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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021,

Here's some historical irony involving **Katharine Graham, Sally Buzbee**, The Associated Press and The Washington Post.



**This is a 1975 photo of Katharine Graham, first woman elected to the Associated Press' board of directors, who is seated at left during a board meeting in New York City. (AP Photo courtesy of Corporate Archives)**

In 1974, Graham, publisher of the Post, was the first woman elected to the AP board and served the maximum nine years. On Tuesday, Buzbee moved from being AP's executive editor to join the Post as its executive editor - the first woman ever to hold that position.

An exhibition honoring the life of Graham, a native New Yorker who died in 2001, is currently on display at the New York Historical Society museum and library. It opened May 21 and continues until Oct. 3 at the Joyce B. Cowin Women's History Gallery. More information on the exhibition can be found by clicking [here](#).

Three of our Connecting colleagues are among women who have since served on the AP board: **Julie Inskeep**, with The Journal Gazette of Fort Wayne (Ind.); **Elizabeth "Betsy" Brenner**, then with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and **Mary Junck**, with Lee Enterprises.

Junck, who continues to serve as Lee Enterprises chairman, became the first woman to be named chairman of the AP board in 2012 and led the search committee that resulted in **Gary Pruitt** being named president and CEO, succeeding **Tom Curley**.

"Katharine Graham led The Washington Post when top women executives in newspapers were rare," said Junck in a note to Connecting, "and female publishers were nearly non-existent ... Her steely commitment to relentless investigative journalism and strong news coverage continues to be a reminder of why we got into the news business in the first place. She led the way for many of us with her determination, grit and kind spirit, and I'm grateful for her trail-blazing."

Inskeep, who served on the board from 2000-2009 and is president of The Journal Gazette, said, "One of my favorite books is Graham's Personal History. A powerful read and a tribute to how she faced challenges and helped the rest of us move forward."

Said Brenner, who served on the board from 2009-2016: "Katharine Graham became an icon to generations of female publishers who came behind her - and I count myself among them. Her service on the AP Board was one of the many ways she chose to give back to our industry - and we are grateful for her examples of leadership and grace under fire."

**The second in a series of three webinars, "AP at 175: Conversations with History,"** will be held Thursday and is titled:

**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>

Meeting ID: 992 7952 1949

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul



## A letter to Washington Post subscribers

### The Washington Post

The Washington Post  
 From Fred Ryan, Publisher and CEO  
 Dear Washington Post subscribers,

I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to Sally Buzbee, who will be joining The Washington Post as executive editor on June 1. Sally ushers in an important new era of leadership, growth, and innovation to our newsroom. A world-class journalist, she is steeped in the courageous work that is our hallmark and is committed to delivering the trusted, fact-based, inclusive news coverage you expect from The Washington Post. Most recently, as executive editor of the Associated Press, she led one of the world's largest and most respected news organizations.

Sally is widely admired for her absolute integrity, boundless energy, and dedication to the essential role journalism plays in safeguarding our democracy. That dedication is

matched only by her fierce commitment to bringing you, the reader, closer to the story, allowing you to take something meaningful away from it.

As you may have noticed, we have expanded to become a 24/7 global news operation. Sally's experience in international newsgathering will be invaluable in bringing you news from around the globe, in real time.

Sally has a relentless focus on seeking out the stories that are relevant to our diverse lives and interests. She shares our commitment to holding the powerful to account, and to the rigorous, deeply sourced, in-depth investigative journalism for which The Washington Post is renowned.

In Sally, we have found an inspiring leader who embodies our values of diversity and inclusion, a thoughtful mentor, and an accomplished journalist in the finest traditions of The Washington Post.

We are thrilled to have Sally at the helm of our newsroom, and you'll be hearing directly from her once she is on board.

Until then, thank you for subscribing and supporting our mission of independent journalism.

Fred Ryan  
Publisher and Chief Executive Officer

## More on Emily Wilder, and more on Memorial Day

**Mark Mittelstadt** ([Email](#)) - Re" AP Editor Defends Firing Emily Wilder Over Pro-Palestinian Tweets: 'Credibility Is at Stake'" (Tuesday Connecting): It was a difficult call but the right one.

**Michael Rubin** ([Email](#)) - More re Emily Wilder. I agree, AP handled it quite poorly. I doubt many of us would loudly proclaim some things we said or claimed in college.

