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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 28th day of April 2020,

Zoom has become one of the most popular ways of video conferencing during the coronavirus pandemic. But for one of our senior Connecting colleagues, **Gene Herrick**, it has a meaning that traces back to his assignment as a combat photographer for the AP during the Korean War.

He explains in a lead article in today's Connecting.



AP GROUND GAME : In this episode of “Ground Game: Inside the Outbreak,” a critical care doctor who has been treating COVID-19 patients takes listeners inside an ICU. Daniela Lamas talks to host Ralph Russo about the fear and isolation she has encountered.

Listen [here](#).

Be safe, stay healthy - and share your own story of how you're coping.

Paul

'Zoom' had another meaning 70 years ago, during Korean War

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - One day while I was out in the yard at our home on the shores of Smith Mountain Lake in Franklin County, Virginia, an Air Force jet fighter roared overhead, only 100 yards away. Still being war conscious, I dove to the ground and covered my head. I soon realized that the lake's dam was not far away, and the military used it as an "Enemy" target. I felt like a fool, of course, but it was reaction to battle days of yore.

It took me back to 1950 as an AP photographer and the Korean War times and experiences with old military planes.

It was the first time in war history that jet fighters took part in the battles. The South Koreans called them "Zoom," because that is what they sounded like, the fighters had come and gone before their sound of "Zoom."

On night in Taegu, South Korea, the North Koreans were battling for control of the nearby airstrip. It was dangerous, and I slept in my clothes and helmet on a cot with no mattress. At daylight, I was awakened at dawn by a jet fighter strafing and sending gunfire at something next to my window. I dove under the wire bed, and looked up at the bare springs, I felt like a fool. What kind of protection was that? I ran to the window and saw one of our jet fighters shooting at an American jeep. Misidentification.



Later, the invasion at Inchon started and I tried to get there. At a battlefield position southeast of Seoul, I tried to get to the landing. A general gave me permission to use his Piper Cub plane. There was a problem. The plane was in a dry riverbed, which had some challenging rocks. In order to take off, GI's, straddled the little stream, lifted the plane up, and ran with the plane until the pilot got air-speed. We made it.

I used to use the Piper Cub planes as taxi cabs to the various battlefields, especially when it was easier than going over mine-filled little dirt roads. One time, when returning from the front, we were coming in for a landing at a school yard, when the engine quit and we just dropped to the ground. That was a new experience.

It was an experience to fly in a helicopter off the deck of the battleship U.S.S. Missouri to take aerial views of the amphibious landing at Wonsan North Korea, and then shortly after that at the landing at Iwon.

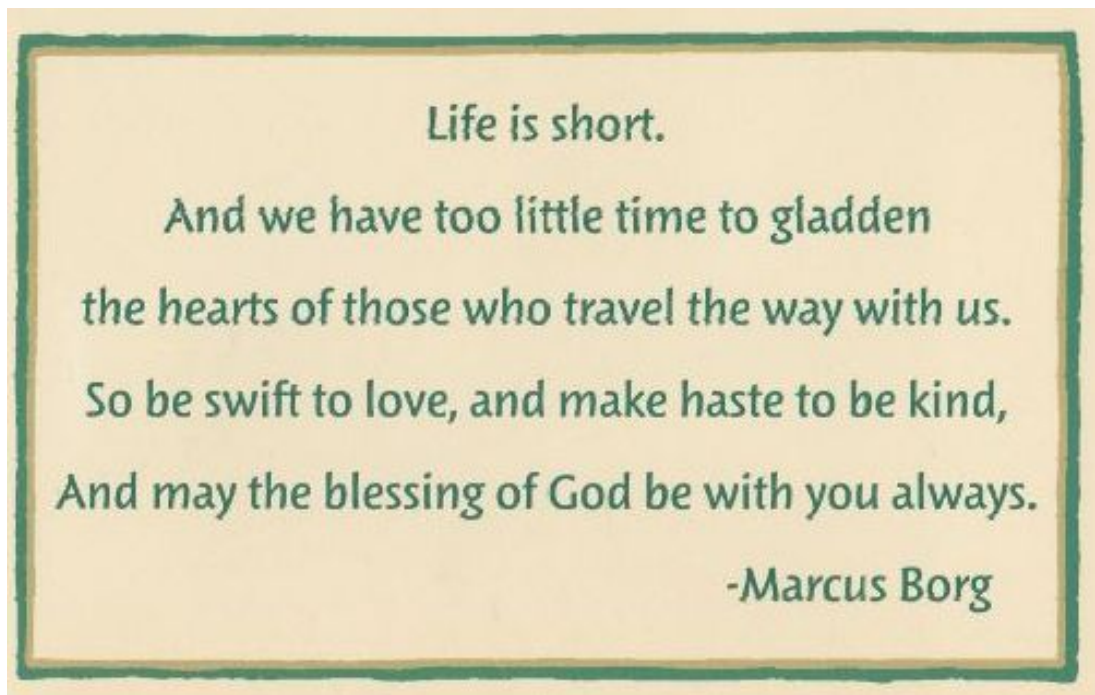
Later, in far North Korea. I was staying with the 17th Regiment of the 7th Division. I stayed with the spotter pilots who flew the little Pipers and were spotters for the jet fighters. They would fly me to the front every morning, drop me off on a little dirt road at the front, and then pick me up again in the afternoon. Each evening we would have one drink, play a couple hands of cheap poker. Each pilot got so many points for combat flight, and when accumulating enough, one of the pilots would fly somewhere and cash the points in for liquor. Yummm.

