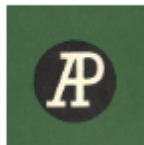


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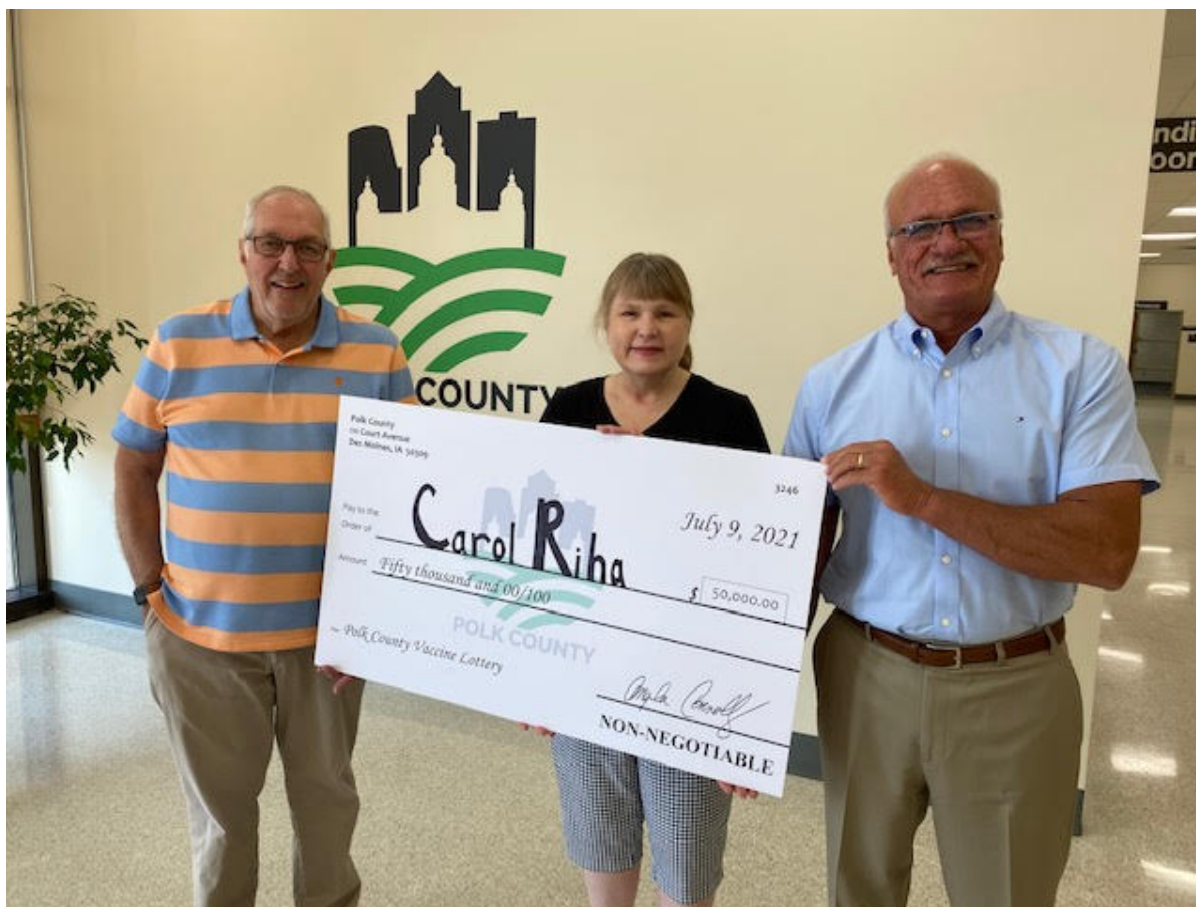
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this July 20, 2021,

Now I can say I know a lottery winner!

Our colleague **Carol Ann Riha** ([Email](#)) – whose 28-year AP career included duties as Des Moines chief of bureau – is about to be \$50,000 richer.

“Better than a Krispy Kreme!” was the headline of a note she sent Connecting with her news:

“I get so many robocalls and so many scammers, but last week was different. A Polk County official called to tell me I had won a prize in the county’s vaccination lottery. I was still skeptical. We arranged a time to snap a photo. When I got to the County Supervisors’ office, a big check with my name on it was waiting. So it’s real! The cashable version is coming soon. Not bad for someone born on a Friday the 13th!

