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**Looking north from 44th Street, New York's Times Square is packed Monday, May 7, 1945, with crowds celebrating the news of Germany's unconditional surrender and the end of the war in Europe. (AP Photo/Tom Fitzsimmons) (WWII photos courtesy of AP Corporate Archives)**

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020,

Seventy-five years ago today, World War II in Europe ended – but not before at least 40 million on both sides were killed, wounded or captured in a conflict that lasted five years, eight months and six days.

Some of you may recall that day firsthand. Most of us on Connecting learned about the war through the eyes of our parents and grandparents who took part in WWII or supported it on the home front.

Connecting would welcome your memories – direct or indirect. I hope you will send them to share with your colleagues. My dad was an Army artillery captain who was with his unit in Germany - home country of his grandparents - when the war ended and I plan to tell his story. Join me, please.

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BULLETIN

BY EDWARD KENNEDY

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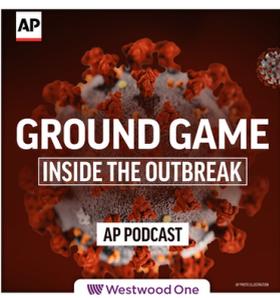
This [AP Images blog](#) tells how the AP's **Ed Kennedy** broke the news of the German surrender:



*On May 6, 1945, the AP's Ed Kennedy was one of 17 Allied correspondents selected by SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) to witness the unconditional surrender of the German armies to the Allies at a schoolhouse in the French city of Reims. The surrender ceremony took place on May 7th at 2:41 a.m. French time. Kennedy (1905-1963), who joined the AP in 1932, had been reporting the war in North Africa, Italy and Paris since 1940. Members of the press pool were asked to withhold news of the surrender until SHAEF granted permission to release the story. SHAEF initially called for an embargo of several hours on*

*the news of the surrender, then extended it to 36 hours. The plan, agreed to by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Harry Truman, would suppress the news to accommodate Soviet premier Joseph Stalin's desire to announce Russia's victory over Germany in Berlin. On the afternoon of May 7th, Kennedy heard a radio broadcast from the German city of Flensburg, already in Allied hands, announcing the German surrender. Realizing that the radio broadcast had been authorized by the same censors now holding up the story of the end of the war in Europe, Kennedy made his decision. He called in the story to AP's London bureau.*

**AP GROUND GAME:** U.N. officials say the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic won't hit the poorest parts of



the world for another three to six months. In this episode of “Ground Game,” U.N. chief correspondent Edith Lederer explains what could happen to these countries and how the world agency is responding.

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Here’s to a good day ahead – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

## AP Was There: Nazis surrender, ending World War II in Europe



Gen. Alfred Jodl, center, signs the unconditional surrender of all armed German forces on May 7, 1945. (AP Photo/File)

## Associated Press

REIMS, France (AP) — Nazi commanders signed their surrender to Allied forces in a French schoolhouse 75 years ago this week, ending World War II in Europe and the Holocaust. Unlike the mass street celebrations that greeted this momentous news in 1945, surviving veterans are marking V-E Day this year in coronavirus confinement, sharing memories with loved ones in private, instead of in the company of comrades on public parade.

Associated Press reporters and photographers covered the war around the world, at great risk. Five AP journalists were killed, including correspondent Joe Morton, who was executed by the Nazis. On May 7, 1945, AP witnessed the Nazi surrender, and was the first to announce it to the Allied public, defying authorities who wanted to delay the momentous announcement.

Here are excerpts of AP news reports that day:

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**FLASH: ALLIES OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED GERMANS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY**

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**BULLETIN:** Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a.m. French time today.

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# GERMANS CAPITULATE ON ALL FRONTS

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American, Russian and French Generals  
Accept Surrender in Eisenhower  
Headquarters, a Reims School

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## REICH CHIEF OF STAFF ASKS FOR MERCY

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Doenitz Orders All Military Forces of Germany  
To Drop Arms—Troops in Norway Give Up  
—Churchill and Truman on Radio Today

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By **EDWARD KENNEDY**

Associated Press Correspondent

REIMS, France, May 7—Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and the Soviet Union at 2:41 A. M. French time today. [This was at 8:41 P. M., Eastern Wartime Sunday.]

The surrender took place at a little red school-house that is the headquarters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The surrender, which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months and six days of bloodshed and destruction, was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl. General Jodl is the new Chief of Staff of the German Army.