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**Barr, center, reads off the names of the war dead, flanked by an honor guard of Air Force cadets from the local Randolph-Macon Academy. Royal Examiner photo.**

**Malcolm Barr Sr. ([Email](#))** - On Monday, Malcolm Barr Sr. (AP Hula and WX), a Royal Air Force veteran in the U.K., led his hometown (Front Royal, Va.) Memorial Day tribute for the 10th consecutive year along with his uniformed co-chair, Lt. Col. Rob MacDougall, U.S. Marine Corps. In addition to reading off the war dead from his home county, Barr, accompanied by his Siberian husky, again recognized the Dogs of War who have been blessed from the Front Royal podium through the past decade. MacDougall called upon Barr's son, Malcolm Jr., a veteran of the Iraq war as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, to lay one of two wreaths. The younger Barr (36) provided intelligence support to Army and SEALs special forces operations during his Iraq assignment in 2009. The executive director of the local humane society, Meghan Bowers, placed a second wreath honoring the war dogs as the husky looked on.



**Jim Reindl** ([Email](#)) - Spent part of our Memorial Day weekend with the wild horses of Livno, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### *Connecting series:*

## Filing from unusual places

**Henry Bradsher** ([Email](#)) - Among unusual places from which to file, how about writing a dispatch in a jungle clearing under Himalayan foothills? With help to get the story to a cable office.

Nepal's King Mahendra arranged in 1961 what doubtlessly will remain the last great royal tiger hunt as the number of wild tigers dwindles and there are no more kings of tiger territories. In 1911 King George V and his hunting party killed 21 tigers in southern Nepal's jungles. When his granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II, went tiger hunting there half a century later, I accompanied her for AP. A Reuters correspondent and I shared a howdah atop "the press elephant". We were pooling for the London media mob covering Queen's tour of India, Pakistan and Nepal. That crazy bunch had been left unhappy in Kathmandu.

This was just a writing assignment. Photographers in the mob, mostly from competing London papers, had insisted that I leave my simple reflex camera behind. During weeks of earlier tour coverage, they had been repeatedly angered by my getting better pictures from, or jumping out of, the press car closely following the Queen than they could get from the photo van farther back in motorcades. The tiger hunt had just

one pool photographer selected by colleagues. The photo mob included a UPI photographer whose pictures were shared by UPI and AP in a cost-saving arrangement made ahead of time in London. His photos were supplemented by mine just for AP. UPI did not separately staff most of the tour and get separate photos.

We flew from Kathmandu to a grass strip carved out of the jungle to spend the night on cots in simple tents. The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, had both a bedroom tent and an attached bathroom tent reportedly equipped with a flush toilet (probably like Monica and I used in a safari camp tent in Kenya in 2005).

A bleating goat was tied up that night a mile or so away to lure a tiger to feast on it. Then, since tigers will not challenge elephants, it was trapped by some hundred mounted elephants in a circle about 120 yards wide of yard-high grass. Over breakfast in the mess tent, a British official passed the word to Reuters and me that Philip had, unfortunately, suffered an infected trigger finger and therefore could not shoot the tiger himself; he appeared with a bandaged hand. We cynics assumed that this excuse was invented because of the angry reaction back in England by opponents of blood sports to Philip's having killed a tiger earlier in the tour in western India on a hunt when no press was allowed.

In Nepal the next-senior member of the royal party, the foreign secretary, Sir Alexander Frederick Douglas-Home (who became prime minister in 1963 for just a year), was assigned shooting honors. Except that Home, a noted cricket player in his youth, was not a good shot.

As beaters on elephants pushed the bounding tiger back and forth for fleeting appearances in the large grass circle, Home kept shooting from his howdah and missing. Finally, Philip sent word for several military aides also to fire. The next time the tiger appeared, three shots rang out. It dropped. Home got credit for the kill. Reuters and I watched all this from our elephant, four or five pachyderms from the Queen and Philip around the circle – behind which circulated a “bar elephant” serving drinks.

An outdoor buffet lunch was followed by a hunt for the South Asian one-horned rhinoceros. Mounting our elephants again, we waded into a swampy area. When a rhino was shot by other members of the royal party, two baby rhinos merged from the undergrowth, briefly nuzzled their dead mother, then fled into the swamp. The earlier reaction to Philip's killing a tiger was eclipsed in Britain by outrage over orphaning those babies.

