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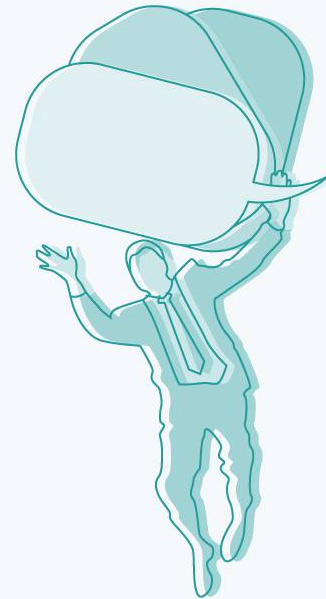
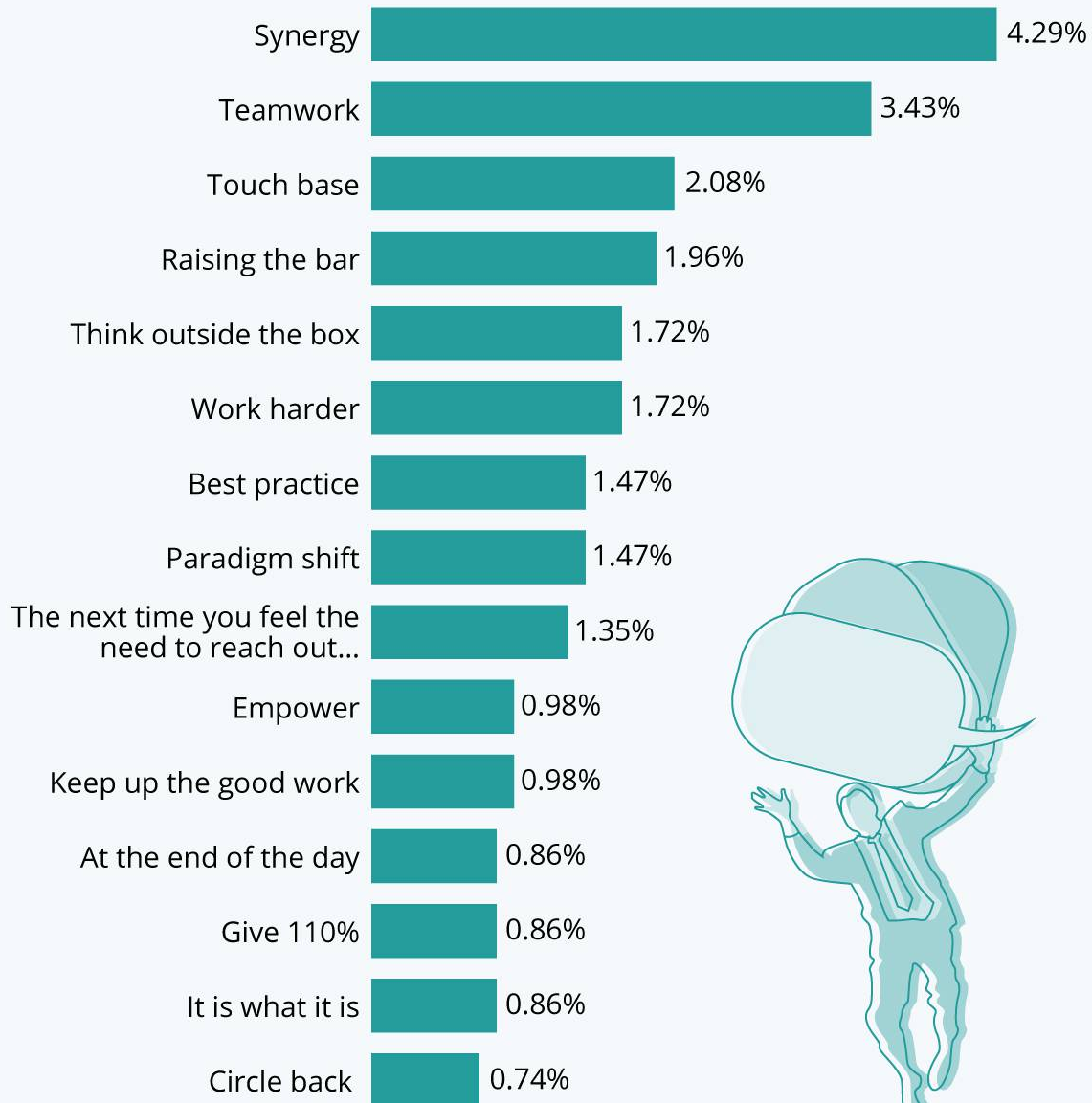


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America's Most Hated Office Jargon

Share of employees who hate the following business phrases



n=1,000 U.S. employees polled in 2019
Source: GetResponse



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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the first day of March 2021,

What was the most hated office jargon in your working experience – or what is it today, if you’re still employed?

