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**AP Editor Howard Angione, working the CRT at the AP's general desk in New York,**

February 27, 1973. (AP Photo/Corporate Archives/Jim Wells)

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Nov. 4, 2021,

Wednesday's Connecting story on the death of **Howard Angione**, who during his AP career in the '60s and '70s edited "The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual," prompted Connecting to reach out to colleagues involved with producing today's Stylebook.

Our thanks to **Paula Froke**, editor of the AP product known as the Bible of Newspaper Industry, and **Colleen Newvine**, Stylebook product manager, bring us their thoughts and some background you probably didn't know. And our colleague **Francesca Pitaro** of Corporate Archives shares a listing of past editors of the Stylebook dating back to its formation in 1953. There are several current Connecting colleagues among the list.

We bring you news of the latest book produced by AP Books, "Titan of Tehran." The news release was shared by two colleagues, Books editor **Peter Costanzo**, and by **Doug Rowe**, the proud husband of the author, **Shahzad Elghanayan**. Shahzrad spent the better part of a decade as a photo editor at The Associated Press.

**Katharine Graham** of The Washington Post, the first woman elected to the AP board of directors, in 1974, is being honored by the US Postal Service with a postage stamp with her image. We bring you the story in today's edition. Graham died in 1991.

We're closing in on the deadline for our 2021 Books Edition.

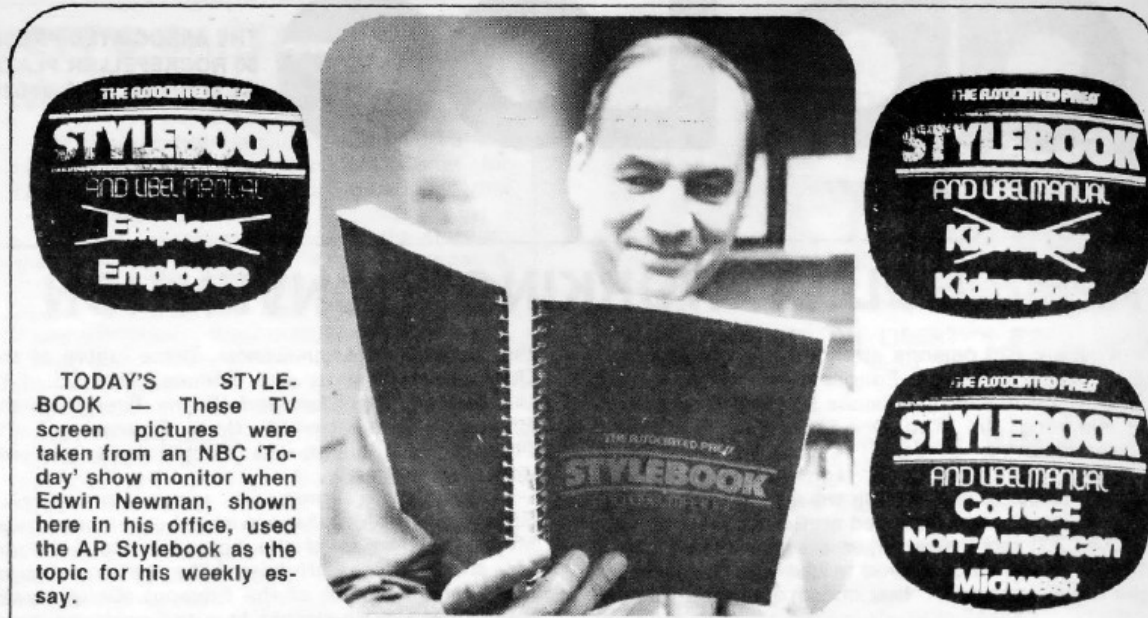
If you have written a book in the past year, Connecting would like to feature it in our annual listing of books authored by Connecting colleagues. Thanks to those who have responded thus far. Here's an invitation to those who have not to send me the following: Name of book, jpg image of the cover and your headshot, and 300 words on the book including where it can be purchased. Also, if you have a book in the works for near-future publication, include it.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Look where an early penchant for spotting style discrepancies led me





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TODAY'S STYLEBOOK — These TV screen pictures were taken from an NBC 'Today' show monitor when Edwin Newman, shown here in his office, used the AP Stylebook as the topic for his weekly essay.

