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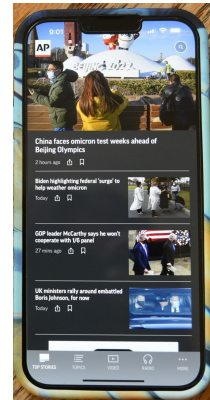
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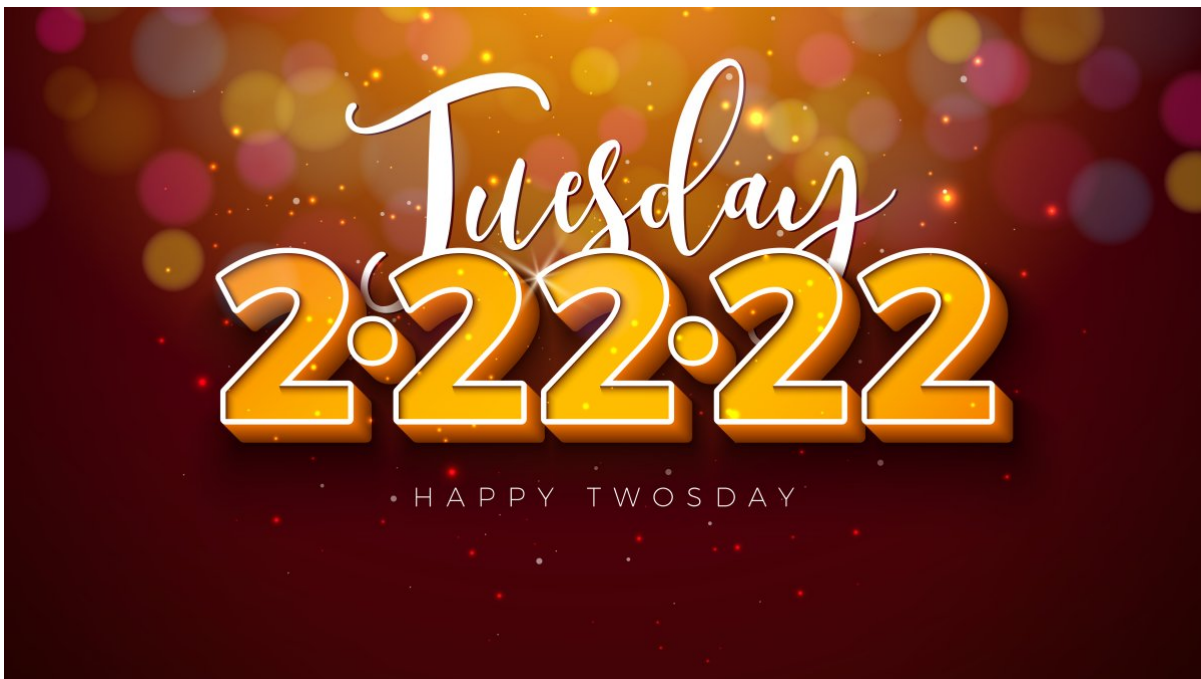
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this Feb. 22, 2022,

It's a day also known as Twosday - marked on the calendar as – 2-22-22...

Here's what the **Daily Mail in London** had to say about it:

Social media is awash with excitement as February 22, 2022 approaches, the date all numbers will line up to give the 2.22.22 date.

Users online have dubbed it Twosday, and it just so happens it falls on a Tuesday.

Although a full Twosday isn't on the cards for another two centuries (2.22.2222), we've already seen a few patterns in our dates.

More than a decade ago we saw two Onesdays with 11.1.11 and 11.11.11.

This century there have been 11 other months with similar patterns, such as 02.02.02 and 12.12.12.

In 11 years we'll be treated to Threesday (3.3.33) and Foursday another 11 years after that (4.4.44).

Read more, if you dare.

And click **here** if you want 22 ideas on what to do today...

Me? I think I'll get out and hit some doubles tennis, followed by a double cheeseburger with Ollie and Linda at McDonald's. And turn up the radio on the VW Bug and sing along to **songs about Tuesday**. Write and tell me how you spent this once in a lifetime day.

