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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021,

The death of our colleague **Eldon Cort**, a technician in the Tallahassee bureau for nearly four decades, brought back memories of the tip he provided that gave AP first word on the death of Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles.

Tallahassee AP Correspondent **Brendan Farrington**, a Miami newsman at the time, recounts the story for Connecting on that evening in December 1998 when Cort, listening to a police scanner, heard the code for a death at the governor's mansion. Chiles, a Florida Democrat who spent 18 years in the U.S. Senate before serving the last eight as governor, died after an apparent heart attack.

### 115 years of AP service in one family!

That remarkable fact came through to many of us in a recounting of Eldon's life in Thursday's Connecting. Eldon served 42 years with the AP. His father **Horace Cort** was an AP photographer for 38 years, covering the Normandy invasion in World War II and

the civil rights movement in the South. And Eldon's uncle **Walter Cort** served as a technician in Portland, Ore., for 35 years.

Is there any other family in the history of AP with that length of service? Connecting would like to know.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

# On the night the governor died, AP technician Eldon Cort got first tip

**WEATHER**  
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 Partly cloudy. Twenty percent chance of rain. High in low 60s; low in mid 40s/A2.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998**

**"He died doing what he loved best, being governor" – Dexter Douglass**  
**Gov. Chiles dies**

■ A heart attack is blamed in the death of the longtime Florida politician.  
 By **BRENT KALLESTAD**  
 Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Lawton M. Chiles, a folksy Southern Democrat dubbed "Walkin' Lawton" for crisscrossing the state on foot during his first U.S. Senate campaign, died of an apparent heart attack Saturday. He was 68.

Chiles, one of the most popular politicians in state history, was found at 4 p.m. collapsed next to a cycling machine in the gymnasium at the Governor's Mansion, said Linda Shelley, his chief of staff. Paramedics could not resuscitate him.

Chiles, who had quadruple-bypass heart surgery in 1985, was at the mansion preparing to hold a reception for Florida Department of Law Enforcement officials.

Shelley said he died of an apparent heart attack.

Chiles is the first Florida governor to die in office since Daniel McCarthy in September 1953. Flags were lowered to half-staff at all state office buildings in honor of the self-described "he-coon" of Florida politics — the biggest, baddest raccoon in the forest.

"Gov. Chiles dedicated more than 40 years of

■ Local friends recall Chiles' dedication to public service and love of the outdoors.  
 By **BRUCE ROLFSEN**  
 Daily News Staff Writer

Neal Cobb had no sure idea the man he saw walking in the rain on the side of the State Road 4 between Baker and Crestview would go on to become a U.S. senator.

"It was a rainy day like today," Cobb said Saturday in recalling the time he spotted Lawton Chiles, then a little-known lawmaker from Central Florida who was making his first cross-state walk in 1979.

Chiles was campaigning by walking from Northwest Florida to the Florida Keys and accepting donations of only \$10 or less.

He was a long-shot candidate for the U.S. Senate. Cobb knew most of the Democratic leaders in Northwest Florida and was looking for a Senate candidate he could support.

Cobb stopped his car to talk with Chiles. "I tried to pick him up and give him a lift to Crestview but he said 'No,'" Cobb said from his home in Baker.

Chiles spent that night in Crestview, where Cobb and other local Democrats had dinner with him.

**REMEMBERING LAWTON CHILES**  
 Republicans and Democrats alike viewed the Florida governor as a leader and a gentleman who served the state well as both governor and senator.

**JEB BUSH**  
 "For four decades, Lawton Chiles has been a leader who has defined our great state."

**BOB BUTTERWORTH**  
 "He served this state so well in so many capacities. He's literally second to none."

**LINDA SHELLEY**  
 "His legacy is a living one... It is felt in the hearts of the people he touched."

**PRESIDENT CLINTON**  
 "He has been an indefatigable champion of Florida's children and families."

## Front page saved and shared by Adam Yeomans

It was Saturday evening Dec. 12, 1998, and John Pacenti was the weekend supervisor. Brendan Farrington was called in to help with a heavy load of college sports box scores. It was an otherwise quiet night until longtime Tallahassee technician Eldon Cort called and said he'd been listening to a police scanner and heard a code for a death at the governor's mansion.

