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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 28th day of June 2021,

Two of our colleagues – New York photographer **Kathy Willens** and Cincinnati correspondent **Dan Sewell** – will retire Wednesday after distinguished careers with The Associated Press.

Connecting has profiled both in recent weeks, but we bring you in today's Connecting some wonderful tributes to both journalists. Kathy ([Email](#)) and her career are remembered fondly by fellow photographer **John Doman** and Dan ([Email](#)) was recognized by **U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown**, D-Ohio, with a tribute entered into the Congressional Record last Thursday.

Thank you, my friends: Norm Abelson ([Email](#)) - Thank you, my Connecting friends and colleagues, for your kind and meaningful comments about my memories of Dina. They touched my heart. My life has been defined in so many ways by having spent more than half of it with Dina, the members of her family and the many other Holocaust survivors I came to know. In witnessing their return from times of horror,

deprivation and loss to loving, productive and happy lives, I have learned this truism: It is impossible to extinguish the human spirit.

Peg Coughlin taking Connecting editor reins: Please direct your Connecting contributions to Peg beginning today and through the first two days of next week. Her email: pcoughlin@ap.org Ye Olde Connecting Editor and his wife are off to Hawaii for a vacation on Maui that we hope will include getting to see our Hana Girl, **Tad Bartimus** and her husband **Dean Wariner**. Peg is a former AP newswoman and Kansas City assistant bureau chief who is now an AP election coordinator.

My thanks to her for keeping the newsletter publishing. Now do your part and be sure to send her contributions.

Have a great day and week – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Tribute to Dan Sewell entered in Congressional Record

(Cincinnati AP correspondent Dan Sewell was 20 and attending college at Ohio University when he first interviewed Sherrod Brown, who at that time was 22 and the youngest person ever elected to the Ohio Legislature. Brown is now Democratic U.S. senator of Ohio.)

TRIBUTE TO DAN SEWELL; Congressional Record Vol. 167, No. 110
(Senate - June 24, 2021)

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the career and service of a proud Ohioan, Dan Sewell, who will retire at the end of June, bringing an end to his 44-year career in journalism.



Dan spent 39 of those years with the Associated Press, serving Americans, both by bringing them the news and by telling their stories--in Buffalo, Miami, San Juan, Atlanta, and Chicago, where he has worked as a writer, editor, assistant bureau chief, and most recently in our home State, in Cincinnati, OH.

A native of Middletown, OH, Dan graduated from Edgewood High School. He got his start in journalism as a student journalist at Ohio University's student newspaper, The Post. That is where Dan and I first met, when he interviewed me as the youngest member of the Ohio State Legislature.

Journalists like Dan play a vital role in our democracy--they ask tough questions, they challenge special interests and uncover corruption, and they connect Americans with

