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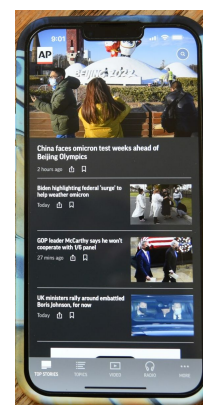
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this May 31, 2022,

Family, friends and colleagues of **Larry Heinzerling** paid tribute to a journalist whose work during a 41-year career as an AP news executive and bureau chief included a key role in AP's efforts to gain freedom for hostage **Terry Anderson**. Heinzerling died Aug. 11, 2021, after a short illness, at the age of 75.

It was fitting that the celebration of his life was held on Memorial Day weekend - a time when memories of those who have passed are expressed like no other national holiday.

The memorial would have been held earlier but was delayed by

COVID, said his wife, [Ann Cooper](#), (pictured at right with Larry), “and even now a few people had to switch to virtual attendance because of recent COVID exposures. But in the end, dozens of family, friends and AP and Columbia University colleagues were able to gather in person. Many more were online from literally around the world and all stages of Larry’s life, including fraternity brothers from Ohio Wesleyan University. We family members heard new stories, along with remembrances of the qualities that made us all love him so much: his empathy, his humility, his smile and genial humor, and much more. We’re grateful for all who joined us in celebrating his extraordinary life.”



[Terry Anderson](#) told Connecting: “I guess one doesn’t say you enjoyed a memorial service for a late friend, but last week’s ceremony for Larry Heinzerling was truly a celebration of a special and much-loved man. Family, friends and colleagues testified to Larry’s ability to bring his own happiness to their lives, to aid and counsel so many others in his work and his personal life, and to set a high standard for us all in a life well lived.”

Our thanks to colleague **Andy Katell** for sharing his story on Saturday’s memorial.

Have a great week – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

With laughter, tears (and his favorite tuna fish), Larry Heinzerling honored by family, friends and colleagues



AP colleagues of Larry Heinzerling gathered at the memorial. Front row, from left: Tina Susman, Terry Anderson, Eileen Powell, Lou Boccardi, Edie Lederer, Aroun Deep, Diane Handel, Marjorie Miller. Back row, from left: Claude Erbsen, Norm Goldstein, John Daniszewski, Bob Reid (partly hidden behind Edie), Marty Steinberg, Maria Sanminiatelli, Leyla Linton.

Andy Katell - With a warm mixture of stories, laughs, tears and his favorite tuna fish, Larry Heinzerling's family, colleagues and friends paid tribute over the weekend to an AP legend who died last August after a 41-year AP career. His stops included running bureaus in South Africa during the revolt against apartheid and in West Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Leading the gathering at New York Society for Ethical Culture was the AP executive who wrote Larry's [obituary for the wire](#), John Daniszewski. John noted that Larry couldn't get the AP out of his blood, not from the example of his father, the late Lynn Heinzerling, a Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent for the AP in Europe and Africa, or after his own retirement in 2009. At the time of his death at age 75, Larry was working on a book – scheduled for release next year – called “Newshawks in Berlin: Nazi Germany, The Associated Press, And the Pursuit of News,” with AP investigative researcher Randy Herschaft.

Maria Sanminiatelli, director of AP's Top Stories Hub, highlighted Larry's gift of explaining the United States to the world, and the world to the United States, a perfect fit for his work as a World Services executive and foreign correspondent. Leading off the many observations about Larry's good nature, she recalled that the “meanest thing he ever did was roll his eyes.”

Prior to the tribute event's refreshments that included tuna fish, longtime friend and former Reuters correspondent Irwin Arieff recalled how he and Larry loved that dish and were dismayed to read the news decades ago that eating too much of it was unhealthy. That information, however, apparently didn't affect Larry's “tuna-resistant brain,” Irwin quipped.

Larry apparently struggled to separate journalism from the rest of life. His son Ben recalled the advice Larry gave to his granddaughters: "Speak your minds but always check your source of information." Later, it was the grandchildren's turn to provide another example of his journalism-life imbalance: his grammar lessons. One after another, in recorded videos played at the gathering, his offspring recalled that Larry was "always correcting our grammar." Larry's widow, Ann Cooper (no stranger to journalism or good writing from her career with NPR and the Columbia Journalism School), said that the quickest way to upset Larry was to start a sentence ungrammatically, like "Me and the grandkids...."