John immediately tried calling Correspondent Brent Kallestad and the other Tallahassee staff. None answered their phones. Brent's son said Brent was at dinner. In the meantime, John asked Brent's son to go to the governor's mansion and call in anything he saw. In the meantime, the Miami crew began working the phones to try to confirm. Law enforcement wasn't being helpful – they would not confirm or deny that there was a death.

As rumors started to get out, members began calling to see if we could confirm Gov. Lawton Chiles had died. It was a scramble to be the first to report the death, but the head start Eldon gave the bureau led to AP being the first to report the story that Gov. Lawton Chiles was found dead near an exercise bike at the mansion.

Eldon was proud of his 50 years with the Associated Press and often visited the bureau long after his retirement, often talking about his travels or news of the day. He was very active in his church and a loving husband and father.

(Shared by Brendan Farrington, AP's Tallahassee correspondent who was a Miami newsman at the time of Chiles' death,)

## And these memories of Eldon Cort

**Richard Carelli ([Email](#))** - I met Eldon in person only twice while based in Miami and working as Florida news editor in the early 1970s. Such a good guy and a gentle man. In occasional phone calls to relay messages from members stressed out by some equipment glitch, I always found him willing to provide a solution quickly and cheerfully. COC Charlie Bruce had a talented crew, and Eldon was one of his stars.

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**Bill Kaczor ([Email](#))** - Bureau chiefs and correspondents came and went, but technician Eldon Cort was a constant in North Florida and Southern Georgia for nearly four decades. He was the (smiling) face of the AP for members in those regions. Eldon was one of, if not the, first AP people I met while working for the Playground (now Northwest Florida) Daily News, Pensacola News Journal and Gannett News Service Tallahassee Bureau before I, too, joined the AP in 1980. Eldon was Mr. Reliable. You could always count on him to get the job



done, whether it was installing a satellite dish or fixing a balky computer. He easily transitioned from the analog to digital eras. Eldon, a HAM radio enthusiast, just seemed to be waiting for someone to invent the PC and internet so he could have some new toys to play with. Although 10 years my senior he was several generations ahead of me when it came to new technology. I remember resisting his urges to move from text-only to full graphics on an early desktop because I was worried it would just slow down what already was the snail's pace of receiving and sending via DSL. When I moved from Tallahassee to Pensacola as AP correspondent from 1980 through 2005, I always looked forward to Eldon's visits whether to fix a glitch I was having or take care of an issue for a member. He was always cheerful and had friends wherever he went. When the Tallahassee AP alumni would gather for lunch from time to time, Eldon usually was the first to arrive and hold the big table in the back of the restaurant until the rest of us got there. I am only sorry that we haven't had such a gathering since the pandemic began. He was one of my favorite AP people and will be sorely missed.



• Eldon Cort, traveling out of Tallahassee, is the AP's field maintenanceman for northern Florida. His father is Atlanta AP Photographer Horace Cort.

### *Connecting series:*

## Filing from an unusual place

**Bruce Lowitt** ([Email](#)) - Does reporting the outcome of an NFL game in total darkness qualify as filing from an unusual place?

On Dec. 18, 1983, I covered the New Orleans Saints' final regular-season game, against the Los Angeles Rams. The Saints' record was 8-7. A victory would give them their first winning season and put them in the playoffs for the first time in their 17-season history.

Sometime before the kickoff a bomb threat was phoned into the Louisiana Superdome. With a crowd of well over 70,000 ready to party, police told the packed press box they would allow the game to go on but would empty the stadium the moment it ended.

With two minutes remaining the Saints led 24-23 and had fourth-down-and-three-yards-to-go on the Rams' 32-yard line. Coach Bum Phillips had three choices: try to get a first down and, if the Saints made it, run out the clock; have second-year place-kicker Morten Andersen try to kick a 49-yard field goal which, if he made it, would force the Rams to score a touchdown for the victory; or punt the ball and try to bury the LA deep in its own territory. (Incidentally, the Rams' offense in the second half was stagnant, their only two scores coming on interceptions returned for touchdowns.)