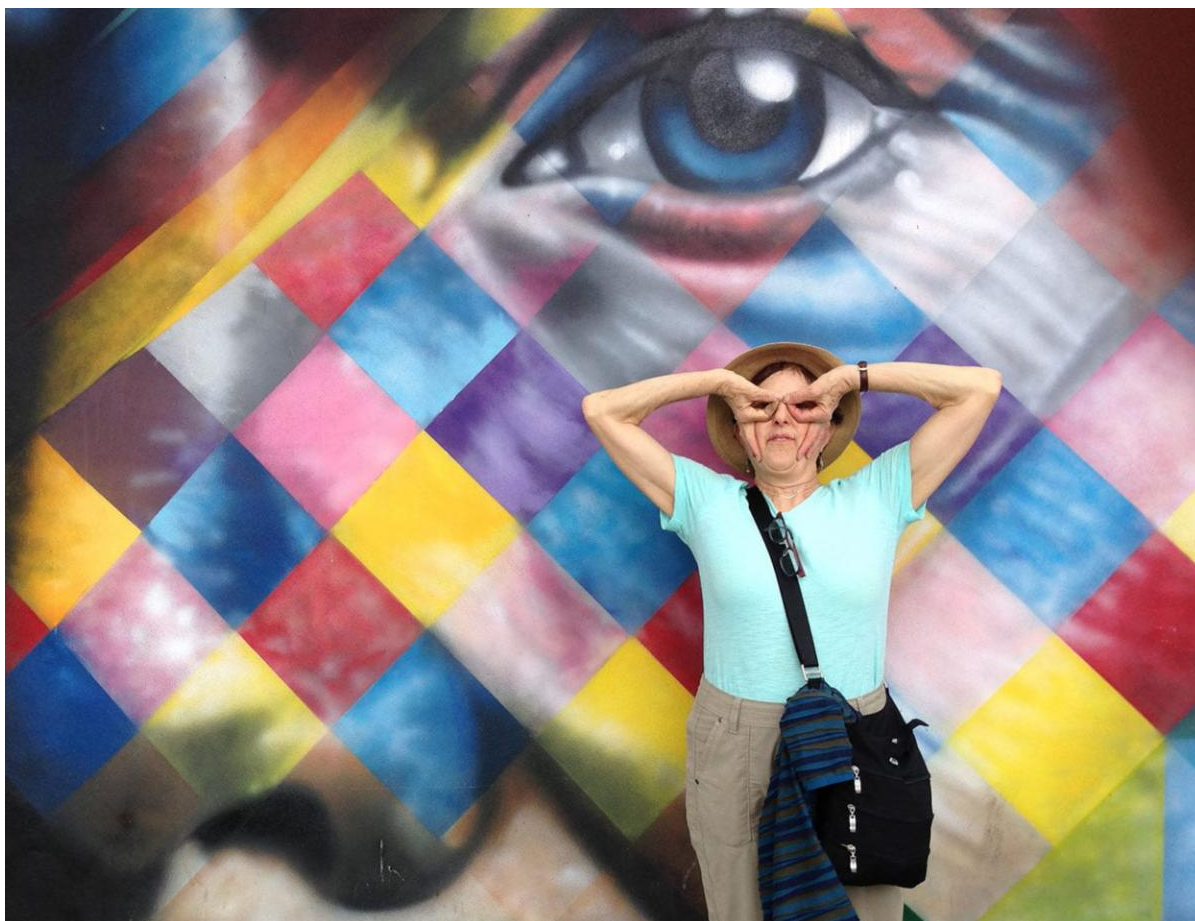
their communities and with the world. Whether it was the Grenada Invasion in 1983, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, or the mass shooting in Dayton's Oregon District in 2019, Dan has done vital work on the frontlines, covering stories that matter to people.

Not only has he made a difference through his writing, Dan also teaches as a part-time instructor of journalism at Miami University in Oxford, OH, helping mentor the next generation of journalists.

Dan is a devoted husband to Vickii, father of five, and grandfather of nine, and plans to spend time with them during retirement. And he will have more time to partake in his favorite hobby--attending Cincinnati Reds' games.

On behalf of grateful readers in Ohio and around the country, I thank Dan Sewell for nearly four decades of service in journalism, doing work that is important to the fabric of our communities and our country.

A Kathy Willens tribute from a friend



John Doman ([Email](#)) - My wonderful friend Kathy Willens' last day as a staff photographer for The Associated Press in New York City will be this Wednesday. Her bittersweet day of retirement.

Kathy started out in the business in the early 70s on suburban papers near to her hometown in Detroit, Michigan. One of the jobs was at the Observer & Eccentric

newspapers. She had what I consider to be the most delightful photo byline of "Eccentric photo by Kathy Willens." Delightful maybe--but not enough to keep a talented young woman from widening her horizons and proving her ability.

However, this was not a time when there were many women on photo staffs, nor were editors much interested in hiring them. It was going to take a whole lot of dedication and some true grit and talent to attain.

She pushed and pushed and eventually landed a place as a lab technician at the Miami News, age 24.

Kathy made her own breaks--sheer determination, lots of extra hours and the legendary chief photographer Charlie Trainor, Sr. invited her to join the staff.

After a year and a half of outstanding work at the News, she received an offer to join the Miami Bureau of the Associated Press. She talked to Trainor and he honestly advised her to take the offer. The News was a wonderful newspaper but was losing the circulation battle to the morning Miami Herald.