And it was those grandkids who provided the perfect ending to this chapter I've written about Larry (I hope my grammar was OK, my dear former colleague and the rest of you!). They were asked to record a video about how to carry on Larry's legacy. One said it would be to become a better writer and love learning. Another said, "Telling stories about him so everyone can know what an amazing man he was."

Andrew Katell overlapped with Larry in his AP tenure from 1980-1994, and like Larry has struggled to get the AP out of his system. Andrew recently broke off his three-year-old retirement and re-entered journalism after a 28-year lapse to help report, as a part-time freelancer, on Russia-Ukraine.

An unflappable Larry Heinzerling met the challenge in AP's efforts to help free hostage Terry Anderson



Soon after his 1991 release, Terry Anderson (left) and his wife Madeleine with Larry Heinzerling. In photo at right from 1993, Larry Heinzerling (left) with AP President/CEO Lou Boccardi.

Lou Boccardi – AP president and CEO from 1985-2003 - As I sat in a back row at the memorial for Larry Heinzerling, across the aisle from Terry Anderson, my mind wandered easily and insistently to Terry’s ordeal that joined the three of us.



Larry was unflappable. A calm determination to get the job done had been Larry’s way of operating, wherever in the world we sent him—Nigeria, South Africa, Germany. And it was that quality above all that led me to detach him from his executive responsibilities and put him, fulltime, on the search for a key that would unlock the chains holding Terry.

I told him that he could go anywhere—and he DID— and that we would honor forever any pledge of confidentiality he made and that the only restriction was that he could not do anything that, if revealed, would damage the AP. (I knew that this last caveat would be Terry’s wish, too.)

That was, I know now and knew then, unnecessary. Larry was an AP kid and he devoted his life to the AP as his much-admired father, Lynn Heinzerling, had done. I

commented for Larry's AP obituary that he had surely followed in his father's footsteps but had carved a path that was very much his own.

Aside from the journalism he did on that path, when working on our special cause, he moved easily and confidently among high and low government officials, diplomats, intelligence agents, lawyers and, yes, some charlatans.

His dedication and energy never flagged. I don't know what the kitchen table conversation was, but the only negative emotion I ever saw was frustration that nothing was working for us.

The collapse of one perhaps promising initiative led him usually within a day or two to the next door to knock on.

When we would talk on the phone to report on some contact one of us had made, we got to where we could tell from the first sound of each other's voice whether we had found even a spark of hope or yet another disappointment.

And then we stood should-to-shoulder on a cold December morning in 1991 on an airport tarmac in Germany as we watched Terry's flight from Damascus descend. Terry's ordeal had ended and so had Larry's special assignment.

But even in retirement, the bond we had formed endured, and every once in a while he came up to the Westchester suburbs, where I live, and we'd have lunch and talk once more about what Terry, ...the APand he had been through.

AP has been blessed in its history with many heroes. One, Terry, was seated across the aisle from me at the memorial. In a very different way, Larry Heinzerling was also an AP hero.

Excerpts from comments honoring Larry Heinzerling

[John Daniszewski](#) – *AP vice president and Editor at Large for Standards* - When Larry retired, he and Ann went on a number of house-building journeys with Habitat for Humanity in exotic and prosaic locations around the world. He also taught at Columbia University and mentored graduate students.

There was not a day of his life when he was not active and exploring.

He and Ann found each other in late middle age and built an extraordinary loving marriage over two decades, and his and her influence can be seen in the wonderful children and grandchildren they raised and helped raise, who you will hear from today. They were perfect for each other.

I remember being at the 70th birthday party for Larry and him commenting about that milestone. He saw the birthday as a mixed blessing. He said it is said that if you

die before 70 people would remark, he died so young, and if you died after 70, they would say, well he had a good, long life.

Larry lived to be 75 and to me that was far, far too short a time span on earth for him. But in his good, long life, he made everyone around him better and happier, so I suppose we now have no choice to accept it.

I do know for me his passing will be a touchstone and a lasting reminder of the good that is in the world, and simply I miss him.

