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Good Friday morning on this the 27th day of November 2020,

I've known **Patrick Kelley** ([Email](#)) since we first met some 35 years ago in the newsroom of The Emporia Gazette – one of the nation's most famous small-town dailies and home of William Allen White – after I became AP's Kansas City chief of bureau.

We're both retired now and have stayed in touch. He's a Connecting colleague who unfortunately suffered a stroke this past Monday morning, went to the ER and was transferred to the neurology ICU at KU Med. He's back home in Emporia now where shortly after arrival, "seized with a need to communicate," he said, "I grabbed my phone and tried to make sense of it all in a short poem. Poetry is good for that."

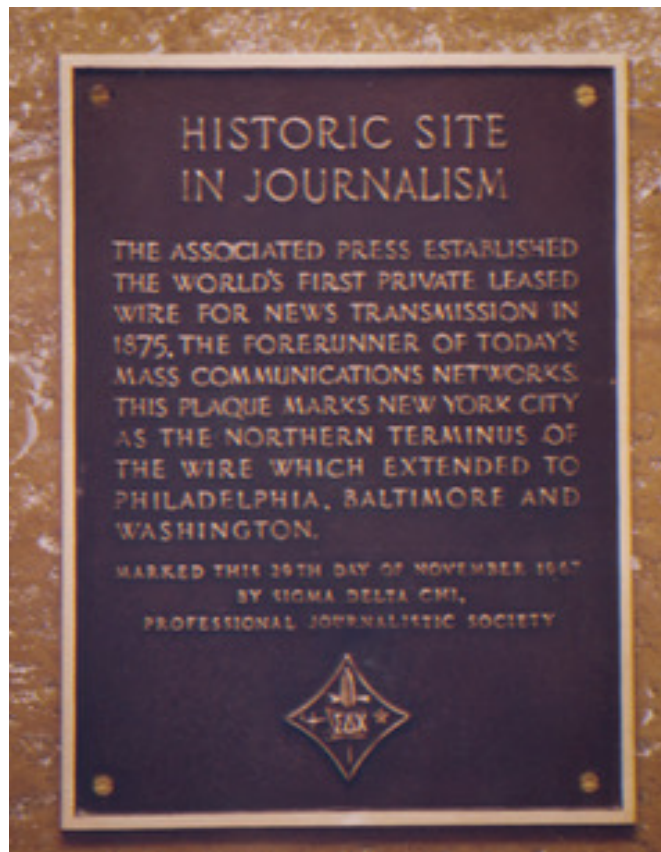


It's what journalists do – and I thought I would share his remarkable poem with you today as we wish him a full recovery.

Stroke

The left hand is fine,
The right not so much,
Refusing to clench or grasp
Or insult rudely.
But still I have the left
And it suffices.
And my face has lost
Its wonted symmetry,
Running downhill
From left to drooling right.
No more sunny smiles,
Only a wry regard.
Am I redesigned
For newer times?
Could be.
Strong arms and legs to carry
The dismissive hand,
The skeptical eye.

GIVING THANKS: Frank Daniels Jr. ([Email](#)) - I am thankful for having had the privilege of serving on the AP board for 14 years (1983-97) and enjoyed being chairman for the last five of those years, when nothing went bad, at least as I remember it. I was privileged to work with Lou Boccardi, then president of the AP, and we are good friends who continue to stay in touch to this day.



WHERE'S THE PLAQUE? This plaque was presented to The Associated Press in 1967 by Sigma Delta Chi, designating AP (with headquarters then at 50 Rockefeller Plaza) to be a Historic Site in Journalism. AP headquarters has moved twice since, and we're not sure if that plaque remains in the lobby of the 50 Rockefeller Plaza building. If you're in the area, how about checking it out and if you see it, snap a photo and send it along.

Hope yours was a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Have a great weekend - be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

Simon Haydon, ex-AP international sports editor, dies at 64



By ROB HARRIS

LONDON (AP) — Simon Haydon, who shaped The Associated Press' coverage of World Cups and Olympics as international sports editor and reported on landmark news events while traveling the world as a correspondent, including the downfall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, has died. He was 64.

Haydon had recently been diagnosed with cancer and contracted the coronavirus last week. He died early Tuesday in a hospice in southern England, according to his wife, Barbara.

