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Bob O'Meara shown with an example of his artwork in 2017. This is a watercolor titled "Wash Day" which features blowing sheets at a farm house he drove by once and then

Painted from memory. Photo/Rick Wood, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 14th day of July 2020,

Today, the man I believe is our oldest Connecting colleague, **Bob O'Meara**, begins his second day as a 98 year old.

Please join me in wishing him a very Happy 98th – you can send your birthday greeting to Bob at - reomea@hotmail.com Ye Olde Connecting Editor somehow missed including him in Monday's Birthday list and was gently reminded by Bob that it was his 98th, and that "all is well." I apologize for the omission.

Bob, who lives in Milwaukee, is a 1948 journalism graduate of the University of Wisconsin who worked for The Associated Press as a writer, reporter and editor for 39 years before retiring in 1987. He has pursued art as his second career and the photo above came from a retrospective of his artwork at the Milwaukee Catholic Home Residence in 2017.

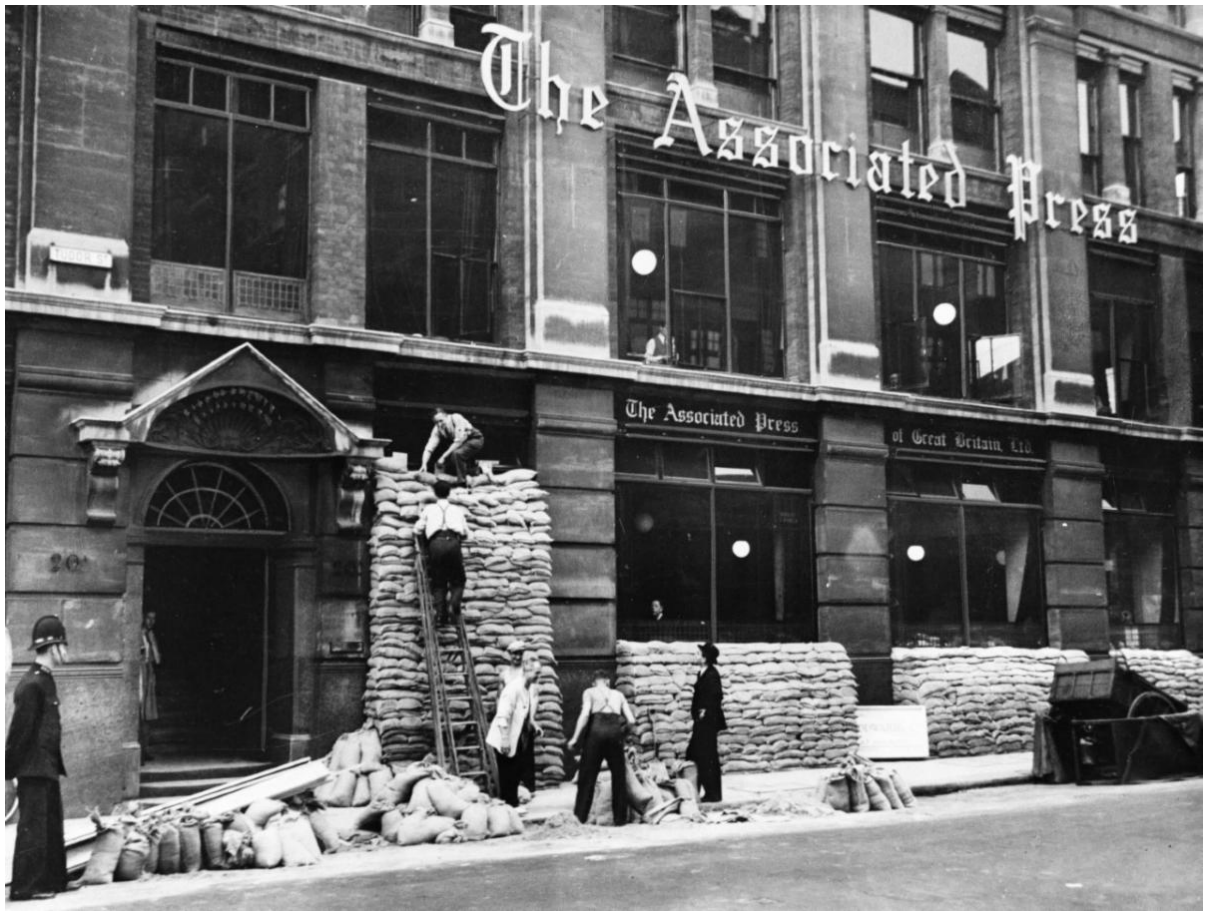
We lead today's issue with some great AP images from the Battle of Britain, which began 80 years ago – July 10, 1940 – and continued to October 31, 1940. Our colleague **Francesca Pitaro** assembled the package.