Have a great Twosday – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Reporter Philip Crowther Deftly Jumps Between 6 Languages In Viral Clip Of Ukraine Coverage

The AP correspondent reported from Kyiv in English, Luxembourgish, Spanish, Portuguese, French and German.



By Josephine Harvey
Huffington Post

A talented journalist wowed viewers this week with his coverage of the Ukraine crisis — in six languages.

Polyglot Philip Crowther, an international affiliate correspondent for The Associated Press, has been reporting from Kyiv on the developing conflict with Russia. Speaking to assorted news organizations around the world, he detailed new developments in English, Luxembourgish, Spanish, Portuguese, French and German.

He posted a montage of his work Monday, which went viral and accumulated more than 1.8 million views by the end of the day.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Jerry Cipriano.

AP letter to Ethiopian ambassador urges release of AP freelancer

[Lauren Easton](#) — *posted Monday, Feb. 21* - Executive Editor Julie Pace on Thursday sent a letter to Ethiopian Ambassador Mehreteab Mulugeta requesting the release of AP-accredited freelancer Amir Aman Kiyaro, who has been detained in Addis Ababa since Nov. 28, 2021.

Here is her letter:

Feb. 17, 2022

Ambassador Mehreteab Mulugeta
Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Your Excellency,

The Associated Press would like to respectfully appeal to the authorities of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to release accredited AP freelance video journalist

Amir Aman Kiyaro, who has been detained since November 28, 2021, for his reporting work.

With the lifting of the state of emergency powers in Ethiopia on Tuesday, AP hopes that Mr. Kiyaro, who has been detained without charge in Addis Ababa, can soon return to his family.

Mr. Kiyaro is a young and dedicated professional journalist who has conducted groundbreaking reporting on all sides of the Ethiopian conflict, including coverage of the alleged mass killings by Tigray forces in the community of Chenna Teklehaymanot in 2021 and of the social and security situation in Addis Ababa. The Associated Press advocates for the right of journalists to speak to all sides in any conflict in the interest of fair, accurate and unbiased reporting, and Mr. Kiyaro has done this, receiving praise for his honest and factual work.

Additionally, the management and staff of AP — the world's oldest independent news agency — are deeply concerned for the well-being of Mr. Kiyaro and his family. Mr. Kiyaro's health is of concern, with his family reporting its deterioration during these past months of incarceration.