“They asked what I planned to do with it. I told them we have a home equity loan and I’m saving up for new knees. It’s not exactly Disney World, but I’m thrilled just the same.”

In the photo above, County Supervisors Tom Hockensmith and Steve Van Oort congratulate our colleague from West Des Moines.

Have a great day – maybe not quite as good as Carol’s! Be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

A story spiked still is haunting

Kevin Noblet (Email) - On the issue of AP's penchant for official attribution, I'm haunted to this day by a never-published story I wrote in Haiti right after a military coup in 1991. The ambassadors of France, Spain and the United States had protected the ousted president, personally escorting him to a plane so he could fly to safety in exile. Haitian soldiers were livid about it—they had wanted to arrest and probably execute him. So in one brief day they carried out attacks on embassy personnel, one from each of the three countries.

I heard about the attacks, including the one on the US embassy employee, a hired driver, and ventured out to his cinder-block house in a working-class Port-au-Prince neighborhood with AP's photographer, Daniel Morel. The driver's wife, sitting on her bed in a nightgown, pressing a bloody rag between her legs, described how soldiers came during the night, dragged her husband outside and put him against the wall outside the door and shot him in the head. The body had been taken away but blood and brains were still plain to see on the wall. After killing him they raped her, she said.

Hearing I was American, she pointed to his embassy-issued two-way radio in a charging stand on the bedroom dresser. "Please take it," she pleaded. I declined, saying I didn't work for the government but would be calling them and would let them know it was there and that she wanted it gone.

As soon as I left I called the embassy but they seem oddly uninterested. "We know about that. We think it may have been a robbery," the press officer said. I said I'd been there and it didn't look like that at all—it looked like an execution and they had left, among other things, the expensive radio. I figured there was some diplomatic purpose to playing down the attack; naturally there were negotiations going on with the new regime. Of course the police weren't going to confirm the killing but I wrote it up anyway. Because of the embassy's comment, the International Desk said they felt obliged to spike it. That seemed unjust to me, but in Haiti a lot of things did.

More of your thoughts on Robert Shaw

Matt Volz (Email) - It's a true service to tell the stories of newsmen like Robert Shaw, who may otherwise fade into the endless stream of AP newsmen or newswomen who have come and gone — except for those whose lives they directly touched, of course. One of the points of pride of being an AP newsman was the anonymity that went with it. We're working to put out the most credible news report in our state or region and it's about the report, not us. But the people who do this are characters and they're incredible teachers, and you and your contributors help bring them to life. So thank you for this newsletter and helping me learn about the shoulders I was standing on during my time at the AP.

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David Crary (Email) - For those of you who read in last Friday's Connecting the heartfelt remembrance of Robert Shaw by Tim O'Neill, I'll go on the record that I was Tim's colleague in that softball misadventure in Jackson. Forty-five years later, I'm still with AP -- and forever grateful to Robert for giving Tim and me a second chance.

Connecting mailbox

Florida mayor, former AP reporter Kevin Begos dies



In this photo from June 12, 2014, Associated Press writer Kevin Begos looks up from a terminal while writing at the bureau in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Begos, an award-winning science journalist and author who later became the mayor of Apalachicola, Florida, has died. He was 63.

Begos died June 19 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee. He had been battling a serious heart infection.

Begos was elected mayor of Apalachicola, a small coastal town in the Florida Panhandle, in 2019.

He was Pittsburgh correspondent for The Associated Press between 2011 and 2014, covering a wide range of news from the western half of the state, including the rise of the Marcellus Shale gas drilling industry.

Before that, he worked as a statehouse reporter in Florida for The Tampa Tribune; covered Washington and did investigative reporting for the Winston-Salem Journal; and reported from Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, Uganda and Mexico.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Beth Harpaz.

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At memorial for skywalks victims



Jacqui Podzius Cook ([Email](#)) - My 24-year-old son Bobby Cook (a history teacher in Garden City, Kansas) happened to be in Kansas City Monday on his way back to Kansas and I shared with him Monday's Connecting story on the 40th anniversary of the 1981

Hyatt skywalks collapse. It prompted him to visit the memorial to the victims. Thanks to you and Robert Macy for sharing this story so he can share it too. And thank you also for the beautiful treatment you gave Robert Shaw's passing. He was a good man.

