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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Dec. 3, 2021,

It is that time of the year when we take a look back and review the life we lived – and covered. So Connecting leads today's issue with a pictorial review of the year 2021 as viewed through the lenses of Associated Press photographers.

It is quite a display.

We also bring you thoughts of colleagues who worked with our colleague **Kristin Gazlay**, who concludes her 40-year career with the AP at the end of the year. That announcement of her retirement was featured in Thursday's Connecting.

And finally, until **Chris Connell** posted it on Facebook, I had no idea that Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, was a palindrome year. I bet my first bureau chief, colleague **Ed Staats**, caught it. Anyone else out there with a first or last name in the form of a palindrome? And why is it that when I see that word, the verse "Paladin, Palidan where did you roam?" enters my feeble brain? (Have Gun Will Travel)

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Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

A world ablaze, captured by AP photographers in 2021



A couple kiss in front of a barricade set on fire by demonstrators during clashes with police following a protest condemning the imprisonment of rap singer Pablo Hasél in Barcelona, Spain, on Feb. 18, 2021. Hasél was convicted of insulting the Spanish monarchy and praising terrorist violence. (AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)



Police with guns drawn watch as rioters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, on Jan. 6, 2021. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

By The Associated Press

“Some say the world will end in fire,” wrote the poet Robert Frost -- and for much of 2021, Associated Press photographers captured scenes of a world ablaze, amid rumblings of ruin.

In New Delhi, a man sprints amid the funeral pyres of COVID-19 victims -- too many fires, too much heat, too many victims. On a beach near the village of Limni, Greece, the horizon is lit by the flames of wildfires raging across the eastern Mediterranean.

And at La Palma in the Canary Islands, the inferno is in the Cumbre Vieja volcano. But more than 10,000 million cubic meters of ash turn the world into a negative, with black ash taking the place of white snow.

Not all of the combustion is so literal.

There is fury: the astonishing moment when police aimed their guns at rioters trying to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol; Mexican demonstrators against gender violence, hurling themselves at barricades; an Ethiopian woman’s wrath as she fights for every split pea in starving, war-torn Tigray.

And there are the sorrowful embers of violence. Stoic Palestinians carry the body of a child who died in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza, while a continent away, mourners bear the body of a man killed while protesting the coup in Myanmar. And in Haiti, the wife of slain President Jovenel Moise, Martine, leaves a memorial gathering in black widow’s weeds and mask.

There was more to 2021, of course. There was fun: Lady Gaga wore one of the world's largest dresses to Joe Biden's inauguration.

Read and view more [here](#).

Fond memories of working with Kristin Gazlay

Myron Belkind (Email) - The London bureau was fortunate to have Kristin Gazlay as news editor from 1997-2000, always benefiting from her leadership, her editing skills, her reporting and writing and, of course, her wit!

She was the equivalent of a player-manager in baseball, making key coverage decisions and also doing her own outstanding reporting, as she did when she covered the story of three young boys in Northern Ireland killed in a sectarian firebombing as they slept, among other stories she did from the field.

AP New York gave me the opportunity to pick a new news editor in 1997, and I was privileged to be able to select Kristin. She was due to start her assignment in the autumn of 1997 and came over early to look for a place to live. Her search was interrupted on August 31, 1997, when Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris and London became the focus for AP's coverage of the tragedy. She came right to the bureau after news of Diana's death and helped run AP's coverage for a week until Diana's Sept. 6 funeral.

Typical of Kristin, when I last had a message exchange with her on her birthday in September, she took the opportunity to once again praise her other colleagues in the London bureau. "What a great group we had," she wrote.

Kristin, all of us who were fortunate to work with you in London wish you the very, very best for the future!

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Charlie Hanley (Email) – Hundreds of APers had the privilege and benefit of working with the wonderful, talented Kristin Gazlay over the course of time. But I venture I was the only one who got to work with KMG face to face across back-to-back desks (space was tight at 50 Rock) day after day through a couple of years in the early '90s. I observed her marvelously deft dealing, as assistant ME for enterprise, with those sensitive souls known as feature writers (at the time this particular feature guy was on the admin side). She was deftly simpatica, that is, until the day she took advantage of her perfect perch to listen in while her wicked anti-Hanley conspiracy with AP buddy Pat Bibby played out before her eyes and ears.

The two had enlisted a NY actress friend to phone me and pose as an editor at a Southern newspaper, and to deliver an angry AP member's tongue-lashing, in a sultry Scarlett O'Hara lilt, over some supposed AP coverage falldown or other. I was deputy ME. I thought I knew almost all the members. I should have known this "Plainville Democrat" or whatever it was didn't seem right. But this was a Professional New York

Actress, folks! As I sweated and babbled to try to “satisfy the member,” Kristin looked on and listened in from four feet away with poker-faced glee. She was on her own phone, no doubt whispering the hilarious blow-by-blow to co-conspirator Patricia. I finally hung up, shaken, until my tormentor KMG ‘fessed up to what they had done.