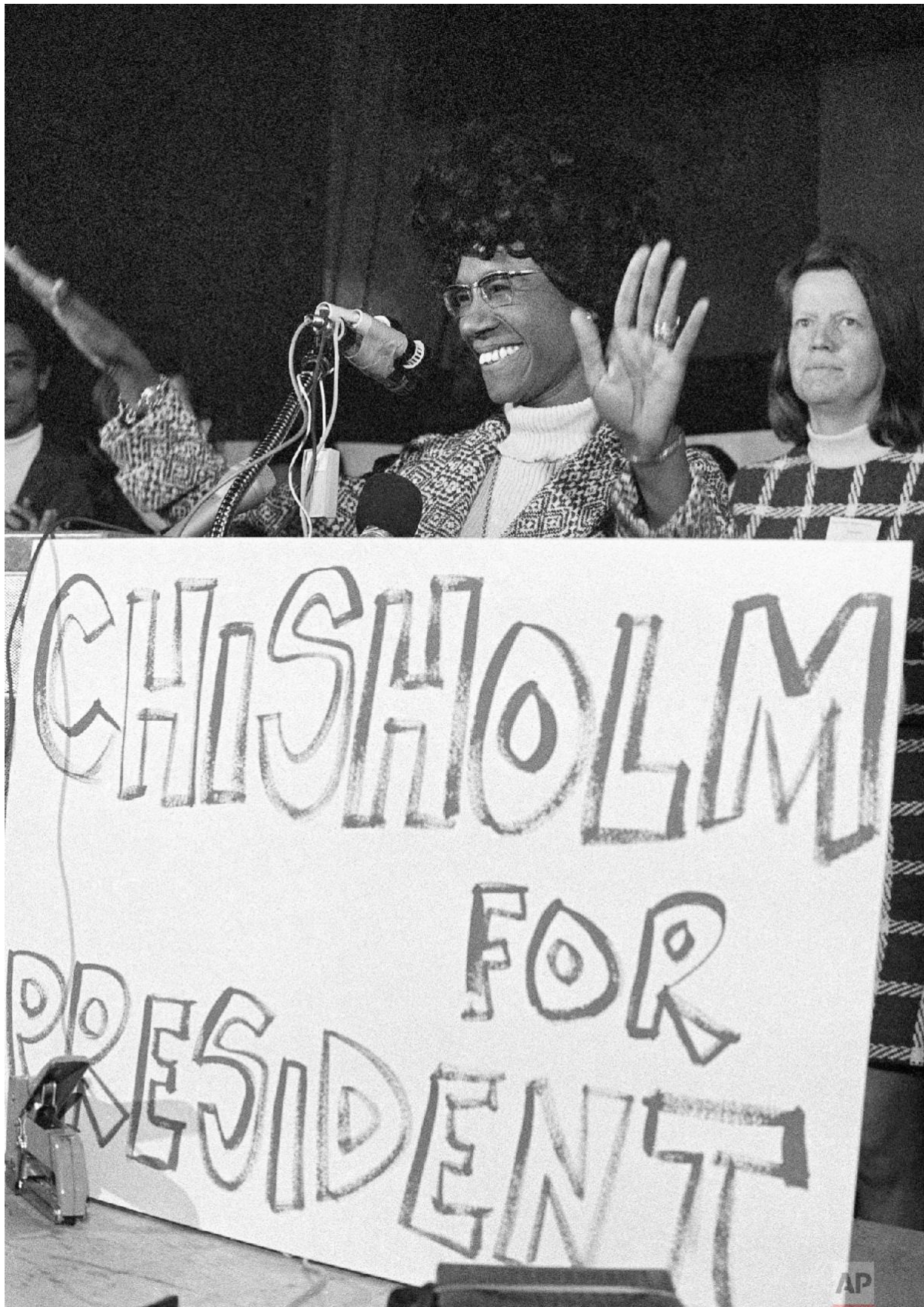
We sincerely hope that Ethiopia's government will receive this appeal in the spirit it is sent; a request to release Mr. Kiyaro on behalf of his family and his colleagues internationally.

Sincerely,

Julie Pace
Executive Editor
The Associated Press

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Shirley Chisholm: "I am the candidate of the people of America."



Rep. Shirley Chisholm, (D-NY), addresses about 400 people in the gymnasium of the Cambridge Community Center, Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 15, 1972 where she opened her campaign for the presidency. (AP Photo/Bill Chaplis)



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., second from left, Congressional Black Caucus Chair Rep. Barbara Lee, D- Calif., left, and members of the CBC , from third from left, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., and Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y., applauded during the unveiling of the portrait of the late New York Rep. Shirley Chisholm, marking the 40th anniversary of Congresswoman Chisholm's swearing in as a Member of the House of representatives, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, on Capitol Hill in Washington. In 1968, Chisholm became the first African-American woman elected to Congress. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

Photo editing and text by Francesca Pitaro, AP Corporate Archives

Shirley Chisholm was known for her many “firsts” – First Black congresswoman, first Black woman to serve on the powerful House Rules Committee, and the first Black woman to seek the presidency of the United States. An outspoken advocate for the rights of women, minorities and working people, Chisholm served seven terms in Congress. She worked to end the war in Vietnam, improve access to education and child care, and to create a more equitable America. She was a founding member of both the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Women’s Caucus.

New-member profile: Dennis Kois Sr.



Here are Carolyn and I in a Naples, FL, establishment. We spend winter down here vs at home in Milwaukee.

Dennis Kois Sr. - My AP career was relatively short (about 5 years) but sweet.

Worked for COB Dion Henderson in the Milwaukee bureau ... hired part-time while I was in college (late '60s) and then went full time after graduation ... always nights and weekends. Was able to do some sports writing and spent a decent amount of time at Brewers, Bucks and even Packers' games.