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Helen Sosniecki named to weeklies board

Helen Sosniecki ([Email](#)) - has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors, succeeding an editor from Australia. Sosniecki's newspaper career spanned weeklies, dailies and a metro in four states, including owning three Missouri weeklies with husband, Gary. She was the National Newspaper Association's 2011 Emma C. McKinney Memorial Award winner. With husband, Gary, she received the 2003 Eugene Cervi lifetime-achievement award from the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors, the 1998 NNA Community Development Award, and the 2007 NNA President's Award. Gary and Helen were inducted into the Missouri Press Association Hall of Fame in 2014.



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Paul Cheung named CEO of Center for Public Integrity

The Center for Public Integrity

Paul Cheung, a veteran journalist and leading advocate for innovative change in media, has been named chief executive officer of the Center for Public Integrity.

He'll lead one of the nation's oldest nonprofit investigative news organizations as it builds the leading source of journalism focused on the causes and effects of inequality in America.



Cheung joins Public Integrity from the Knight Foundation, where for the past three-years, he managed a multi-million dollar investment portfolio to scale AI, improve business sustainability, and mitigate misinformation as the director of journalism and technology innovation. Previously, he led cross functional teams of journalists, technologists, data-scientists and interactive producers at NBC, The Associated Press, Wall Street Journal and Miami Herald.

Read more [here](#). Paul Cheung worked at AP from 2010 to 2017, initially as Global Interactive Editor and then as Director of Interactive & Digital News Production.

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CNN Snares Kasie Hunt From NBC in Big Bet on Streaming

By Brian Steinberg

CNN has snatched Kasie Hunt, the Capitol Hill correspondent long viewed as a rising star at NBC News, as part of an aggressive bid to push the WarnerMedia cable-news outlet into the new frontier of streaming video.

Hunt surprised viewers Friday on her early-morning MSNBC program, "Way Too Early," by revealing that she was doing her last broadcast of the show. "This is going to be my final broadcast with all of you," she said, vowing to offer details of "my new adventure in the next few weeks." What she did not disclose, according to two people familiar with the matter, is that she will join CNN to focus largely on content that is produced for streaming viewers as part of a big bet being made by Jeff Zucker, president of CNN.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad, Marty Steinberg. Kasie Hunt started working as a national political reporter for the Associated Press in August 2011 and covered Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign. She joined NBC News in January 2013.

Former Louisville newspaper editor David Hawpe dies



Courier-Journal Photo

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — David Hawpe, who rose through the ranks of the Courier Journal to become editor of the Louisville newspaper, which won multiple Pulitzer Prizes on his watch, has died. He was 78.

His death Sunday night was confirmed on Facebook by his sister-in-law, Hilda Miller. Hawpe had been hospitalized with multiple health problems, the Courier Journal reported.

Hawpe was an unabashed liberal who championed school reform, working people and the Appalachian region of his home state during his decades-long career.

"Kentucky lost one of its strongest voices in the passing of journalist David Hawpe," Gov. Andy Beshear said on social media. "David dedicated his work to bettering the lives of all Kentuckians. He will be greatly missed."

Hawpe began his career reporting for The Associated Press in Kentucky. In 1969, he started working for the Courier Journal in its Hazard bureau in eastern Kentucky.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adam Yeomans.

Former Louisville CoB remembers David Hawpe – and 'Pk-vlle'

Andy Lippman ([Email](#)) - I remember when I told David Hawpe - then editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal - that I was making my first trip to eastern Kentucky and I was going to Pikeville after taking over as bureau chief in Louisville in 1981.

"Where?" he asked.

"Pike-ville." I said, swallowing the bait.

"You mean "pk-vlle," said Hawpe, a native of eastern Kentucky.

I had just arrived a few months before from LA - what did I know. I thought Hazard was spelled with two "zss" like in the "Dukes of..."

David was a champion of the state, his paper and good journalism. He was also one of those people that you meet in a career and just can never forget - no matter where else you go.

To David, if you put down Kentucky-or the C-J, those were fighting words. And I knew from talking to his staff, if he didn't think you were writing up to the paper's reputation, he'd have words and they might not be pretty.

George Hackett - a longtime AP staffer in the Louisville AP bureau vouched for me early after I arrived as bureau chief, and I cemented my credentials by opening a bureau in Pk-vlle. That was a big deal because there weren't a lot of east-west roads

that let you cover stories that broke in that part of the state - plus it really helped both the Lexington and Louisville papers.

