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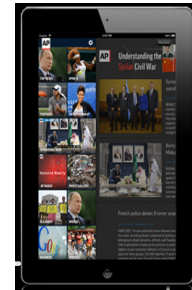
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 31st day of May 2019,

What is AP?

In an op-ed column published last Sunday by a number of AP member news organizations, AP President and CEO **Gary Pruitt** outlined the news cooperative's standards, origins and structure.

The board of the Associated Press Media Editors requested the column explaining AP and its news values, Pruitt said, adding: "They thought it would be helpful to their readers to know more about AP because their newspapers are running a large number of AP stories." It was distributed to APME and ASNE members.

Here is how The Greenville (S.C.) News played it:

Voices



Your Turn
Gary Pruitt
Guest columnist

The news is AP's 'true north'

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LETTERS

Habitat for Humanity makes a point with building project

Perhaps you saw it as you drove by last week, or maybe you heard about it from local media: a house being built right outside the ticket booth at Bon Secours Wellness Arena.

I'm sure you wondered, "Why would they do that?"

It's an interesting question with a simple answer: We wanted the average resident of Greenville County to see what they are normally shielded from and be moved to act.

Most of us have no idea that one in five residents of our county struggles to find affordable housing. While the majority of us are enjoying the booming economy and benefiting from gentrification and rising property values, many have been left behind.

While we often don't see their homes, we see them: the working poor, including health care and hospitality workers, service industry profession-

als, former members of the military – people we rely on every single day.

The commonly accepted definition of affordable housing is paying less than 30% of household income for housing. For the large number of area workers making \$8-10 per hour, this means they must spend less than \$520 per month on housing to stay within this guideline. This is no longer feasible in many areas of our county, where the median rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$870 per month. As I meet with families, I am struck and often heartbroken by the deplorable conditions in which they must raise their children.

Employing a participatory charity model in which families must qualify for zero- to low-interest mortgages and perform sweat equity work to buy their own homes, Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County has a 30-plus year history of bringing families in need together with community partners, such as the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, and volunteers to construct decent, afford-

able, energy-efficient homes that help families build stability, strength and self-reliance.

These changes are permanent and transformative for homeowner families and our entire community.

However, as the saying goes, it takes a village. I hope this very public exposure will drive you to get involved. For more information on how you can be part of the solution, visit habitatgreenville.org.

Monroe Free

The writer is president and chief executive officer of Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County.

We want to hear from you

We welcome letters to the editor on timely, news topics. They should be fewer than 250 words. Please include your name, home address, email and telephone number. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. Send letters to: P.O. Box 1888, Greenville, S.C. 29602; by fax: 864-298-4805; email: letters@greenvillenews.com.

Honoring those who 'move toward' danger



Your Turn
Lt. Col. George A. Baker II
Guest columnist

The Greenville News heralded students and staff in the recent school shooting in Charlotte, where young heroes chose to charge toward the shooter instead of retreating for cover. In the recent shooting in a suburban Denver school, the movement toward shooters was made by a student and staffer identified as former or future Marines.

Active, reserve and military veterans are socialized to move toward danger, not away from it. This phenomenon is based on powerful repetitions training and team learning. It is reasonable on this Memorial Day to honor all civilian and military personnel who have answered the call by moving toward danger to protect others.

I recall my first year-long tour in Vietnam. In May 1965, in 900-degree heat, we settled into our Chu Lai enclave to provide artillery support for four infantry regiments and our recon units, who were in turn assigned to support the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. At that time the Viet Cong (VC) and its Northern Vietnam Army were concerned about a permanent

wounded.

Shortly after, Operation Starlite, commencing Aug. 30, 1965, was designed as a "Hammer and Anvil," with a vertical helicopter and amphibious operation to entrap and destroy the competent First VC Regiment operating south of Chu Lai. A fierce battle raged. An unknown number of Vietnamese were killed, as well as more than 54 U.S. Marines. There were many examples of running toward enemy fire.

In late fall 1965, the Marines and U.S. Army would engage the First VC Regiment again west of Chu Lai, in Operation Harvest Moon, resulting in the same excessive loss of life and heroism.