Kathy's abilities blossomed and grew in a town afire with daily news - hot times in the tropics. The only woman on a small important staff - The AP staffers, led by bureau photo chief Phil Sandlin, another living legend, were beset with almost constant daily national headline news. From "Cocaine Cowboys" to the McDuffie riots and other racial conflagrations to the Cuban "Mariel Boat Lift, and Hurricane Andrew; it just seemed to go on day after day.

Football was really big - great Miami Dolphin teams, University of Miami Hurricanes, Orange Bowls, Super Bowls - oftentimes Kathy and the cheerleaders were the only women on the sidelines. She always persevered with style, humor and excellent photography.

New York City called - Kathy Willens answered.

Another great news town, probably the best. Kathy covered it all...with an emphasis on the New York Yankees. International travel, every sport imaginable, disasters, a couple of wars, Pope and Presidential visitations, the aftermath of 9/11, COVID in the city. Most all of it.

Kathy and I have been best friends for many years - since my Miami days. My daughters have her as their "fairy" Godmother. We've traveled to Cuba together, ran the streets of NYC together, gone birdwatching in the rain of upstate New York, were invited to thumb through the photo files at The Baseball Hall of Fame, watched meteor showers at Martha's Vineyard, canoed and chased after eagles and loons on Minnesota's North Shore.

Kathy is a slightly statured giant. She paved the way for a lot of women in photojournalism - with a wonderful disposition and determination she faced down a lot of sweaty old camera-carrying guys who really didn't want her or any other "girls" in their closed fraternity. She could lug and she did lug every bit of camera gear lugged by any other male photographer on assignment. And she prospered.

Connecting mailbox

Best obit reflection on a life partner ever

Larry Margasak ([Email](#)) - I read so many fine articles in Connecting that I rarely comment on them, preferring to quietly enjoy them rather than deluge our esteemed editor with positive reviews that may all sound the same.



I must, however, break through my resistance to say that Norm Abelson's tribute to his late wife (in last Thursday's Connecting) stands out as the best Connecting piece I have ever read.

With my wife, Rochelle, and I just having celebrated our 50th (see photo above), I can really appreciate Norm's reflections. What a great life they had, made even more meaningful by Dina's experience in a concentration camp.

Connecting will have many fine contributions to come, but it will be hard to beat this one.

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An omen to be vigilant

Ray Newton ([Email](#)) - The piece by Bill Foreman (in Friday's Connecting) about Jimmy Lai and the loss of press freedom in Hong Kong—well done. Also an omen of what can happen if we are not vigilant through the rest of the world.

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Changing language

Charles McFadden ([Email](#)) - Those of us in the newswriting business may be more aware of it than others, but any student of language knows that it's a living, evolving entity. What is common usage in one decade raises eyebrows in the next.

When, for instance, did you last hear someone talk about "making a Xerox" of a document? Or referring to something as a "carbon copy" of something else? And what would my Generation X offspring think if I were to say a repetitious politician "sounds like a broken record?"

If we wanted lots of copies of something, we would mimeograph it. And the boss's secretary would have to learn how to "take dictation." Maybe some still do.

In school, we had "blackboards" that really were black. Sometimes the more eager among us would be admonished to "Hold your horses." And radio listeners would be

told “Don’t touch that dial.” College fundraising volunteers “dialed for dollars.” I wonder if some of them today are “Punching for pennies”? (Hope not.)

It doesn’t really work that way anymore, but when we end a telephone conversation, we “hang up.” Perhaps the discussion was “running out of steam.”

Desperate endeavors would require advocates to throw in “everything but the kitchen sink.”

Looking back at our quaint expressions can make one feel hip, right? But remember, “frenemy” “bromance” and “ginormous” will someday be amusing little footnotes in the history of language. That’s the way the cookie crumbles.

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Kansas-themed party for Sally Buzbee



From left: Jerry Seib of Wall Street Journal, Susan Page of USA Today, Sally Buzbee, Ellen and David Sands (David with the Washington Times). In foreground: Steve Fehr (KC Star alumnus) is far left, Roz Fehr is seated in the middle, foreground. To the far right is Tonda Rush, KU grad, general counsel of National Newspaper Association.