One day, flying to the front in the some 30-degrees-below-zero, I asked the pilot if I should put on the parachute. He replied, "Hell no, the "Spotter sat on it all summer and sweated; It wouldn't open." On one such flight, I noticed a fighter plane approaching from the right rear. I tapped the shoulder of the pilot. He looked, wiggled the plane's wings to show the American insignia. The jet whizzed past and wiggled his wings. Thank goodness, it was American.

While on a troop-carrying plane, bigger than a C-47, I decided to take a nap in a giant airplane tire lying on the cold steel floor. You slept when you could.

Now I sit on the porch and reminisce.

More memories of Ginny Byrne





Barbara Worth ([Email](#)) - Ginny gave me this card about the time we marked 25 years of friendship. On her behalf, I pass its message to all of her friends. She would like that.

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Christopher Bacey ([Email](#)) – I am so sorry to hear about Ginny Byrne. I was the night supervisor (4p-12a) on the Special Services Desk, and I believe I was Ginny's first AP supervisor. On her first night on the desk, I could tell immediately she had ink in her blood and the excitement of news running through her veins. I believe her dad worked for one of the Big Three news networks, and I knew this Queens Irish resident was going places because she was on the phone with him every night talking about the business. She moved onto broadcast and made a name for herself writing news and crime stories. I would have expected nothing less, and it was my honor to know her.

News outlets collaborate to cover COVID-19



Grocery store clerk Brittany Olander holds up her hands wrapped in latex gloves as she takes a break outside the store in which she works in Westminster, Colorado, April 16, 2020. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

By Patrick Maks

The Associated Press worked with nearly two dozen Colorado news organizations to tell the story of the state's battle against the coronavirus using AP StoryShare, a tool that allows newsrooms to share content and coverage plans.

Together, the news outlets published on Sunday a collection of nearly 60 stories that show how the coronavirus pandemic affected Colorado residents over a single 24-hour period.

The project, called "COVID Diaries Colorado," is powered by COLab, the Colorado News Collaborative, in which AP participates.

AP StoryShare facilitated the project. Twenty-two news organizations are using the tool, which AP launched in Colorado earlier this month. Participating newsrooms can republish each other's stories and photos with proper credit.

Read more [here](#) .

Influenza don'ts from long ago

SOME INFLUENZA DON'TS.

Health Board Would Prevent Spread of Spanish Epidemic.

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20—Don't cough, sneeze, spit or kiss.

Tersely, this is the admonition of the health department here to prevent an epidemic of Spanish influenza, at present prevalent in the east and at several army cantonments.

The following list of "don'ts" has been issued as a precaution:

"Don't cough or sneeze unless the mouth is protected by a handkerchief.

"Don't expectorate in public places or about the house.

"Don't sleep in the room with anyone if you have influenza.

"Don't kiss any member of the family, particularly the baby.

"Don't allow anyone to occupy your bed unless the mattress has been properly aired and exposed to the sunlight.

"If sick with influenza, don't permit anyone to visit you.

"Don't allow any member of your family to use the same towel, drinking vessel or table utensils which you have been using, if you are afflicted with the disease."

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Extract from The Sun, Sept. 21, 1918. (AP Corporate Archive)

Spotted and shared by Zeynep Tinaz Redmont

Gumbel's 'Real Sports' returns to air before real sports



This image released by HBO Sports shows Bryant Gumbel hosting "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" from his makeshift studio in Florida. The series returns on April 28. (HBO Sports via AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The HBO television show “Real Sports” is returning from a suspension forced by the coronavirus before the real sports themselves begin again.

