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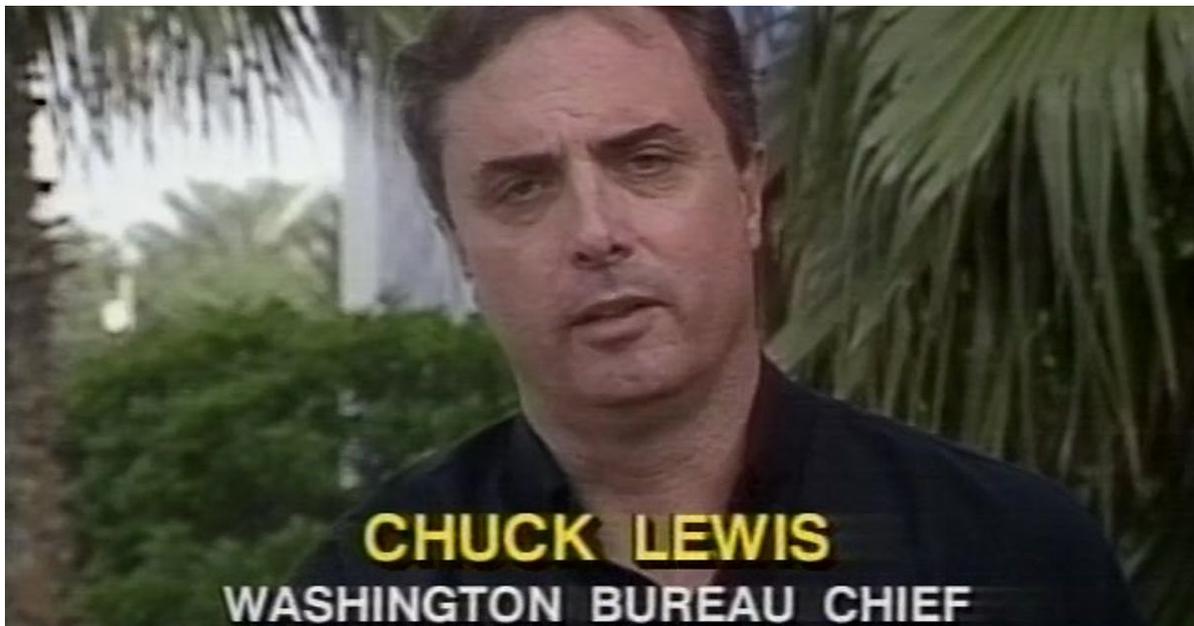
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Chuck Lewis, Washington Bureau Chief, Hearst Newspapers, discussed the situation in the Persian Gulf from a front line perspective in Eastern Saudi Arabia where Iraqi

ground forces have drawn U.N. forces into combat. He spoke via satellite from Saudi Arabia. (C-SPAN)

Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 22nd day of March 2021,

We bring you sad news of the death of our colleague **Chuck Lewis**, a former Washington bureau chief for the AP and Hearst Newspapers. He was 80 when he died Saturday from complications from cancer.

Chuck played an important role as a tireless advocate for the release of AP journalist **Terry Anderson** ([Email](#)) from kidnappers in Lebanon.

“I did not know Chuck personally,” Terry told Connecting on Sunday, “but my sister Peg (Peggy Say) told me of his efforts, and those of many who tried to help gain my release. I remain grateful to him, and all those who worked on my behalf, and on behalf of all the other hostages.”

If you have a favorite memory of Chuck you'd like to share, please send it along.

Have a great week – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

Charles Lewis, former Washington bureau chief at AP and Hearst, has died

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles Lewis, a former Washington bureau chief for The Associated Press and The Hearst Newspapers who tirelessly advocated for the release of AP journalist Terry Anderson from kidnappers in Lebanon, died Saturday. He was 80.

Lewis, of Arlington, Virginia, died at a hospital from complications from cancer. He had been fighting a series of illnesses the last several years, according to his wife, Vivian Chen.

Open and friendly as a newsman, but tough and by the book in his personnel duties, Lewis was a journalist for four decades. He became known for his dedication to Anderson's release even when it meant walking a fine line at times.

He had been AP's bureau chief in Washington for a year when Anderson, the news organization's chief Middle East correspondent, was abducted from the streets of Beirut in 1985 in the midst of the country's civil war, thrusting Lewis in the middle of often tense and sensitive U.S. efforts to get Anderson released.