Haydon left the AP in 2018 after a decade based in London overseeing global sports coverage, retiring to further his recovery from a heart attack and to pursue interests outside journalism.

“Simon never forgot that covering sports is supposed to be fun. He was at his happiest at global tournaments and big events, always willing to help on whatever was needed,” said Michael Giarrusso, the AP's global sports editor. “He could conduct interviews in several different languages, and he had a deep knowledge of European football history and cricket.”

Despite stepping back from journalism after four decades, Haydon did not lose touch with writing or sports -- particularly soccer, or football as he pushed for the American-based AP to call the world's most popular sport.

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

Connecting series:

A look at your home office



Chris Sullivan ([Email](#)) - If you let me bend the rules of the home office series a bit, this does NOT show either the office itself or me in it, but it does show the window that my desk looks out of and one of my intermittent office visitors here in the mountains about an hour north of Atlanta. (These black bears are nosy but almost always harmless.)

A blog from the past

Larry Thorson (Email) - I'm responding here to your query about blogging. I was the sole operator of a blog for the Miami-Dade County Democratic Party for a couple years about 10 years ago. It was not a brilliant thing and didn't attract much attention, but then I didn't work real hard at it and couldn't attract any other writers. If anyone cares to sample it, here's a [link](#) to a scrap I found online.

Darn Internet -- the stuff never dies.

My AP career started 50 years ago in Philadelphia, followed by New York, Tel Aviv, London, Tokyo and Berlin over a span of 25 years. Now I've been retired for 25 years and am glad to have learned how to sail. Also grateful for life-saving surgery that has kept me going reasonably well just past my 80th birthday.

Before the lights went out on Broadway



Actress and playwright Mae West appears in her Broadway show "Diamond Lil" at the Royale Theatre in New York City in 1928. The actor in center, who plays a singing waiter, is Frank Wallace. (AP Photo)

AP Images Blog

Broadway theaters were shuttered on March 12th, 2020 in the midst of the corona virus outbreak. As of October 20th, the Broadway League, which represents theater

producers, has pushed the opening date to the end of May 2021.

Until then, theater fans can scroll through 90 years of AP's Broadway images.

Read and view more [here](#). Shared by Francesca Pitaro.

Connecting mailbox

My mom taught me to be honest, fair and kind to everyone



AP retiree Diana Heidgerd with her mother, Ann Jensen, in a December 2019 selfie taken at a nursing home in South Dakota, the last time they visited in-person before the deadly pandemic.

Diana Heidgerd ([Email](#)) - I'm thankful for the 63 years that I had with my beloved mother, Ann Jensen.

My mom, whose parents were Greek immigrants, died in October at age 91 at a nursing home in South Dakota. She sadly became one of the more than 800 people in my home state who succumbed to COVID-19.

The woman known to family and close friends as "Anzo" taught me to be honest, fair and most important -- be kind to everyone. She encouraged my work as a journalist. She inspired my personal faith. She was an adoring mother, grandmother and great-grandma.

She loved black olives.

I wish that I had learned to speak Greek from her while growing up. I'm thankful that she called me "Honey" and that I phoned her every day, while driving home from work, during the last few years of her life.

I've already shared my pandemic-related grief with a number of AP friends. Thanks for your condolences & prayers.

My message to all remains the same: Please wear a mask. Social distance. Keep your loved ones close to your heart, even from afar.

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The rising Dow

Bill McCloskey ([Email](#)) - With the Dow Jones Industrial average hitting 30,000 (a week ago) Thursday, I am reminded of crowding around a Quotron ticker in the office of AP Radio business editor Alan Schaertel on Nov. 14, 1972, watching its little strip of paper appear with the momentous news that the Dow had crossed 1,000. It took the Dow 76 years to hit that high.

How's that for a random memory?

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Delivering 'The Daily Warren'



Tim Marsh (Email) - Two pages of art work show a bicycling bunny delivering/throwing/delivering an issue of “The Daily Warren” newspaper in this ‘NY Times’ best-selling children’s book, [Good Day, Good Night](#).

The book — especially those two pages — story by Margaret Wise Brown/Pictures by Loren Long) — ought to be mentioned in AP Connecting.