There was no one more superbly professional than Kristin, over decades. And no one more delightful to work across from over a couple of years.

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Dan Sewell (Email) - You certainly called it accurately in saying Kristin is one of the most-respected and well-liked people in The AP.

And to think about earning that reputation in the context of all the front-line, high-pressure jobs she has held shows what a special person she has been!

The three years I worked directly for her and Jerry Schwartz as my editors while serving as a regional writer was one of the favorite stretches of my career. Excellent editors who cared: and could relieve any tense situation with humor.

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Sylvia Wingfield (Email) – Congratulations to Kristin Gazlay for a remarkable career that has made the AP a better place for us and our news audience.

We got to know each other in the Dallas bureau in the ‘80s. No, I told her, you won’t have to work night broadcast forever. No, she told me, you don’t need to commute 50 miles home in the snow, you can stay at my place.

Two weeks before Christmas 1985, we watched TV coverage of a charter plane crash at Gander, Newfoundland, that killed 278 U.S. service members on their way to Fort Campbell, Ky. There wasn’t a direct Texas angle, but we both knew what it’s like waiting for your military dad to come home. Apart from my desk duties, I did occasional arts features. Kristin’s skillful edits always made them better.

One night in August 1997, my husband and I drove straight home from a Colorado vacation to Fort Worth. We didn’t have much car radio coverage. The newspapers on our porch the next morning told us what we had missed: Princess Diana Killed in Paris Car Crash.

I knew the AP was in good shape, at least. Kristin had just arrived in London as news editor.

I wish her a retirement as successful and fulfilling as her career and even more time for the beautiful and world-expanding photography she shares with us.

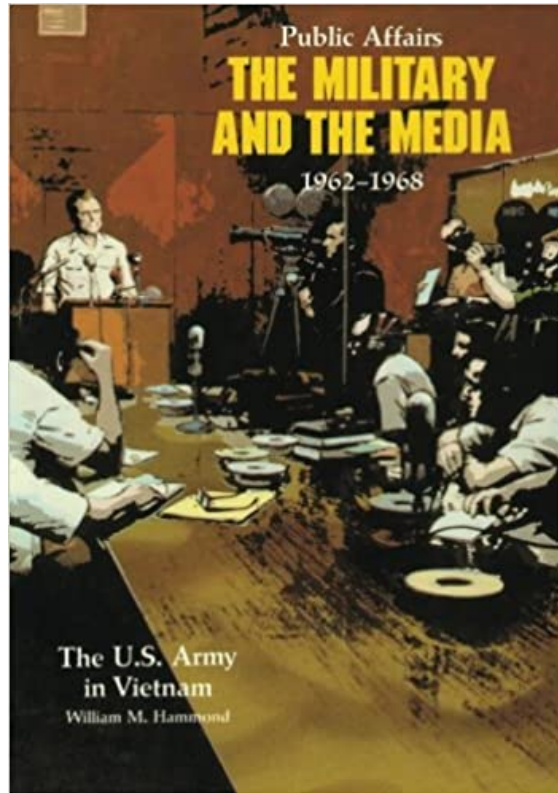
Of interest to those who covered Vietnam War

Public Affairs: The Military and the Media, 1962-1968 (United States Army in Vietnam) Paperback – December 31, 2015

by William M. Hammond (Author)

The Military and the Media examines the evolution of the U.S. government's public affairs policies in Vietnam between 1962 and 1968. Adopting a broad viewpoint in order to depict the many influences - civilian and military, political and diplomatic - that bore upon the conduct of public affairs, the William Hammond's insightful work describes the tensions that developed between the institutions of the press and the military as the war grew and as each served its separate ends. The book observes events from the perspective of the Military Assistance Command's

Office of Information in Saigon, which carried much of the burden of press relations, but necessarily considers as well the role of the White House, the State and Defense Departments, and the U.S. embassy in Saigon in the creation of information policy. By drawing together many disparate strands, the book seeks to delineate some of the issues and problems that can confront an open society whenever it wages war.



Shared by Dennis Conrad.

Quite the headline



Shared by Paul Albright.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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On Sunday to...

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Stories of interest

111 Inspirational Quotes for Photographers in 2021

(PetaPixel)

By TAMMY LAMOUREUX

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But I wonder, what else do “they” say? In order to find out I’ve culled together the best quotes on the subject of photography. I hope they inspire you.

“If your photos aren’t good enough, then you’re not close enough.”
— Robert Capa

“Photography is the story I fail to put into words.”
— Destin Sparks

“When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence.”
— Ansel Adams

“In photography there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than reality.”
— Alfred Stieglitz

“There is one thing the photograph must contain, the humanity of the moment.”
— Robert Frank

“Taking an image, freezing a moment, reveals how rich reality truly is.”
— Anonymous

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

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Records: Missouri planned to thank glitch-finding journalist (AP)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Just before Missouri Gov. Mike Parson condemned a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter for exposing a state database flaw, records show the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education was instead preparing to thank him for finding the glitch.