SPOTTED in Sunday’s POLITICO PLAYBOOK: Washington Post executive editor Sally Buzbee was feted Saturday night at a Kansas-themed garden party at the Chevy Chase home of Barbara Rosewicz and Jerry Seib, and co-hosted by Susan Page and Carl Leubsdorf . Among those in attendance were Dan Balz, Susan Goldberg, David Ignatius, Anne Rumsey Gearan, Francesca Chambers, Karen Tumulty, Kim Hefling, Ken Thomas, Andrea Mitchell, Carrie Budoff Brown, Terry Hunt, Heather Timmons and Jeanne Cummings.

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Memories of the AP staff in Korean War

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - Friday's Connecting, giving recognition to a group of stalwart AP War Correspondent photographers, brings back memories of those past times.

AP photographer Max Desfor met my plane in Pusan in Aug. 1950, and the next morning took me to the Mason Front to start my first war correspondent's assignment. He introduced me to Stan Swinton, an AP writer, and later executive.

From there, I moved through the war, up the middle for a while, then mostly in the Eastern area, until I reached the Yalu River. Very early-on, I met with some of our photo crew in Teague, including Max, and Jim Pringle. Frank "Pappy" Noel, a great Pulitzer winner had already been captured by the North Koreans.

After that, the only AP correspondents I met were Bem Price, Bill Jordan, and Tom Stone. Stone and I went to the Yalu River with the 7th Division, and then returned to Tokyo, and then home.

Great War, great AP Correspondents.

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Sister Donalda – are you really 94?

Jim Bagby ([Email](#)) - A hearty second to Gene Herrick's description of the joy of corresponding with Sister Donalda Kehoe. I can't recall now what subject first led me to drop a note to the lively Iowa nun. (I can't recall many things as I gallop towards 80). But every precise, mistake-free, typewritten letter from her has been a delight.

She quotes Hawthorn and scripture, describes a trip to the Dollar Tree "just for the experience of it" and details reading the daily paper with scissors in hand to clip editorials, puzzles and everything of interest that catches her discerning eye.

And for those who remember the 66 wpm AP printers that brightened our Christmas and New Year's eves when various buro techs sent out intricate holiday artwork -- all xxx's, oooo's and keyboard characters -- Sister Donalda is a whiz with that on her manual keyboard.

And with her ever-present sense of humor, I wonder if she's putting us on about her age. 94? Really??

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Who teaches here?



Dennis Conrad ([Email](#)) - From a recent dog walk in North Carolina when it was actually 61 degrees Fahrenheit.