Back to the sands of Chu Lai, on Aug. 6 and 7, 1965, my friend Capt. Cal Morris' 3rd Battalion, Third Marines, found strong evidence of a trained and reinforced First Viet Cong regiment. At sea was the USS Boxer, with its Seventh Marines, and supporting units who on order moved toward the coast of South Vietnam. On board was Col. Oscar Peartross, who would command Operation Starlite, and, supported by troops already ashore and air support from the base at Chu Lai, would pull off Gen. William Westmoreland's favored "Hammer and Anvil" operation designed to trap the enemy regiment between helicopter-borne forces and land-based infan-

try. The posthumous Medal of Honor winner and 50 other Marines who continued firing gave their lives to accomplish the assigned mission.

In the same battle was Cpl. Robert E. O'Malley, a Medal of Honor recipient, who had already distinguished himself in battle the previous day. He bravely charged toward the enemy position, although hit twice. In the three-day battle, six Navy Crosses were awarded, one to Lt. Paul's company commander, who that first day was killed by a VC grenade, while moving forward to carry out his orders.

At the same time of the 30-year war on the peninsula of Southeast Asia, national leaders were worrying about the long-term blood and treasure cost of a protracted war. Today at home, our current leaders are looking for ways to control the availability of specially designed combat weapons in the hands of those who should not be able to possess them. In the late 1960s, the Marines were examining the methods of fighting that cost the lives of Lt. Paul and his company commander.

It seems that such strategies used in war to protect and save lives could help prevent some school shootings. Tactical responses such as more weapons inside schools seem to this writer to be a shortsighted "get even" response. A

Among the AP member newspapers that published the column were: The Columbus Dispatch, The Tennessean, The Palm Beach Post, The Fresno Bee, The Greenville News, The (Chattanooga) Times Free Press, The (Peoria) Journal Star, The Canton Repository, The Pekin Daily Times, The (Springfield IL) State Journal-Register and The (Cambridge OH) Daily Jeffersonian.

More than a few of us have heard the line - AP stands for Anonymous Press. So this retiree, for one, is glad to see the column produced and distributed to the readers of our newspaper and online members.

We lead with his column in today's issue as your Connecting editor returns from a few days away on vacation to bring you this news-packed edition - then signs off for the weekend until Monday rolls around.

We also bring news of how and why one of the AP journalists who was part of the AP Pulitzer-winning team was prevented from being at the awards ceremony ... and news of the release of the **2019 AP Stylebook** - the bible of the news industry - and the many changes that it contains.

The New York Times launches its venture into television - "**The Weekly**" - at 10 p.m. Eastern on Sunday on FX. It will be available on Hulu starting Monday. Each week, the half-hour show will feature one deeply reported story that, typically, will have taken several months to produce, although the show will react to major breaking news if possible.

Have a great weekend! See you in June!

Paul

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News, though, remains our true north. It has been for 173 years, since AP was founded by five newspapers that funded a pony express route to bring news of the Mexican-American War north quicker than any other source. From acquiring faster horses to the advent of the teletype to broadcasting live from the depths of the Indian Ocean in 2019, AP continues to take the lead in investing in advanced technology to gather and distribute news.

While times may have changed, one thing remains the same: AP's commitment to advancing the power of facts. As Mark Twain once said, "There are only two forces that can carry light to all the corners of the globe - only two - the sun in the heavens and the Associated Press down here."

One AP journalist was notably absent at Pulitzer awards luncheon



Associated Press Middle East editor Lee Keath, from left, joins AP's 2019 Pulitzer Prize winners for International Reporting: Nariman El-Mofty, Maggie Michael and Maad al-Zikry, who joins by El-Mofty's cellphone video, after they received Pulitzers Tuesday. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

By TOM JONES

[Poynter Media Wire](#)

During Tuesday's Pulitzer Prize luncheon at Columbia University in New York City, one journalist was notably absent.



Maad al-Zikry, a Yemeni photojournalist who was on the AP team that won the Pulitzer for International Reporting for its coverage of civil war in Yemen, was denied a visa to travel and therefore missed the ceremony.

[Here's what happened.](#)

Al-Zikry wrote: " ...Last night, I had a beautiful surprise when my colleagues Michael and El-Mofty video-called me on Facetime as they were receiving the award on stage.

Somehow, seeing Michael and El-Mofty and the audience's standing ovation made me feel like I was there with them. It was a delightful surprise! So grateful that I am working with these ladies.

"I don't know what to say about the wonderful messages I've been receiving from relatives, friends, journalists (and especially American journalists) and people from Yemen and around the world. So heartwarming! Not being able to travel to the U.S. and receive the award in person was disappointing to me but it also made me realize all this solidarity I have as a Yemeni journalist and citizen. I do journalism not expecting to get awards, rather to shed light on this impoverished land, my country, Yemen. The love and support I've been receiving give me more energy to keep up my work.