As part of an effort to help Anderson and other Western hostages believed to be held in Lebanon, Lewis sought help from the White House, which directed him to Lt. Col. Oliver North, the White House aide who was the point man on the hostage negotiations.

Lewis campaigned internationally with Anderson's sister, Peggy Say, with AP support to seek Anderson's freedom, including several meetings with North.



That stirred complaints from two AP Washington reporters who later said they felt Lewis held them back on their early reporting on North's shadowy contacts with Nicaraguan contras. Anderson was finally released in 1991.

"It was complicated, because of the arms-for-hostages story," said Walter Mears on Sunday, who was executive editor of the AP at the time. "He played it the only way he could."

Lewis later came to acknowledge that his handful of meetings with North as the reports of the aide's clandestine activities became known was "a pretty hairy experience."

"I never felt all that comfortable," he told The New York Times in 1990, after leaving the AP to become Hearst's Washington bureau chief. "I think that the AP will look back on this period as one of great internal frustration. It has been a balancing act, wearing different hats at different times, and I know it lends itself to perception problems. Still, the bottom line is that journalism didn't suffer one bit."

Lou Boccardi, AP's president at the time, praised Lewis for his steady leadership.

"Many people throughout the AP shared in the agony of Terry Anderson's ordeal and Chuck stood out among them for his unrelenting dedication to the cause of finding some contact, some channel that might hold a key to Terry's freedom," Boccardi said in an email. "He was tireless, even as he shouldered the heavy responsibility of running our Washington bureau."

Lewis was born in 1940 in Bozeman, Montana, and was a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago and Columbia Law School. In 1974, he had been on leave as an

assistant city editor with the Chicago Sun-Times, studying Watergate and the impeachment process in the nation's capital, when his fellowship ended with President Richard Nixon still in office.

"I simply could not go back to Chicago with that issue unresolved," he said. So he applied to the AP and was hired into the Washington bureau as a desk editor, before becoming a supervisor.

He later served as an assistant chief of bureau in Los Angeles and a bureau chief in Hartford, Connecticut, according to Mears. Lewis was appointed chief of bureau in Washington in 1984 and served in that position until 1989, before returning to AP's headquarters in New York to specialize in legal issues.

In 1989, he became chief of the Hearst Newspapers bureau in Washington and later served as senior editor there before retiring in 2013.

"He loved the AP and when he left there, it was always his regret," Chen said Sunday. "He's still the beautiful man I fell in love with."

Lewis is survived by Chen, along with his sons and a daughter from a previous marriage — Peter in Madison, Wisconsin, Patrick in Hollywood, California, and Barbara in Falls Church, Virginia — as well as a stepdaughter, Rebecca, in New York, and several grandchildren.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

AP's Washington bureau chiefs through the years



From Gridiron 2016, where three former AP Washington chiefs are pictured: front row, from left: Edie Lederer, Linda Deutsch, Sandy Johnson and Chuck Lewis. Back row, from left: Walter Mears, Mike Oreskes and Steve Komarow. (The WX chiefs: Mears, Lewis and Johnson.)

AP WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEFS

Lawrence Gobright - 1855-79
 Walter Phillips - 1879-1882
 David McKee - 1882-1892
 Charles Boynton - 1892-1908
 Edwin Hood 1908-1909
 John Palmer Gavit - 1909-1911
 Jackson Elliott - 1911-1912, 1915-1918
 Charles Thompson - 1912-15
 Lionel Probert - 1918-1927
 Byron Price - 1927-1937
 Milo Thompson - 1937-1939
 Brian Bell - 1939-1942
 Paul Miller - 1942-1947
 Pat Morin - 1947-1949
 William Beale - 1949-1969
 Marv Arrowsmith - 1969-1977
 Walter Mears - 1977-1983
 Chuck Lewis - 1984-1989
 Jon Wolman - 1989-1998
 Sandy Johnson - 1998-2008

Ron Fournier - 2008-2010
Sally Buzbee, 2010 - 2017
Julie Pace - 2017 to present

Memories of Chuck Lewis

Carl P. Leubsdorf ([Email](#)) - When he was first in the Washington bureau, Chuck was on the overnight and deftly handled many of my stories. I think he must have been editing on the day when the Nixon exchange occurred because my recollection is that I filed my Bulletin in late morning (on the day Nixon resigned), followed soon after by a WH confirmation. He didn't become bureau chief until some years later.

