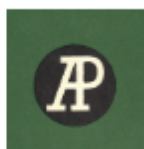


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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 13th day of May 2021,

Journalists come to The Associated Press with their own natural talents and knowledge, writes our colleague **Mark Mittelstadt**, but usually are helped by others who work with them to sharpen their skills and who push them to achieve more.

Mark continues:

When they do, it brings a deep sense of satisfaction to their mentors. For many of us that was seeing a hire become a correspondent or an administrative correspondent or even a bureau chief, or possibly move to a position of responsibility in the company's administrative or executive ranks.

I'm guessing **Paul Stevens** and **Andy Lippman** were smiling broadly Tuesday upon learning that one of their hires, **Sally Buzbee**, was moving from one of the most prominent and influential positions in world journalism, executive editor of AP, to

another as executive editor of The Washington Post. They were no doubt joined from The Great Beyond by **Lew Ferguson** and **Tom Eblen**. Congratulations gentlemen!

Now, Connecting colleagues, how about sharing your own stories about mentorship - whether you were the one who had a special mentor in your career (who was it, how did she or he help you?) or if you were someone who mentored another (and how that felt). Or if you made a special hire, like Sally. This request applies not only to AP folks but also to all our Connecting colleagues in the news profession.

This is AP's 175th anniversary month – and starting with today's Connecting, we will bring you daily reminders of events tied to the anniversary in a box at the end of each issue. Like you, I'm hoping to be around for the 200th anniversary – but for now, let's celebrate the 175th.

Here's to a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

How Will Sally Buzbee Put Her Stamp on the Washington Post?



Sally Buzbee was announced as the new executive editor of the Washington Post on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. BY CELESTE SLOMAN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

BY CHARLOTTE KLEIN
Vanity Fair

Sally Buzbee's appointment to steer the Washington Post's news operation came as a surprise to many on Tuesday. The executive editor of the Associated Press had largely been left off of the rumored short list of candidates to succeed Marty Baron, with industry buzz tending to focus instead on contenders like Post national editor Steven Ginsberg and editors on rival mastheads. The historic hire, which makes Buzbee the first woman executive editor of the 143-year-old news organization, comes on the heels of women recently ascending to the top newsroom jobs at Reuters, The Financial Times, ABC News, and MSNBC. "Internal candidates who'd been groomed (or waited) for years to step up always had the edge" for those positions, Kathleen Carroll, Buzbee's predecessor at the AP, told CNN, "and that made it really hard for women and people of color to move up." But Buzbee is among several news executives "being hired from outside the organization they'll be leading," Carroll noted. "I'm cautiously hopeful that things are starting to really change."

"Every day when I work, I am conscious of the women who came before me in this profession that we love so much and who broke down so many barriers," Buzbee told the Times. "And I am grateful to them pretty much every day of my life, because I know that it took work and guts, and I really do feel that they paved the way for things that are happening now."

Beyond what it may say about the shifting makeup of journalism leadership, Buzbee's appointment was embraced by some insiders as well-suited to the Post's current momentum and growing ambitions. A veteran AP journalist who oversaw a range of coverage—from regional conflicts in the Middle East to presidential elections in Washington—over the course of her 33-year career, Buzbee has "experience managing a huge operation, a big plus since the Post has grown in size by 75% in the last eight years," Post reporter Carol Leonnig told Politico Playbook. According to another Post staffer, many in the newsroom "have been relieved by the breadth of her resume and the spigot of praise from her now-ex colleagues at the AP" despite being surprised by the news.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

Former AP newsman

Jim Klobuchar, columnist and US senator's father, dies at 93



In this Friday, July 31, 2015, photo, Jim Klobuchar poses for a picture in his living room, in Golden Valley, Minn. Longtime Minnesota newspaper reporter and world traveler Klobuchar, whose career as a columnist spanned 30 years and 8,400 columns, died Wednesday, May 12, 2021, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 93. (Aaron Lavinsky/Star Tribune via AP)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Klobuchar, a longtime Minnesota newspaper reporter and columnist and the father of U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, has died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Klobuchar died Wednesday at the Emerald Crest care facility in Burnsville, a Twin Cities suburb, according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune. He was 93.

Amy Klobuchar, the Minnesota senator, said that throughout his life her father was “a champion of those on the outside” and used his words to stand up for people. His career as a newspaper columnist spanned 30 years and 8,400 columns.