Photos by Dave Pickoff, New York.

## Stylebook Makes Bow on 'Today' Show

Six million viewers of NBC's Oct. 28 "Today" show were introduced to the new Associated Press Stylebook by commentator Edwin Newman in his weekly essay.

Newman described the purpose of stylebooks and presented some samples from the new AP book, which went into effect Oct. 31.

As the samples appeared on the TV screen, with the stylebook's cover as a backdrop, Newman added one of his own:

*"And there are rules about capitalizing titles of nobility," he said. In Prince of Wales, 'Prince' and 'Wales' are capitalized. And it goes that way with other noble titles — Duke of Wellington, Host of the Today Show."* □

Image from 1977 AP Log, courtesy AP Corporate Archives

**Paula Froke (Email)** - AP Stylebook editor - Howard Angione's 1977 AP Stylebook was the one I met and grew to love in 1978 as a freshman at Penn State and a cub reporter/editor for The Daily Collegian. In 1980, I and my fellow Dow Jones News Fund interns spent hours every evening memorizing Angione's guidance in preparation for daily quizzes as part of the internship training for all DJNF interns. Since my internship was with the AP, on the General Desk, this was especially valuable for me. With the cockiness particular to 19-year-olds, I took great pleasure in spotting discrepancies lurking here and there. Little did I know where that penchant would lead me a few decades later.

Jerry Schwartz, one of my colleagues on the current Stylebook team, also had to memorize a version of the Stylebook as part of his DJNF training in 1976 – the 51-page, pre-Angione version. "I just got in under the wire," Jerry says. Another current Stylebook colleague and former Dow Jones intern, Jeff McMillan, says: "I don't remember having to memorize the Stylebook, but I do remember that I had it mostly memorized anyway."

These days it's virtually impossible to memorize a book that has grown to more than 600 pages – plus the updates that we do online throughout the year as needed by developments in the news (think pandemic, as one of many examples). The Stylebook team meets by Zoom, supplemented by email exchanges, whenever one of us sees a need for an addition or update on a particular topic. Then in the fall through February, we have a regular schedule of Zoom meetings once or twice a week to discuss

proposed changes that aren't quite as urgent. Even what seem like minor updates often take a great deal of painstaking research and lengthy discussion and debate. That includes consultations with many others in the AP, such as the race and ethnicity team, the inclusion champions, the health and science team, and folks in every part of the AP.

**A tidbit:** Longtime Stylebook editor Norm Goldstein was one of my late father's students at Penn State. Marlowe Froke joined Marlowe Froke, joined the Penn State faculty in 1959 as an associate professor of journalism, developing the school's first broadcast journalism curriculum. In 1964, he was named Penn State's director of broadcasting and established the public TV station there. Eugene Goodwin was the director of what was then the School of Journalism and hired my dad. A few decades later, Goodwin taught the journalism ethics class whose lessons still serve me well today in considering style and standards issues at the AP.

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**Colleen Newvine** ([Email](#)) plays a major role in marketing the Stylebook, as its product manager, and shares this:

Wow has the AP Stylebook changed – we went two decades before kicking off an update in 1975!

Now Paula and her team of editors work on the Stylebook throughout the year, responding to news and language evolving.

I was in elementary school in the '70s so I don't have a lot to contribute about Howard, except deep gratitude to all the journalists who laid the foundation for the AP Stylebook we have today, including Howard. They helped establish the reputation and authority of AP style.

Note that his obit says:

*He worked as a writer for the Worcester Telegram before joining The Associated Press where he edited "The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual," first published in 1977.*

But actually, he worked on an update. The first edition of what we think of as the AP Stylebook was in 1953.