David loved to get editors together at AP meetings and tell Kentucky stories. I remember one night that someone had brought a jug of "White Lightning." David took a sip and held it out to me and said, "Go ahead Andy. This is the real stuff."

I can't tell you what the real stuff was. This stuff tasted like alcohol. I found one man at the end of the night perched frozen on his chair. I couldn't wake him. He was gone the next morning so I assume that either that he woke up or the janitor called the hospital.

David Hawpe was the real stuff. He had a jolly laugh that could turn into a real scowl if occasion warranted it. He wasn't afraid to do battle with, and for his staffers. He felt the same way about the AP. He helped me fight for a bureau in eastern Kentucky, and he had no hesitation about complaining on a national or state story. He was never really mean about it. He just wanted you to know where he stood.

All these memories came flooding back when I heard he had died yesterday. He left a legacy that I'm sure that all of us who worked with, or for him, will remember.

David Hawpe: 'A man who overflowed with joy and indignation'

Mark Mittelstadt ([Email](#)) - The Associated Press and its former association of news editors lost a huge friend with the passing of retired Courier Journal editor David Hawpe.

Beginning in the early 1990s and continuing through his retirement in 2009, Hawpe was active in the Associated Press Managing Editors, an association of newspaper editors who worked to improve journalism and to provide feedback to the news cooperative. He served on the group's board of directors many years and presided in 1997 when the association held its annual conference in Atlanta.

He also served on the governing board of the APME Association Foundation, a nonprofit created in 1988 to raise money to fund journalism programs and to underwrite a conference newspaper. The APME Gazette gave journalism students in conference cities the chance to meet with and to cover editors as well as speakers on national journalism and freedom of information topics. Hawpe was the foundation's treasurer when the organization began receiving large grants and other donations to underwrite programs such as APME NewsTrain and National Credibility Roundtables. The NewsTrain project, a national professional development initiative begun in 2002, continues under News Leaders Association, an organization created out of the 2019 merger of APME and the American Society of News Editors.

Hawpe was no stranger to the halls of AP headquarters. He came to New York two or three times a year to participate in APME or APME Foundation meetings. He readily judged APME's annual journalism excellence awards competitions for AP member

news organizations as well as AP staff themselves. His opinions carried a lot of weight around the judging tables.

An unabashed liberal, he regaled in telling tales of corruption, malfeasance or incompetence (or all three) by Republicans in his home state of Kentucky. He enjoyed sparring verbally with other editors in what was usually a lively debate.

"He was a mensch and a pip of a human," said retired AP Executive Editor and Senior Vice President Kathleen Carroll. "I hope he is already hollering at St. Peter about all the ways that heaven needs to be fixed." Said Bobbie Jo Buel, retired editor of the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson and APME President in 2009: "I always think of David as a man who overflowed with joy and indignation."

Bob Giles, APME president in 1988, former editor and publisher of the Detroit News and curator of the Nieman Foundation said Hawpe "was such good company. His rants about Kentucky politics were priceless."

Chris Peck, retired editor of The Commercial Appeal in Memphis and APME president in 2001, said he and his wife, Kate Duignan, had dinner with Hawpe before COVID-19 restrictions shut down travel. "We didn't eat much due to his hilarity," he said. "David recounted epic stories about everything from Mitch McConnell's love life to David's cattle roundup adventures in Wyoming. He loved journalism, Kentucky, and his family. A loss to all three."

Hawpe's support and active engagement was critical when APME held its 2004 annual conference in Louisville. The opening night reception, a fixture designed to showcase the host city and newspaper, was held at the iconic Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. A Downs bugler signaled start of the evening.

Kentucky is bourbon country, and Hawpe annually donated a case of specially labeled Maker's Mark to the APME Foundation auction. It always sold quickly.

Other reaction from current and former journalism leaders:

"Sorry to read about David's death. Rarely did any journalist fit his newspaper like David fit The Courier Journal." Mike Waller, former publisher of Baltimore Sun.

"Wonderful editor. When I joined APME as a new top editor, he pulled me aside and implored me to never relent on my principles and encouraged me 'fight like hell' for my team and community!! He will be missed." Hollis Towns, APME President 2011, executive vice president for news of Gannett New Jersey.