“Even to the end, as he lived the final chapter of his life with Alzheimer's, he was still singing songs and telling incredible stories to my sister Meagan and me,” Sen. Klobuchar said. “He loved our state. He loved journalism. He loved sports and adventure. And we loved him.”

Jim Klobuchar grew up on the Iron Range of northern Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a reporter in Bismarck, North Dakota, and for The Associated Press in Minnesota before taking a sports writing job for what is now the Minneapolis Star Tribune in 1961. He retired from the Star Tribune in 1995.

Known for his wit and grace as a columnist, Klobuchar interviewed famous people from Ginger Rogers to Ronald Reagan. However, he stood out for chronicling the lives

of everyday Minnesotans, or “ordinary people doing extraordinary things,” Amy Klobuchar said.

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

Jim Klobuchar was one of a kind

Gene Herrick (Email) – It was sad to hear of the passing of an old friend, Jim Klobuchar, who died yesterday at the age of 93.

Jim and I worked together in the AP Minneapolis bureau back in the 1960's. His mind was complicated, and fast. I remember our covering various sports stories; he did the writing and I did the photography. Often I would go over to the press table after a game, and Jim would be using his notes, and dictating at the same time. The stories were great, and dictated fast.

Klobuchar was the editor who wrote the Bulletin electing Sen. John F. Kennedy president of the U.S. in 1960. Ballots from the state's Northwest Territory didn't arrive until the next day after the election, and those votes elected Kennedy. The nation waited, and waited.

Klobuchar had a temper, and it took little to tip the iceberg. We played a lot of golf together, in Minneapolis and other places we might be on a story, and had a little time. One time, in South Dakota, Jim hit his drive, which “sliced” to the right, striking the windshield of a moving train engine. The engineer reached his arm out the window and shook his fist at Jim. Another time, Klobuchar hit his drive, and immediately a landing jet-fighter came into sight, just at tree level. The ball went under the plane, but Klobuchar dropped his club, and screamed something about shooting a plane down. There were other incidents when I could hear his club beating a tree. However, we had a lot of fun playing.

Klobuchar later left the AP to take a bigger sports writing job with the Minneapolis Tribune, which was right across the street from the AP office. I seldom saw Jim after that. He was busy doing sports and writing books.

In May of 1960, Jim and his wife had a daughter, Amy, who went on to become one of the state's U.S. Senators and a presidential candidate. I saw her as a baby.

Ah, yes, fond memories.

Dennis Royle and the Dalai Lama

Henry Bradsher (Email) - That was a nice tribute to Dennis Lee Royle that Francesca Pitaro of Archives composed, but let me add my memories of Don's (Dennis was also known as Don) work in India, which was omitted from the roundup. Some of this has been recounted before in Connecting, but perhaps it might be briefly repeated.

When the Dalai Lama escaped Chinese Communist control of Tibet in 1959, Don was sent out to join me and the then South Asia bureau chief, Wally Sims, as we waited for

the DL to make his way down through Himalayan jungles to Tezpur, in northeast India's Assam state. Don took the first photographs of the shaven-headed young monk when he reached Tezpur.

But UPI beat us to the Calcutta radiophoto point, jamming it with multiple prints. It was several hours later before London photos got Don's first pictures. Perplexed, London cabled us that UPI photos of the DL, already in newspapers worldwide, showed a crew-cut monk. Soon, London reported that UPI had sent a kill. It had distributed photos of a spokesman for the DL, not the DL himself. That UPI kill caused considerable anger of editors of papers with the wrong monk in print. In Japan, millions of newspaper copies were recalled and pulped.

Three and a half years later, Don returned to India, where I had become bureau chief, for the 1962 India-China border war. As the invading Peoples Liberation Army neared the Indian army headquarters at Tezpur, he (and an AP reporter whose name I don't recall) courageously stood fast and kept working as many Indian officials panicked and fled, before Chinese troops voluntarily halted and then withdrew. Once again, Don produced outstanding coverage from India.