[This chart](#) from Upstrack.com lists America's Most Hated Office Jargon.

Your Connecting colleagues would like to hear yours. Back in my service days, “the whole nine yards” (not in this list) was my particular unfavorite...

March Madness has arrived – and Ye Olde Connecting Editor has a stake in that madness with both of his schools – Iowa and Kansas – entering it with a bang by defeating Top 5 teams in their most recent games – the Hawkeyes over Ohio State, the Jayhawks over Baylor. The NCAA men’s tournament – all games in Indianapolis – cannot begin soon enough.

Here’s to the new month – have a great day, be safe and stay healthy.

Paul

John Rogers honored in Zoom retirement gathering



Shared by [Justin Pritchard](#)

Los Angeles newsman John Rogers sent a note of thanks to colleagues who took part in his Zoom retirement gathering last Thursday, organized by Frank Baker, AP’s California news editor.

John said the gathering “was truly remarkable. I caught up with people from every part of the country I’ve worked in for AP over these past 33 ½ years, some of whom I haven’t seen in some time, and it was great to see you all together once again. It really shows that in addition to being the world’s greatest news organization, AP really is a family that you never leave. Looking back over the past few months, I’ve come to realize what a great run I’ve had with the AP and what a privilege it has been to work with all of you, who are truly the best that journalism has to offer and who are needed more now than perhaps ever before.

“Like I told Frank, I worried I was going to lose it a bit there toward the end, and my daughter, who was about to speak up toward the end, said she didn’t because she feared the same.

“Thanks to Frank for pulling this together and to all of you for showing up. Absolutely let’s keep in touch going forward. My cell remains the same, 213-379-4740. Personal email is johnr2811@yahoo.com “

New-member profile: Mary Ganz

Mary Ganz (Email) - An unexpected blessing of these strange pandemic days has been inclinations and opportunities to reconnect with people and places from my early life. I found out about AP Connecting through Linda Kramer Jennings, with whom I worked at the SF bureau 1975-77. Before that I’d been in New Orleans; before that, Chicago, and, briefly, Charlotte. Last summer Kevin McKean arranged a Zoom reunion with 1970s-era folk from New Orleans, and that started me thinking how much the AP formed who I became.

I’d always wanted to work in Washington – Watergate and all that – but in compromise with my partner wound up in San Francisco. First day on the desk Linda Kramer was covering Gerald Ford when Sara Jane Moore pointed a gun at him. Second day, they captured Patty Hearst. It probably wasn’t exactly like that, but that’s how I remember it.

I spent the 1980s at the Hearst-owned Examiner in San Francisco, covering the city desk, AIDS, and Japan. In the ‘90s I tried something different: working with children aged 7 to 17 in the Bay Area bureau of Children’s Express – remember them? The bureau was located in the Unitarian Universalist church in an underserved neighborhood of Oakland CA. Because of CE’s national reputation it drew kids from the hills; because of its location, we recruited kids from the neighborhood, and from all of them I learned about working together across difference. This work led me into more community organizing in that neighborhood, and that drew me toward my second career, as a UU minister. I



served churches in Virginia, Massachusetts, and then back in California, where I also served as ministerial staff to the Faithful Fools Street Ministry in the Tenderloin of San Francisco.

As clergy the work I loved best was leading memorial services. I would spend long stretches in conversation with families and friends about the person they had lost, then write a service and eulogy that, I hoped, would bring that person into the room. That part of the job, you may notice, was a lot like being a reporter.

I retired from ministry in 2019. I still dream about newsrooms. It is good to be connected.

Associated Press journalist detained by police in Myanmar

BANGKOK (AP) — An Associated Press journalist has been detained by police while covering protests against the military coup in Myanmar.