"David's commitment to his community, his home state of Kentucky and his newspaper provides a model for contemporary top editors trying to keep their newspapers afloat. We'll all miss his humor and his wisdom." Bob Ritter, APME President 1993, director of student media and professional-in-residence, Louisiana State University.

"Good man. Gutsy and honest. Certainly left his mark. We worked together on an APME Minorities Committee report that was written about in Time magazine. Sorry to hear of his passing." Don Hatfield.

"David was a great journalist and a very good man. Loss of an important voice." David Ledford, APME President 2008, retired vice president news/executive editor, The News Journal Media Group.

"David was a great editor and a really nice guy." David B. Offer, former APME treasurer.

"David was a legend in journalism." Otis Sanford, APME President 2010, Hardin Chair of Excellence in Journalism, The University of Memphis.

"Growing up in Louisville, David was one of my heroes. I'm so glad I had the chance to get to know him and spend time together when I was on the APME board. One of my favorite APME memories is me and David huddling in a NYC restaurant to watch our beloved Wildcats play basketball on my laptop. That was a day I treasure. David will be missed." Brad Dennison, APME President 2013, former Gatehouse Media senior vice president.

"I never worked for Hawpe, but he had a profound and guiding influence on my life and career as a journalist. We shared a bond through our love of our alma mater, the University of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Kernel, UK's student newspaper. He waved me toward my first job in California, and way away from an internship that was to lead to a full-time job at The Louisville Times, telling me without telling me that the afternoon paper was about to fold. Once I joined Gannett, he was a friend and guardian angel. Jerry Ceppos would team up many years to buy the case of Maker's Mark Bourbon that he donated to the APME Foundation Auction. Kentucky is a better place because of his great work and career. What a profound loss for us all." Andrew Oppmann, longtime APME supporter and volunteer, vice president and spokesman at Middle Tennessee State University.

"Every time I was with David, I learned something more about newsroom ethics and a newspaper's responsibility to its community. And I loved every one his stories about 'foraging for nuts and berries' in the quest for healthier living. He was one of a kind. And I was blessed to call him a friend." Kathy Kozdemba, former APME treasurer, retired from Gannett.

Praying for end of Covid-19



Nick Ut ([Email](#)) - Marcela Perez prayed for the end of the Covid-19 pandemic at Mission San Juan Capistrano Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Stories of interest

Garland bars prosecutors from seizing reporters' records (AP)

By ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BALSAMO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday formally prohibited federal prosecutors from seizing the records of journalists in leak investigations, with limited exceptions, reversing years of department policy.

The new policy largely codifies the commitment Garland made in June, when he said the Justice Department would abandon the practice of seizing reporters' records as part of efforts to uncover confidential sources. It aims to resolve a politically thorny issue that has long vexed Justice Department prosecutors trying to weigh the media's First Amendment rights against the government's desire to protect classified information.

"The United States has, of course, an important national interest in protecting national security information against unauthorized disclosure," Garland wrote in his memo. "But a balancing test may fail to properly weight the important national interest in protecting journalists from compelled disclosure of information revealing

their sources, sources they need to apprise the American people of the workings of their government.”

The memo makes clear that federal prosecutors can, in some cases, obtain journalists’ records. Those exceptions include if the reporters are suspected of working for agents of a foreign power or terrorist organizations, if they are under investigation for unrelated activities or if they obtained their information through criminal methods like breaking and entering. There are also exceptions for situations with imminent risks, like kidnappings or crimes against children.

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

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A battling editor to the end: Harry Rosenfeld, 91 (Times Union)

ALBANY — Harry M. Rosenfeld, a child refugee from Nazi Germany whose six-decade career in journalism was dedicated to holding the powerful to account, died early Friday morning at age 91.

The editor of the Times Union from 1978 to 1994, Rosenfeld remained active in the role of editor-at-large even after being hospitalized with COVID-19 in December, an illness that led to several months of declining health and reduced mobility. But his sharply crafted opinions continued to crackle over the line in conference-call meetings of the newspaper's editorial board as recently as this week.

On one such call last month, a discussion of his grim prognosis was interrupted by Rosenfeld dialing in. Told by several slightly astonished members of the board that it was good to hear his voice, he replied, "It's good to have a voice to be heard."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Linda Barnas.