Memorable (for me) staffers in the bureau were Pete Seymour, Tim Curran, Mike O'Brien and Bob O'Meara.

Me and Alzheimer's are buddies these days, so some memories are lost. But highlights of my AP experience have stuck with me.

Work life after AP was managing corporate communications at WE Energies and then Johnson Controls.

Still living in Milwaukee except for this time of year, when I'm in Naples, FL, with my terrific wife, Carolyn.

52 years ago today - a life changed in Vietnam mortar attack



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A Telegram - Agonizing Vigil Goes On



Young Theodore Bridis Looks at Picture of His Father
... in the uniform of a cadet at The Citadel

—Herald Photo by PHIL LONG

By PHIL LONG
Herald Staff Writer

The telegram. It's something every family of every man in Vietnam learns to fear.

The telegram came to Mrs. Theodore W. Bridis at 6:35 p.m. Feb. 23.

She was cooking a dinner that would never be eaten.

"... Traumatic disarticulation of both legs and traumatic amputation of the right arm," the telegram said. "Very seriously ill... Cause for concern."

There was more, but it was those words that stuck in Sally Bridis' mind.

Each day since, the family has received at least one telegram and a phone call from the Pentagon. The calls come from Capt. Lee Wilson, a casualty officer who has spent a lot of time in Vietnam.

Each day, Lt. Bridis' condition worsens. His morale gets lower, his temperature gets higher, his blood cell count wavers dangerously.

For 15 days now, Bridis' wife and parents have lived



Ted Bridis
... in school days

through an agonizing vigil, waiting helplessly for word of when — or if — they will see him again.

LESS than eight years ago Ted Bridis, an all-city football player, charged past two Miami Jackson blocking backs, blocked a punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

It was just one of many outstanding defensive maneuvers that Bridis made to

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Ted Bridis - In February 1970, Dad was only 24 years old and leading an American Division combat engineering unit clearing a 600-foot mountain top - barely accessible and only by helicopter - for Howitzer artillery. It was known as "Fire Support Base Mary Ann," named for the oldest sister of the lieutenant colonel who had selected its location. It was a dirty, terrible, untenable place for the American soldiers who landed there on February 19th. It was situated strategically along two branches of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. But high terrain to the east, the west and the north surrounded its twin peaks, and the enemy watched with binoculars and fired at American helicopters. Dad wrote: "It was the perfect position for artillery coverage, but it was a terrible site to defend. Since this was to be a temporary fire base we felt those flaws could be overlooked."

In fact, one year after Dad was hurt, in March 1971, at least 50 enemy sappers in a daring night attack overran the base that never should have stayed open. They killed 33 soldiers and wounded 83 others. A two-star general lost his job in the scandal. Historians call it one of Vietnam's most humiliating losses and, fairly or otherwise, consider that attack on the same base to be symbolic of the decline of the U.S. military in Vietnam.

After two days on that mountain, Dad's engineering unit had nearly completed its work. On the third morning, at sunrise, Dad crossed a ridge carrying empty canteens to fill for his soldiers. He theorized later that the rising sun had silhouetted him for enemy mortars hiding nearby. He heard the first incoming round and watched it explode feet behind him. Its shrapnel shredded his legs and dangling right arm but mostly missed his head and vital organs. Troops charged into the barrage to drag him to safety then helicopter pilots landed amid the explosions to evacuate him. Later, he emphasized the heroism of the soldiers and pilots who saved him. He carried shrapnel in his back the rest of his life.

Others died. Three times, Dad was carried to the medevac helicopter but there wasn't room. Years later around a campfire late at night, Dad described to me that flight to the surgical hospital at Chu Lai. He was cold. Then he saw a bright light. Was it the sun, or was it God? He wrote in a journal we found weeks after he died: "I remember asking if I was going to be OK. The coldness left me, and the light seemed to answer that Sallie needed me and I would make it for her sake. I was never concerned with my survival from then on."