We're now publishing the print Stylebook every other year, and the next one will come out in spring 2022. Stylebook Online continues to grow. It even grew in 2020, with all of the challenges everyone faced in the pandemic.

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AP Corporate Archives provides this history of the AP editors who worked on the Stylebook over its 68 years:

## AP Stylebook Editors



1953 - 1970 - Gus Winkler

1977 - 1979 - Howard Angione

1980 - Eileen Alt Powell, Howard Angione

1984-1985 - Christopher W. French, Eileen Alt Powell, Howard Angione

1986-1987 - Christopher W. French

1988 - Christopher W. French, Norm Goldstein

1990-2007 - Norm Goldstein

2008-2013 - Darrell Christian, Sally Jacobsen, David Minthorn

2014 - Darrell Christian, Paula Froke, Sally Jacobsen, David Minthorn

2015 - David Minthorn, Sally Jacobsen, Paula Froke

2016 - Thomas Kent, Paula Froke, David Minthorn, Jerry Schwartz

2017 - Paula Froke, Anna Jo Bratton, Oskar Garcia, David Minthorn, Karl Ritter, Jerry Schwartz

2018 - Paula Froke, Anna Jo Bratton, Oskar Garcia, Jeff McMillan, David Minthorn, Jerry Schwartz

2019 - Paula Froke, Anna Jo Bratton, Oskar Garcia, Jeff McMillan, Jerry Schwartz

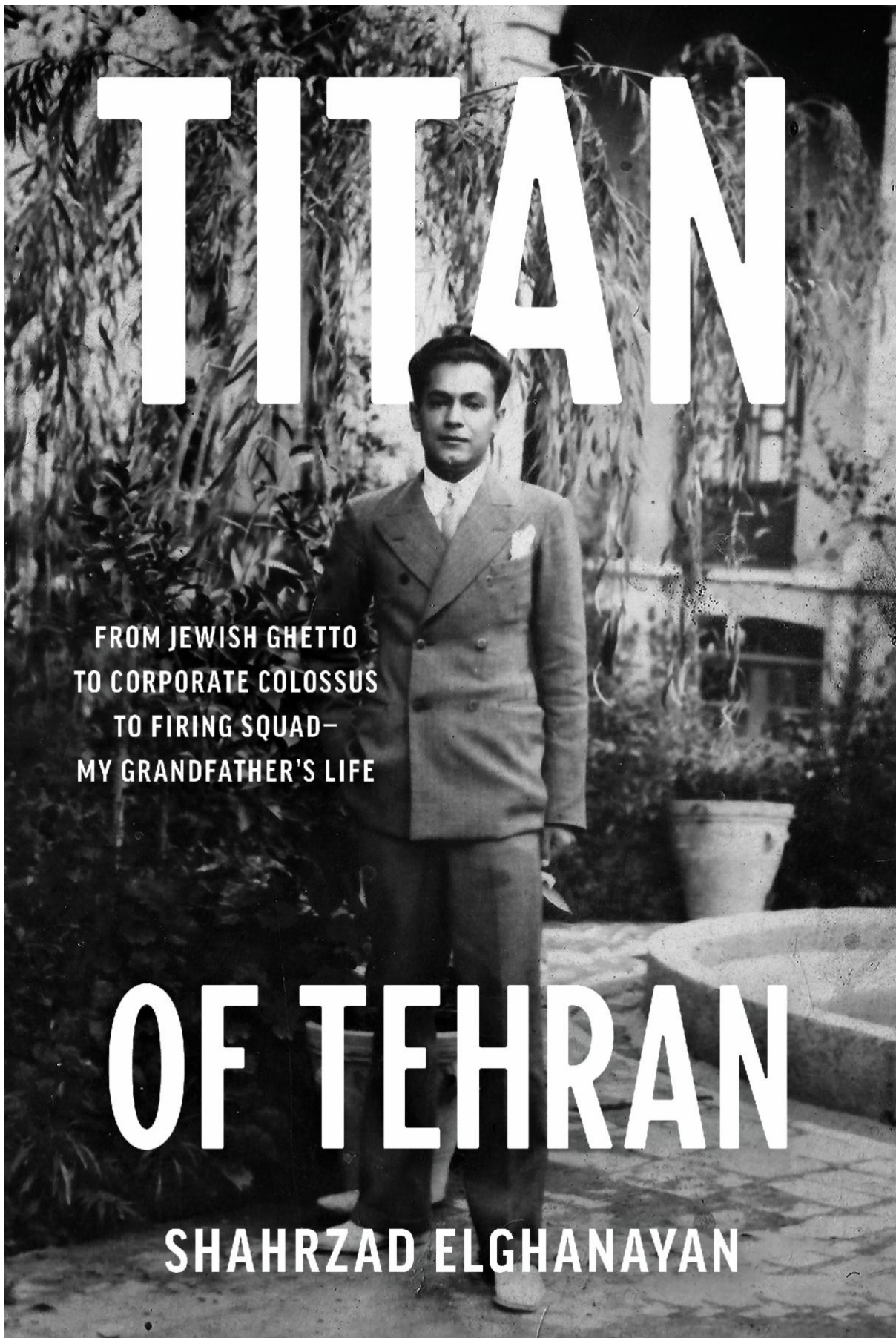
2020 - Paula Froke, Anna Jo Bratton, Jeff McMillan, Pia Sarkar, Jerry Schwartz, Raghuram Vadarevu