Phillips said afterward he was worried that Andersen's kick would miss or be blocked, so he took the third choice - and a five-yard penalty to give backup punter Guido



Merkens, playing in place of injured Russell Erxleben, more room to work with. But Merkens failed on his "coffin-corner" attempt, the ball winding up in the end zone, giving the Rams the ball on their 20-yard line. (Incidentally, Anderson routinely kicked field goals of more than 50 yards in a 25-season Hall-of-Fame career.)

My story, which by that time was virtually finished, was all about the playoff-bound Saints and the atmosphere, fans dancing in the aisles, blowing horns, the whole megillah - and I was starting to dictate it to NY Sports. Meanwhile, Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo, who hadn't completed a pass in the entire second half, got hot, completing six of seven attempts, leading Los Angeles from its 20-yard line to the Saints' 27 with six seconds left. Carney Lansford then kicked a 42-yard field goal.

So the Rams won 26-24, the Saints didn't finish with a winning season, they didn't make the playoffs - and everything I'd written was worthless. I began to dictate a new story and a sentence or two into it someone tapped me on my right shoulder. I waved him away, at which point the police officer hauled me out of my seat by my collar. As I told NY Sports I'd call back, the cop told me to get out of the building.

Instead, I detoured to the AP photo booth behind the press box and banged on the door. "Go away. I'm busy," someone inside said. When I shouted my name, the door opened a crack, a hand reached out, grabbed me, hauled me inside and shut the door. It was pitch black.

"Where's the phone?" I asked. I was told to feel along the wall to my left until I got to the corner, then reach down. I found it, dialed zero (I think it was a rotary phone), called NY Sports collect and, unable to see the few notes I'd written in those last two minutes, dictated a story. Other than the final score, the distance of Lansford's field goal, the length of the Rams' winning drive, their two interceptions for touchdowns, that they finished 9-7 and in the playoffs, and the crushing defeat the Saints had suffered in finishing 8-8 and failing to make the playoffs, I can't guarantee the accuracy of anything else in the story.

But I found out when I returned to New York that AP had swept the play on the game. Turns out the UPI writer, unwilling or unable to do what I had done, had left the Superdome and went hunting for a public phone, along with who knows how many thousands of fans in the streets.

One other note: when I got home and told my wife what had happened, Arlene's first words were, "You have children!" I explained that the worst outcome would have been the stadium blowing up and me going with it, but that the second-worst would have been the stadium blowing up and me not being there to report it. I think that's when Arlene really figured out how the mind of a journalist works.

## AP wins 2 RFK Journalism Awards

By Patrick Maks

An investigation exposing widespread abuse in the palm oil industry and searing photos of Ethiopians fleeing war earned The Associated Press two Robert F. Kennedy

## Journalism Awards on Thursday.

AP investigative reporters Margie Mason and Robin McDowell won the RFK Journalism Award for international print for a series of stories that uncovered the exploitation of an invisible workforce of millions of men, women and children from some of the poorest corners of Asia.



**A child carries palm kernels collected from the ground across a creek at a palm oil plantation in Sumatra, Indonesia, Nov. 13, 2017. Child labor has long been a dark stain on the \$65 billion global palm oil industry. (AP Photo/Binsar Bakkara)**

AP used U.S. Customs records and data to trace the oil harvested by workers to major brands such as Nestle, Unilever, Kellogg's and PepsiCo, prompting the U.S. government to ban shipments from two major Malaysian palm oil producers.

The judges said:

The AP team's investigation into the poor men and women workers harvesting palm oil is heartbreaking. And the team's reporting of child labor abuses and assault on young children working in the fields stands apart for all the earlier coverage for its painstaking detail in reporting, through interview after interview that paints a horrifying portrait of what's wrong with this industry and lays it out for the world to see.

The investigation has also won the Anthony Shadid Award for Journalism Ethics, the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting, an Overseas Press Club award, an Investigative Reporters and Editors award and the Worth Bingham Prize.

Cairo-based photographer Nariman El-Mofty earned the RFK Journalism Award for international photography for gripping images of Ethiopians fleeing war following

months of tensions between Ethiopia's government and its Tigray region.

