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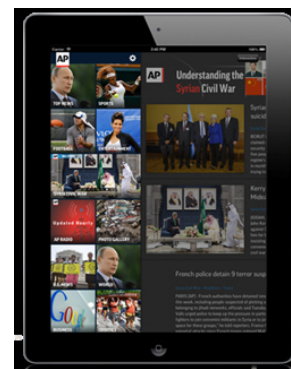
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 29th day of June 2021.

We in the news biz know how slow holiday weeks can be (digest-building flashback), so your Connecting contributions are greatly appreciated over the next several days.

And as Ye Olde Connecting Editor would say: "Aloha! Have a great day and week – be safe, stay healthy!"

[Peg](#)



Ye Olde Connecting Editor on Facebook: Heading west, way west. Next stop Oakland, then Maui. First timers for Hawaii. Masks on right after this photo by friends Diane and Bruce Smith who dropped us at KCI.

Connecting mailbox

Willens: From Nelson Mandela to no-hitter

Betty Pizac (betty@pizac.com)

Having read in Connecting that Kathy Willens is retiring tomorrow reminded me of her tireless coverage for AP Photos 31 years ago today.

After her remarkable 45-year career, Kathy might not recall the events of June 29, 1990, but I do.

Kathy was in Los Angeles covering Nelson Mandela's first visit to the United States following his release from prison. L.A. was the seventh stop on his 10-day tour. She was filing photos from the bureau that night while I was on the Photo Desk.

I got a call from a new photo stringer covering a Los Angeles Dodgers game. He asked me, "What's a no-hitter?" It seemed Dodgers pitcher Fernando Valenzuela had yet to give up a hit against the St. Louis Cardinals. Valenzuela - in the twilight of his Dodgers career - had never pitched a no-hitter.

I asked him to make sure he had some good images of Fernando and keep me posted.

As Kathy was the only staffer in the bureau, I asked her if she would be willing to go to Dodger Stadium with me to back up our stringer. We grabbed some credentials and got to the stadium as the game was concluding.

After already a long day covering Mandela, Kathy's eagerness to jump in and help was greatly appreciated.

Have a great retirement. You've certainly earned it!

Three AP Report for America corps members awarded

Three of AP's Report for America corps members are inaugural winners in the nonprofit organization's Local News Awards, announced in a virtual ceremony last week.

The AP corps members began last year the week of George Floyd's death and contributed to pandemic coverage, coverage of the racial reckoning and activism movement in the United States, and were part of the election coverage team.

Leah Willingham, based in Mississippi, was a first-place winner in feature writing.

Iris Samuels, based in Montana, was a second-place winner for COVID coverage.

Camille Fassett, a San Francisco-based data journalist who works across the United States, was a third-place winner in investigative.

Read more [here](#).

Stories of interest

Memorial dedicated to Capital Gazette survivors, victims' families

By Brian White

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Survivors and family members of victims of the five people who died in a mass shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper dedicated a memorial to them and the First Amendment on Monday on the third anniversary of the attack.

The tribute came amid grave concerns expressed by some in a long list of speakers about the future survival of the newspaper, which has come under new ownership.

The memorial titled “Guardians of the First Amendment” includes five pillars to represent the five lives lost in the shooting: Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters. It includes a rounded brick edifice, which holds a panel showing the First Amendment.

Maria Hiaasen, Rob’s widow, said the memorial pays tribute to the losses of loved ones, as well as the triumph of the staff, who rallied to publish on the next day despite the attack.

“It’s also perfect because of its honor of the First Amendment, the basic principal journalism stands on,” Hiaasen said.

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

Apple Daily editorial writer arrested**By Zen Soo**

HONG KONG (AP) — An editorial writer of the now-defunct Hong Kong pro-democracy newspaper Apple Daily was arrested at the airport on Sunday night while attempting to leave the city, local media reported.

Local newspaper South China Morning Post and online news outlet Citizen News cited unidentified sources saying that editorial writer Fung Wai-kong was arrested on suspicion of foreign collusion to endanger national security.

Fung was believed to be leaving for Britain when he was arrested, local media reported. Police said they arrested a 57-year-old man at the airport Sunday night under the national security law, but did not identify him.

He is the second editorial writer at Apple Daily to be arrested, and the seventh person to be arrested at the paper in two weeks. So far, the seven arrested are either journalists or executives of Apple Daily, as Hong Kong authorities crack down on dissent in the semi-autonomous city, arresting most of the city’s prominent pro-democracy figures and revamping Hong Kong’s election laws to keep opposition voices out of the legislature.

The Hong Kong Journalists Association condemned the police for targeting journalists.

Read more [here](#).

Journalists, opposition leaders flee Nicaragua amid crackdown
(The Washington Post)

By Kevin Sieff, Claire Parker and Gabriela Martinez

The stream of high-profile opposition leaders, journalists and members of civil society fleeing Nicaragua has surged, as the regime of Daniel Ortega wages the most alarming political crackdown in the country's recent history ahead of a November election.

In the last week alone, several of the most influential critics of the Ortega regime sneaked out of the country – certain they would be detained if they remained.