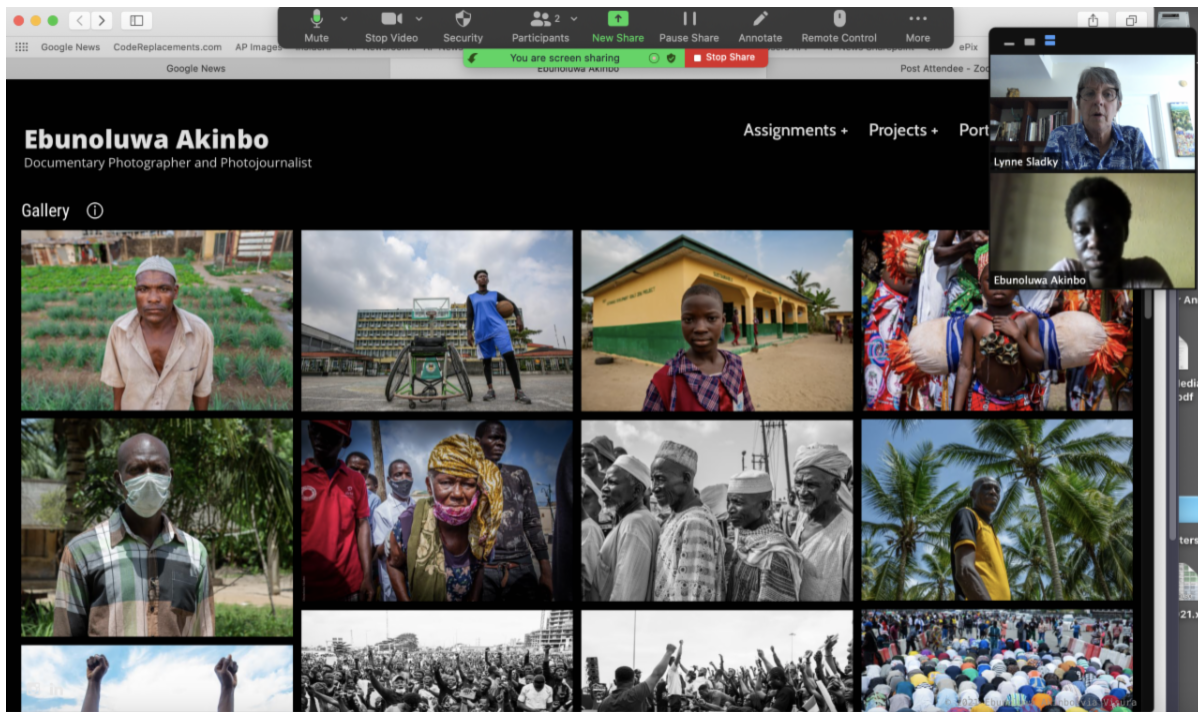
The journalist, Thein Zaw, 32, was taken into custody with a number of others on Saturday morning in Yangon, the country's largest city.

The arrest happened as police charged toward protesters gathered at the Hledan Center intersection, which has become a meeting point for demonstrators who then continue protesting elsewhere in the city.

He remained detained Sunday and was believed to be in Yangon's infamous Insein Prison.

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

AP women photographers, editors partner with Black Women Photographers



Julia Weeks ([Email](#)) - social media producer, AP Images - shares:

This January, AP women photographers and editors partnered with Polly Irungu and [Black Women Photographers](#) to review a dozen BWP members' photography portfolios. During this event, the group highlighted portfolios and shared takeaways and personal reflections from the portfolio review process.

Compliment or Insult?

Michael Doan ([Email](#)) - On my first job at the Berkeley Gazette, my editor held up a story I wrote and said, "Good job, Mike. This reads just like an AP story." Many years later, I had just transferred from AP to U.S. News & World Report, where "just the facts" wasn't enough. After reading an analytical economics story I wrote, my editor called me into his office and said, "This reads just like an AP story!" He meant it as an insult. I took it as a compliment.

Updates to AP's global investigative team

In a memo to staff on Friday, Global Investigations Editor Ron Nixon and Deputy Global Investigations Editor Alison Kodjak announced a reorganized global investigative team that will continue to deliver ambitious journalism:

We are thrilled to announce a new addition and changes to the AP's global investigative team. We're also introducing two new programs.

Our overall mission remains unchanged: To produce and enable big, ambitious, exclusive AP journalism from around the world that our customers can't get anywhere else.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the Week

Determined source work exposes horrific massacre in holy city of Ethiopia's isolated Tigray region



An elderly woman who fled from the town of Shire to the city of Axum to seek safety, but was then wounded in the jaw during an attack on the city, sits with her head bandaged in Axum, in Ethiopia's Tigray region, Nov. 30, 2020. She died days later. AP reporting revealed the late November massacre by Eritrean troops in the holy city. AP PHOTO

Ethiopia's military campaign in its defiant Tigray province has been shrouded in secrecy since the conflict started in November. Journalists and most humanitarian aid have been barred from the region, the borders have been largely sealed and communications including internet and phone lines have been cut off.