And we bring you more stories from our popular series that asks: How long have you been with your partner. Or how long had you been if she or he is gone? An AP tie to meeting her or him?

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

The Battle of Britain and the Blitz



London bureau, 1940



A housewife and her baby bring her contribution of pots and pans in a pram to Chelsea Town Hall, London, Oct. 7, 1940 after Lord Beaverbrook made an appeal to the women of Britain to give their aluminum pot and pans to be converted into Spitfires and Hurricanes. (AP Photo)



"Newsmen in the "Army" Now. Members of the AP London staff have their own air raid protection squad and here they are shown going through their first full dress parade on May 16, 1940 on the roof of the Associated Press building. They are, left to right, I. A. Milligan, C. Michaels, K. C. Boxall, L. I. Jones, G. Selkirk and G. Angus. (AP Photo)

By Francesca Pitaro ([Email](#))

From July 10 to October 31, 1940, the Battle of Britain raged in the air as the Royal Air Force defended Britain from relentless attacks by the Luftwaffe (Nazi Germany's air force) during World War II. In an effort to force Britain to sign a negotiated peace, the Nazi attacks continued through that year, culminating in nighttime bombings of London, known as the Blitz.

Read and view more [here](#) .

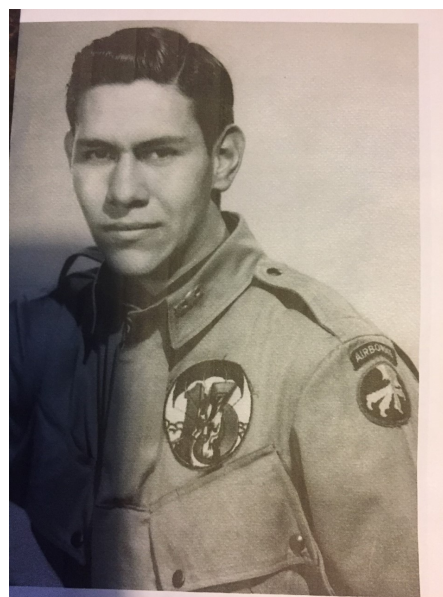
Connecting mailbox

Fascinating story of Bob and Steve Wilson

Dennis Anderson ([Email](#)) - Reading about Bob and Steve Wilson (in Monday's Connecting) was fascinating. I think I was in Los Angeles AP when Steve Wilson was in India getting skyjacked by the Sikh extremists.

Resurrecting his dad's, Robert C. Wilson's clipping, the events of March 24, 1945, et al, was stirring. It became clear to me quickly that Robert "Bob" Wilson embedded as part of Operation Varsity, the largest and last mass airborne operation - parachute mass drop and gliderborne infantry, of World War II. It opened the door to ending the war in Europe. The operation involved the American 17th Airborne Div., and the British 6th Airborne Div., whose troops Bob Wilson rallied with after getting shot out of a parachute drop aircraft. At 29 he was about the average age of an airborne infantry captain. I can see why he used ground and seaborne transport going forward.