The Army telegram delivered in Miami said Dad had "received traumatic disarticulation of both of his legs at the knee and traumatic amputation of his right arm below the elbow... He has been placed on the very seriously ill list and his condition is of such severity that there is cause for concern."

A newspaper correspondent, James McCartney, described in a war dispatch finding Dad in a hospital in Saigon. He wrote: "He was swathed in bandages, barely able to speak. He was slowly lifting his left arm, clenching his fist, sweat dripping from his face, exercising. He knew that one day, if he lived, his left arm would be all important." The reporter said the doctor privately gave Dad a less than 1-in-10 chance to survive. But the doctor told him: "He just might make it. He's got the motivation. He wants to live."

Dad recovered at Walter Reed hospital in Washington in a ward for amputees in the basement. They called it the Snake Pit. He wrote, "If someone got down, someone in worst physical condition threw a water balloon or stole his sheets." They performed line dances in wheelchairs and sneaked out the fire exit at night to buy contraband. They hid beer in trashcans. My grandmother sent him and the men prime rib, aged steak and Caesar salad from the restaurant where she worked. Mom smuggled in pizza.

I was 2 when I saw him in the corridor of the VA Hospital in Miami standing on prosthetic legs with a hook in place for his right arm. He said, "Is this OK with you?" It was. When he was in his wheelchair, I rode in his lap, encouraging him to go faster. A generation later, we have photos of Dad in his wheelchair carrying his young granddaughter, Alyx, also in his lap.

President Nixon wrote to Dad in April 1970 and said he was "heartened by news of your tremendous spirit as you move toward recovery." Dad was awarded the Purple Heart in addition to the Bronze Star and a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant.

Dad's attitude toward recovery was so remarkable that military doctors worried he was in denial. My mom said: "It was so bad that we simply had no choice. We had to get up and put our lives back together. And that's what we did."

Ted Bridis postscript: The coverage of my dad's injuries by Knight-Ridder's war correspondent was one of the reasons I ended up going into journalism. Dad died of cancer in 2013 and he's buried at Arlington. [Here](#) is his full obituary. Mom is still living in Miami.

Connecting mailbox

RIP: Doyle Sanders, a Marine and newspaper photographer

Doyle Sanders, 74, of Tulsa passed away January 24th, 2022. He was born in Leitchfield, KY on April 15th, 1947 to Oma Frances Wood and Calvin Coolidge Sanders. Doyle grew up in rural southwest Kentucky with his younger brother Ronald Lee Sanders. His parents and brother preceded him in death.

In August 1965, Doyle enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served two tours in Vietnam (1966-1968) and participated in 28 battles as a Forward Observer directing naval gunfire. Doyle also served as a Marine Corps Security Guard at embassies in Ottawa, Canada and La Paz, Bolivia. He then served with the 2nd and 3rd Tank Battalions in Okinawa, Japan and Camp Lejeune, NC. Doyle's last two years in the Corps were spent in the Joint Public Affairs Office as a Combat Correspondent, photojournalist, and later the Editor of the Camp Lejeune Globe. From 1970 to 1980, Doyle was married to Mary McIlrath and they welcomed two boys, Patrick and Jarrod.

After 12 years in the Marines, Doyle worked as a photojournalist for the Arizona Republic in Phoenix. He covered a multitude of assignments, including sports, fashion,

presidential visits, state news, and local events. Doyle met his future wife, Susan O'Brien, while covering a bike club event at the Mogollon Rim. Married in 1983, Doyle and Susan relocated to Tulsa, OK in 1989 with their two children, Megan and Paul. Doyle worked as a photojournalist for the Tulsa Tribune until it closed in 1992.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Wylie.

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Postwar, AP got Monte Cassino right

Charlie Hanley - Yesterday's WWII on Deadline episode from Marc Lancaster, on the notorious Allied bombing of the millennium-old Monte Cassino monastery, an attack promoted by the NYT's influential war correspondent C.L. Sulzberger, brought to mind what our late AP colleague George Bria wrote for Connecting in 2013, recounting a reunion with AP's Max Desfor:

"Max and I worked together on one of the most visual ironies of WWII - the Allied aerial bombing and destruction of the historic Abbey of Monte Cassino. While Max took pictures of the destroyed abbey and also the ruins of Cassino - still unreconstructed seven years after the great battle - I interviewed the abbot. He told me the Germans had NOT used the abbey as an observation post, as the Allied forces had believed. But immediately after the bombing, the Germans did take over the ruins as a key place to survey the battlefield, he said. The story got a big play and I have a clipping of it on my studio wall in a collage of stories I covered abroad."