AP's East Africa correspondent Cara Anna has been determined to report what happened in Tigray — an incredible challenge. The AP's freelance team in Ethiopia have been under threat not to report about the conflict and journalists have not been able to travel to Ethiopia to talk to people in person and see the situation on the ground. Over the past several months, Anna has spent countless hours finding people over social media and phone who could describe what they saw and experienced. She chased every lead through relentless source work, building contacts and networks as she reported one exclusive story after another.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

AP Exclusive: Executioners sanitized official reports of federal inmates' last moments



The United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute in Terre Haute, Ind., is shown July 17, 2020 as federal executions were resuming after a 17-year pause. AP PHOTO / MICHAEL CONROY

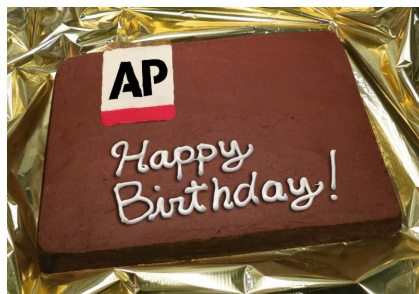
AP legal affairs reporter Michael Tarm witnessed 10 of the unprecedented 13 federal executions in the final six months of the Trump administration, diligently taking notes on what he saw in the chamber, from the inmates' last words to their last breaths.

Weeks after the last execution he witnessed in mid-January, something nagged at him: how the executioner's official account buried in court filings did not jibe with what he had observed during the execution. Tarm went back, looked through hundreds of filings and uncovered more executioner accounts. He found those, too, were similarly sanitized descriptions of what happened inside the death chamber.

In other filings and court transcripts he discovered, he saw that his own accounts, and those of other journalists, had been aggressively challenged by government attorneys before judges.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Black News Channel reloads with talk focus, morning show (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Four hours of morning television is a lot of time to fill, but new Black News Channel hosts Mike Hill and Sharon Reed don't expect to run out of things to say.

Their new program, which debuts Monday at 6 a.m. Eastern, is the centerpiece of Black News Channel's relaunch to emphasize commentary and a more analytical approach to the news. Nearly invisible when it debuted last year, BNC is methodically becoming more available to viewers.

"This is when I need my voice to be heard and I want my voice to be heard," said Hill, who has worked at Fox Sports and ESPN. "So much is happening in our country."

His co-host on "Start Your Day with Sharon and Mike" has anchored the news at CBS' Atlanta affiliate for the past five years and been a reporter in New York, Miami, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cleveland.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lou Boccardi.

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How 3 Women Broke Into the Uber-Macho World of War Reporting (Foreign Policy)

BY JANINE DI GIOVANNI

In 2003, the film director Barbara Kopple set out to make a documentary about the work of five female reporters in Iraq. In *Bearing Witness*, Kopple—best known for her Oscar-winning portrayal of a grueling coal miners' strike in Appalachia—turned her camera on the work of women reporting war. She showed the sexism and grittiness but also women struggling with personal travails and demons—alcoholism, loneliness, and, in my case as one of the women, combining motherhood with war.

Kopple wanted to portray women deeply committed to their job—truth-telling under the most hostile circumstances—while trying to be taken seriously in an uber-macho world.

Reading Elizabeth Becker's new book, *You Don't Belong Here: How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War*, I realize how little changed in terms of infiltrating an old boy's club between Vietnam, where Becker's book is set, and Iraq three decades later. Even today—despite massive changes in technology and the way the press covers war—all of the hallmarks of clubby sexism and bias remain.

Read more [here](#).

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White House and press are at odds over plan to charge reporters for coronavirus testing (Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi

Reporters who cover the White House may soon be paying what amounts to an admission fee to do their jobs.

Starting Monday, the White House's press office said it will start charging journalists for coronavirus tests, which are required for anyone entering the White House grounds.

The proposed cost for each test: \$170.

With dozens of journalists at the White House each day, the fees could add up to tens of thousands of dollars flowing from newsrooms, many of them small and cash-strapped, into government coffers.

Until now, the cost of testing has been borne by the White House. But officials there contend that the cost of maintaining the testing regime for nearly a year has strained its budget. So it wants to shift the burden onto news organizations: No test, no entry to the White House.