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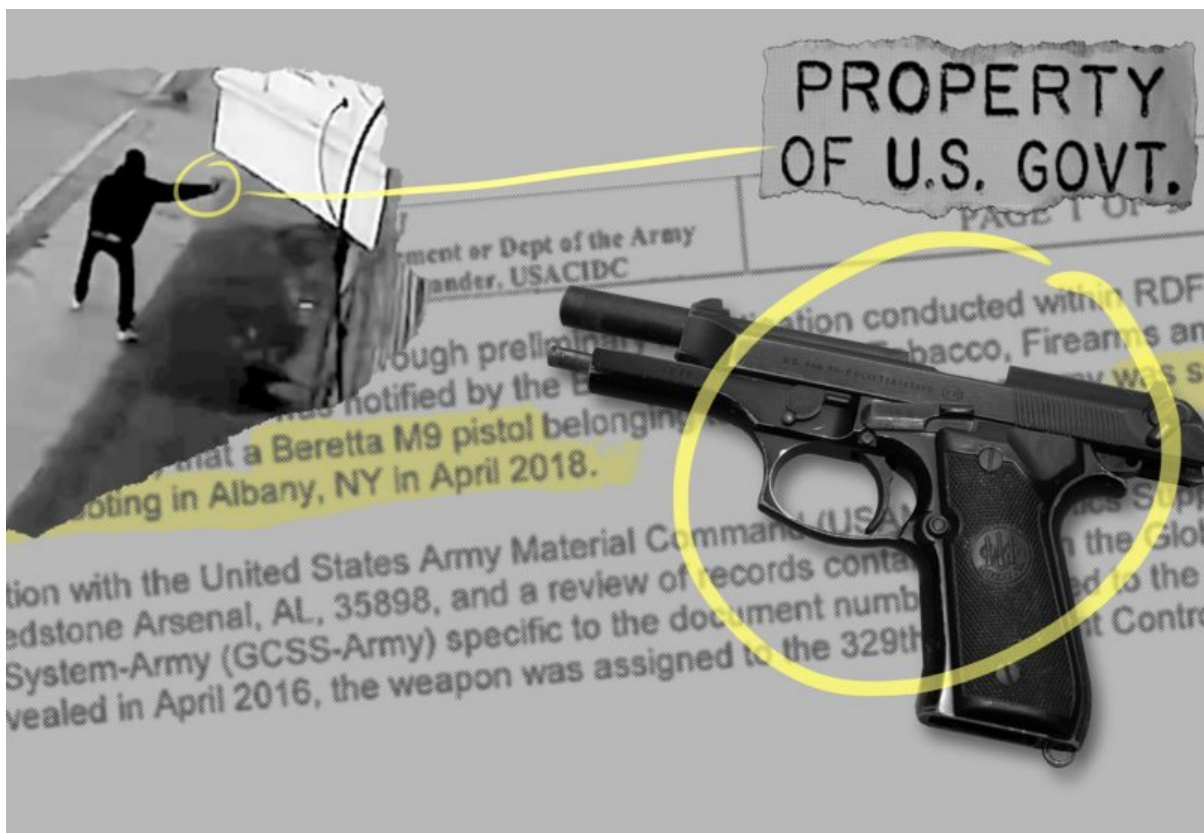
Meetup in New Orleans



Kevin Noblet ([Email](#)) - Does a meeting of two ex-APers qualify as a mini-reunion? When we go back to New Orleans, Joan and I always save a day for catching up with Fay and Kent Prince. This time it included a lunch of oyster po-boys at Parkway Bakery. Kent was my first news editor, and helped guide this green New Englander in the peculiar ways of the South and of AP.

Best of the Week

Years in the making, AP's 'AWOL Weapons' investigation prompts immediate Pentagon reaction



Ten years ago, Kristin M. Hall noticed several cases in which U.S. troops stole military guns and sold them to the public. Hall, a military beat reporter at the time, pitched the idea of doing an accounting of missing military weapons at an AP investigative seminar.

Collaborating with Justin Pritchard, one of the session's trainers, Hall fired off the first of many Freedom of Information Act requests. The Army refused to release any records and the story could easily have ended there, with Hall moving on to become a Nashville-based entertainment video journalist focused on country music. Yet, she kept at it.

Last week, Hall's work — and that of others on the global investigations, data and immersive storytelling teams — paid off in "AWOL Weapons," a multilayered, visually rich project revealing that at least 1,900 military weapons — from handguns to rifles to rocket launchers — had been either lost or stolen during the 2010s, with some used in street violence in America.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

AP marks 600,000-death milestone with distinctive data-driven look at COVID racial inequality



AP Photo/Nic Coury

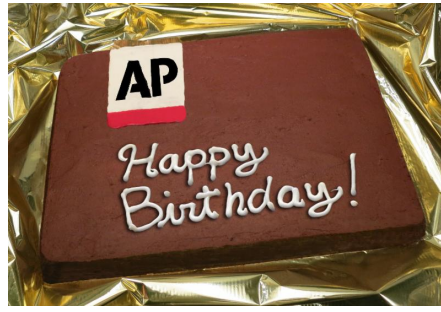
The 600,000th COVID-19 death in the U.S. presented a big challenge: How to bring fresh perspective to yet another milestone, just months after we crossed the 400,000 and 500,000 marks.

The trio of Seattle-based medical writer Carla K. Johnson, Los Angeles-based data journalist Angel Kastanis and San Francisco reporter Olga Rodriguez met the challenge and then some, delivering an Only-on-AP data analysis that showed how the virus has exploited racial inequalities as it cut a swath through the country.