That they fought their way to friendly lines was remarkable. This touched my "sweet spot" because I was an Army paratrooper in Cold War Europe, and I journal a lot about brother paratroopers. One of vet buddies I have written about is 95-year-old Adolph Martinez (photo at right) who was part of the 17th Airborne Div. Unlike the better known 101st Airborne and 82nd Airborne Div., it was de-activated at war's end. The 17th were called "The Golden Talon," but Operation Varsity was their swan song, but it was a triumph. They and the Brits succeeded, with high casualties - thousands wounded and killed and MIA, they cleared the way to hook up with the Red Army at the Elbe soon after.



Adolph Martinez, a friend and neighbor, couldn't jump in Operation Varsity because he was taken POW at Battle of the Bulge, and sent far behind the lines near Dresden. He was sent there soon after the firebombing of Dresden to clear rubble. Martinez notes that German captors were amused his name was "Adolph." Instead of clearing rubble, Martinez and his paratrooper buddy, Pete Rogel, escaped and evaded until linking up with American troops fighting their way into Germany. Rescued by a tank commander in a Sherman, they were hooked up with a New York Times reporter who got their story - as vivid as Robert C. Wilson's account. He told them, "Where are you from?" Martinez responded Tujunga, California. The writer told him, "Well, your folks will be reading about you and know you're alive."

That also happened. His father read about his son's escape and survival on the front page, I think of the Los Angeles Herald-Express - probably an Associated Press "up pick." In the Iraq War I embedded in 2003-04 with 4th Infantry Div. in an attached National Guard unit and understand how important these "hometown" dispatches were, naming the soldiers you rolled with, and letting their folks know their status so far as you knew.

I love the life-partner "how did we meet" and survive a life in the news as marrieds together.

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License and registration, please

Ric Brack ([Email](#)) - Terry Petty's cycling jersey yarn (in Monday's Connecting) reminded me of an encounter I had with one of Philly's finest in the mid-aughts while headed back to New Jersey after dinner at a friend's home. Pulled over upon missing an overgrowth-obscured stop sign on a dark intersection, the fine officer requested license, registration and proof of insurance. One or two of those carried the name of The Associated Press, and his perusal of the documents led to this exchange: "You work for The Associated Press?" he asked. "Yes, sir," I replied, bracing for whatever tongue lashing might follow. "The press is the only thing that's working in this country," he said, handing back my paperwork. "Drive safely."

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First-class storytelling in "The Last Reporter ... "

Cecilia White ([Email](#)) - You know the feeling ... those times when you're reading a story so well crafted that certain phrases actually cause you to pause and savour the beauty of the written word? Well, I had several of those exquisite moments while reading The New York Times' Dan Barry article, "The Last Reporter in Town Who Had One Big Question for His Rich Boss," in today's (7/13/20) "Connecting." Barry's compelling profile of Evan Brandt, the tenacious last reporter of the once proud "Mercury" newspaper in Pottstown, Pa., is a priceless read. It lingers Evan Brandt is proof-positive: not all heroes wear capes.

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Connecting sky shot – Sarasota



George Arfield ([Email](#)) - Gulf Coast sundown, Laurel Beach (Sarasota FL), Saturday, July 11.

Connecting series:
Oh, the places you'll go - with that special person you met

Paul and Sharon...



Paul Albright ([Email](#)) - I was unconscious when my future wife met me. That was in 1963 when I took sick leave from the AP's Cheyenne, WY, bureau to repair a hernia sustained when a softball whacked me in the groin many years earlier when I was a teenager.

I admit that when I entered Mercy Hospital in Denver I had in the back of my mind to check out the nurses for possible dates. Following surgery and a bad reaction to the anesthesia, one of my nurses, Sharon Flanagan, caught my eye. She told me she was on duty when I came back from the operating room and had grabbed me by the ankles to help move me from the gurney to my bed.

Sharon and I got better acquainted as I recuperated, but I didn't have the nerve to ask her for her telephone number. When I saw her walk out the door after her shift on my final day at the hospital, I decided I needed to make my move. I approached the nurse's station and asked if I could have Sharon's phone number. The nurse on duty sensed what I had in mind, smiled, and gave me the number, something that HIPAA would forbid today.