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

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How Marty Baron and Jeff Bezos Remade The Washington Post (New York Times)

By Marc Tracy

On July 30, 2013, Martin Baron left The Washington Post building and crossed 15th Street for an extremely rare happy hour drink.

The publisher, Katharine Weymouth, had asked to meet him at a hotel bar. She needed to tell her executive editor that The Washington Post Company would be selling the newspaper her family had run for 80 years to the Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

“I’m sure I felt terrible,” said Ms. Weymouth in a recent interview. “He had just moved!” Mr. Baron had arrived in Washington, and at The Post, in January after 11 celebrated years as the top editor at The Boston Globe.

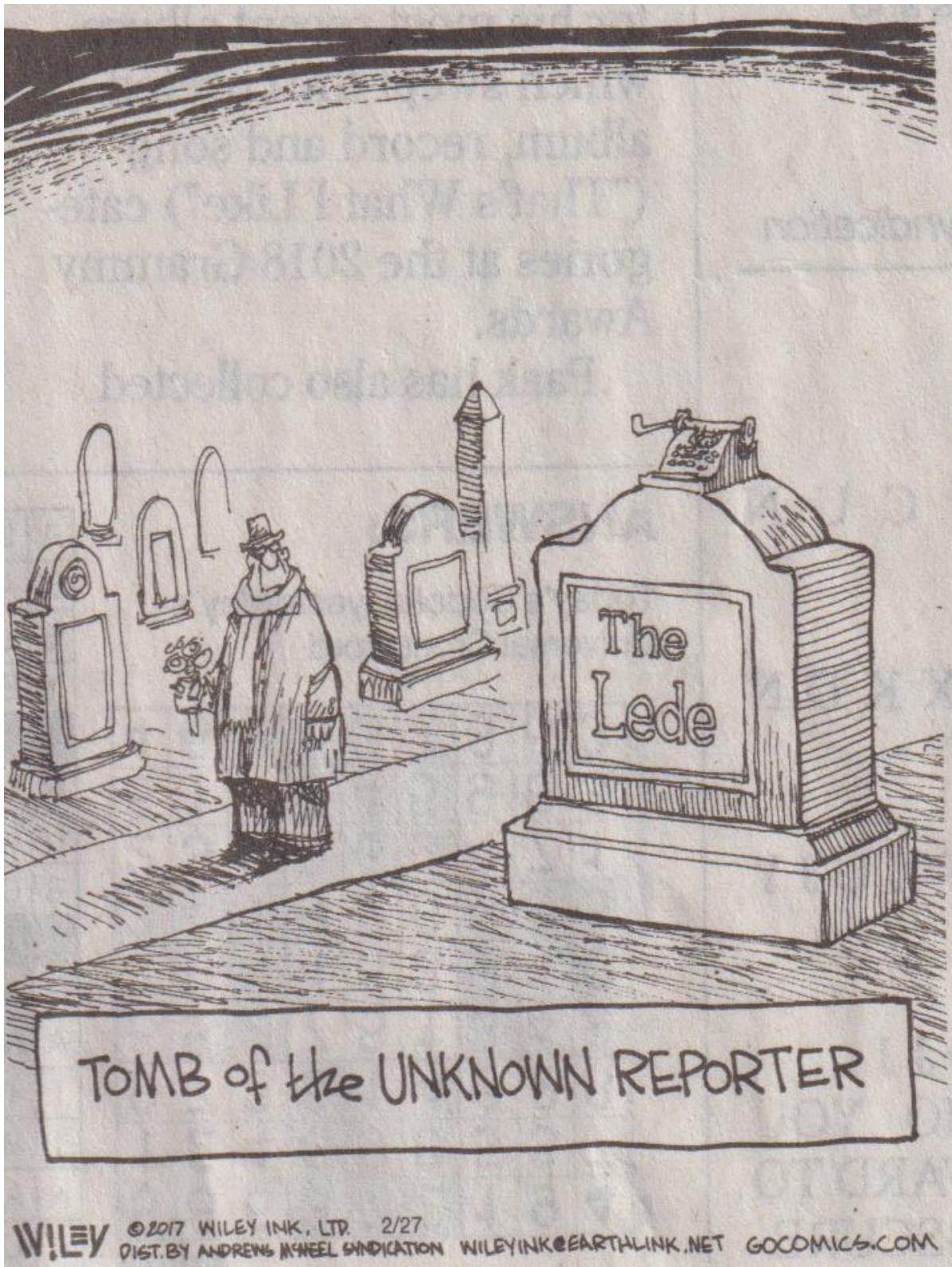
Mr. Baron was shocked. So were most people at The Post six days later, when the public announcement was made. Ms. Weymouth represented the fourth generation of her family to run the newspaper. Her grandmother, Katharine Graham, and her uncle, Donald E. Graham, had been viewed as indispensable not just to The Post but to its city. Now the paper would belong to Mr. Bezos, the multibillionaire online retail magnate, who noted in his introductory memo to the staff that he lived in “the other Washington.”