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The surrender was signed for the Supreme Allied Command by Lt. Gen. Walter Beddel Smith, chief of staff for Gen. Eisenhower. It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Susloparov of the Soviet Union and by Gen. Francois Sevez for France.

Joy at the news was tempered only by the realization that the war against Japan remains to be resolved.

The end of the European warfare, the greatest, bloodiest and costliest war in human history — it has claimed at least 40 million casualties on both sides in killed, wounded and captured — came after five years, eight months and six days of strife that overspread the globe.

Hitler's army invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, beginning the agony that convulsed the world for 2,319 days.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Valerie Komor, Francesca Pitaro.

Click [here](#) for **7 Incredible V-E Day Front Pages from WWII America** – from Fishwrap, the official Newspapers.com. (Shared by Chris Carola)

## Living in the age of coronavirus

**Jim Hood ( [Email](#) )** - The pandemic came early to Southern California. In Palm Springs, we blamed all the winter visitors from Seattle. There was talk of building a wall but nothing came of it. I reacted quickly, motoring over to the neighborhood liquor store to lay in supplies for a long quarantine but found the place trashed. It looked like the toilet paper section at Ralphs.

For the last few months, we have basically entertained ourselves making airline reservations to Dulles, then watching as one flight after another is canceled. We are thinking of renting an RV and reversing the pioneers' journey. Warm weather is nice but 108 is a bit much for May.



About the only reliable pastime is driving around. Besides seeing a lot of desert landscape (hint: it's brown), we have run into some attractive business opportunities, including Buffalo Bob's Saloon, located on a lonely highway roughly 50 miles from anywhere. We figure it has untapped potential, although we have so far not tendered an offer.

My wife Joan – pictured outside Bob's – has occasional clandestine meetings in the senior center parking lot with her yoga pals, including Chris Gallagher, daughter of fabled AP President Wes Gallagher. I had built an adequate little outdoor gym area at our condo but it has lately turned into an outdoor sauna.

## Nature's gift in a dark time

**Norm Abelson** ([Email](#)) - It is called Little River. We came upon it by chance in the tiny Maine-New Hampshire border town of Acton. The community all around us was silent, giving all the more impact to the “swisssssh” of the river as it speeded its way under a small bridge.

Birds were fluttering all about, occasionally diving down to the surface to collect their due. The trees lining the water's edge were proudly showing off their light-green buds, a sure sign of spring. Small patches of new grass had pushed up around the field of last year's brown remains. At the edge of the bridge thin tendrils had climbed their way above the metal rails, and were topped off by blossoming yellow hats.

Magdalene parked the car on a dirt road alongside the water, assuring us the our now ritualized weekly picnic would be promoted to a feast by the grandeur spread out before us. Has a tuna salad sandwich ever tasted so good?

After lunch, we walked down to the edge of the river, the rushing sound getting ever louder, the white-caps bouncing over the rocks now almost close enough to touch. The air was cool and fresh, and the wondrous side of Nature ruled here.

Of course, we were reluctant to leave, to return to a different reality. But leave we did, filing away a new magical memory. As for me, the river is still in my eyes.

## New-member profile: Larry Paladino



**Larry Paladino** ([Email](#)) - joined The Associated Press in his hometown of Detroit in December 1967 not long after his return from Vietnam where he was a paratrooper with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade as an infantryman. He had spent two and a half years at the University of Detroit before his enlistment. When he rotated back to the U.S. he was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Ky., where he fractured his back due to a parachute malfunction and was hospitalized for three months.

The injury afforded him an opportunity to be separated from the service a couple months early

to enroll at Wayne State University, majoring in history and journalism. He had a summer internship in 1967 with Booth Newspapers at their flagship paper the Grand Rapids Press. That gave him enough clips to satisfy Detroit AP Bureau Chief Clem Brossier to hire him. He was told later he was the only person they ever hired without a degree. Within nine months he became the Michigan sports editor, replacing Bill Halls who had moved on to the Detroit News. That happened to be two weeks before the 1968 World Series and Paladino found himself covering the Detroit Tigers' first World Series in 23 years. His first assignment was covering Denny McLain's 30<sup>th</sup> victory, which afforded him an interview with Dizzy Dean, the last previous 30-game winner.