After the rhino hunt, Reuters and I found a shady spot to hand-print a pool report. A British communications officer radioed this to Kathmandu, where it was read to the mob and cabled to AP London and to Reuters before the hunting party got back to Kathmandu. Once I got back there to my typewriter, I filed a separate, more detailed account.

(This is part of my description of the British media circus during the Queen's South Asia tour in my 2013 book, “The Dalai Lama's Secret” – that I once again shamelessly promote because Ye Olde Connecting Editor's suggestion of unusual filings provoked me into recalling the tiger hunt. Wait, did I write provoked? Well, make that stimulated, or gave me an excuse.)

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**Marc Wilson (Email)** - I must have been an odd site when I knocked on the door of the brothel.

My shoes, socks and pants were soaking wet up to my thighs. My shirt was ripped.

"I need to use your phone!" I said to the 30ish woman peering at me through the half-open door.

She let me in without hesitation. Two other women were near the front door.

"I'm a reporter for The Associated Press," I explained. "I'm assigned to cover the plane crash. I parked my car at the oasis off Interstate 294 that overlooks the crash site. I had to climb a 10-foot fence and tore my shirt on the barbed wire at the top. Then I had to wade across a ditch or a stream that was pretty deep in the middle."

They said nothing.

"The crash knocked out all the power and the phones around here, but an emergency worker at the crash site told me your phone was still working – the only one nearby that's still working."

They affirmed that their phone somehow still worked.

Their business – a one-story ramshackle building – was about 600 or 700 yards from the edge of the crash site -- now just a mass of black scorched ground.

I asked them if they saw the crash.

No, they didn't see anything.

But they said they heard the crash and heard and felt the explosion of the tanks full of jet fuel. They said the earth shook, then they were hit with a great wave of heat.

"We were terrified!"

They were watching a television coverage of the crash. The news anchor reported that the downed plane was American Airlines Flight 191 bound from Chicago to Los Angeles. I'd already heard that news on my car radio. The reports contradicted initial reports that a cargo plane had crashed at O'Hare.

It was the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 25, 1979.

The women pointed me to their phone, and I called the Chicago bureau with details of what I'd learned, mostly a description of the scorched Earth, and emergency workers combing the still smoldering ashes.

I also called AP radio from that phone. I think I was reporting live on the air from the brothel.



When I finished the calls, the women handed me several towels and pointed me to their restroom where I dried myself off as well as I could.

I thanked them and left.

Phone service was somehow restored to a phone booth nearer the crash site, and the few journalists who had gotten past the police barriers took turns using the pay phone.

We learned within hours that 258 passengers and 13 crew members on the DC-10 were killed in the crash. Two persons on the ground also were killed.

The brothel, its employees and customers barely escaped.

That's where I made my most unusual call to file a story.

## A farewell column – but retirement? Well, maybe, maybe not



**Ken Herman (standing) asking question of George W. Bush. Photo by Charles Dharapak/AP**

(Connecting colleague Ken Herman wrote this [farewell column](#) in the Austin American-Statesman, where he has worked for the 26 years, including the last 12 as columnist, and also worked several years in Washington as White House Correspondent during the George W. Bush years. He served with the AP from 1979-1988, with stints in Dallas, Harlingen (Texas) and Austin. From 1988-1995, he was

Austin Bureau Chief for the now-defunct Houston Post. Prior to AP, he was with the Lufkin Daily News in East Texas from 1975-77.)

## Herman: That's all, folks

**Ken Herman** ([Email](#)) - Pardon the college sports reference, but after 26 years in various roles (reporter, White House correspondent, columnist, office nuisance) and in various places (Mongolia, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Cleveland) for this fine newspaper, I am entering the transfer portal.

Like most college athletes who enter the transfer portal (which means they're looking for a new place to play), I'm grateful to my soon-to-be-former home and look forward to whatever's next, which is unknown.

The marketplace will decide whether this is retirement.

Why am I leaving? Let's call it voluntary with an asterisk. I've had a great situation here at the paper, left free to write however I wanted about whatever I wanted. That's far more than any journalist should expect. I know that.

It's been a wonderfully broad portfolio that's allowed me to write about whatever interested me in hopes that it would interest you and the editors. In 12 years of column writing, there have been politics, sports, obits, weird stuff, happy stuff, sad stuff and the unrivaled joy and optimism of centenarians jumping out of airplanes.