I was Chuck's sponsor for Gridiron and we shared many happy times in the back row of the Chorus. He had an okay voice and even made it into some duets and trios, but his most famous role was as a stalk of broccoli mocking President George HW Bush's disdain for the leafy green vegetable, a role he got because he was tall. We also worked together when he was Sunday chair, a very important Gridiron job, and later president and I was club secretary.

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Eddie Lederer ([Email](#)) - Chuck embraced the entire AP family and I was lucky to be part of the national and international staff always welcomed by him when I visited the AP bureau in Washington. He had the difficult job of dealing with the political response to Terry Anderson's kidnapping. Chuck was a wonderful editor and bureau chief who cared about his staff, and I looked forward to catching up with him every year at the Gridiron. I will miss his sharp analyses of the Washington political scene, his sense of humor and his friendship.

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Bill McCloskey ([Email](#)) – Ironically, Chuck died the day before his alma mater (Loyola of Chicago) knocked off Illinois. Chuck wrote my last AP review. "Can't write, can't edit, can't report." I took that as a cue to move on to better paying PR. We remained friends. Chuck and I were deeply involved in Society of Professional Journalists activities before and after I moved on to PR at BellSouth. He had a good understanding of how things would be more appealing to members and had no tolerance for long award dinners. The rest of the board listened and streamlined the speeches.

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Cheryl Arvidson ([Email](#)) - Chuck was a good friend of mine. I dealt with him when he was deeply involved in efforts to free Terry Anderson at the AP and later as the head of the Hearst Bureau. He was a total professional and a journalist through and through.

Connecting mailbox

Kinko Samejima, former Tokyo bureau staffer, dies at 87



This photo was taken during the 2000 retirement party for Kinko at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan.

Kazuo Abiko (Email) - Kinko Samejima, former assistant business manager at the AP's Tokyo bureau, passed away of natural causes on Thursday, March 18, her niece reported to the bureau. She was 87.

She joined the AP in Tokyo in 1959, as secretary to Shinobu "Shin" Peter Higashi, ACOB and business manager. As featured in the Fall/Winter 2000 issue of AP World, she typed hundreds of subscriber contracts before the bureau operations were computerized. She became assistant business manager in 1988 and retired in 2000.

Kinko-san, as we called her with affection, was just like a walking encyclopedia regarding AP contracts. It was a great pleasure to work with her for many years. We will miss her.

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Art Loomis' sense of humor was legendary

Jim Spehar (Email) -As did Jim Hood, I enjoyed working with Art

Loomis while he was COC in Denver. As a fledgling Broadcast Executive, I quickly learned that one of my best assets was a good relationship with the person charged with fulfilling hasty promises of quick installations made in the heat of a sale. Art and his crew, including Connecting colleague Don Dashiell, never failed me whether that promise was made in summertime downtown Denver or some windswept outpost in a remote and snowy corner of Wyoming. They were equally good at maintaining AP equipment at member stations and went above and beyond in the great SAT dish scare of the 1980s and the conversion from those big, loud black boxes to almost equally irritating Extel printers.



Art's sense of humor was also legendary. The attached cards, found while recently cleaning out my old roll top, came from him. Rumor has it one memorialized his heated conversation with a certain AP bureau chief.

His memory lives on.

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Fond memories of working with Bob Ingle in San Jose and Miami

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Ceppos is William B. Dickinson Distinguished Professor in Journalism and former dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU. He worked with Bob Ingle at the San Jose Mercury News and The Miami Herald. Ingle, a visionary editor of the Mercury News, died March 16 at the age of 81.)

Jerry Ceppos (Email) - I had lots of great mentors, but Bob won the endurance award. For 25 years, I learned from him what really meticulous editing is all about. And I tried to learn from the most important innovator in journalism how to save the craft through technology, but he was so far ahead of me that it was hopeless.

I do have many memories of his excitement about tech developments that, well, I never understood until years later.

I remember Bob telling me with surprise that a focus group the night before had convinced him that the new online Mercury Center had to carry that day's print stories in addition to all of its other features. He hadn't planned for that but instantly realized that the focus-group participants were right. (I realize that some current

thinking says that offering those stories for free sank the industry. To the contrary, offering those stories probably saved the industry.)

Then there was the time that he called me into his office to say with the shock of a child that we didn't need AOL, our first platform. Barely keeping his excitement in check, he said that we could have our own site offering even more. He was right, of course.

Bob could be gruff but it was only because he expected superior quality, whether in journalism or in technology.

He got it. Both places.