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AP ahead of its time in many technologies

Christopher Bacey - I've always maintained that AP was way ahead of its time in many ways on technologies -- from digitizing photos for global transmission to delivering the news wire over cable TV (I was part of the very first Times-Mirror Ohio pilot to do this in the early 80s). Even on inter-bureau messaging: When the message wires first went electronic, and we were able to get them via our then-new Atex (?) terminals (affectionately called "tubes" back then), was that not a precursor to email?

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More on datelines

Adolphe Bernotas - On political stories, especially during New Hampshire Presidential primary campaigns, some Concord staffers often looked for creative ways to use FREEDOM, NH (AP) and LOST NATION, NH (AP) datelines.

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Ledes and kickers

Frank Aukofer - Re the piece on ledes and kickers: I write vehicle reviews in retirement and try to get a good kicker when I can. Here's an example but you have to read some of the review to get it. Click [here](#) and go to the final graf:

And since this is still a Jeep, it has sophisticated off-road equipment, such as a front differential with a disconnect function, limited-slip rear differential, and terrain and speed control for slow-motion maneuvering in rugged areas. But you might want to give serious thought about whether to take it on something like the famed Rubicon Trail in California.

It's too big.

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Tony Bennett on campus



Neal Ulevich - With a career that long Tony Bennett gives "Where's Waldo?" a run for the money. He was the star performer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison homecoming show on November 4, 1966. I made a snap for the Daily Cardinal, student newspaper, of Tony posing with Homecoming Queen Betty Jo Bussman and her charming court.

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Snowy Egret



On Naples, Florida, pier in the Gulf of Mexico... Shared by Hank Ackerman

John Basilone killed at Iwo Jima

Marc Lancaster
World War II on Deadline

Among the approximately 300,000 Americans killed in action in World War II, John Basilone's death on Feb. 19, 1945 holds a unique place in the history of the conflict.

It was exceedingly rare that the loss of any individual service member — particularly an enlisted man — made the news across the country. Basilone's did, because he was no ordinary sergeant.

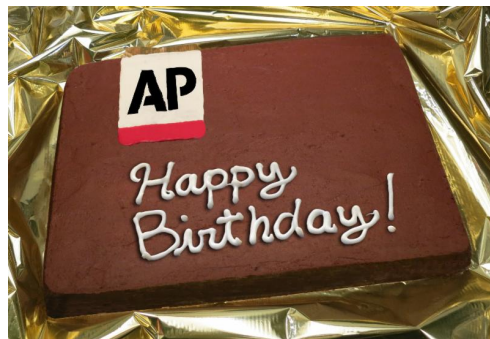
As the first enlisted Marine to earn the Medal of Honor in the war, for his heroic actions on Guadalcanal in October 1942, Basilone became something of a reluctant celebrity.

After news of the decoration went public in the summer of 1943, he returned home that September to embark on a war bond tour, which was standard practice for well-publicized heroes during the war. He visited New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia for a photo op designed to boost war bond sales, and his hometown of Raritan, New Jersey, threw a parade in his honor that drew an estimated crowd of 50,000. He also traveled to war plants to speak to workers about how important their efforts were in keeping the troops ready to fight.



Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Dorothy Abernathy](#)

Stories of interest

Martin Tolchin, veteran political journalist who co-founded the Hill, dies at 93 (Washington Post)

By Harrison Smith

Martin Tolchin, a veteran political journalist who covered Congress for the New York Times, served as the founding publisher and editor of the Hill and came out of

retirement to advise an upstart publication called Politico, died Feb. 17 at his home in Alexandria, Va. He was 93.

The cause was cancer, said his partner, Barbara Rosenfeld.