We began dating and I put a lot of miles on my car in the next year commuting from Cheyenne to Denver (gasoline around 25 cents per gallon). We married in 1964, moved from Cheyenne to the AP bureaus in Albuquerque, Bismarck, and back to Cheyenne, reared three children, settled and retired in Boulder, Colorado, and celebrated 56 years of marriage this spring.



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Tim and Kathy...



The above shows our first well-chaperoned date. I am on the far left and Tim is third from right. I am three and he is five.

Kathy Curran ([Email](#)) - Our story goes back a generation. Bear with me. When Tim's parents were dating, they fixed up another couple, a woman who taught with his mom with one of his dad's childhood buddies. Both couples married in the fall of 1939. The teacher friend of Tim's mom was my mom's sister, and my mom was her sister's wedding attendant. The childhood friend of Tim's dad was also a friend of my dad's and my dad was his best man. So my parents met at the wedding of my aunt and uncle, the couple fixed up by Tim's parents. Actually all three men grew up in the same town, so knew each other. My parents married a year later. I can't really say Tim's parents fixed up mine, but indirectly they were responsible.



Since our parents were friends and we lived in the same small town in Wisconsin, Tim and I grew up always knowing of each other. He was a few years older and a townie, so I didn't know him that well. But when I was a freshman in high school and Tim was a senior, he had to part with a beloved cat. Though it had been named Elvis, the cat delivered three kittens, Midget, Digit, and Bridget. Four cats were too many for their home in the city and Tim's mom asked my mom if the cats could come to live with us in the country.

Tim's ongoing interest in how those cats were doing made us friends that year. Then he went off to college and lead his busy college life while I had high school to live. In the following years we would run into each other during breaks from school. We found there was a lot more to talk about than the cats and we began dating when he was out of college and I was halfway through. My dad, who was pretty particular about who his five daughters were dating, had no problem with my choice. He told me before we married that Frank Curran, Tim's dad, was the nicest man he had ever known and I could see he thought Tim had those same qualities.

We married February 10, 1968, two months after Tim began work with the AP in Milwaukee. I had just moved to Milwaukee to start a new job as well. We had no time off yet so both returned to work on the Monday after the wedding. The rest of our life was the honeymoon.

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Hal and Donna...



Hal Spencer ([Email](#)) - I was bumming around Mexico in January, 1970, when my future wife (the ideal AP spouse as it turned out) approached and asked, "Americano?"

"Si," said I, and so it began.

On winter break from SUNY Buffalo, Donna Ganzman and two friends hitchhiked south to land on a Veracruz beach. They had \$100 between them and Donna wanted to know if I knew of a cheap hotel. I did. In fact, it was a motel called the Hotel California.



A week of beer and sunburn followed (mostly on my dime) and then Donna and friends caught a bus to Matamoros and a hitchhike home, and I was left bereft.

It was my turn to head north by bus, train, and from El Paso by thumb, arriving in Buffalo in January. Now that's love.

Before long we were married and living in Salt Lake City. She won a master's degree in Educational Psychology as I worked, first at the Deseret News and then the Salt Lake Tribune.

In January 1980, Mike Short hired me to work at the Providence Bureau, and Donna, with baby Grace, joined me later.

It was there that our son, Sam, came along.

In 1982, we lit out for Juneau, Alaska, where I was the correspondent. One evening I was in the bathtub when Donna barged in with the phone. "It's Keith Fuller," she mouthed. She handed me the phone and a hearty voice asked if I'd be willing to be the Anchorage bureau chief. (If I'd get up there and "batten down the hatches," he'd send me anywhere I wanted in a few years. Then he retired.)

So to Anchorage we went, Donna holding down the home front, which included the daily grind of caring for Sam, who was born with severe autism.

Two years in, I jumped from AP to the Anchorage Daily News, but after a few years, Seattle COB Tom Slaughter hired me to the Olympia, WA bureau, where I remained for the rest of my AP career.

I asked Donna more than once over the years if all the moves and all the work it entailed was fair to her. Every time she said yes. Like me, she enjoyed it. We were two restless soulmates who met on a Mexican Beach.

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Paul and Linda...