Kastanis analyzed death and demographic data of all 600,000 deaths to show the uneven toll during the various phases of the pandemic: First Black Americans were hit hard, then Latinos, then Latinos and white citizens, and now the Black community is again affected disproportionately. The data also showed that the virus is exacting a vicious toll on younger Latinos, with 37% of Hispanic deaths under the age of 65, compared with 12% for white people.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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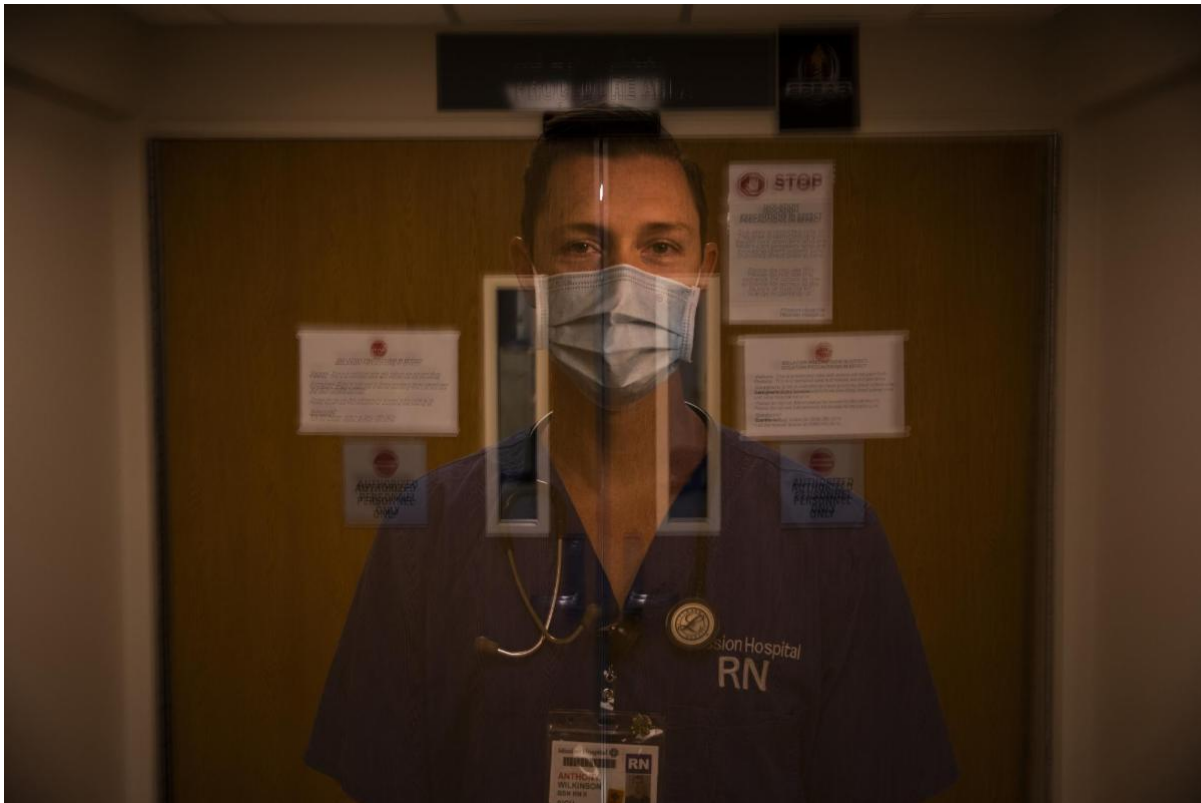
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Stories of interest

AP PHOTOS: For Calif. COVID nurses, past and present collide (AP)



In this photo created with an in-camera multiple exposure, registered nurse Anthony Wilkinson, part of a group of nurses who had been treating coronavirus patients in an intensive care unit, stands for a photo in the empty COVID-19 ICU at Providence

Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif., Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Wilkinson still thinks about those 30 hours — the ones when three patients died. "You try to keep somebody alive, but their body is decomposing," says Wilkinson. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

By PETER PRENGAMAN

In early 2020, when the coronavirus began making it difficult for many people around the world to breathe, hospitals became a central front against a disease that, more than a year later, has killed nearly 4 million human beings and counting.