I've also shared with you the abuse I've taken, from folks at the Texas Capitol and from a resident president at the White House, for wearing a seersucker suit I've worn just enough to get abused out of ever wearing it in public again.

I was granted a small section of this newspaper's print and pixels to write about whatever. It was nothing to which I was entitled. Nobody is. But that was the deal, with paychecks and benefits, under the editor who gave me the job (thanks, Fred Zipp) and the subsequent two editors who put up with me and continued to give me broad latitude (thanks, Debbie Hiott and John Bridges).

At a time when the newspaper industry is struggling through a challenging present en route to an unknown and decidedly iffy future, I've been fortunate to have a great job while mourning journalist colleagues we've lost along the way to buyouts, layoffs, and salaries and situations that, for them, became unsustainable. I've had something akin to survivor's guilt.

This newspaper, like many, has undergone significant evolution in recent years. Ownership changes have meant new direction under new leadership. Later this year, the American-Statesman will move into a new building. I hope you've noticed some new bylines from some relatively new staffers who bring new perspectives to the paper.

That's a lot of new. And new things are good, and needed, in an industry in which about the only thing we know for sure is that many of the old things aren't working anymore. The journalistic goals remain the same, but the business model that

produced so much profit and so much employment for so long is so kaput, disrupted into a new frontier in which success is far from assured and must be earned.

And the way we've covered our community at times has evidenced an overly narrow definition of our community.

The newspaper's new editor, Manny García, brings new energy and focus at a time when both of those are valued. He has a different vision from the one I have for the job I now hold. His is a good vision, one that will benefit this newspaper. I look forward to reading the work of whoever gets this privileged job.

I leave this newspaper with the satisfaction of believing I've satisfied people in the two categories that mattered the most, the people who signed my paychecks during all those years and the readers who've shared their feedback about my columns.

A little something about that last demographic. I divide the world into three categories. My favorite is folks who read my columns and tell me I'm great. My second favorite is folks who read my columns and tell me I'm a numbskull. My least favorite category is folks who don't read my columns. (Actually, there's a fourth category: Folks who don't read my columns and tell me I'm a numbskull.)

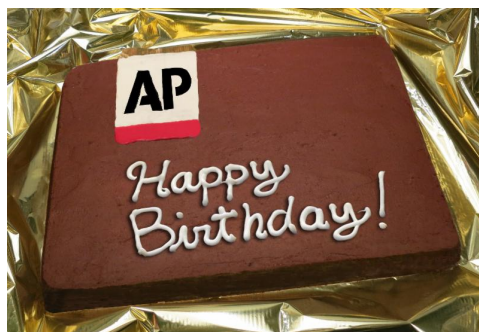
So that's the deal, and this is the end. I'm hoping the next person who gets the privilege of typing stuff in this space does so in ways that help make this good community even better. We are a community of great success and heartbreaking failure. That gap always will exist. But it can be narrowed.

And maybe along the way the new columnist can induce a chuckle or two. Laughing is good. Especially at ourselves.

Please continue to support this newspaper. For those of you who have the print newspaper addiction and are forking over the ever-increasing price of a subscription for a daily paper with unfortunately early deadlines, thanks. You might want to look into the more economical digital subscription, which includes the e-paper, a reproduction of the print edition pages with which you might be more comfortable.

Great things are coming for your hometown newspaper that's now under new Mannygement.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Catey Terry - [TerryC@missouri.edu](mailto:TerryC@missouri.edu)

## Stories of interest

***Black Wall Street was shattered 100 years ago. How the Tulsa race massacre was covered up and unearthed*** (CNBC)

By Yun Li

A century ago this week, the wealthiest U.S. Black community was burned to the ground.

At the turn of the 20th century, the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma, became one of the first communities in the country thriving with Black entrepreneurial businesses. The prosperous town, founded by many descendants of slaves, earned a reputation as the Black Wall Street of America and became a harbor for African Americans in a highly segregated city under Jim Crow laws.

On May 31, 1921, a white mob turned Greenwood upside down in one of the worst racial massacres in U.S. history. In the matter of hours, 35 square blocks of the vibrant Black community were turned into smoldering ashes. Countless Black people were killed — estimates ranged from 55 to more than 300 — and 1,000 homes and businesses were looted and set on fire.

Read more [here](#).