AP journalists – on the job, around the world



From right, video journalist Ahmad Seir, News Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan Kathy Gannon, reporter Tameem Akhgar and photographer Rahmat Gul conduct an interview for an all-formats story near the Bagram Air Base in northern Kabul, Afghanistan, May 3, 2021. (Photo courtesy Ahmad Nazar)



Paris-based video journalist Alex Turnbull, left, and Paris producer Catherine Gaschka pose on the roof of the Palace of Versailles while covering the end of a long-awaited renovation, April 27, 2021, in Versailles, France. (Photo courtesy Angela Charlton)



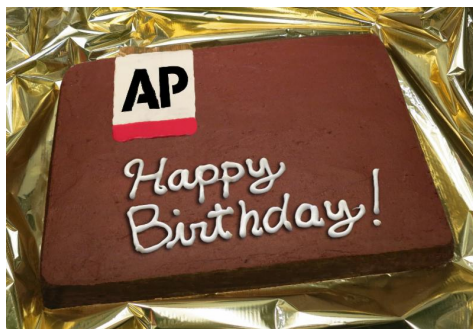
Washington photographer Susan Walsh prepares to cover President Joe Biden's Air Force One departure at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., April 30, 2021. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

California owls



Nick Ut ([Email](#)) - California Burrowing owls near Ontario Airport. Have 10 baby Owls. One died hit by car.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

The problem of 'casting calls' for sources (Columbia Journalism Review)

By KO BRAGG

IN THE SUMMER OF 2020, Tara Raghveer found herself dealing with a barrage of inquiries from national media outlets. Raghveer is the director of a grassroots housing-justice organization, and reporters were seeking to cover a roaring eviction crisis taking place all over the nation, including Kansas City, Missouri, where

Raghuveer is based. Most of the requests, Raghuveer found, were routine, asking for connections to someone going through eviction. But others were most like casting calls, seeking a specific profile of suffering.

Raghuveer doesn't mind connecting journalists to her base of tenant organizers. She recognizes that numbers alone cannot convey human stories. And the people being requested do exist. Research has long shown that Black women disproportionately face eviction, especially those with children, and the same has been true during the pandemic. In a study released ahead of the peer review process, public health experts found that evictions have led to more than ten thousand deaths from the coronavirus. But increasingly, she says, some journalists cross the line.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

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Have you got deep pockets and care about Chicago? Buy the Tribune (Chicago Sun-Times)

By **ANDY GRIMM**

This is an odd thing to do in the pages of the Chicago Sun-Times, but I'm asking someone to buy the Chicago Tribune.

No, don't rush to a news rack or start a subscription. Buy the entire newspaper, lock, stock and ink barrels.

The Tribune is for sale, and on May 21, shareholders of the Tribune's parent company, Tribune Publishing, will vote on a proposed takeover by a hedge fund named Alden Global Capital.

This is a bad deal for our city. I'm a Sun-Times reporter and a Chicagoan, but I'm speaking here as president of the Chicago News Guild, the union local that represents journalists at the Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune and most of the other newspapers in our area.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To celebrate AP's 175th anniversary, the Corporate Archives has organized "AP at 175: Conversations with History," a series of three webinars.

They are:

The AP at its beginnings and the development of a national communications system in the 19th century: Prof. Menahem Blondheim in conversation with AP Editor at Large Jerry Schwartz.

When: Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Zoom: <https://ap.zoom.us/j/96043360939>

This event will feature

A longtime friend of the Corporate Archives, Menahem Blondheim is the Newhouse Professor of Communication in the department of communication and the department of history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also serves as the academic director of undergraduate studies at HU's Rothberg International school, and previously as head of the Truman Institute for the advancement of Peace. He received his BA from the Hebrew University and his MA and PhD from Harvard University in American History. An Israeli Americanist interested in things Italian, he has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, New York University, Ca' Foscari University in Venice, Sapienza University of Rome and Lumsa University, also in Rome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ap.zoom.us/j/96043360939>

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The only perfect method: Kent Cooper and the birth of AP Wirephoto: Prof. Gene Allen in conversation with Creative Services Special Projects Manager Chuck Zoeller.

When: Thursday, June 03, 2021 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Zoom: <https://ap.zoom.us/j/99279521949>

Gene Allen is a Professor in the School of Journalism at Ryerson University (Toronto) and a faculty member in the Ryerson-York Joint Graduate Program in Communication and Culture. He had an extensive and varied career as a television news and documentary producer – including a position as director of research for the CBC/Radio-Canada television series Canada: A People's History -- and as an editor and reporter for The Globe and Mail before joining Ryerson's Journalism faculty in 2001. Gene is the author of Making National News: A History of Canadian Press, which was a finalist for the Canada Prize for the Humanities in 2015. He recently completed a biography of Kent Cooper, the general manager and executive director of Associated Press from 1925 to 1951.