"My message to the U.S. administration is that it has to rethink its policies against Yemen and Yemenis. One of the key reasons why this land is so impoverished in the tragic condition it has reached to today is the U.S. administration's mass punishment on Yemen. They must rethink that. The rift has been immense."

(Shared by Len Iwanski)

A Bad Fall, Humpty Dumpty Style

By **ED TOBIAS** ([Email](#))

For The MS Wire

I've met Humpty Dumpty, and he is me. I made that discovery the other night when I had a bad fall. It wasn't off a wall; it was just off a chair, but it felt like I'd tumbled off Humpty's high ledge.

It shouldn't have happened. I've lived with MS for nearly 40 years and I've had my share of trips, stumbles, and falls. I've even written a post about how to reduce the chances of getting hurt from a fall. So how does a guy fall off of a chair, unless it's a bar stool?



Ed Tobias

I'll tell you how. The catalyst was a cat named T.J. I was tired. I sat on the side of the chair while getting ready for bed. My butt was half off of the seat because



The bad fall culprit!

TJ had plopped himself on the floor in front of me, right where I'd usually put my feet. I was trying to straddle TJ while also trying to pull my left leg out of my pants. I leaned a little to my left and, uh-oh, down I went. The chair followed me down and landed on top of me. My head, leading the way to the floor, hit the closest object: the edge of the bedroom dresser.

There's an Italian phrase that a girlfriend of mine was fond of using to describe me several decades ago: testa dura. It means "hard head." Fortunately, she was right. Though the hit stunned me, and my scalp was cut, it wasn't a knockout blow. It didn't take all the king's horses and all the king's men (a.k.a. my wife) to put me back together again. Direct pressure on the wound for about an hour with an ice pack did the job. TJ, of course, was unhurt and ready to return for another round.

Why do I share this embarrassing story? I guess I'm telling you all this to make the point that those of us with heavy legs and dragging feet can't ever lower our guard, not even when we think we're safely seated. I'm going to reread the [post](#) I wrote about falling and I suggest that you read it, too. Because you never know ... especially if you own a cat.

By the way, TJ is still around, but he's now down to only eight lives.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

Connecting mailbox

Patricia Thompson Thomas, wife of AP's Hollywood writing legend Bob Thomas, dies at 93



Bob Thomas, Patricia Thomas and Pierre Trudeau at the Toronto Film Festival in 1989.

Patricia Thompson Thomas died at age 93 from age-related illnesses at her longtime home in Encino on May 24, 2019.

Patricia met the love of her life Bob Thomas in 1947 at the UCLA Bruin newspaper where they were both college columnists. Her husband Bob went on to become a Hollywood writer at the Associated Press and was the author of many celebrity biographies while she went back to UCLA for a Master's in History, specializing in Ancient Greek and Roman History and then enjoyed teaching for eight years.

Patricia was deeply involved in volunteer work with the Mary Duque Guild of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles as President and then as a Life Member. A highlight of her volunteer career was giving a televised tour of Children's Hospital in the style of Jackie Kennedy's Tour of the White House.

She also served many years advocating for hospital quality assurance on the UCLA Medical Center Board where she was the only female member. In later years, she was a Founding Member of Las Donas, a UCLA support group, supervising publication of walking tours of UCLA; became an Advisory Trustee to the Board of the UCLA Foundation; and was elected Vice President of the UCLA Alumni Association Board. Patricia was the recipient of the University Service Award of UCLA in 1976.

She served as an Officer for the Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks-Encino Coordinating Council, a non-profit civic organization of groups working on juvenile protection and health services; and was adviser on the Budget Committee for the United Way.

Appointed to the Citizens' Advisory Commission for the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984, Patricia was a great aficionado of the Olympic Games and was also a fan of many spectator sports such as basketball (she traveled with the UCLA Bruins in the Lew Alcindor-John Wooden days) and tennis (Roger Federer was her favorite player).

She was an avid reader, took many UCLA extension courses, was an accomplished tennis player, enjoyed vacations at their second home in Dana Point and in Hawaii as well as traveling to exotic places such as Kenya, Japan, Egypt and Tahiti to take professional photographs at Hollywood film locations and international film festivals. She championed women's rights and was very proud of the accomplishments of her three daughters Nancy, Janet and Caroline who survive her. Also surviving her are grandsons Matthew Goff, Ryan McGowan, and Tristan McGowan as well as sons-in-law Kevin Goff and James McGowan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting colleague Janet Thomas wrote this obituary for her mother who was pre-deceased by her father five years ago. If you would like to drop her a note of condolence, her email is - janetthomas@shaw.ca and note that "Paul Stevens suggested I contact you about Pat Thomas" on the subject line.