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***Naomi Osaka and the meaning of press freedom***

(Columbia Journalism Review)

By JON ALLSOP

LAST WEDNESDAY, Naomi Osaka, the world's second-ranked women's tennis player, who represents Japan, announced on social media that she would not be doing any press at the French Open, which was coming up. "I've often felt that people have no regard for athletes' mental health and this rings very true whenever I see a press conference or partake in one," Osaka wrote. "We're often sat there and asked questions that we've been asked multiple times before or asked questions that bring doubt into our minds and I'm just not going to subject myself to people that doubt me." On Sunday, Osaka won her first-round match; afterward, she took a few questions from an on-court interviewer, but then, true to her word, missed the post-

match press conference. In response, tennis officials fined Osaka fifteen thousand dollars for breaching her media obligations and threatened her with expulsion from the French Open, as well as suspension from future Grand Slams.

Yesterday, Osaka took the decision out of their hands by dropping out of the French Open and announcing a hiatus from the game. "The truth is that I have suffered long bouts of depression since the US Open in 2018 and I have had a really hard time coping with that," she wrote online yesterday. (At that tournament, Osaka beat Serena Williams in the final, but her victory was overshadowed by a row involving Williams and the umpire; spectators booed loudly, including during the trophy presentation.) "Anyone that knows me knows I'm introverted, and anyone that has seen me at the tournaments will notice that I'm often wearing headphones as that helps dull my social anxiety. Though the tennis press has always been kind to me (and I wanna apologize especially to all the cool journalists who I may have hurt), I am not a natural public speaker and get huge waves of anxiety before I speak to the world's media." Later, Gilles Moreton, the president of the French Federation of Tennis, addressed reporters about Osaka's withdrawal. He read a brief prepared statement, in English and French, reiterating officials' commitment to players' well-being, then left without taking any questions.

Read more [here](#).

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## *Remembering journalists killed covering World War*

*//* (WWII on Deadline)

**By Marc Lancaster**

Correspondents covering World War II understood the risks inherent in the assignment, and it was inevitable that some of them would die in the line of duty alongside the fighting men and women whose stories they were telling.

Here, we remember the correspondents who didn't come back. Click on any links to read more about that person's specific story.

Nov. 18, 1940 -- Ralph Barnes of the New York Herald Tribune died when the RAF Wellington bomber he was aboard crashed into a mountain in what is now Montenegro.

Dec. 15, 1941 -- Alexander Massy Anderson of Reuters went down with the HMS Galatea after the ship was torpedoed off Alexandria, Egypt.

Mar. 7, 1942 -- D. Witt Hancock of the Associated Press went down aboard the Dutch ship Poeloe Bras after it was hit by a Japanese bomber while fleeing Java.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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## ***Aiming to diversify science journalism, STAT creates fellowship named for reporter Sharon Begley*** (STAT)

By Andrew Joseph

STAT on Tuesday opened applications for a new early-career science journalism fellowship named in memory of acclaimed reporter Sharon Begley, who was beloved by the legions of younger journalists she mentored in her four-decade career. The annual nine-month fellowship, offered jointly with MIT's Knight Science Journalism program, aims to help improve the diversity of science journalism.

Those selected for the Sharon Begley-STAT Science Reporting Fellowship will work as reporters out of STAT's Boston headquarters, and will receive additional training through the KSJ program. The fellowship is designed for people who are in the first five years of their career and who are from racial and ethnic communities underrepresented in the field.

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative — whose science arm has the mission of curing, preventing, or managing all disease by the end of the century — has provided \$225,000 for the program's first two years, and STAT is seeking additional funding to sustain the program.

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



## **A special section celebrating AP's 175th**

**AP Through Time: A Photographic History**



AP Through Time: A Photographic History” - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP’s 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP’s development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

## AP store for 175th merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase. The site is currently down but Connecting will let you know when it is operational. More items are planned to be added later.

## AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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## UPCOMING WEBINARS

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

Upcoming are:

**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.

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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. Join Zoom Meeting

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## Today in History - June 2, 2021



### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2021. There are 212 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 2, 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.

#### On this date:

In 1897, Mark Twain was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration." (Twain was responding to a report in the New York Herald that he was "grievously ill" and "possibly dying.")

In 1924, Congress passed, and President Calvin Coolidge signed, a measure guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1962, Soviet forces opened fire on striking workers in the Russian city of Novochoerkassk; a retired general in 1989 put the death toll at 22 to 24.