Celebrating AP's 175th

175th anniversary Polo shirts



AP is offering a variety of 175th anniversary merchandise, but one item that isn't available and that many staffers like is a Polo shirt. Adam Yeomans, AP's regional director for the South, has taken care of that. He recently ordered Polos for AP staffers in the South, a few members and retirees, other AP fans. Now you have the opportunity to order one of these limited-edition shirts emblazoned with the AP's 175th anniversary logo. The cost is \$30 per shirt, including shipping. Adult sizes are S, M, L, XL and XXL. The Navy Blue shirts are a 50/50 blend and tend to run a little large. If you'd like to order one, please email Adam Yeomans at adamyeomans@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, home address, and the size(s) and quantity by July 30. Adam says he will collect payment once the shirts are ready for shipping. He's trying to cover his cost; if there's anything left, he says he will donate it to the AP Employee Relief Fund.

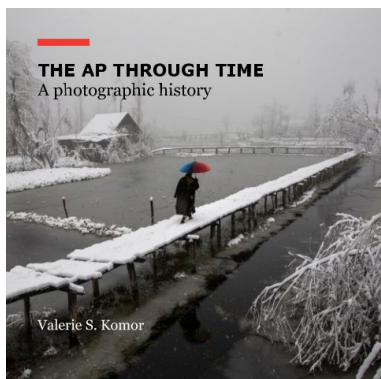
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



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.

Click [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 - July 20, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 20, the 201st day of 2021. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

On this date:

In 1917, America’s World War I draft lottery began as Secretary of War Newton Baker, wearing a blindfold, reached into a glass bowl and pulled out a capsule containing the number 258 during a ceremony inside the Senate office building.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps — later known as WACs — began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan’s King Abdullah I was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman who was shot dead on the spot by security.

In 1976, America’s Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage. The U.N. Security Council voted to admit Vietnam to the world body.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court’s most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 2002, 29 people died in a blaze started by bartenders who were doing tricks with fire at an unlicensed night club in Lima, Peru.

In 2007, President George W. Bush signed an executive order prohibiting cruel and inhuman treatment, including humiliation or denigration of religious beliefs, in the detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects.

In 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted almost totally along party lines, 13-6, to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court’s fourth female justice.

In 2012, gunman James Holmes opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of “The Dark Knight Rises,” killing 12 people and wounding 70 others. (Holmes was later convicted of murder and attempted murder, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

In 2015, the United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations after more than five decades of frosty relations rooted in the Cold War. The U.N. Security Council unanimously endorsed a landmark deal to rein in Iran’s nuclear program.

Ten years ago: Six Republican presidential hopefuls traded tweets in the first presidential debate conducted through Twitter, outlining their agendas across the

popular social media service. NBA star Yao Ming announced his retirement in his hometown of Shanghai.

Five years ago: Undercutting calls for Republican unity, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz stubbornly refused to endorse Donald Trump as he addressed the GOP convention in Cleveland, igniting thunderous boos from furious delegates as he encouraged Americans to simply “vote your conscience” in November. A federal appeals court ruled that Texas’ strict voter ID law discriminated against minorities and the poor and had to be weakened before the November elections. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (REH’-jehp TY’-ihp UR’-doh-wahn) declared a three-month state of emergency following a botched coup attempt.

One year ago: Scientists at Oxford University said their experimental coronavirus vaccine had been shown in an early trial to prompt a protective immune response in hundreds of people who got the shot.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor-singer Sally Ann Howes is 91. Author Cormac McCarthy is 88. Former Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 85. Artist Judy Chicago is 82. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 78. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 77. Singer Kim Carnes is 76. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 74. Rock musician Jay Jay French (Twisted Sister) is 69. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 65. Actor Donna Dixon is 64. Rock musician Mick MacNeil (Simple Minds) is 63. Country singer Rodney Foster is 62. Actor Frank Whaley is 58. Actor Dean Cain is 57. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 55. Actor Reed Diamond is 54. Actor Josh Holloway is 52. Singer Vitamin C is 52. Actor Sandra Oh is 50. Actor Omar Epps is 48. Actor Simon Rex is 47. Actor Judy Greer is 46. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 43. Singer Elliott Yamin (yah-MEEN’) (American Idol) is 43. Supermodel Gisele Bündchen is 41. Rock musician Mike Kennerty (The All-American Rejects) is 41. Actor Percy Daggs III is 39. Actor John Francis Daley is 36. Dancer-singer-actor Julianne Hough is 33. Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg is 33.

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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