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Memorial flag honors Mark Mittelstadt's father



Marilyn Mittelstadt admires the flag dedicated this year in honor of her husband Ray Mittelstadt, who passed away in November. TIMES photos

Mark Mittelstadt (Email) - A memorial flag was dedicated to U.S. Army Sgt. Raymond Mittelstadt, father of Connecting colleague Mark Mittelstadt, during ceremonies Monday at Storm Lake, Iowa, High School. Ray Mittelstadt died Nov. 30 at his home in Storm Lake. He was 94. He was one of eight veterans lost in the past year whose service was honored at the city's 46th Anniversary Memorial Day Parade of Flags. The ceremony was attended by Mark's mother, Marilyn, sister Sara and her husband, and his brother Chad and family. A photo of Mark's mother was printed on the front page of The Storm Lake Times.

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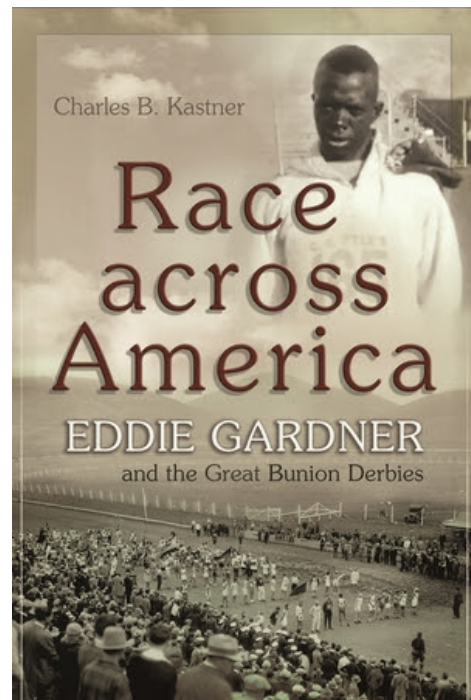
Lipsey served as editor of book on African American runner, Eddie "The Sheik" Gardner

Dick Lipsey (Email) - Here is a release on a forthcoming book from Syracuse University Press, "Race across America: Eddie Gardner and the Great Bunion

Derbies", by Charles B. Kastner. I edited the book but have no further financial interest.

In two epic footraces across America in 1928 and 1929, an African American runner, Eddie "The Sheik" Gardner withstood daily death threats and intimidation to compete at the highest levels of the new sports of trans-America racing, and became a symbol hope and pride to Black America for his courage. Click [here](#) for a link.

I was copy editor for 15 years of a now-defunct niche running magazine (Marathon & Beyond), many of whose authors were much better runners and researchers than writers. I've worked with several of them on books, including a previous one by this author about the 1929 Bunion Derby (the second race across America, from New York to Los Angeles). Others include volume one (so far) of a lengthy fantasy trilogy, a thriller set in 1988 San Francisco, several memoirs of growing up in 1950s Pennsylvania coal country, and a time-travel novel featuring Mark Twain. I work primarily with authors whom I have a previous connection with, and I don't (by choice) work on many books. I find the editing process to be all-consuming, and I have other priorities.



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Book talk held for Terry Petty's new book 'Enemy of the People'



Terry Petty (left) with John Daniszewski (Photo by Peter Costanzo)

A book talk was held Wednesday night for former AP correspondent Terrence Petty's new book, "Enemy of the People," about the German journalists of the Munich Post who opposed Hitler's rise to power and suffered for their courage. Terry was longtime AP correspondent and news editor in Bonn and Portland, Oregon. He retired in 2017.

He was interviewed at the Strand Book Store in New York City by John Daniszewski, AP vice president for standards and editor-at-large. Click [here](#) for a link to the event.

The book is published by The Associated Press.

Health and science chapter debuts in 2019 AP Stylebook

The Associated Press Wednesday released the 2019 edition of The Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law, which includes more than 200 new or revised entries and a new chapter on health and science journalism.

The 2019 Stylebook includes entries that are new as of today and comprises additions and changes made throughout the year on AP Stylebook Online, such as new and expanded guidance on race-related terms announced in March.

The new health and science chapter includes guidelines on choosing stories and proper usage of scientific journals, as well as a primer on types of scientific studies and other coverage guidance.