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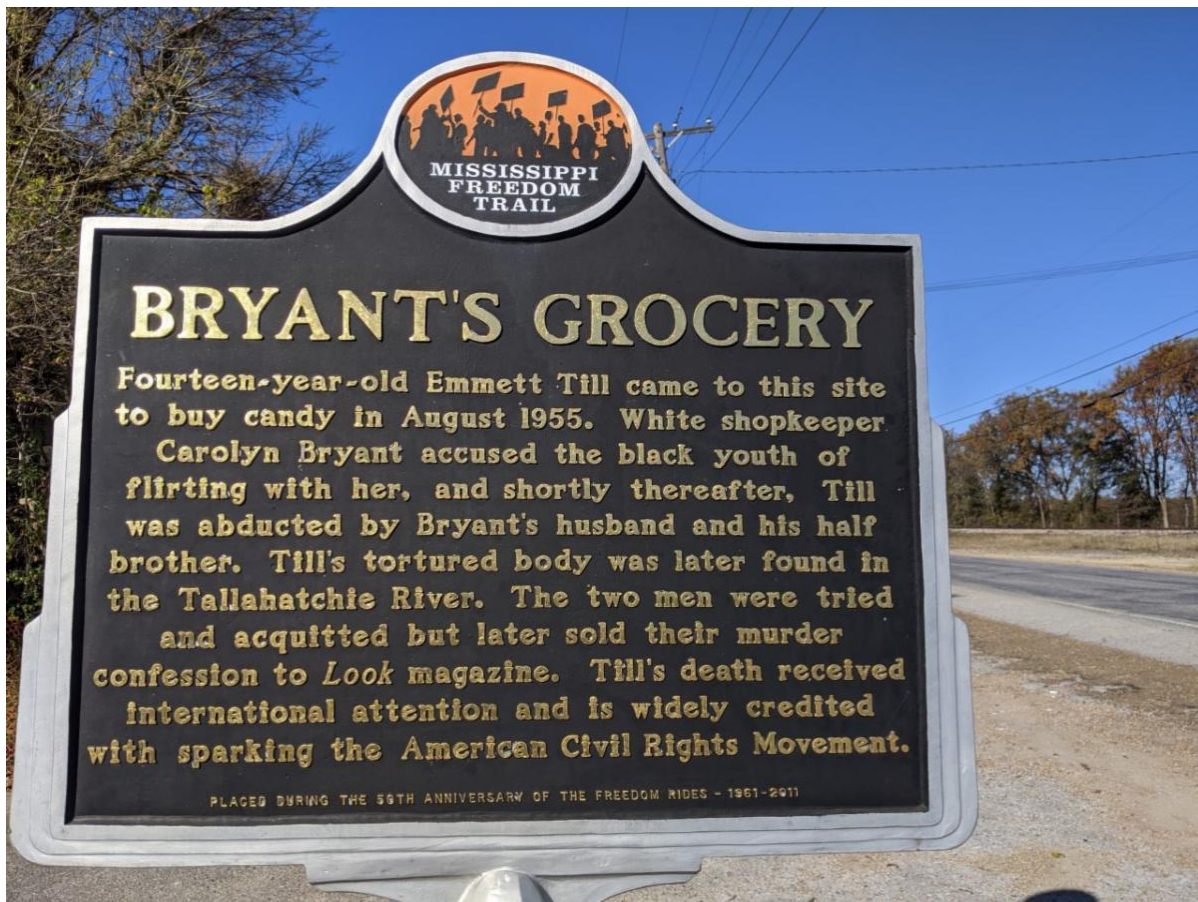
Where else would it be parked?

Jim Limbach (Email) - Had to chuckle at the 1985 item in AP Today in History that “an Egyptian airliner parked on the ground” was stormed by commandos. Made me wonder where else it would be parked.