El-Mofty's images illustrate the experience of thousands of Ethiopians seeking refuge in Sudan, taking with them donkeys, beds, motorcycles and colorful cloths to drape over pipes to create shelters.



**Refugees who fled the conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region ride a bus going to the Village 8 temporary shelter near the Sudan-Ethiopia border in Hamdayet, eastern Sudan, Dec. 1, 2020. (AP Photo/Nariman El-Mofty)**

The photos show how some left their shoes behind as they crossed a river to safety, while others walked for days to reach the border before being packed into buses or trucks for long journeys to refugee camps.

The judges said:

When tens of thousands of Ethiopians were forced by war to flee to refugee camps in Sudan, Nariman El-Mofty navigated tremendous logistical challenges to travel to the remote border area. She created a body of work that not only brings attention to an underreported story, but captures the commonality of the human experience in the midst of tremendous upheaval. With the eye of a painter, El-Mofty documents the dignity of mothers forced from their homes, the joy of children playing in the dirt of a temporary refuge, and the grief of injury and lives lost. Her work reflects not the reality of an interloper but the intimacy of trust gained.

A full list of this year's RFK Journalism Award winners can be found [here](#).

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



# D-Day: Joan Ellis and the AP's accidental invasion flash

By Marc Lancaster  
WW2 on Deadline

The flash hit the Associated Press wire at 4:39 p.m. Eastern War Time on Saturday, June 3, 1944:

## FLASH LONDON EISENHOWER'S HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED ALLIED LANDINGS IN FRANCE

U.S. broadcast news operations had been poised for just such an alert for weeks, and immediately sprang into action. Seconds after the flash hit the wire, CBS broke into the Belmont Stakes broadcast to announce the news. NBC and the Blue Network also broke into programming immediately. Radio stations in parts of Latin America that had also received the bulletin did the same.



Less than two minutes after the initial burst, though, the same teletypes clattered with the message "BUST THAT FLASH", the first in a series of desperate follow-ups. At 4:44 p.m., a message to KILL the flash. At 4:48, "KILL THE FLASH AND BULLETIN FROM LONDON ANNOUNCING ALLIED LANDINGS IN FRANCE". A minute later: "A KILL IS MANDATORY. MAKE CERTAIN THE STORY IS NOT PUBLISHED". And a minute after that, an advisory saying the flash was the result of a "TRANSMISSION ERROR".

The AP would continue its efforts to jam the bullet back into the gun, but it was too late. One of the most notorious journalistic blunders in history was already in the wind.

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

## Connecting mailbox

### *University of Colorado names Michael Sandler vice president for communication*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Michael Sandler's LinkedIn page listed his AP background: Deputy Economy Editor, April 2010 – Jan 2014, managed daily operations for AP Business News in Washington.)

DENVER – The University of Colorado today named Michael Sandler as vice president for communication for its four-campus system.

Sandler is now associate vice president for communications at George Mason University, a position he has held since 2014. Additionally, he served as the institution's interim vice president for communications and marketing from September 2019 to June 2020. Pending approval by the CU Board of Regents he will begin his CU duties July 1.

"The University of Colorado's four campuses offer something for every type of learner and the system is a tremendous asset to Colorado and beyond," Sandler said. "I look forward to helping it tell its great stories and I'm excited to join the president's executive team and look forward to working with my colleagues there and the accomplished communications professionals on CU's campuses."

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

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## *Weasels in Chino*



**Nick Ut** ([Email](#)) - Long-tailed weasel looking for Visitors in Weekend, in Chino, California, Thursday.

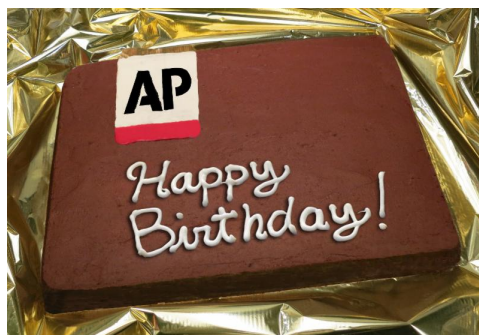
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## *AP bureau chiefs – 20 years ago*



