used a mobile app and web portal to survey 4,407 full-time college students enrolled in four-year degree programs in December 2018. It builds on previous surveys of college students and their views on the First Amendment supported by Knight in 2016 and 2018.

The report showed that more than half (53 percent) of students favor protecting free speech rights, while nearly as many (46 percent) say it's important to promote an inclusive and welcoming society. At the same time, 58 percent of students said that hate speech should continue to be protected under the First Amendment while 41 percent disagree. The report's exploration of perceptions by race, gender, sexual orientation and religion further highlight stark differences in student views on these issues.

Read more [here](#).

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Steve Kroft retires: "I've done nearly 500 stories for this broadcast ..." (60 Minutes)



This Sept. 12, 2017 file photo shows "60 Minutes" correspondent Steve Kroft, left, and producer Michael Gavshon, go over a script as they edit a segment for an upcoming show in New York. CBS says Kroft, 73, will retire from the news magazine at Sunday's season finale. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

Steve Kroft has retired from "60 Minutes" after his 30th season on America's most-watched news program. The 73-year-old correspondent was the news magazine's longest-tenured reporter, having reported nearly 500 "60 Minutes" stories, many among the broadcast's biggest moments. Kroft announced his plans to step down Sunday, May 19th after the broadcast's 51st season finale. "60 Minutes" will celebrate his 50-year career as a journalist with a special tribute broadcast this September.

"Steve Kroft's reporting for '60 Minutes' has been as important as any correspondent's in the history of this broadcast," "60 Minutes" Executive Producer Bill Owens said. "Steve, with his sharp eye for detail, rich writing and demanding journalism, has set the bar at "60 Minutes" for three decades."

Read more [here](#).

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Can Paul Huntsman Save The Salt Lake Tribune? (New York Times)

By Katherine Rosman

SALT LAKE CITY - Life was tranquil for Paul Huntsman, a scion of a rich and powerful Utah family, before he got into the news business.

He spent his workdays managing much of the Huntsman family's considerable portfolio at the Huntsman building on Huntsman Way. Sundays meant services at a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel with his wife, Cheryl Wirthlin Huntsman, and their eight children. There were also skiing excursions to Deer Valley and hiking trips to Snowbird, and the parents were regulars at their children's ballet performances, cheerleading banquets and lacrosse games.

Then Mr. Huntsman, a son of the billionaire industrialist Jon M. Huntsman Sr., bought The Salt Lake Tribune.

Since buying the struggling daily from its hedge-fund ownership group for an undisclosed sum in 2016, Mr. Huntsman has sometimes found himself at odds with family members and the local establishment his ancestors helped shape. He has also been challenged by the task of keeping the paper alive at a time when small newspapers are dying out and big dailies with national followings are growing more dominant.

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

Today in History - May 21, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 21, the 141st day of 2019. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1863, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized.

In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1924, in a case that drew much notoriety, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" carried out by University of Chicago students Nathan

Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb (Bobby's cousin).

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship's passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1945, actors Humphrey Bogart, 45, and Lauren Bacall, 20, were married at Malabar Farm in Lucas, Ohio (it was his fourth marriage, her first, and would last until Bogart's death in 1957).

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and committed suicide in 1985.)

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

In 1998, a teen gunman opened fire inside Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon, killing two students, a day after he killed his parents. (The shooter was sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison.) In the wake of deadly protests, Indonesian President Suharto stepped down after 32 years in power.

Ten years ago: A day after the Senate voted to keep the Guantanamo prison camp open, President Barack Obama made his case for closing the facility, denouncing what he called "fear-mongering" by political opponents; Obama made his case moments before former Vice President Dick Cheney delivered his own address defending the Bush administration's creation of the camp. A 66-year-old woman with terminal cancer became the first person to die under Washington state's new assisted suicide law.

Five years ago: With outrage mounting over veterans' health care, President Barack Obama declared that misconduct alleged at VA hospitals would not be tolerated. China signed a \$400 billion gas deal with Russia, binding Moscow more closely to

Beijing amid international sanctions for Russian actions in Ukraine. Wendell Scott became the first African-American driver to be elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

One year ago: Syria's military captured an enclave in southern Damascus from Islamic State militants after a monthlong battle, bringing the entire capital and its suburbs under full government control for the first time since the civil war began in 2011. A divided Supreme Court ruled that businesses can prohibit their workers from banding together in disputes over pay and conditions in the workplace, finding that individual employees can be forced to use arbitration, not the courts, to air complaints about wages and overtime. Gina Haspel was sworn in as CIA director. Netflix announced a multi-year deal with Barack and Michelle Obama; there were no details announced on what shows they would make. The U.S. Postal Service announced that it would soon issue its first scratch-and-sniff stamps, featuring illustrations of ice pops.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 78. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 76. Musician Bill Champlin is 72. Singer Leo Sayer is 71. Actress Carol Potter is 71. Former Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 68. Actor Mr. T is 67. Music producer Stan Lynch is 64. Actor Judge Reinhold is 62. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 60. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 53. Actress Fairuza Balk is 45. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event) is 45. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 45. Rock musician Tony LoGerfo (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 36. Actor Sunkrish Bala is 35. Actor David Ajala is 33. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 32. Country singer Cody Johnson is 32. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 29. Actress Sarah Ramos is 28.

Thought for Today: "Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself." - James Stephens, Irish poet and novelist (1882-1950).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. RSVP by May 10. RSVP online [here](#). Any questions may be directed to recognition@ap.org

August 17 - Albany AP bureau reunion (including other upstate bureaus), 1-5 p.m., Marc and Carla Humbert residence on Tsatsawassa Lake, [68 Marginal Way, East Nassau, NY](#).
Contact: Chris McKnight ([Email](#)).

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

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