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

[The Washington Post version](#). Shared by Harry Dunphy, Dennis Conrad,

The Final Word

‘Burying the lead...’



Today in History - March 1, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 1, the 60th day of 2021. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1954, four Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the spectators' gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five members of Congress.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress declared the Articles of Confederation to be in force, following ratification by Maryland.

In 1893, inventor Nikola Tesla first publicly demonstrated radio during a meeting of the National Electric Light Association in St. Louis by transmitting electromagnetic energy without wires.

In 1954, the United States detonated a dry-fuel hydrogen bomb, codenamed Castle Bravo, at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1957, "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss was released to bookstores by Random House.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps.

In 1966, the Soviet space probe Venera 3 impacted the surface of Venus, becoming the first spacecraft to reach another planet; however, Venera was unable to transmit any data, its communications system having failed.

In 1968, Johnny Cash married June Carter at the First Methodist Church in Franklin, Kentucky.

In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast.

In 1974, seven people, including former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell and former assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, were indicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice in connection with the Watergate break-in. (These four defendants were convicted in Jan. 1975, although Mardian's conviction was later reversed.)

In 2005, Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged in Wichita, Kansas, with 10 counts of first-degree murder. (Rader later pleaded guilty and received multiple life sentences.) A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals.

In 2010, Jay Leno returned as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show."

In 2015, tens of thousands marched through Moscow in honor of slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, who had been shot to death on Feb. 27.

Ten years ago: Yemen's embattled president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, accused the U.S., his closest ally, of instigating the mounting protests against him, but the gambit failed to slow the momentum of his ouster. The GOP-controlled House handily passed legislation to cut the federal budget by \$4 billion and avert a partial shutdown of the government for two weeks. (The Senate passed the stopgap funding bill the next day.)

Five years ago: In the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses, Republican Donald Trump won Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia; Ted Cruz won Alaska, Oklahoma and his home state of Texas; Marco Rubio won Minnesota. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton won Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia while Bernie Sanders prevailed in Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma and his home state of Vermont.

One year ago: Health officials in Washington state, announcing what was believed at the time to be the second U.S. death from the coronavirus, said the virus may have been circulating for weeks undetected in the Seattle area. (Earlier deaths in the Seattle area and in California were subsequently linked to the virus.) State officials said New York City had its first confirmed case of the coronavirus, a woman in her late 30s who had contracted the virus while traveling in Iran. The U.S. government advised Americans against any travel to regions in northern Italy that had been hard hit by the virus; the U.S. also banned travel to Iran, where the official death toll surged past 50. President Donald Trump said there was "no reason to panic" about the virus. The NBA told players not to high-five fans or take any items for autographs, in the league's latest response to the coronavirus. Pete Buttigieg ended his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination with a call for unity.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 95. Singer/actor Harry Belafonte is 94. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 77. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 77. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 77. Actor Dirk Benedict is 76. Actor-director Ron Howard is 67. Country singer Janis Gill (aka Janis Oliver Cummins) (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 67. Actor Catherine Bach is 66. Actor Tim Daly is 65. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 64. Rock musician Bill Leen is 59. Actor Bryan Batt is 58. Actor Maurice Bernard is 58. Actor Russell Wong is 58. Actor Chris Eigeman is 56. Actor John David Cullum is 55. Actor George Eads is 54. Actor Javier Bardem (HAH'-vee-ayr bahr-DEHM') is 52. Actor Jack Davenport is 48. Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 48. Actor Mark-Paul

Gosselaar is 47. Singer Tate Stevens is 46. Actor Jensen Ackles is 43. TV host Donovan Patton is 43. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme (WOOL'-sten-hyoolm) is 40. Actor Joe Tippett is 39. Actor Lupita Nyong'o is 38. Pop singer Kesha (formerly Ke\$ha) is 34. R&B singer Sammie is 34. Pop singer Justin Bieber is 27.

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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