Join Zoom Meeting

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AP correspondents bring home the world: Their history in their own words: Prof. Giovanna Dell'Orto in conversation with Vice President and Editor at Large for Standards John Daniszewski.

When: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Zoom: <https://ap.zoom.us/j/94209986199>

Giovanna Dell'Orto, Ph.D., is a former newswoman with The Associated Press (in Minneapolis, Rome, Phoenix and Atlanta). Now Associate Professor of journalism at the University of Minnesota, she teaches and researches the interplay of news production, news content and international affairs. She is the author or senior editor of six books on this topic, including an oral history of AP foreign correspondence from the Second World War to the 2010s, published by Cambridge University Press in 2015.

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Today in History - May 13, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2021. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

On this date:

In 1568, forces loyal to Mary, Queen of Scots were defeated by troops under her half-brother and Regent of Scotland, the Earl of Moray, in the Battle of Langside, thwarting Mary's attempt to regain power almost a year after she was forced to abdicate.

In 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Alabama.

In 1917, three shepherd children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal; it was the first of six such apparitions that the children claimed to have witnessed.

In 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1961, actor Gary Cooper died in Los Angeles six days after turning 60.

In 1967, a vault fire at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Culver City, California, destroyed hundreds of the studio's early films.

In 1972, 118 people died after fire broke out at the Sennichi Department Store in Osaka, Japan.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca (MEH'-met AH'-lee AH'-juh).

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house, igniting a fire that killed 11 people and destroyed 61 homes.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun; Breyer went on to win Senate confirmation.

In 2002, President George W. Bush announced that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin (POO'-tihn) would sign a treaty to shrink their countries' nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

Ten years ago: Two suicide bombers attacked paramilitary police recruits heading home after months of training in northwest Pakistan, killing 87 people in what the Pakistan Taliban called revenge for the U.S. slaying of Osama bin Laden. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi taunted NATO in an audio broadcast, saying he was alive despite a series of airstrikes and "in a place where you can't get to and kill me."

Five years ago: The Obama administration issued a directive requiring public schools to permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity. President Barack Obama hosted a state dinner honoring the leaders of Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Denmark and Norway, following a multilateral summit that Obama used to laud the Nordic states as model global citizens on climate change, security, humanitarian efforts and economic equality.

One year ago: President Donald Trump urged governors to work to reopen schools that were closed because of the coronavirus; he took issue with Dr. Anthony Fauci's caution against moving too quickly in returning students to class. The Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down Gov. Tony Evers' coronavirus stay-at-home order, ruling that his administration had overstepped its authority by extending the order for another month. An American cargo pilot, Brian Yeargan, was sentenced to four weeks in prison in Singapore for violating coronavirus restrictions by leaving his hotel to buy masks and a thermometer. Michigan regulators suspended the license of barber Karl Menke, who insisted on cutting hair despite an order to stay closed during the pandemic. Paul Manafort, a former Trump campaign chairman who was convicted as part of the special counsel's Russia probe, was released from federal prison to serve the rest of his sentence at home due to concerns about the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 83. Actor Harvey Keitel is 82. Author Charles Baxter is 74. Actor Zoe Wanamaker is 73. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 72. Singer Stevie Wonder is 71. Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sihk) is 69. Actor Leslie Winston is 65. Producer-writer Alan Ball is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 60. "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert (kohl-BEHR') is 57. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 57. Actor Tom Verica is 57. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 55. Actor Susan Floyd is 53. Actor Brian Geraghty is 46. Actor Samantha Morton is 44. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., is 44. Former NBA player Mike Bibby is 43. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 42. Actor Iwan Rheon is 36. Actor-writer-

director Lena Dunham is 35. Actor Robert Pattinson is 35. Actor Candice Accola King is 34. Actor Hunter Parrish is 34. Folk-rock musician Wylie Gelber (Dawes) is 33. NHL defenseman P.K. Subban is 33. Actor Debby Ryan is 28.

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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