Journalists for mainstream publications were stripped of their passports, but decided to leave any way. Even some of Ortega's former top Sandanista comrades are seeking refuge abroad. The consequences for remaining in the country have become clear:

Over the last several months, at least 16 opposition figures have been jailed.

Ortega, 75, rose to power as a young revolutionary in the 1970s, a leftist who Ronald Reagan once called a "tin-pot dictator." He ruled the country from 1979 to 1990 and has been in power once again since 2007.

While Ortega has made previous attempts to target his opposition – most notably in 2018 – his current crackdown is widely seen as an escalation.

Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

J-school students are local news reinforcements

(Northwestern Medill Local News Initiative)

By Mark Jacob

As the local news crisis grows, staffs are thinning out and gaps in coverage are widening. But reinforcements are coming — journalism students doing the work that would otherwise go undone.

University of Kansas students are operating a local news website in a "news desert" about 10 miles east of the campus. Students at Franklin College in Indiana are covering state government for a nonprofit website that is battling against civic disengagement.

Both programs are profiled in a new video reporting project by students at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications. Medill professor Craig Duff's class of 14 students worked in pairs to visit seven Midwest news operations and produce videos about innovative news projects.

Read more [here](#).



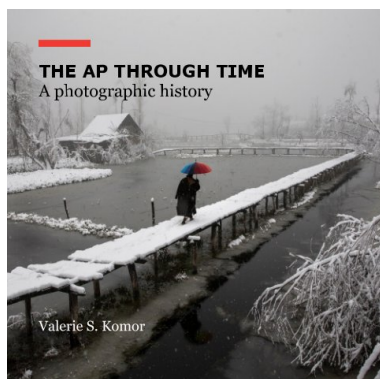
Celebrating AP's 175th

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 29, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 29, the 180th day of 2021. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as U.S. Army Air Corps Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in

Hawaii aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

On this date:

In 1520, Montezuma II, the ninth and last emperor of the Aztecs, died in Tenochtitlan (tay-nohch-TEET'-lahn) under unclear circumstances (some say he was killed by his own subjects; others, by the Spanish).

In 1613, London's original Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed, was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

In 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)
In 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry was made governor.

In 1946, authorities in British-ruled Palestine arrested more than 2,700 Jews in an attempt to stamp out extremists.

In 1956, film star Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller in a civil ceremony in White Plains, New York. (The couple also wed in a Jewish ceremony on July 1; the marriage lasted 4 1/2 years).

In 1967, Jerusalem was re-unified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship. A department store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actor Lana Turner died in Century City, California, at age 74.

In 2006, the Supreme Court ruled, 5-3, that President George W. Bush's plan to try Guantanamo Bay detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law.

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff received a 150-year sentence for his multibillion-dollar fraud. (Madoff died in prison in April 2021.)

Ten years ago: In the first ruling by a federal appeals court on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, a panel in Cincinnati handed the administration a victory by agreeing that the government could require a minimum amount of insurance for Americans. Greece fended off bankruptcy as lawmakers backed austerity measures in the face of riots that left more than 100 injured.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama and the leaders of Mexico and Canada, meeting in Ottawa, pushed back forcefully against the isolationist and anti-immigrant

sentiments roiling Britain and championed by GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump.

One year ago: New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said he had a plan to cut the city police department budget by \$1 billion; the announcement came a week after a “defund the police” protest became a full-blown occupation outside City Hall. (The City Council would approve a plan to shift \$1 billion from policing to education and social services in the coming year.) Two published studies revealed that at least 285 U.S. children had developed a serious inflammatory condition linked to the coronavirus. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell became the highest-ranking Republican in Congress to encourage Americans to wear a mask as protection against the coronavirus. A divided Supreme Court reasserted a commitment to abortion rights, striking down a Louisiana law requiring that doctors who perform abortions have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. Former police officer Joseph James DeAngelo, the Golden State Killer who terrorized Northern California in the 1970s, pleaded guilty to 13 counts of murder in exchange for a life sentence instead of a possible death penalty. Comedy writer, actor and director Carl Reiner died at his California home at 98.

Today’s Birthdays: Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 81. Singer-songwriter Garland Jeffreys is 78. Actor Gary Busey is 77. Comedian Richard Lewis is 74. Actor-turned-politican-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 73. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 73. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 68. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 68. Actor Maria Conchita Alonso is 66. Actor Kimberlin Brown (TV: “The Bold and the Beautiful”) is 60. Actor Sharon Lawrence is 60. Actor Amanda Donohoe is 59. Actor Judith Hoag is 58. Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is 58. R&B singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 57. Actor Kathleen Wilhoite is 57. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 56. Actor Melora Hardin is 54. Actor Brian D’Arcy James is 53. Actor Christina Chang is 50. Rap DJ and record producer DJ Shadow is 49. Actor Lance Barber is 48. Actor-dancer Will Kemp is 44. Actor Zuleikha Robinson is 44. Rock musician Sam Farrar is 43. Actor Luke Kirby is 43. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 43. Comedian-writer Colin Jost (johst) is 39. Actor Lily Rabe is 39. R&B singer Aundrea Fimbres is 38. NBA forward Kawhi Leonard is 30. Actor Camila Mendes (TV: “Riverdale”) is 27.

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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