In 1966, U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating economist Alan Greenspan to succeed Paul Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In 1995, a U.S. Air Force F-16C was shot down by a Bosnian Serb surface-to-air missile while on a NATO air patrol in northern Bosnia; the pilot, Capt. Scott F. O'Grady, was rescued by U.S. Marines six days later.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people. (McVeigh was executed in June 2001.)

In 1999, South Africans went to the polls in their second post-apartheid election, giving the African National Congress a decisive victory; retiring president Nelson Mandela was succeeded by Thabo Mbeki (TAH'-boh um-BEH'-kee).

In 2008, Bo Diddley, 79, a founding father of rock 'n' roll, died in Archer, Florida, at age 79.

In 2009, Scott Roeder (ROH'-dur), an anti-abortion activist, was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, Kansas. (Roeder was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.)

Ten years ago: Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination during an appearance in New Hampshire. A judge in Placerville, California, sentenced serial sex offender Phillip Garrido to life in prison for kidnapping and raping Jaycee Dugard; Garrido's wife, Nancy, received a decades-long sentence.

Five years ago: House Speaker Paul Ryan endorsed Donald Trump's bid for president, telling The Associated Press his goal was to make sure the GOP was "at full strength in the fall." President Barack Obama, speaking at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, implored the next generation of U.S. military leaders not to give in to isolationism or pull back from U.S. leadership in the world, drawing a contrast with a foreign policy vision laid out by Donald Trump. Autopsy results showed superstar musician Prince died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid painkiller.

One year ago: Defying curfews, protesters streamed back into the nation's streets, hours after President Donald Trump urged governors to put down the violence set off by the death of George Floyd. Police said four officers were hit by gunfire after protests in St. Louis that began peacefully became violent. The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington sharply criticized Trump for staging a visit to St. John's Church across from the White House after authorities had cleared the area of peaceful protesters. Mayors and governors from both parties rejected Trump's threat to use

the military against protesters. Outrage over George Floyd's death spread around the world; tear gas choked Paris as riot police faced off with protesters setting fires. Six Atlanta police officers were charged after video showed police pulling two young people from a car and shooting them with stun guns. Trump said he was seeking a new state to host the Republican National Convention after North Carolina refused to guarantee that the event could be held in Charlotte without coronavirus restrictions. (Delegates would meet in Charlotte to nominate Trump for reelection, but he delivered his acceptance speech from the White House lawn.) Nine states and the District of Columbia voted in the largest slate of presidential primaries in almost three months; the vote count would confirm that Joe Biden had clinched the Democratic nomination. Basketball Hall of Famer Wes Unseld died at 74.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Sally Kellerman is 84. Actor Ron Ely (EE'-lee) is 83. Filmmaker and movie historian Kevin Brownlow is 83. Actor Stacy Keach is 80. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 80. Actor Charles Haid is 78. R&B singer Chubby Tavares (Tavares) is 77. Movie director Lasse (LAH'-suh) Hallstrom is 75. Actor Jerry Mathers is 73. Actor Joanna Gleason is 71. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman is 69. Actor Dennis Haysbert is 67. Comedian Dana Carvey is 66. Actor Gary Grimes is 66. Pop musician Michael Steele is 66. Rock singer Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) is 61. Actor Liam Cunningham is 60. Actor Navid Negahban is 57. Singer Merrill Bainbridge is 53. TV personality-producer Andy Cohen ("The Real Housewives" TV franchise) is 53. Rapper B-Real (Cypress Hill) is 51. Actor Paula Cale is 51. Actor Anthony Montgomery is 50. Actor-comedian Wayne Brady is 49. Actor Wentworth Miller is 49. Rock musician Tim Rice-Oxley (Keane) is 45. Actor Zachary Quinto is 44. Actor Dominic Cooper is 43. Actor Nikki Cox is 43. Actor Justin Long is 43. Actor Deon Richmond is 43. Actor Morena Baccarin is 42. R&B singer Irish Grinstead (702) is 41. Rock musician Fabrizio Moretti (The Strokes) is 41. Olympic gold medal soccer player Abby Wambach is 41. Singer-songwriter ZZ Ward is 35. Rapper/actor Awkwafina is 33. Actor Brittany Curran is 31. Actor Sterling Beaumon is 26.

## Got a story or photos to share?

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- **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.
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- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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