Paul Stevens ([Email](#)) - Working part-time in sports for my hometown newspaper, my assignment seemed simple enough - cover a girls high school basketball game.

I was dating a nursing student, Linda Saul, at the time. We were students at the local community college when we met in Student Senate and I invited her to join me. How lucky for me that she did!

This was Fort Dodge, Iowa, in the mid 1960s, and Iowa girls prep teams played Six On Six basketball.

I was confused when the clock started. Why are there six players on the court for each team instead of five? Why does one team have three girls on one side of the midcourt line who only play defense and three on the other side who only play offense? Why were they limited to just three dribbles?

Obviously, my preparation for The Messenger assignment from Sports Editor Bob Brown was sadly lacking. I knew only boys' rules.

Linda, a nursing student who liked sports and grew up in Kansas where Six On Six was also popular in the high schools, talked me through the rules and I managed a serviceable story for the next day's paper.

That was the start of our teamwork that I've been blessed to share with her through 52 years of marriage that's produced three kids, four grandkids and 10 moves with the Air Force, grad school and a 36-year AP career that landed us in Kansas City in 1984.

Through those 52 years, she's had three careers - hospital nurse, stay at home mom and health care executive for a major insurance company. Five actually - as adviser and counsel through my AP career and as co-editor of the Connecting newsletter, where I get to share her with you!

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Michael and Tia...



Michael Weinfeld ([Email](#)) - I met my wife Tia Mayer on a blind date in 1975.

I was a reporter/anchor at WINY in Putnam, Ct., a tiny town in Northeastern Connecticut that residents joked had more cows than people. I never thought it would be a place where I'd meet my future wife. A woman who worked at the radio station was among

several people living with Tia. She set us up just before Thanksgiving. (My news director at WINY was future AP-er David Melendy). Two years later, we were married at her parents' house in Woodstock, Connecticut. One of our wedding gifts was a book of AP news photos.



In 1979, we moved to the other end of the state, where I took a job as news director of WMMM-AM/WDJF-FM in Westport. We couldn't afford to live in that exclusive town, so we found an apartment in Bridgeport. Our daughter, Anikka, was born a year after that.

In 1981, I got a writer's job at AP Broadcast in NYC and started commuting by train. Two different apartments where we were living in Bridgeport were broken into, so Tia and I jumped at the chance to move to the Washington, DC area when the Broadcast division merged with AP Radio in 1983. We built our first house in Herndon, VA, where Tia started an interior landscaping company, The Plant People and became a Master Gardener while I commuted into DC. The Plant People survived two recessions and a mysterious illness that sidelined Tia for three years. She sold the company after 25 years to take care of her ailing mother,

I retired from the AP in 2014 and two years later Tia and I left the only house we'd ever lived in to move to Monument, Colorado, where we built our second house at the base of a mountain and next to a lake where I kayak every week. We're only 20 minutes away from our daughter Anikka, her husband, Arno, and our first grandchild, Kalen, who's now two. Tia's now a Master Gardener for Colorado and I'm involved in our local monthly paper, "Our Community News," the only all-volunteer newspaper in the country.

Tia and I will be celebrating our 43rd wedding anniversary this October.

Here are photos of Tia when we first met and from last fall in Colorado.

Our Focus on 63106



Before Ferguson Beyond Ferguson, a nonprofit racial equity project, is telling the story of families dealing with the pandemic while living in the 63106 zip code of St. Louis City. The zip code includes some of the area's most impoverished neighborhoods, with greater risk from the Covid virus and limited access to healthcare.

I am Richard Weiss ([Email](#)), a grizzled, 68-year-old journalist, who worked 30 years at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Since 2005 I have been on my own as an editor and writer, focusing most of the time on social justice issues. A few years ago, I created an enterprise, now a non-profit, called Before Ferguson Beyond Ferguson, a racial equity storytelling project. Our mission is to tell the story of local African-American families that have struggled over generations in our town to gain their purchase on the American Dream. These were long-form stories researched, written, photographed, and video-recorded under my supervision with a diverse team of more than a dozen professionals, and now we number more than 20.