Host Bryant Gumbel will preside from his Florida home in Tuesday’s episode of the sports news magazine, which is attempting to navigate technical issues and strike the right balance in dealing with a pandemic that has changed every viewer’s life.

The March episode was canceled, both because some necessary travel proved impossible and the worry that some segments would appear tone deaf at a time when the sports world was put on hold, Gumbel said.

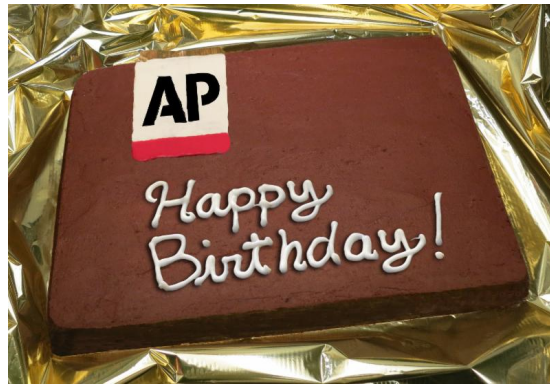
April marks the 25th year that “Real Sports” has been on the air, and it barely made its anniversary month.

The host will appear Tuesday in a roundtable with sportscasters Mike Breen, Joe Buck and Jim Nantz. The show will have a story about quick pivots, such

as a company that switched from manufacturing lacrosse helmets to protective gear for medical workers, and another piece on sports entities that moved too slowly to cancel events.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Here's what we know so far about the layoffs at Gannett (Poynter)

By Kristen Hare and Ren LaForme

Editor's note: This story has been updated since publishing to include more publicly announced layoffs. We'll continue updating as we see them.

Three days after first reporting layoffs at Gannett newspapers around the country, we still don't yet have a clear picture of how many people and positions were affected.

Without official word from Gannett or the newspapers impacted about numbers, we're including each layoff that's been reported by affected journalists on social media or otherwise reported elsewhere.

Gannett merged with GateHouse in late 2019 to become the largest newspaper chain in the U.S. with 261 newspapers in 46 states.

As we reported Friday, it's unclear if the layoffs are in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus or the result of the merger with Gatehouse, though one source told Poynter the cuts relate to the GateHouse/Gannett integration. Gannett executives told The New York Times in November that they would look for "efficiencies" after the merger.

Read more [here](#).

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Financial Times reporter accessed private calls at Independent and Evening Standard (Independent)

A Financial Times reporter listened in on confidential and sensitive video calls at rival news organisations as staff were told about salary cuts and furloughs by editors and senior managers, an investigation by The Independent has established.

Mark Di Stefano, who has been suspended by the FT pending an investigation into the incident, accessed private Zoom meetings held by The Independent and The Evening Standard as journalists learnt how measures introduced because of the coronavirus pandemic would affect them.

Log files show an account registered to Di Stefano's FT.com email address joined the private video call for The Independent staff on Thursday for 16 seconds. The caller's video was disabled, but journalists saw his name flash briefly on screen before he left the meeting.

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

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Fort Wayne Newspapers adjusts staff, features (News-Sentinel)

Fort Wayne Newspapers is adjusting staffing and features in response to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, said President and CEO Scott Stanford.

"Our journalism mission is as important as ever," Stanford said. "That puts great responsibility on us to make sound decisions and be good stewards of this business on behalf of the northeast Indiana community we serve."

Among the changes is that Fort Wayne Newspapers is suspending publication of the News-Sentinel page for now. The page will be evaluated for return as market conditions improve, Stanford said.

Longtime News-Sentinel reporter and columnist Kevin Leininger has been furloughed as a result of the suspension. Other employees also have been furloughed and some positions eliminated as Fort Wayne Newspapers makes modest but appropriate adjustments to staff in response to the challenging economic environment, Stanford said.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Craig Klugman.

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Richard Wisdom, longtime Mercury News photographer, dies at 81 (The Mercury News)

By KARL MONDON

Richard Wisdom, an award-winning Mercury News photographer for nearly three decades, died April 1 in Rio Vista, Calif. He was 81.

He died from congestive heart failure with his family by his side, according to his wife, Kay Wisdom.

Over a 42-year stint as a news photographer in the Bay Area, "The Wiz," as he was known, distinguished himself for his news instincts and his humanity, capturing subjects as varied as a tragically collapsed Oakland freeway after a 1989 earthquake and a hilariously business-suited runner in San Francisco's Bay to Breakers.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac, who noted that his "photos have graced the AP photo network for decades."