2021 - Paula Froke, Anna Jo Bratton, Andale Gross, Jeff McMillan, Pia Sarkar, Jerry Schwartz, Raghuram Vadarevu.

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## **AP publishes new book on first prominent civilian executed in Iranian Revolution**



**FROM JEWISH GHETTO  
TO CORPORATE COLOSSUS  
TO FIRING SQUAD—  
MY GRANDFATHER'S LIFE**

# **TITAN OF TEHRAN**

**SHAHRZAD ELGHANAYAN**

The Associated Press has published a new book on a transformative business and civic leader who became the first prominent civilian executed in the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

“Titan of Tehran: From Jewish Ghetto to Corporate Colossus to Firing Squad - My Grandfather’s Life” is a deeply reported biography recounting the life and death of Habib Elghanian, a self-made industrialist and well-known figure in Iran’s Jewish community. It also brings Iran’s modern-day economic, political and social problems into focus.

Written by his granddaughter, former AP photo editor Shahrzad Elghanayan, the book reconstructs and chronicles Elghanian’s ascent from Tehran’s Jewish quarter – “the edge of the pit” – to his business success, which was instrumental in modernizing the country, to fatefully facing a firing squad. Parts of the book read like passages in a thriller, while exploring universal themes of loss and longing, belonging and identity.



“We are very proud to bring to light an in-depth accounting of the events that occurred before and after this injustice,” said Peter Costanzo, AP director of programming. “The author’s commitment to ensure her grandfather’s legacy is portrayed accurately and not forgotten is palpable and woven throughout the book.”

“Titan of Tehran” serves as a monument to a man who might have disappeared in the mists of history, even though his execution was reported worldwide on newspaper front pages and in broadcast news reports.

The book features a foreword by Pulitzer Prize winner and former AP correspondent Charles J. Hanley and more than 60 photographs from the AP Images archives, the author’s personal collection and other sources.

“Titan of Tehran” is now available wherever books are sold.

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

## Latest update on return to AP offices

**This moved to AP staff on Wednesday from the Return To Office team:**

We’re writing to you today with our regular update on AP’s plans for returning to our offices.

We hope to return to in-person work as early as possible in 2022. As we have said previously, we will provide at least 30 days of notice. In September we announced our plans for a hybrid work model and we will implement that policy when we return.