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Life before the pandemic



Mark Mittelstadt ([Email](#)) - Months before the pandemic shut down travel around the world we were blessed to be able to visit our youngest son, Brent, and his girlfriend in Oxford, U.K. They are post-doctoral fellows and researchers at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford. Brent, Mary and I attended a concert by the Oxford Bach Soloists in the majestic New College Cathedral and then wandered the New College grounds. Once the U.K. virus numbers drop and travel restrictions are lifted, we hope to be able to make a return trip this year.

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Documentary released on Hiroshima, Nagasaki bombings

Charlie Hanley (Email) - Connecting colleagues might be interested in the just-released documentary "Atomic Cover-Up," which presents long-suppressed Japanese newsreel and U.S. Army b&w and color film footage of the aftermath of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. It's produced and directed by Greg Mitchell, author, media critic, former E&P editor (and college friend), and [is showing online](#) until March 30 at the CINEJOY Virtual Fest (\$3.99 ticket).

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Those AP/CNN connections - continued



AP Broadcast 1984 Olympic staff at the L.A. bureau where all sportscasts and Olympic programming originated. Left to right, Top Row (standing): Phil Avner, Mike Gracia, Dave Lubeski, Shelley Adler, Steve Futterman, Brian Bland, Warren Levinson. Middle row: Jack Briggs, Mike Hammer, Jim Militello, Jack Doniger. Front row: Bob Kimball, Jim Bell, Dave Ochs.

Dave Lubeski (Email) - In last Wednesday's Connecting, Bob Kimball added Shelley Adler as another AP/CNN connection. What sets Shelley apart from the others is that she may be the first to make the move from CNN to the AP. All the names I've seen so far have jumped from the AP to CNN. Shelley joined us at AP Radio in the early 1980s as a sportscaster and reporter and had travel assignments covering U.S. Open Tennis and a couple of Olympics. She is still there and is now a supervisor in the newsroom.

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Proud of their son

Kathy and Tim Curran ([Email](#)) share this clip from KSHB-TV, Kansas City, on their son Brandon:

Three KC founder receives boost from 'Ted Lasso' series



By: Dan Cohen

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There are a lot of options to show your Kansas City pride on a shirt, and there's a new player in that business.

The founder of Three KC has received some promotional help from a long-time friend.

Brendan Curran is a father of three, high school math teacher and a high school coach. It's a full schedule.

"Seven to three, we're in class, and then after that kids are doing activities, and in the fall, my wife is coaching and in the winter I'm coaching and so yeah, they're busy days," Curran said.

Read more [here](#).

Shining a light on public records changes in COVID-19 era

By Patrick Maks

This Sunshine Week, AP is examining the backsliding of press access and government transparency in the wake of pandemic-induced changes to public records and meeting laws.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, many governors and state legislatures across the U.S. suspended all or parts of their state's sunshine laws, citing challenges brought on by the coronavirus. They said it was necessary because their states were responding to an unprecedented crisis and many government employees had been sent home to work remotely.

A year later, many of those restrictions remain in effect.

An AP review found that governors of six states – Arkansas, California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and South Dakota – have thwarted records requests citing a wide range of exemptions.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the Week

With extraordinary access to a psychiatric unit, AP reveals pandemic's toll on children's mental health



AP Photo/Christophe Ena

To explore the pandemic's devastating toll on children's mental health, AP's Paris team gained extraordinary access to the psychiatric unit at France's busiest pediatric hospital. The resulting package — text, photos and video — was featured by AP customers around the world, focusing attention on how the mental health of children is affected under the weight of lockdowns, curfews, family upheavals and school closures.

To get inside the unit, Paris correspondent John Leicester worked for months to build trust with hospital authorities and workers, even showing up outside a Paris hospital and convincing doctors by phone to come out and speak with him. Once inside the Robert Debré children's hospital, Leicester, photographer Christophe Ena and video journalist Nicolas Garriga put down their notebooks and cameras, chatting and playing with the children to become part of the scenery. Then, they discreetly began documenting activity on the floor.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

Skeleton found in mountains leads to a family's story of Japanese internment tragedy



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

Los Angeles-based reporter Brian Melley, an avid outdoorsman, spotted an item in a Facebook mountaineering forum about a human skeleton unearthed near California's

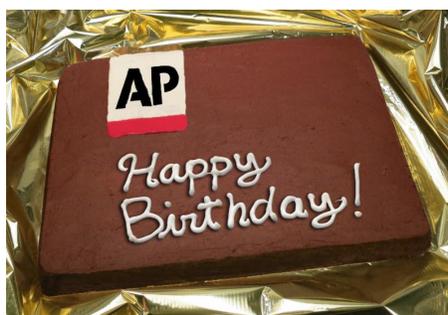
second-highest peak. The posting led to a series of scoops by Melley that revealed the forgotten history of a victim of one of America's great injustices.