Among the changes to the spiral-bound 2019 Stylebook:

New entries on vaping, budtender, deepfake and cryptocurrency.

Revised guidance that accent marks can be used with names of people who request them or are widely known to use them, or if quoting directly in a language that uses them.

Revised guidance that the % sign can be used in most cases.

An updated and expanded entry on suicide, including when and how it is acceptable to report a suicide method and guidance to avoid reporting the contents of notes or letters.

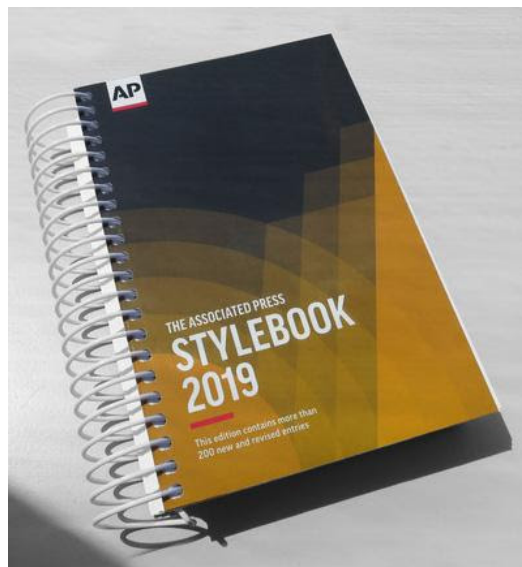
Several sports betting terms, such as "integrity fee" and sportsbook.

Expanded guidance on hyphenation.

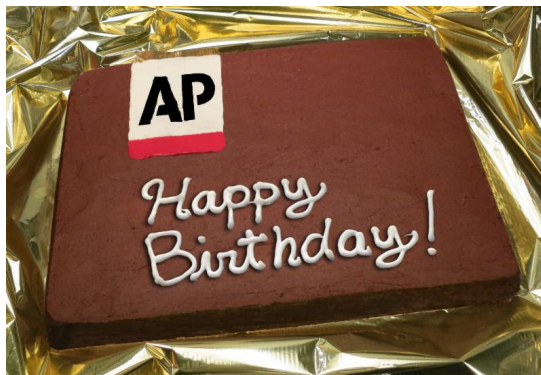
An appearance by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Collen Newvine, Paul Albright, Ed Williams.

Click [here](#) to order the 2019 Stylebook.



Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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On Sunday to...

Catey Terry - terryc@missouri.edu

Stories of interest

Gannett reportedly in deal talks with GateHouse, Tribune, McClatchy (USA Today)

By Nathan Bomey

USA TODAY owner Gannett is reportedly in merger talks with newspaper chain GateHouse Media and has had discussions about possible deals with other media companies.

Gannett and GateHouse have discussed a deal that could help them "bulk up and trim costs," the Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

Gannett declined to comment on the report, and GateHouse did not respond to a request seeking comment.

GateHouse is part of New Media Investment Group, which has 156 daily publications and dozens of weekly newspapers. The company's largest publications include the Austin American-Statesman and the Oklahoman. Many of its properties are much smaller newspapers.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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CNN preparing to make cuts at London-based news operation (Guardian)

By **JIM WATERSON**

CNN is preparing to make substantial cuts to its London-based television news operation in a move that is likely to result in at least a dozen employees losing their jobs.

The announcement was made by Jeff Zucker, the CNN boss, at a "town hall" meeting on Tuesday in the company's office in central London.

Staff, including some managers whose shows were affected, were given no advance warning of the announcement, according to some of those present. Zucker told them that the international channel was losing \$10m (£8m) a year, according to those present.

The cuts come shortly after the longstanding CNN International boss Tony Maddox unexpectedly announced he was leaving the station earlier this month.

Read more [here](#).

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Report criticizes probe into slaying of Malta journalist

By MIKE CORDER

BRUSSELS (AP) - A Council of Europe report on Wednesday called for an independent public inquiry into the car bomb assassination of a leading Maltese investigative journalist, criticizing the "glacial" pace of the investigation into the case so far.

Three Maltese men are believed to have triggered the powerful car bomb that killed 53-year-old Daphne Caruana Galizia on a road close to her rural home on Oct. 16, 2017. They were ordered two months later to stand trial for murder but the trial has not yet begun and they could soon be released.

Nobody has been arrested for ordering the assassination of Caruana Galizia, who became one of Malta's best-known journalists for her regular reporting on widespread allegations of corruption on the Mediterranean island that's a member of the European Union and uses the shared euro currency.