At one hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif., a team of nurses and doctors were recruited for what became the Isolation Intensive Care Unit. Many volunteers at Providence Mission Hospital had come from cardiac and surgical intensive care units, where they deal with death and trauma each day.

Launched in March 2020, the isolation unit would come to be known as “Tip of the Spear,” a military term used to describe a group doing dangerous work. Many nurses who would spend countless hours with patients, helping them return to health or helping them say goodbye to family, got tattooed with spears, hash marks and a heart.

Today, those nurses speak of forming deep bonds and of the joy in helping some deathly sick patients survive. But they also can't forget horrific and heart-breaking experiences that are very much still with them, even months after the hospital's special unit shut down as cases in California dropped sharply.

With little knowledge of how to treat patients, and amid enormous personal risks, these nurses had leaped into the abyss. They will never be the same.

Read more [here](#).

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An Accusation Blew Up a Campaign. The Media Didn't Know What to Do. (New York Times)

By Ben Smith

Two days after coming in fifth in the election night count of votes for New York mayor last week, Scott Stringer was sitting in a high-polish diner in TriBeCa, drinking his second bottle of Sprite and trying to figure out what had happened.

He held up his iPhone to show me a text message he had received on Election Day from one of the progressive elected officials who had endorsed him and then dropped him after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her more than 20 years ago. In the text was a photograph of the official's ranked-choice ballot. Mr. Stringer was ranked first.

“This profile in courage,” he began, half laughing. “You can't make this up. Who does that?”

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

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Inside William Barr's Breakup With Trump (Atlantic)

By Jonathan D. Karl

Donald Trump is a man consumed with grievance against people he believes have betrayed him, but few betrayals have enraged him more than what his attorney general did to him. To Trump, the unkindest cut of all was when William Barr stepped forward and declared that there had been no widespread fraud in the 2020 election, just as the president was trying to overturn Joe Biden's victory by claiming that the election had been stolen.

In a series of interviews with me this spring, Barr spoke, for the first time, about the events surrounding his break with Trump. I have also spoken with other senior officials in the Trump White House and Justice Department, who provided additional details about Barr's actions and the former president's explosive response. Barr and those close to him have a reason to tell his version of this story. He has been widely seen as a Trump lackey who politicized the Justice Department. But when the big moment came after the election, he defied the president who expected him to do his bidding.

Barr's betrayal came on December 1, over lunch in the attorney general's private dining room with Michael Balsamo, a Justice Department beat reporter at the Associated Press. Also in attendance were the DOJ chief of staff, Will Levi, and spokesperson Kerri Kupec. Balsamo was not told the reason for the invitation. When Barr dropped his bombshell between bites of salad, he mumbled, and Balsamo wasn't sure that he had caught what the attorney general had said.

"Just to be crystal clear," Balsamo asked, "are you saying—"

"Sir, I think you better repeat what you just said," Kupec interjected.

"To date, we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have effected a different outcome in the election," Barr repeated. This time Balsamo heard him.

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

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A legendary Chicago newspaper columnist bids farewell — and wonders who will be left to tell her city's tale (Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi

In 29 years as a columnist for the Chicago Tribune, Mary Schmich was often adored and occasionally reviled by readers, as are all good newspaper columnists. She wrote thousands of columns that poked, prodded and — she hopes — soothed some heartache in her adopted metropolis.

Mostly, she says, she tried to provide “the connective tissue” that seems to be fraying in civic life. “The classic metro column helps people understand the place they live, including the places they wouldn’t ordinarily go,” she said this week.

Except that role is itself fraying. Schmich wrote her final column on Sunday, the last of about 3,000 she produced for the Tribune. She is among four Tribune columnists, and about 40 newsroom colleagues in all, who took buyouts under the Tribune’s new ownership, becoming the latest to disappear in America’s slow, grinding local-news apocalypse.

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



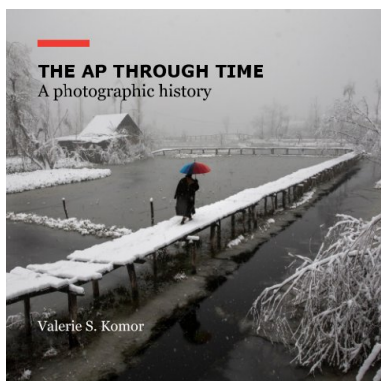
Ccelebrating AP's 175th

AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP’s most historic logos. The site can be reached by clicking [here](#).