Paladino remained the state's sports editor to the spring of 1979 before leaving in September to become editor of Go Blue!, a magazine about University of Michigan sports. He continued as a free-lancer editing numerous sports publications – including the Tiger Yearbook for 10 years – and co-authored three sports books, as well as writing his own, a family history based mostly on his letters from Vietnam. His wife of 51 years, Marilyn, died in June 2019. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren. Paladino, who lives in Warren, retired in 2000 as editor of the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper and spends much of his time now playing baseball in a senior hardball league, including tournaments in Florida each year.

## What fascinated me about Ginny Byrne

**Bob Greene** ( [Email](#) ) - In all the tributes and bios, I apparently missed the one thing that fascinated me about Ginny Byrne when we first met in NY, me in Sports, Ginny in the NY Buro. Because of carpal tunnel, Ginny talked to her computer, using a voice program. Although I knew about such a program, and had considered buying one for myself, it was the first time I had seen anyone using it.

# With time on hands, reflecting on AP career

**Hal Bock** ([Email](#)) - With time on my hands (there is just so much TV I can watch and books I can read), I got to thinking the other day how lucky I was to spend my career with The Associated Press. As a kid, I fell in love with sports and dreamed of a career writing about it. The AP gave me that opportunity.

I had a front row seat to some iconic moments, covering 30 World Series and 30 Super Bowls as well as a fistful of other major events from golf to tennis to boxing to basketball to hockey. I covered so many memorable events from a front row, center seat because I was working for the world's largest news gathering organization. So I saw Carlton Fisk's home run in Game Six of the 1975 World Series and Reggie Jackson's three home runs in the Series two years later. And I saw the Miracle on Ice in Lake Placid and Muhammad Ali's last fight in the Bahamas. I heard the roar of race cars at the Indianapolis 500 and the utter silence at the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga.

I also had some interesting adventures like phoning in a bulletin baseball's on first free agent draft from the ladies powder room at Manhattan's posh Plaza Hotel (it was the only available phone in the pre-cell phone days) and being the last writer at a Stanley Cup hockey game and therefore locked in the Montreal Forum (I used my high school and college French to get a night watchman unlock a freight entrance so I could get out).

One adventure after another over 40 years. I think about them often and enjoy the memories.

## Reflections on 37 years in journalism and mass communications at K-State



**Gloria Freeland - at far right, with students.**

**Gloria Freeland ( [Email](#) )** - I had no idea at the beginning of the spring 2020 semester that I would be spending the last half of it working from home. At first, it didn't seem like a huge burden. But I soon discovered I miss daily interactions with colleagues and friends across the Kansas State University campus.

It wasn't the way I expected my last semester of my 37-year career at K-State to end. Perhaps it's been a gentle way of easing me out of a place that has been my home-away-from-home for so long.

I began working for K-State in August 1983, serving a dual appointment with what was then Student Publications Inc. and the journalism and mass communications department. I turned 30 a month later, making me just a few years older than the students I supervised on the Collegian advertising staff and those I taught in News and Feature Writing and Ad Sales.

Over the years, I've taught other classes, and I've coordinated the internship program since 2003. I haven't actually counted the students I've taught during my three-plus decades, but it would probably number around 3,000.

Some wrote glowing reviews on my evaluations, saying such things as "Gloria is my favorite professor at K-State." Others were blunt, if not exactly helpful: "This class blows!" I framed the two contrasting evaluations and put them on my office bookcase as a reminder that you can't please everyone.

When I began at K-State, we were still using typewriters — some electric and some not — in our labs. Now, most students have their own laptops, and they're able to "plug and play" in our computer labs, letting them take full advantage of editing software and programs that are suited to a multi-monitor interface.

We used to expect our students to specialize in print, broadcast, public relations or advertising. Now, they should know how to "do it all" — write for print, online and broadcast; take photos and shoot video; do audio clips; analyze data; and post to social media.

But while the technology has changed, doing good research and telling clear, accurate, interesting stories are still crucial skills. Curiosity, compassion, common sense and persistence also go a long way in determining whether someone will be successful.

I've always felt lucky to have a job where I could "re-invent myself" every semester. I taught the same classes for many years, but I always added new elements, primarily by assigning writing projects related to local history topics, such as World War II, Kansas rural schools, the many trails crisscrossing the state, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Manhattan, and "lost towns" of Clay County, Kansas. Many were published in area newspapers or featured on radio programs.

Since 1998, I've also been director of the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media, for which I organized annual lectures and workshops and conducted research and wrote papers related to community media in Greensburg, Humboldt and Emporia.