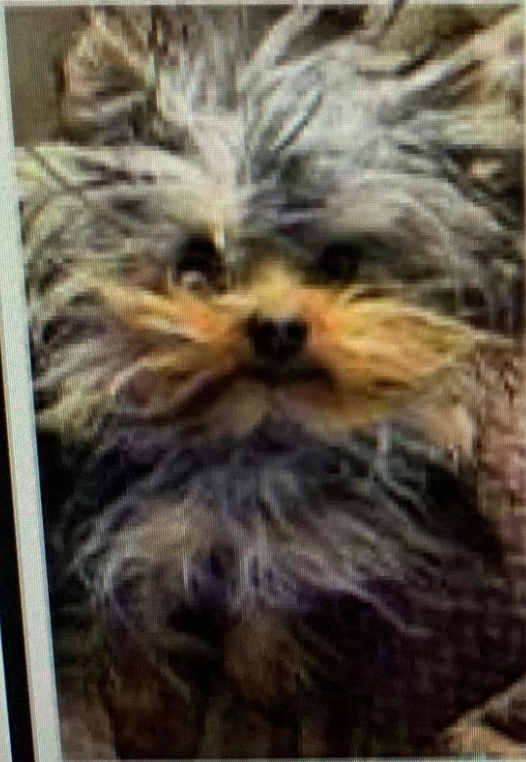
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Today in History - April 28, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 119th day of 2020. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 28, 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as rebelling crew members of the British ship, led by Fletcher Christian, set the captain, William Bligh, and 18 others adrift in a launch in the South Pacific. (Bligh and most of the men with him reached Timor in 47 days.)

In 1918, Gavrilo Princip, 23, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I. Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1963, at Broadway's Tony Awards, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was named best play while "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" won best musical.

In 1967, U.S. Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress that “backed at home by resolve, confidence, patience, determination and continued support, we will prevail in Vietnam over communist aggression.”

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who had opposed the failed rescue mission aimed at freeing American hostages in Iran. (Vance was succeeded by Edmund Muskie.)

In 1986, the Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

In 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo (HEE'-loh) to Honolulu.

In 1994, former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1998, In a breakthrough for the government's tobacco investigation, cigarette maker Liggett and Myers agreed to tell prosecutors whether the industry had hidden evidence of health damage from smoking.

Ten years ago: Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was worse than officials had believed, and that the federal government was offering to help industry giant BP contain the slick threatening the U.S. shoreline.

Five years ago: Urging Americans to “do some soul-searching,” President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration over recurring black deaths at the hands of police, rioters who responded with senseless violence and a society that would only “feign concern” without addressing the root causes. Nigerian troops rescued nearly 300 girls and women during an offensive against Boko Haram militants in the northeast Sambia forest; those rescued did not include any of the schoolgirls kidnapped a year earlier from Chibok. Jack Ely, the singer known for “Louie Louie,” the low-budget recording that became one the most famous songs of the 20th century, died in Redmond, Oregon, at age 71.

One year ago: Former Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, a leading voice on foreign policy during his 36 years in the Senate, died at a hospital in Virginia at the age of 87. A shooting in Topeka, Kansas, killed a Washburn University football player, Dwayne Simmons, and wounded a former team member, Corey Ballentine, who had been drafted just hours earlier by the New York Giants; authorities said they were “in the wrong place at the wrong time” when they were shot outside an off-campus house party. (Francisco Alejandro Mendez has pleaded not guilty to charges including first-degree murder.) “Avengers: Endgame” shattered the record for biggest opening weekend with an estimated \$350 million in ticket sales domestically and \$1.2 billion globally, on its way to becoming the highest-grossing film ever.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 90. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 79. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 71. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 70. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 68. Actress Mary McDonnell is 68. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 67. Actress Nancy Lee Grahn is 64. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 60. Rapper Too Short is 54. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 49. Actor Chris Young is 49. Rapper Big Gipp is 48. Actor Jorge Garcia is 47. Actress Elisabeth Rohm is 47. Actress Penelope Cruz is 46. Actor Nate Richert is 42. TV personalities Drew and Jonathan Scott are 42. Actress Jessica Alba is 39. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 38. Actress Jenna Ushkowitz is 34. Actress Aleisha Allen is 29.

Thought for Today: "We have two lives... the one we learn with and the life we live with after that." [-] Bernard Malamud, American author (1914-1986).

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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