There are many items we are working on to be ready for our return, including the process for staff to apply to work remotely or from a new location on a permanent basis. We had hoped to roll this out in October, but due to its complexity, it has taken longer than expected. Once the process is in place, we will allow ample time for applications.

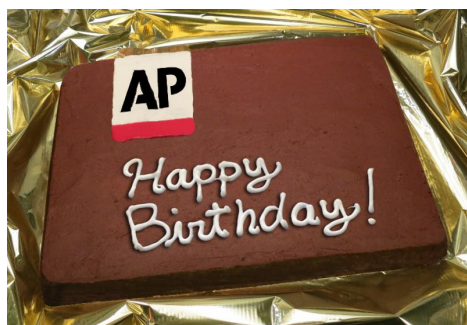
We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress and will update you again before the end of the year.

As always, the health and safety of our staff remain our primary focus. We continue to strongly encourage staff to get vaccinated as soon as possible in every location where vaccines are available. We will formalize our vaccination policy ahead of our return. It will vary by location, depending on vaccine availability and local rules and guidance.

Please continue to familiarize yourself with AP's return to office policies, frequently asked questions and other information on InsideAP. As a reminder, all of AP's offices are now open — if local rules and regulations allow — for a voluntary return. Everyone who returns during this voluntary period must fill out this form each week before coming into the office.

We appreciate your continued hard work and look forward to seeing you in person in the new year.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Richard Weiss – [weisswrite@gmail.com](mailto:weisswrite@gmail.com)

## Stories of interest

***Former Washington Post Publisher Katharine Graham Will Appear on a New USPS Stamp***

(Washingtonian.com)





#### WRITTEN BY DAMARE BAKER

The US Postal Service will honor former Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham with a new stamp. On Monday, they announced several new stamps that will be issued in 2022.

Graham is honored as a part of the Distinguished Americans series that honors U.S. citizens that made a great impact on American society. She was the first woman to lead a Fortune 500 company, and the first woman in the 20th century to become a publisher of a major newspaper. She also led the Washington Post through the publishing of the Pentagon Papers and the coverage of the Watergate scandal.

The stamp was designed by USPS artistic director Derry Noyes, who used an original oil painting of Graham by artist Lynn Staley. Noyes has served as the artistic director for 40 years, where she has worked on stamp projects to honor former PBS NewsHour co-anchor Gwen Ifill, Mister Rogers, and Rosa Parks.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lindel Hutson.

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## ***Adobe and news orgs are working on a new tool that could identify a photo's origin — and combat misinformation*** (Nieman Lab)

By SARAH SCIRE

Earlier this month, a former candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives sent a tweet implying that President Joe Biden's "Build Back Better" agenda was causing grocery shelves to empty.

There were a couple of things wrong with the tweet, which has been deleted. The first is that the photo was taken in March 2020, before Biden took office. And if you take a closer look at the prices? Those are British pounds, not U.S. dollars. The photo, PolitiFact noted, was taken in Worcester, England, and originally published alongside an editorial in the Guardian about early-pandemic supply chain woes. (It's also, incidentally, one of the first hits when searching Google Images for "empty shelves.")

Between the incorrect currency and the use of "veg" as a noun, Twitter users were quick to realize the photo was misleading. It's not the first time an out-of-context photo has been repurposed to fit a political narrative and given how cheap and effective the misinformation tactic can be, it certainly won't be the last. The problem is that they're not all as obvious as the U.K. example.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Santiago Lyon.

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## ***Myanmar court denies bail for US journalist, adds new charge*** (AP)

BANGKOK (AP) — A court in Myanmar on Wednesday rejected the bail application of Danny Fenster, an American journalist jailed for the past five months, and added a new charge against him, his lawyer said.

Fenster had already been charged with incitement for allegedly spreading false or inflammatory information, an offense punishable by up to three years in prison. He is also charged with violating the Unlawful Associations Act for alleged links to illegal opposition groups, which carries a possible two-to-three year prison term.