In the fall of 2019 a hiker on his way to the summit of Mount Williamson spotted what looked like a human skull in the rocks. He and his partner began moving granite blocks and uncovered a full skeleton with a belt around its waist and foot bones in shoes that looked like the type worn by rock climbers. The sheriff's department was notified and began investigating.

The initial news that the possible remains of a climber had been found had attracted attention throughout California. And Melley's 2019 exclusive connecting the find to the internment of 110,000 people of Japanese descent became an international story published widely — it was matched by major news outlets. Melley, however, wasn't finished. With help from investigative researcher Randy Herschaft in New York, he persisted in tracking down family members of Giichi Matsumura, whose body had lain in the mountains for almost 75 years.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Federal judge pens dissent slamming decades-old press protections (Politico)

By JOSH GERSTEIN

A federal appeals court judge issued an extraordinary opinion Friday attacking partisan bias in the news media, lamenting the treatment of conservatives in

American society and calling for the Supreme Court to overturn a landmark legal precedent that protects news outlets from lawsuits over reports about public figures.

D.C. Circuit Senior Judge Laurence Silberman's diatribe, contained in his dissent in a libel case, amounted to a withering, frontal assault on the 1964 Supreme Court decision that set the framework for modern defamation law — *New York Times v. Sullivan*.

Silberman said the decision, requiring public figures to show “actual malice” to recover against a news organization for libel, was a “policy-driven” result that the justices simply invented out of whole cloth.

“The holding has no relation to the text, history, or structure of the Constitution, and it baldly constitutionalized an area of law refined over centuries of common law adjudication,” the Ronald Reagan appointee wrote.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ralph Gage, Alan Sayre, Mark Mittelstadt.

And...

Opinion: Trump's attacks on the press were bad. What this federal judge did was worse. (Washington Post)

Opinion by Ruth Marcus
Deputy editorial page editor

It's alarming enough when a president calls reporters the “enemy of the people.” It's even more alarming when words to that effect come from one of the nation's most prominent federal appeals court judges — and when he goes even further, calling *New York Times v. Sullivan*, the foundational ruling protecting press freedom, “a threat to American Democracy.”

That happened Friday when federal appeals court judge Laurence H. Silberman dissented in a defamation case decided by the D.C. Circuit. To understand the significance — and danger — of the Silberman dissent requires understanding Silberman's place near the apex of the conservative legal pantheon.

At 85, named to the bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1985, he is one of the architects of the conservative legal movement, godfather to many of its current luminaries. So when Silberman speaks, conservative lawyers and judges listen.

On Friday, the notoriously volcanic Silberman — he once said he was tempted to punch a colleague in the nose — didn't just talk, he thundered. The case, *Tah v. Global Witness Publishing*, involved two former Liberian officials who claimed they were defamed by a human rights group, Global Witness, that suggested they had accepted bribes in exchange for an oil development license. (The Washington Post joined an amicus brief on behalf of Global Witness.)

Read more [here](#).

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Opinion: I Don't Want My Role Models Erased (New York Times)



Catherine Leroy, seen in Vietnam during the mid-1960s, pioneered an intimate style of combat photography. Credit...Dotation Catherine Leroy, via Contact Press Images

By Elizabeth Becker

Vietnam, the 10-year American fiasco that foreshadowed the disastrous forever wars of today, was written into history as it happened. The war's most famous chroniclers — David Halberstam, Neil Sheehan and Malcolm Browne — were young men, all.

But women journalists were there, too, reporting the war and risking their lives to bring back the story. I know because I was there learning from them. I arrived late in January 1973 and profited from the opening they made, and the example they set, by focusing on the humane questions of war.

Kate Webb, a revered combat reporter, taught me how to measure a bomb crater with my feet when we covered the carpet bombing of Cambodia. Ms. Webb rose to become bureau chief for United Press International in the war zone, covering more battles than most of her male colleagues. She was captured by the North Vietnamese in Cambodia in 1971 and held for 23 days. When she came out alive, her story was front-page news. An Agence France-Press prize for journalists working in "perilous or difficult conditions" in Asia was named in her honor. And yet though filmmakers in Hollywood promised to tell her story, in the United States today her name barely registers with anyone I talk to. Hers is not the only one.