In a four-decade career at the Times, Mr. Tolchin worked his way up from a job as a copy boy — he made \$41.50 a week in the 1950s, based out of a smoke-filled newsroom where many reporters kept liquor bottles at their desks — to become a city hall bureau chief and congressional correspondent, scrutinizing power plays and backroom machinations on Capitol Hill.

An adroit chronicler of political patronage, legislative horse-trading and the idiosyncratic personalities of U.S. senators, he covered major stories including the Iran-contra affair and the Supreme Court confirmation hearing of Clarence Thomas. He also profiled such figures as Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker for the New York Times Magazine, writing in a 1982 article that Baker was politically skillful but gave “the appearance of a man who has lost his way and wandered onto the Senate floor.”

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

Today in History - Feb. 22, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2022. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 22, 2021, the number of U.S. deaths from COVID-19 topped 500,000, according to Johns Hopkins University.

On this date:

In 1630, English colonists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony first sampled popcorn brought to them by a Native American named Quadequina for their Thanksgiving

celebration.

In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.)

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

In 2010, Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-BOO'-lah ZAH'-zee), accused of buying beauty supplies to make bombs for an attack on New York City subways, pleaded guilty to charges including conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction. (Zazi faced up to life in prison but spent nearly a decade after his arrest helping the U.S. identify and prosecute terrorists; he was given a 10-year sentence followed by supervised release.)

In 2016, the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, voted 7-4 to pass a new law allowing transgender people to choose public bathrooms that corresponded to their gender identity.

In 2020, Bernie Sanders scored a resounding win in Nevada's presidential caucuses, cementing his status as the Democrats' front-runner.

Ten years ago: Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum swapped accusations about health care, spending earmarks and federal bailouts in the 20th debate of the roller-coaster race for the Republican presidential nomination, held in Mesa, Arizona. Two Marine Corps helicopters collided over a remote section of the California desert during a nighttime exercise, killing seven Marines.

Five years ago: The Trump administration lifted federal guidelines that said transgender students should be allowed to use public school bathrooms and locker rooms matching their chosen gender identity. Most of the Dakota Access pipeline opponents abandoned their protest camp ahead of a government deadline to get off the federal land. A shooting at a bar in Olathe (oh-LAY'-thuh), Kansas, left one man

dead and two others wounded; witnesses said a man yelled, "Get out of my country" before opening fire on two Indian nationals who worked as engineers at GPS-maker Garmin. (The gunman was sentenced to life in prison for murder, attempted murder and hate crimes.)

One year ago: In a significant defeat for former President Donald Trump, the Supreme Court declined to step in to halt the turnover of his tax records to a New York state prosecutor. Dominion Voting Systems filed a \$1.3 billion defamation lawsuit against the founder and CEO of MyPillow, saying that Mike Lindell falsely accused the company of rigging the 2020 presidential election; the company had filed similar lawsuits against Trump lawyers Rudolph Giuliani and Sidney Powell. State lawmakers gave final approval to a bill to end capital punishment in Virginia, a state that had executed more people in its history than any other. Poet, publisher and bookseller Lawrence Ferlinghetti, who helped launch and perpetuate the Beat movement, died in San Francisco at age 101.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Dooley is 94. Actor James Hong is 93. Actor John Ashton is 74. Actor Miou-Miou is 72. Actor Julie Walters is 72. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 72. Actor Ellen Greene is 71. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 70. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 67. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 63. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 59. Actor-comedian Rachel Dratch is 56. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 55. Actor Jeri Ryan is 54. Actor Thomas Jane is 53. TV host Clinton Kelly is 53. Actor Tamara Mello is 52. Actor-singer Lea Salonga (LAY'-uh suh-LONG'-guh) is 51. Actor Jose Solano is 51. International Tennis Hall of Famer Michael Chang is 50. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 49. Singer James Blunt is 48. Actor Drew Barrymore is 47. Actor Liza Huber is 47. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 43. Rock musician Joe Hottinger (Halestorm) is 40. Actor Zach Roerig is 37.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.

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:

- **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.
- **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?
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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