Spotted on Steve Elliott's Facebook page relating to his birthday Thursday, with a note, "Getting an early start on TBT by sharing a photo of some of the finest people I have known -- AP bureau chiefs meeting, NYC, 2001. Steve is at far left in the photo, And that's President and CEO Louis D. Boccardi at the center. Lots of familiar faces - and memories of fine women and men who represented AP so well. RIP to those no longer with us.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Biden's pledge on media freedom may be easier said than done*** (AP)

By ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the Biden Justice Department's first big moves has been to alert reporters at three major news organizations that their phone records were seized as part of leak investigations under the Trump administration, with President Joe Biden saying he would abandon the practice of spying on journalists.

But while Biden's stated commitment that his Justice Department won't seize reporters' phone records has won support from press freedom groups, it remains unclear if that promise can be kept, especially because Democratic and Republican administrations alike have relied on the tactic in an effort to track down leaks of classified information. His comment last month about what law enforcement should or should not do was all the more striking given Biden's pledge to uphold the tradition of an independent Justice Department.

"In this case, it seems bad policy to institute an absolute ban on logical investigative actions geared to finding out who violated the law, particularly in instances where the journalists themselves whose records may be at issue are not the subject or target of criminal investigation," said David Laufman, a former Justice Department official who led the section that oversaw investigations into leaks.

The Justice Department in recent weeks disclosed that federal investigators had secretly obtained call records of journalists at The Washington Post, The New York Times and CNN in an effort to identify sources who had provided national security information published in the early months of the Trump administration.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Radically Rural: Rural News Sees Renaissance Born Out of Necessity*** (Daily Yonder)

by Caroline Tremblay

Six years ago, Rappahannock County, Virginia's story was a familiar one. A rolling, mountainous landscape with no interstates and a single flashing red light, the county was at risk of becoming a news desert, and the local outlet, Rappahannock News, was struggling.

"We're representative of a lot of communities in America that are rural," said Larry Meyer. A career editor, newsman and foundation executive, he recognized the potential for Rappahannock News to vanish altogether. So, in collaboration with longtime philanthropy executive Bill Dietel and a group of concerned residents, he began examining ways to bring the vital news operation back to life and make it sustainable for the future.

The result of their efforts was a private, independent, nonprofit news organization called Foothills Forum, created specifically to provide in-depth, investigative reporting for Rappahannock News. A county of remarkable natural beauty, Rappahannock is a sought-after haven for many with ties to Washington, D.C. A large portion of the population consists of second homeowners and retirees. The ability to tap into this affluent echelon created a prime environment for Foothills Forum to thrive as a 501(c)(3).

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Holmes.

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## ***Facebook to end a longtime exception made for politicians who break its rules*** (Washington Post)

By Elizabeth Dwoskin

Facebook plans to announce Friday that it will no longer automatically give politicians a pass when they break the company's hate speech rules, a major reversal after years of criticism that it was too deferential to powerful figures during the Trump presidency.

Since the 2016 election, the company has applied a test to political speech that weighs the newsworthiness of the content against its propensity to cause harm. Now the company will throw out the first part of the test and will no longer consider newsworthiness as a factor, according to a person familiar with the company's thinking who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

But Facebook doesn't plan to end the newsworthiness exception entirely. In the cases where an exception is made, the company will now disclose it publicly, the person said — after years of such decisions being closely held. And it will also become more transparent about its strikes system for people who violate its rules.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Newsrooms begin to welcome vaccinated staffers back to offices with 'soft' reopenings*** (CNN)

By Brian Stelter, CNN Business

Tuesday was the first day since March 2020 that fellow media reporter Oliver Darcy and I sat in the office and called sources and brainstormed stories and swapped info and gossiped and did all those things that we took for granted in the Before Times.

I have to tell you, dear reader, it was divine.

Pandemic-era work-from-home patterns are starting to shift. So let's take a snapshot of how the news is getting made right now, at a moment when American cities are reopening and Covid-19 case counts are hitting record lows.