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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Today in History - June 28, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 28, the 179th day of 2021. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted.

On this date:

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln appointed Maj. Gen. George G. Meade the new commander of the Army of the Potomac, following the resignation of Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip (gavh-REE'-loh PREEN'-seep) — an act which sparked World War I.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the First World War.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea.

In 1951, a TV version of the radio comedy program "Amos 'N' Andy" premiered on CBS. (It was the first network TV series to feature an all-Black cast, but came under criticism for racial stereotyping.)

In 1964, civil rights activist Malcolm X declared, "We want equality by any means necessary" during the Founding Rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York.

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke (BAH'-kee), a white man who argued he'd been a victim of

reverse racial discrimination.

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

In 2010, Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., the longest-serving senator in the nation's history, died in Falls Church, Virginia, at 92. The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that Americans had the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they lived.

In 2013, tens of thousands of supporters and opponents of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi rallied in Cairo, and both sides fought each other in the country's second-largest city of Alexandria, where two people — including an American — were killed and scores injured. The four plaintiffs in the U.S. Supreme Court case that overturned California's same-sex marriage ban tied the knot, just hours after a federal appeals court freed gay couples to obtain marriage licenses in the state for the first time in 4 1/2 years.

In 2019, avowed white supremacist James Alex Fields, who deliberately drove his car into a crowd of counterprotesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, killing a young woman and injuring dozens, apologized to his victims before being sentenced to life in prison on federal hate crime charges.

Ten years ago: Taliban fighters raided an international hotel in Kabul and killed 10 people on the eve of a conference to discuss plans for Afghan forces to take over security when international troops left by the end of 2014.

Five years ago: House Republicans concluded their \$7 million, two-year investigation into the deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya, with fresh accusations of lethal mistakes by the Obama administration but no "smoking gun" pointing to wrongdoing by Hillary Clinton, who said the report "found nothing, nothing to contradict" the findings of earlier investigations. Three suicide bombers armed with assault rifles stormed Istanbul's Ataturk airport, killing 44 victims and wounding nearly 150; no one claimed responsibility, but Turkish officials said they suspected the Islamic State group. Death claimed Pat Summitt, the most successful coach in major college basketball history, at age 64; former pro football coach Buddy Ryan at age 85; and pioneering rock guitarist Scotty Moore at age 84.

One year ago: A St. Louis couple, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, waved guns at protesters who marched on their private street amid the national racial injustice demonstrations. (The McCloskeys, who were initially indicted on felony charges including unlawful use of a weapon, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges and agreed to give up the weapons they used during the confrontation.) President Donald Trump tweeted approvingly of a video showing one of his supporters chanting "white power," a racist slogan associated with white supremacists. (Trump later deleted the tweet, and the White House said he had not heard "the one statement" on the video.) Trump denied that he'd been made aware of the conclusions of U.S. intelligence officials that Russia had offered bounties to militants for killing U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The world surpassed two coronavirus milestones – 500,000 confirmed deaths, 10 million confirmed cases, while also hitting another high mark for daily new infections. California Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered bars that had opened in seven

counties to immediately close, and urged bars in eight other counties to do the same, amid the rapid spread of the coronavirus in parts of the state.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 95. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 87. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 84. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 83. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 76. Actor Bruce Davison is 75. Actor Kathy Bates is 73. Actor Alice Krige is 67. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 61. Jazz singer Tierney Sutton is 58. Actor Jessica Hecht is 56. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 56. Actor Mary Stuart Masterson is 55. Actor John Cusack is 55. Actor Gil Bellows is 54. Actor-singer Danielle Brisebois is 52. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 52. Actor Tichina Arnold is 52. Actor Steve Burton is 51. Entrepreneur Elon Musk is 50. Actor Alessandro Nivola (nih-VOH'-luh) is 49. Actor Camille Guaty is 45. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 45. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 44. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 38. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 35.

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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