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Images from Southern history



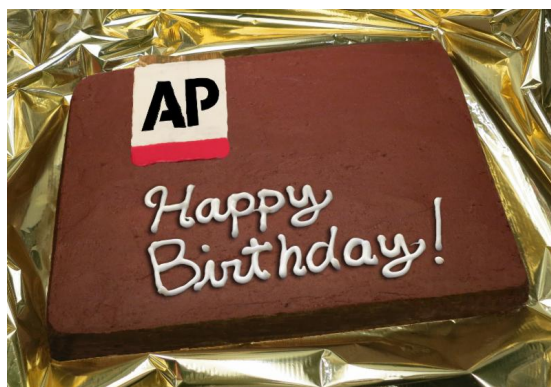


Kevin Walsh (Email) - I thoroughly enjoyed Gene Herrick's recent "Rocking Chair Memories." Even more so, since Lisa and I are currently traveling in the South and visiting a number of the places he wrote about.

Here are two photos from places he mentioned -- the "shotgun house" in Tupelo, Mississippi where Elvis Presley was born and the store in Money, Mississippi that 14-year-old Emmet Till visited and where the chain of events started that led to his horrific murder.

We love history and culture and are currently spending our retirement re-exploring America after visiting 82 countries. Gene's memories from his own intersections with history are of great interest and much appreciated.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Oxford's Defining Words Of 2020: 'Blursday,' 'Systemic Racism' And Yes, 'Pandemic' (NPR)

By REESE OXNER

Each year, lexicographers at Oxford Languages, the maker of the Oxford English Dictionary, choose a single word or phrase to define the past 12 months. In 2019, it was "climate emergency," and in 2018, it was "toxic."

But this year, they couldn't pick just one.

The pandemic, racial unrest and natural disasters shaped the English language in countless ways in 2020. So Oxford opted to highlight dozens of terms, including "Black Lives Matter," "Blursday," "coronavirus," "lockdown," "social distancing" and "systemic racism."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Michael Rubin.

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NPPA Requests the CDC Include Photojournalists in Early COVID-19 Vaccine Phase (PetaPixel)

By JARON SCHNEIDER

The National Press Photographers Association has submitted a request to the CDC that visual journalists be “expressly included” in the first phase of COVID-19 vaccinations which are planned to be first administered to essential workers.

In a public release, The National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) – who claims to be the United States’ leading organization for visual journalists – has submitted the request to the CDC citing that journalists who have direct contact with the public on a regular basis are not only “essential” but also at high risk.

The statement by Mickey H. Osterreicher, General Council for the NPPA, states that since visual journalists cannot work from home, they, therefore, are constantly putting their health and lives at risk daily to cover both the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other matters of public concern, including “matters critical to the health and safety of the public and critical to our democracy.”

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

Today in History - Nov. 27, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2020. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade [-] billed as a "Christmas Parade" [-] took place in New York.

On this date:

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon (too-LOHN') to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mah-SKOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)

In 1998, answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier; President Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

In 2000, a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count

election.

Ten years ago: The State Department released a letter from its top lawyer to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, warning that an expected imminent release of classified cables would put “countless” lives at risk, threaten global counterterrorism operations and jeopardize U.S. relations with its allies.

Five years ago: A gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing three people and injuring nine. (Suspect Robert Dear was sent to a psychiatric hospital after being deemed incompetent for trial.) A subdued France paid homage to those killed in the Paris attacks two weeks earlier, honoring each of the 130 victims by name as President Francois Hollande pledged to “destroy the army of fanatics” who had claimed so many young lives.

One year ago: Two explosions, 13 hours apart, at a chemical plant in East Texas blew out windows and doors of nearby homes and prompted an evacuation order for more than 50,000 people; three plant workers sustained minor injuries.

Today’s Birthdays: Footwear designer Manolo Blahnik is 78. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 69. TV host Bill Nye (“Bill Nye, the Science Guy”) is 65. Actor William Fichtner (FIHK’-nuhr) is 64. Caroline Kennedy is 63. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is 63. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 61. Actor Michael Rispoli is 60. Jazz composer/big band leader Maria Schneider is 60. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is 60. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 58. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 58. Actor Fisher Stevens is 57. Actor Robin Givens is 56. Actor Michael Vartan is 52. Actor Elizabeth Marvel is 51. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 50. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 49. Rapper Twista is 48. Actor Jaleel White is 44. Actor Arjay Smith is 37. Actor Alison Pill is 35. Actor Lashana Lynch (TV: “Still Star-Crossed”) 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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