His lawyer, Than Zaw Aung, said a new charge of violating immigration law was added Wednesday, under a catch-all provision that calls for a prison term of six months to five years for violating visa conditions.

The court's actions come during a visit to Myanmar by Bill Richardson, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He said he is on a mission to discuss humanitarian aid to strife-torn Myanmar with leaders of its military-installed government.

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



## 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.

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.

## Today in History - Nov. 4, 2021



### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 4, the 308th day of 2021. There are 57 days left in the year.

#### Today’s Highlight in History:

On Nov. 4, 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; for some of them, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

#### On this date:

In 1842, Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois.



In 1862, inventor Richard J. Gatling received a U.S. patent for his rapid-fire Gatling gun.

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

In 1942, during World War II, Axis forces retreated from El Alamein in North Africa in a major victory for British forces commanded by Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

In 1955, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Cy Young died in Newcomerstown, Ohio, at age 88.

In 1956, Soviet troops moved in to crush the Hungarian Revolution.

In 1980, Republican Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Jimmy Carter by a strong margin.

In 1985, to the shock and dismay of U.S. officials, Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced he was returning to the Soviet Union, charging he had been kidnapped by the CIA.

In 1991, Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, California; attending were President George H.W. Bush and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard Nixon — the first-ever gathering of five past and present U.S. chief executives.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally.

In 2008, Democrat Barack Obama was elected the first Black president of the United States, defeating Republican John McCain. California voters approved Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage, overturning a state Supreme Court decision that gave gay couples the right to wed just months earlier.

In 2014, riding a powerful wave of voter discontent, resurgent Republicans captured control of the Senate and tightened their grip on the House.

Ten years ago: A Syrian peace plan brokered just days earlier by the Arab League unraveled as security forces opened fire on thousands of protesters, killing at least 15. "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney, 92, died in New York a month after his farewell segment on the show.

Five years ago: A federal jury found that Rolling Stone magazine, its publisher and a reporter had defamed a University of Virginia administrator in a debunked 2014 story about a gang rape at a fraternity house. (The magazine and the administrator, Nicole Eramo, later reached a confidential settlement.) A jury convicted two former aides to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie of causing traffic jams near the George Washington Bridge for political revenge against a Democratic mayor. (A unanimous Supreme Court tossed out the convictions in 2020.)

One year ago: A day after the presidential election, victories in Michigan and Wisconsin left Joe Biden one battleground state short of winning the White House.

President Donald Trump falsely claimed victory in several key states and called the election process “a major fraud on our nation”; Trump called for outstanding ballots not to be counted, and vowed to have the Supreme Court weigh in on the election. The Trump campaign said it was filing suit in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Georgia to demand better access for campaign observers to locations where ballots were being processed and counted, and to raise absentee ballot concerns. The United States set another record for daily confirmed coronavirus cases as several states posted all-time highs.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Loretta Swit is 84. R&B singer Harry Elston (Friends of Distinction) is 83. Blues singer Delbert McClinton is 81. Former first lady Laura Bush is 75. Actor Ivonne Coll is 74. Rock singer-musician Chris Difford (Squeeze) is 67. Country singer Kim Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 61. Actor-comedian Kathy Griffin is 61. Actor Ralph Macchio is 60. “Survivor” host Jeff Probst is 60. Saxophonist Tim Burton is 58. Actor Matthew McConaughey is 52. Rapper-producer Sean “Puffy” Combs is 52. TV personality Bethenny Frankel is 51. Actor Anthony Ruivivar is 51. Soul/jazz singer Gregory Porter is 50. R&B singer Shawn Rivera (Az Yet) is 50. Celebrity chef Curtis Stone is 46. Actor Heather Tom is 46. R&B/gospel singer George Huff is 41. Actor Emme Rylan is 41. Actor Chris Greene (Film: “Loving”) is 39.

## 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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