The stories were aimed at creating a culture of understanding and empathy in our community that would support the racial equity recommendations of the Ferguson Commission. We felt fortunate and gratified when mainstream media outlets including the Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Public Radio, KTRS-AM, St. Louis Magazine and the St. Louis American reproduced and promoted these stories in one form or another for their audiences.

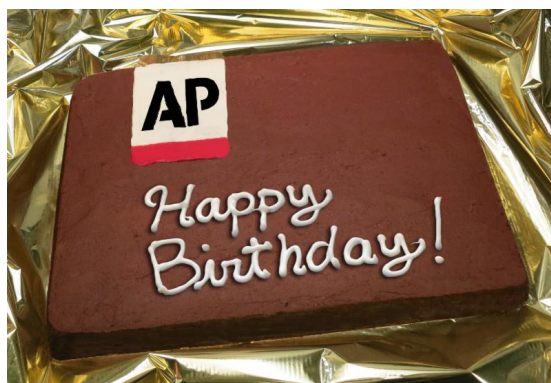
Then late this past winter the pandemic came along and I knew we had to at once switch

gears with our project and put it into overdrive. Accordingly, we created the 63106 Project, with a focus on families living in neighborhoods identified as having the most problematic social determinants of health. Many in our town are familiar with the For Sake of All Report, produced by academicians and researchers at Saint Louis University and Washington University's Brown School of Social Work. So much excellent research and data crunching went into that report, but there was one number that stood out in particular. A child born in 63106 in 2010 had a life expectancy of 67; a child born in 63105, just six miles away, one digit removed, could expect to live to age 85. An 18-year differential.



Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

The View From Here: White with a capital 'W' (Portland ME Press Herald)

BY GREG KESICH

If a reporter wants to know whether “statewide” or “health care” is one word or two, they look it up in the spiral-bound stylebook published by the Associated Press.

It's the industry standard for news writing, and AP members, like this newspaper, stick to AP style so our usage is consistent, whether it's an international story we pulled off the wire or a local one we produced ourselves.

Some readers have noticed a small but significant change in our style recently. We now capitalize the word "Black" when referring to people in an ethnic, racial or cultural context. That's because the AP announced June 19 that it was changing its style, after a long debate and advocacy by organizations including the National Association of Black Journalists. (The AP will now also capitalize "Indigenous.")

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Lee Mitgang.

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ESPN Employees Say Racism Endures Behind the Camera (New York Times)

By Kevin Draper

The nationwide conversation over systemic racism and equality has prompted a series of discussions and forums at ESPN, where Black employees, many of them behind the cameras, have begun speaking out about the everyday racism and barriers they face at the sports media giant.

In conference calls and meetings over the last month, they have detailed to their bosses and colleagues what they see as behavior and long-entrenched practices that have led to embarrassing missteps and kept many career Black employees from rising through the ranks at a company that devotes a significant amount of its coverage to Black athletes.

A key producer of some of ESPN's signature shows said she watched others be promoted so often that she advised some fellow Black employees to leave the company to advance their careers.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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Moscow police detain people protesting ex-reporter's jailing

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) — Moscow police on Monday detained more than a dozen journalists protesting the arrest and jailing of a former colleague on treason charges.

Police quickly rounded up the reporters who attempted to picket outside the Lefortovo pretrial detention facility where Ivan Safronov has been held since his arrest last Tuesday.

Safronov worked for a decade as a reporter covering military issues before becoming an adviser to the head of the Russian state space corporation Roscosmos. He is accused of cooperating with Czech intelligence, allegations he has denied.

Safronov's lawyers said last week that the Federal Security Service (FSB) accused Safronov of passing sensitive information to Czech intelligence about Russian arms sales to the Middle East and Africa in 2017, when he worked as a correspondent for top Russian business newspaper Kommersant.

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

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EXCLUSIVE: Kodak paper business to China (Inside Imaging)

UPDATED July 8: An announcement of the proposed sale of the Kodak paper and chemistry business — 'Paper, Photochemicals, Display and Software' — to Chinese corporation Sino Promise Holdings, was made internally on July 7 according to a Kodak Alaris insider. Inside Imaging can confirm that announcement.