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

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Pierce County sheriff confronted Black newspaper carrier (AP)

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The sheriff of Pierce County, Washington, sparked a large police response in late January after confronting a Black newspaper carrier driving near his home, telling a 911 dispatcher the man “threatened to kill me.”

The Seattle Times reports that Sheriff Ed Troyer retracted that allegation upon questioning by Tacoma police. Following the newspaper’s report about the incident, elected officials in Pierce County and others on Friday called for an investigation.

Troyer said he would be open to an independent investigation. “In 35 years, I have never had a complaint against me for racial bias,” he told the newspaper.

The 24-year-old carrier, Sedrick Altheimer, said the early morning encounter on Jan. 27 left him afraid and angry at Troyer — who was driving an unmarked, personal SUV and didn’t identify himself as law enforcement.

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

Today in History - March 22, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 22, the 81st day of 2021. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlights in History:

On March 22, 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

On this date:

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1976, principal photography for the first "Star Wars" movie, directed by George Lucas, began in Tunisia.

In 1987, a garbage barge, carrying 3,200 tons of refuse, left Islip, New York, on a six-month journey in search of a place to unload. (The barge was turned away by several states and three other countries until space was found back in Islip.)

In 1988, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

In 1991, high school instructor Pamela Smart, accused of recruiting her teenage lover and his friends to kill her husband, Gregory, was convicted in Exeter, New Hampshire, of murder-conspiracy and being an accomplice to murder and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1993, Intel Corp. unveiled the original Pentium computer chip.

In 1997, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 2010, Google Inc. stopped censoring the internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland to Hong Kong.

In 2019, special counsel Robert Mueller closed his Russia investigation with no new charges, delivering his final report to Justice Department officials. Former President Jimmy Carter became the longest-living chief executive in American history; at 94 years and 172 days, he exceeded the lifespan of the late former President George H.W. Bush.

Ten years ago: Yemen's U.S.-backed president, Ali Abdullah Saleh (AH'-lee ahb-DUH'-luh sah-LEH'), his support crumbling among political allies and the army, warned that the country could slide into civil war as the opposition rejected his offer to step down by the end of the year. NFL owners meeting in New Orleans voted to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee; also, kickoffs would be moved up 5 yards to the 35-yard line.

Five years ago: Capping a remarkable visit to Cuba, President Barack Obama sat beside President Raul Castro at a baseball game between Cuba's national team and the Tampa Bay Rays (the Rays won, 4-1); Obama left the game early to fly to Argentina for

a state visit there. Suicide bombers attacked the Brussels airport and subway system, killing 32 people. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton padded their delegate troves with victories in Arizona; Democratic challenger Bernie Sanders won caucuses in Utah and Idaho and Republican Ted Cruz claimed his party's caucuses in Utah. Rob Ford, the troubled former mayor of Toronto, died at age 46.

One year ago: New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered all nonessential businesses in the state to close and nonessential workers to stay home. The Senate voted against advancing a \$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package that Democrats said was tilted toward corporations, but negotiations continued. (Approval would come by week's end.) Kentucky Republican Rand Paul became the first member of the U.S. Senate to report testing positive for the coronavirus; his announcement led Utah senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney to place themselves in quarantine. The Chinese city of Wuhan, where the pandemic was first detected, went a fourth consecutive day without reporting any new or suspected cases of the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 91. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 91. Actor William Shatner is 90. Former Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 87. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 86. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 80. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 78. Writer James Patterson is 74. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 73. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 73. Actor Fanny Ardant is 72. Sports caster Bob Costas is 69. Country singer James House is 66. Actor Lena Olin is 66. Singer-actor Stephanie Mills is 64. Actor Matthew Modine is 62. Actor-comedian Keegan-Michael Key is 50. Actor Will Yun Lee is 50. Olympic silver medal figure skater Elvis Stojko is 49. Actor Guillermo Diaz is 46. Actor Anne Dudek is 46. Actor Cole Hauser is 46. Actor Kellie Williams is 45. Actor Reese Witherspoon is 45. Rock musician John Otto (Limp Bizkit) is 44. Actor Tiffany Dupont is 40. Rapper Mims is 40. Actor Constance Wu is 39. Actor James Wolk is 36.

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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