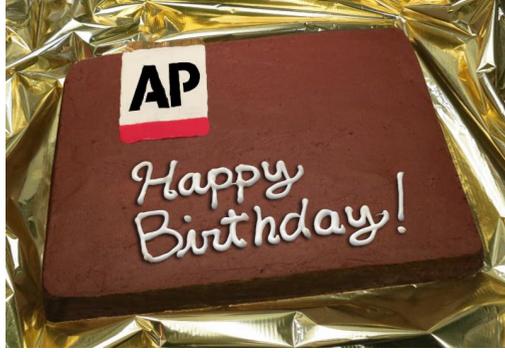
Since 2001, I've written a weekly online column, "Kansas Snapshots" — a snapshot look at the people, places and events that have had and continue to have an effect on my personal life.

K-State was my home even before I started working as a faculty member. I graduated in journalism in 1975 and received my master's in business administration in 1983. In between, I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador for two years, a reporter/co-manager of a twice-weekly English-language newspaper in San Jose, Costa Rica, and a reporter on several Kansas weeklies.

I've had a great career in journalism education, and I appreciate all the people around the world who have made a difference in my life.

Now here I go — "Zooming" into retirement through the teleconferencing app we've all become so accustomed to. I hope we can see each other face-to-face soon.

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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**Today in History - May 07, 2020**



## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 7, the 128th day of 2020. There are 238 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1789, America's first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington, who had taken the oath of office a week earlier.

### On this date:

In 1889, the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore opened its doors.

In 1915, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 [-] the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1946, Sony Corp. had its beginnings as the Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corp. was founded in the Japanese capital by Akio Morita and Masaru Ibuka.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the “Vietnam era.” In Ho Chi Minh City [–] formerly Saigon [–] the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1992, the latest addition to America’s space shuttle fleet, Endeavour, went on its first flight.

In 1998, the parent company of Mercedes-Benz agreed to buy Chrysler Corp. for more than \$37 billion. Londoners voted overwhelmingly to elect their own mayor for the first time in history. (In May 2000, Ken Livingstone was elected.)

In 2004, Army Pfc. Lynndie England, shown in photographs smiling and pointing at naked Iraqi prisoners, was charged by the military with assaulting the detainees and conspiring to mistreat them. (England was later convicted of conspiracy, mistreating detainees and committing an indecent act, and sentenced to 36 months; she served half that term.)

Ten years ago: A BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault onto the ruptured Deepwater Horizon well in an unprecedented, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea. Before a record hockey crowd of 77,803, the United States lost to host Germany 2-1 in the opening game of the world ice hockey championships. Dave Fisher, lead singer of the 1960s folk group the Highwaymen, died in Rye, New York, at age 69.

Five years ago: After years of sharing power, British Prime Minister David Cameron pulled off an unexpected election triumph that gave the Conservative leader a second term with an outright parliamentary majority. A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled that the National Security Agency’s bulk collection of millions of Americans’ phone records was illegal. Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career

home run list, connecting for No. 661 and helping the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3.

One year ago: Two gunmen opened fire inside a charter school in a Denver suburb not far from Columbine High School, killing a student, 18-year-old Kendrick Castillo, who authorities said had charged at the shooters to protect classmates; two students at the school were charged in the attack. (A 16-year-old, Alec McKinney, pleaded guilty to 17 felonies and awaits sentencing; 19-year-old Devon Erickson pleaded not guilty to the same charges.) FBI Director Chris Wray told a Senate panel that he had no evidence that the FBI had illegally monitored President Donald Trump's campaign during the 2016 election. Two Reuters journalists who'd been imprisoned in Myanmar for reporting on the military's abuses of Rohingya Muslims were freed in a mass presidential pardon. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law one of the nation's most restrictive abortion laws, a measure that banned the procedure once a fetal heartbeat is detected. (A federal judge later blocked the law from taking effect.)

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Houston is 77. Actress Robin Strasser is 75. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 74. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 74. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert is 73. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 70. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 68. Actor Michael E. Knight is 61. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 59. Country musician Rick Schell is 57. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 55. Actress Traci Lords is 52. Actor Morocco Omari is 50. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 49. Actor Breckin Meyer is 46. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 34. Actress-comedian Aidy Bryant is 33. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 29. Actor Alexander Ludwig is 28. Actress Dylan Gelula is 26.

**Thought for Today: "There are those who believe something, and therefore will tolerate nothing; and on the other hand, those who tolerate everything, because they believe nothing." [-] Robert Browning, English poet (born this date in 1812; died in 1889).**

## 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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