Some media industry employees are returning to offices, slowly. At CNN and NBC News and a number of smaller outlets, June 1, 2021 was a milestone day: Fully vaccinated staffers who had to work from home for 15 months were welcomed back to the office on a purely voluntary basis. In some newsrooms these are being called "pilot" programs. In others, "soft" reopenings.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Union turmoil erupts at Daily News owner as Alden Global Capital pushes buyouts*** (New York Post)

By Keith J. Kelly

Tribune Publishing is asking all of its full-time editorial staffers to consider voluntary buyouts at all nine major metro dailies in the chain, which is now controlled by the cost-slashing hedge fund Alden Global Capital.

But turmoil has erupted this week inside the News Guild, which represents eight of the nine major dailies and had been pushing for a national negotiating effort. Two major papers, the flagship Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News, have opted not to join the negotiating committee.



The Daily News, which was spun off into a separate subsidiary called Daily News Enterprises, has been trying to negotiate better terms on its own. The Chicago Tribune, which is under the wider umbrella of Tribune Publishing, is doing the same in a move that apparently upset negotiators at the national Guild level.

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

# The Final Word

**Non Sequitur** by Wiley Miller



Shared by Len Iwanski



## 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 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.

The final one is:

**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 4, 2021



### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 4, the 155th day of 2021. There are 210 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 4, 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which said that the right to vote could not be denied or abridged based on gender. The amendment was sent to the states for ratification.

#### On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of

Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1912, Massachusetts became the first state to adopt a minimum wage law.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

In 1972, a jury in San Jose, California, acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly courthouse shootout in Marin County in 1970.

In 1977, the VHS home videocassette recorder was introduced to North America by JVC during a press conference in Chicago.

In 1985, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling striking down an Alabama law providing for a daily minute of silence in public schools.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1989, a gas explosion in the Soviet Union engulfed two passing trains, killing 575.

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan.

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Ten years ago: China's Li Na captured her first Grand Slam singles title, becoming the first tennis player from China to achieve such a feat; Na beat Francesca Schiavone 6-4, 7-6 (0) in the French Open final. Former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, 80, died in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Five years ago: A day after the death of Muhammad Ali, President Barack Obama said the boxing legend "shook up the world and the world is better for it," and that Ali stood with Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela in fighting for what was right. Hillary Clinton scored a sweeping win in the U.S. Virgin Islands, picking up all seven pledged delegates at stake as she inched tantalizingly close to the Democratic nomination. Garbine Muguruza (GAHR'-been-yuh MOO'-guh-roo-sah) won her first Grand Slam title by beating defending champion Serena Williams 7-5, 6-4 at the French Open.



One year ago: In the first of a series of memorials set for three cities over six days, celebrities, musicians and political leaders gathered in front of George Floyd's golden casket in Minneapolis. Protesters stayed on the streets of New York City after curfew for another day. Major cities across California lifted curfews amid more peaceful demonstrations over Floyd's death. In an incident captured by a TV news crew, a 75-year-old protester, Martin Gugino, fell and hit his head on the pavement after being pushed backward by two police officers in Buffalo, New York, who were clearing demonstrators from in front of City Hall. (Gugino spent about a month in the hospital with a fractured skull and a brain injury; the officers were suspended without pay, but criminal charges against them were eventually dropped.) Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee would be removed from Richmond's Monument Avenue, and that the state would no longer "preach a false version of history." Casinos in Las Vegas and throughout Nevada reopened for the first time since March. A judge rejected Ponzi king Bernard Madoff's bid for early release from his 150-year prison sentence. (Madoff died in prison in April 2021.)

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 93. Actor Bruce Dern is 85. Musician Roger Ball is 77. Actor-singer Michelle Phillips is 77. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 76. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 70. Actor Parker Stevenson is 69. Actor Keith David is 65. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 64. Actor Eddie Velez is 63. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 60. Actor Julie White is 60. Actor Lindsay Frost is 59. Actor Sean Pertwee is 57. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 56. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 55. R&B singer Al B. Sure! is 53. Actor Scott Wolf is 53. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 52. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 52. Actor James Callis is 50. Actor Noah Wyle is 50. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 47. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 46. Actor Angelina Jolie is 46. Actor Theo Rossi is 46. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 45. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 43. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 41. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 36. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 36. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 34. Rock musician Zac Farro is 31.

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