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Maria Sanminiatelli - *director of AP's Top Stories Hub* - Larry loved — in fact he treasured — his life as a foreign correspondent. The adventures, the magic, explaining foreign cultures to Americans. And he was always a foreign correspondent — even in New York! But what set him apart from almost everyone else is that he also cared deeply about explaining America to the rest of the world: he really believed in covering the U.S. as a foreign country. And in the end, this is what I did when I worked for him in New York a few years later.

Working for him was a delight and a lesson. There was no ego with Larry. He was gentle and kind, humble and honorable. That's the common thread in the remembrances book for Larry. There is one anecdote, from Bob Reid, that struck me as the perfect example of Larry behavior: A suicide bomber had detonated explosives outside the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, where AP staffers lived and worked. Bob was fine, and Larry called Bob's wife in Brussels to tell her. By then, Larry was an executive in New York and was not responsible for the staff in Baghdad. It was not his job to make that call. But he knew the attack was big news and understood that it was better to hear details from someone at AP rather than on TV. It was a thoughtful and kind thing to do.

Larry was about doing good work, about behaving humanely and ethically. What I liked most about him, I think, is that he treated everyone equally. It didn't matter who they were or what they did. And the meanest thing I ever saw him do was roll his eyes at someone (and then we'd chuckle about it). And of course, his good nature got him into trouble. I know for a fact that at least once he was forced to break up with a colleague's boyfriend on her behalf!

All of you who are here know him, so I don't need to tell you who he was. But I always felt he was my guardian angel, and I miss him.

Covering those who grieve

Dan Sewell - Following up on the discussion of the tough task of interviewing grieving people after a mass tragedy, Memorial Day had me recalling the aftermath of an August 2005 roadside bombing in Iraq that killed 15 people, nine of them Marines from Columbus, Ohio-based Lima Company.

Three were from the Cincinnati area, so I went door-knocking.

Little came from the first, but at the second, the father of slain 19-year-old Marine Chris Dyer invited me in to join several other journalists in his living room.

He then told us all about his son and what it was like waiting for word on whether he was among those killed. A glimpse of Marines in dress uniforms coming toward his front door answered that.

His grief was nearly palpable, impossible to leave dry-eyed.

One more. I was already drained.

Knocked on the door of the parents of Sgt. David Kreuter; identified myself to a young woman (his sister) who answered.

She asked me to wait.

The woman, Pat, who then came to the door smiled: "Associated Press! Do you know Norm Clarke?"

Me: Norm's one of my best friends!

Turned out she and her husband Ken were longtime friends of Norm, who went on to San Diego and LA for AP, from his Cincinnati AP days.

Norm was David's godfather.

That common bond eased the difficult conversation that followed, a sad but welcome relief.

P.S. Pat and Ken have become my friends, too.

Thoughts on Charlie Hanley's idea for gun laws boilerplate in news stories

[Dan Perry](#) - I support Charlie Hanley's idea that state gun laws should be standard boilerplate in stories about their consequences. And I would take it further, clarify for news consumers how unique is the United States' overall situation on gun ownership.

For years at AP I tried, with little avail, to get this and other unique and often puzzling aspects inserted into stories - even though in some cases they may be well-known to Americans.

Indeed, some of the potential boilerplate on the guns issue may not be well-known even to Americans, and driving it home may help chip away at the complacency - a public service. This might include that the US has by far the most lax gun laws in the developed world, that the gun murder rate is many times higher (by shocking multiples that leave no room for doubt) than in any other industrialized nation (for my op-ed on this, see [here](#)). A longer story might specifically show the musket era's

second amendment and its references to a “well-regulated militia” is twisted and bent to justify acquiescence.

So it should be in many areas. On the positive side, stories on tech should note how much of the global venture capital industry is based in the US, and how much of the market cap of tech companies and the funding for scientific research attaches to the US. Less positive is that the US is, again, among the few developed nations to not guarantee a baseline of healthcare, and the only one to link health insurance to employment. Similarly, America is in inglorious isolation in implementing the death penalty and elected sheriffs and judges.

Perhaps mainly – since all of it comes from this – no significant story on the Senate should omit that it is a radically anti-majoritarian institution, where a voter in tiny (and reliably Republican) Wyoming is worth 68 in California (and about four, if they are voting for the presidency, in the Electoral College which again is non-majoritarian).