Sino Promise describes itself as 'the largest distributor of Kodak Alaris in the world'. It supplies 8000 Kodak-supporting retailers in Asia Pacific and Russia. Since 2015, it has also manufactured photochemicals and finished Kodak silver halide photographic paper and dye-sub paper in its factory in Xiamen, for export to the Asia Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand.

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

Today in History - July 14, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 14, the 196th day of 2020. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 2016, terror struck Bastille Day celebrations in the French Riviera city of Nice (nees) as a large truck plowed into a festive crowd, killing 86 people in an attack claimed by Islamic State extremists; the driver was shot dead by police.

On this date:

In 1789, in an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1865, the Matterhorn, straddling Italy and Switzerland, was summited as a seven-member rope party led by British climber Edward Whymper reached the peak. (Four members of the party fell to their deaths during their descent; Whymper and two guides survived.)

In 1914, scientist Robert H. Goddard received a U.S. patent for a liquid-fueled rocket apparatus.

In 1921, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco (SAH'-koh) and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were convicted in Dedham, Massachusetts, of murdering a shoe company paymaster and his guard. (Sacco and Vanzetti were executed six years later.)

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1960, British researcher Jane Goodall arrived at the Gombe (GAHM'-bay) Stream Reserve in the Tanganyika Territory (in present-day Tanzania) to begin her famous study of chimpanzees in the wild.

In 1980, the Republican national convention opened in Detroit, where nominee-apparent Ronald Reagan told a welcoming rally he and his supporters were determined to "make America great again."

In 2004, the Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. (Forty-eight senators voted to advance the measure — 12 short of the 60 needed — and 50 voted to block it).

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff arrived at the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina to begin serving a 150-year sentence for his massive Ponzi scheme.

In 2013, thousands of demonstrators across the country protested a Florida jury's decision the day before to clear George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

In 2014, the Church of England voted overwhelmingly in favor of allowing women to become bishops.

Ten years ago: An Iranian nuclear scientist who'd disappeared a year earlier headed back to Tehran, telling Iranian state media that he'd been abducted by CIA agents. (The U.S. said Shahram Amiri was a willing defector who'd changed his mind.)

Five years ago: World powers and Iran struck a deal to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from international sanctions. President Barack Obama laid out an expansive vision for fixing America's criminal justice system in a speech to the NAACP's annual convention in Philadelphia. NASA's New Horizons spacecraft got humanity's first up-close look at Pluto, sending word of its triumphant flyby across 3 billion miles to scientists waiting breathlessly back home. Mike Trout became the first player in 38 years to lead off the All-Star Game with a home run, and the American League beat the National League 6-3. Veteran television journalist Marlene Sanders, 84, died in New York.

One year ago: Injecting race into his criticism of liberal Democrats, President Donald Trump tweeted that four congresswomen of color should go back to the "broken and crime infested" countries they came from; all of the women were American citizens, and three were born in the U.S. Novak Djokovic won his fifth Wimbledon title, and his second in a row, beating Roger Federer in a fifth-set tiebreaker. Former boxer Pernell Whitaker, a four-division champion, died at the age of 55 after being hit by a car in Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nancy Olson is 92. Former football player and actor Rosey Grier is 88. Actor Vincent Pastore is 74. Music company executive Tommy Mottola

(muh-TOH'-luh) is 72. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 68. Actor Jerry Houser is 68. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 68. Actor Stan Shaw is 68. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 62. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 60. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 60. Actress Jane Lynch is 60. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 59. Actor Matthew Fox is 54. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 54. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donnelly is 54. Former child actress Missy Gold is 50. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 45. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 45. Hip-hop musician "taboo" (Black Eyed Peas) is 45. Actor Scott Porter is 41. Actress Phoebe Waller-Bridge is 35. Rock singer Dan Smith (Bastille) is 34. Actress Sara Canning (TV: "The Vampire Diaries") is 33. Rock singer Dan Reynolds (Imagine Dragons) is 33.

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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