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

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Exhibit highlights cartoonists' focus on First Amendment



This image provided by Jimmy Margulies shows "Pillars," by King Features editorial cartoonist Jimmy Margulies, that is one of dozens of political cartoons focusing on the First Amendment in a new exhibit, "Front Line: Editorial Cartoonists and the First Amendment" at Ohio State University's Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum in Columbus, Ohio. The display runs the gamut from a 1774 cartoon by Paul Revere criticizing Britain's use of tea as a political weapon to a 2018 cartoon lampooning the blocking of online conservative commentary. (Jimmy Margulies via AP)

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The First Amendment right to free speech is no laughing matter, as illustrated by a new exhibit at the world's largest cartoon library.

The political cartooning display runs the gamut from a 1774 etching by Paul Revere criticizing Britain's use of tea as a political weapon to a 2018 cartoon lampooning the blocking of online conservative commentary.

Other cartoons take on political correctness, flag desecration, fake news, campus conduct codes, and the role of Twitter in public discourse.

The exhibit combines drawings contributed by several dozen cartoonists with material from the library's own collection. Many are from newspapers, but offerings

include cartoons from The New Yorker magazine and even ones that first appeared online, on websites such as Politico.

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

The Final Word



Paul Stevens - I can't let the month of Connecting pet stories end without one last photo - this of the newest "driver" in the Stevens Family, Ollie, who needs to learn to put both paws on the steering wheel and stay off his cell phone.

Today in History - May 31, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 31, the 151st day of 2019. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

On this date:

In 1669, English diarist Samuel Pepys (peeps) wrote the final entry of his journal, blaming his failing eyesight for his inability to continue.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the affluent black district of Greenwood over reports a black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds are believed to have died.

In 1949, former State Department official and accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1985, 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an 8-hour period.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush welcomed Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to Washington for a summit meeting. The situation comedy "Seinfeld" began airing as a regular series on NBC.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

In 2005, breaking a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as "Deep Throat," the secret Washington Post source during the Watergate scandal.

Ten years ago: Dr. George Tiller, a rare provider of late-term abortions, was shot and killed in a Wichita, Kansas, church. (Gunman Scott Roeder was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.) Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, died in Southampton, England at 97.

Five years ago: Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, was freed by the Taliban in exchange for five Afghan detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Bergdahl, who'd gone missing in June 2009, later pleaded guilty to endangering his comrades by walking away from his post in Afghanistan; his sentence included a dishonorable discharge, a reduction in rank and a fine, but no prison time.) A private Gulfstream IV jet went off a runway

and crashed while trying to take off from Hanscom Field in Bedford, Massachusetts, killing Philadelphia Inquirer co-owner Lewis Katz and six other people.

One year ago: The Trump administration imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum from Europe, Mexico and Canada in a move that drew immediate vows of retaliation. Western Europe got its first populist government as Italy's anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the right-wing League formed a governing coalition. Comedian Samantha Bee apologized to Ivanka Trump and to her viewers for using an expletive to describe the president's daughter on Bee's TBS show "Full Frontal." President Donald Trump pardoned conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza, who had pleaded guilty to campaign finance fraud; Trump said D'Souza had been "treated very unfairly by our government." The Golden State Warriors won Game 1 of the NBA finals over the Cleveland Cavaliers in overtime; Cleveland's J.R. Smith inexplicably failed to take a go-ahead shot after a missed free-throw as time ran out in regulation.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 89. Singer Peter Yarrow is 81. Humanitarian Terry Waite is 80. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 79. Actress Sharon Gless is 76. Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath is 76. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 74. Actor Tom Berenger is 69. Actor Gregory Harrison is 69. Actor Kyle Secor is 62. Actress Roma Maffia (ma-FEE'-uh) is 61. Comedian Chris Elliott is 59. Actress Lea Thompson is 58. Singer Corey Hart is 57. Actor Hugh Dillon is 56. Rapper DMC is 55. Actress Brooke Shields is 54. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 52. TV host Phil Keoghan is 52. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 47. Actress Archie Panjabi is 47. Actress Merle Dandridge (TV: "Greenleaf") is 44. Actor Colin Farrell is 43. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 42. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 42. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 39. Country singer Casey James (TV: "American Idol") is 37. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 37. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 33. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 32. Pop singer Normani Hamilton (Fifth Harmony) is 23.

Thought for Today: "They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion." - Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher (1588-1679).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. 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?

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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.

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