The Post-Dispatch reported Thursday that it obtained records through a Missouri Sunshine Law request, including an Oct. 12 email to Parson's office from DESE spokeswoman Mallory McGowin containing proposed statements for a news release.

"We are grateful to the member of the media who brought this to the state's attention," read a proposed quote from Education Commissioner Margie Vandeven.

The quote ultimately was not used. Instead the Office of Administration issued a news release the next day calling the Post-Dispatch journalist a "hacker." Parson, a Republican, said at a news conference on Oct. 14 that a criminal investigation was being launched. That investigation is ongoing.

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

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Post package shows its national readership of the dangers of local news deserts, but has problems defining them (Rural Blog)

In honor of Giving NewsDay yesterday, The Washington Post Magazine published a package of stories celebrating local journalism and warning of the dangers of expanding news deserts. It includes a suite of stories solicited from journalists across the country, reminding the paper's national readership of the breadth and depth of news that is being lost to readers as "news deserts" expand through closure and hollowing out of newspapers.

The stories range from one about how a West Virginia pastor cultivated a racially diverse congregation in an overwhelmingly white area, to an investigation into suspicious grizzly-bear deaths in Idaho.

"Some of these stories have been previously covered by outlets that are trying against long odds to preserve a market for local journalism, and we are indebted to their work; other stories are being told here for the first time," the Post says. "What all these stories have in common is that they deserved more space, scrutiny and attention than they have previously received.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Al Cross.



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 - Dec. 3, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2021. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States by the Electoral College.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

In 1967, a surgical team in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard (BAHR'-nard) performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the donor organ, which came from Denise Darvall, a 25-year-old bank clerk who had died in a traffic accident.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1992, the Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled more than 21 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground off northwestern Spain.

In 1994, AIDS activist Elizabeth Glaser, who along with her two children were infected with HIV because of a blood transfusion, died in Santa Monica, California, at age 47.

In 2000, poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first African-American to win a Pulitzer Prize, died in Chicago at age 83.

In 2010, during a surprise holiday-season visit to Afghanistan, President Barack Obama told cheering U.S. troops at Bagram Air Field they were succeeding in their mission to fight terrorism; however, foul weather prevented Obama from meeting with President Hamid Karzai in Kabul to address frayed relations.

In 2015, defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered the armed services to open all military jobs to women, removing the final barriers that had kept women from serving in combat, including the most dangerous and grueling commando posts.

In 2017, the second-largest U.S. drugstore chain, CVS, announced that it was buying Aetna, the third-largest health insurer, in order to push much deeper into customer care.

Ten years ago: In Atlanta, a defiant Herman Cain suspended his faltering bid for the Republican presidential nomination amid a series of sexual misconduct allegations that he condemned as "false and unproven." Oklahoma State defeated Oklahoma 44-10 to win the Big 12 championship. (Exultant Oklahoma State fans stormed the football field, resulting in a dozen injuries.)

Five years ago: Some 20,000 people filled a tiny stadium in Chapeco, Brazil, to say goodbye to members of a soccer club who died in a plane crash in Colombia.

One year ago: A divided Wisconsin Supreme Court refused to hear President Donald Trump's attempt to overturn his election loss to Democrat Joe Biden in the battleground state; the court said the case must first wind its way through lower courts. As the number of daily U.S. deaths from the coronavirus topped 3,100 for the first time, states drafted plans for who would get the first doses of vaccine when they became available later in the month. Facebook said it would start removing false claims about COVID-19 vaccines.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 91. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 90. Actor Nicolas Coster is 88. Actor Mary Alice is 80. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 73. Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 72. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 67. Actor Steven Culp is 66. Actor Daryl Hannah is 61. Actor Julianne Moore is 61. Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt is 56. Actor Brendan Fraser is 53. Singer Montell Jordan is 53. Actor Royale Watkins is 52. Actor Bruno Campos is 48. Actor Holly Marie Combs is 48. Actor Liza Lapira is 46. Pop-rock singer Daniel Bedingfield is 42. Actor/comedian Tiffany Haddish is 42. Actor Anna Chlumsky (KLUHM'-skee) is 41. Actor Jenna Dewan is 41. Actor Brian Bonsall is 40. Actor Dascha Polanco is 39.

Pop/rock singer-songwriter Andy Grammer is 38. Americana musician Michael Calabrese (Lake Street Dive) is 37. Actor Amanda Seyfried is 36. Actor Michael Angarano is 34. Actor Jake T. Austin is 27. Rumsfeld, who died in June, had a storied career in government under four U.S. presidents and was seen as a visionary of a modern military.

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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