Not to put America in international context as a matter of routine belies AP’s claim to be a global as opposed to an American news provider. It is a key reason why – as any foreign correspondent can attest – this claim is in fact often scoffed at around the world, by readers, clients and no less importantly by potential clients.

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Campbell Gardett - Hooray for Charlie Hanley’s “modest proposal” of many years ago (he wanted to include a state’s gun law provisions in stories about mass shootings). He was ahead of his time. Today, the clickable web would make it feasible and indeed easy to include instant access to such information without taking up too many words in the story or making readers do their own search. Perhaps AP could make arrangements with a number of entities to keep up information like this that would be a click away from a story – the same entities that we would go to for the information anyway. For state gun laws, perhaps the Justice Department or National Governors Association? Surely someone also keeps current data on total homicides in the U.S. by state? Or for prevalence of mental disease, NIMH has the data – maybe AP could help improve the formatting? Perhaps this is already being done, and I just haven’t seen it. Seems like a natural.

My own “immodest proposal” would be more eccentric and outside AP’s purview: bring back the universal male draft. How better to target 18-year-old boys? How else to compel their participation without institutionalization? How better to help bring about the most important and challenging kind of “diversity” – the mixing of social classes and life experiences in conditions of equality? How better to tell young men they are valuable, even invaluable? How else to let them noodle productively with guns, as they have been conditioned to do since their eyes first focused on a screen? And how better to help many of us successfully get past the brain hurricane of early adulthood. Maybe it wouldn’t prevent any mass shootings – but then again, it might, and I’ll bet it would save and improve innumerable lives. It worked for me.

Opening of ‘garden of remembrance’ to recognize K-9s involved in times of war



A statue of a German Shepherd sits at the center of the War Dog Garden of Remembrance with a note of dedication. Royal Examiner Photo by Roger Bianchini.

Malcolm Barr Sr., whose AP career spanned the decade of the 60s in Honolulu and Washington, this Memorial Day weekend saw a 50-year-old wish come to fruition with the opening of a "garden of remembrance" at his local, Front Royal, VA, animal shelter. The garden recognizes the contributions K-9s have made in times of war and features a life-size statue of a German shepherd the local humane society has named Ben.

Barr, now 89, was assigned to cover a bombing raid over Cambodia during the Vietnam war that necessitated a flight to the distant island of Guam in the mid-60s where, to fill in some downtime, Barr asked the USAF to take him to a World War II dog cemetery he'd heard about. His guide led him to a secluded spot in the jungle where they uncovered the marked graves of a few of the 22 dogs buried there.

Barr, a dog lover who had served several canine groups in England, Canada and the United States, including Front Royal where he was elected president of his local humane society, had determined back in Guam "to do something to recognize the dogs of war and local law enforcement" and this year completed the garden he'd envisioned, choosing Memorial Day weekend 2002 for a formal opening.

"When I discovered the first dogs reporting for duty in World War II were trained in Front Royal, the town west of Washington I'd chosen for retirement, I selected the area to build my garden," Barr said, following the formal opening on Sunday afternoon that preceded the town's regular service recognizing the nation's war dead the following day.

Until this year, and for the past decade, Barr, a Royal Air Force veteran, organized the town's annual Memorial Day ceremony. This year, the local press announced a "double header" when publicizing the twin ceremonies.

Best of the Week

Ukrainian medic gives AP exclusive bodycam video revealing the tragedy of Mariupol



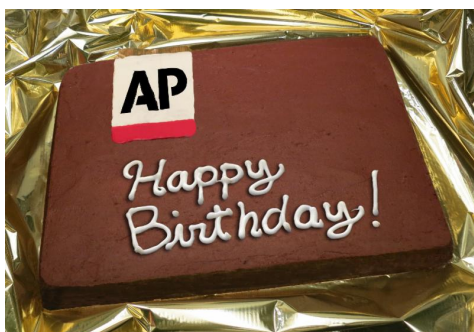
A celebrated Ukrainian medic recorded her front-line work in Mariupol on a data card no bigger than a thumbnail, which was then smuggled out to the world inside a tampon.

The result was a remarkable all-formats story on May 19 showing firsthand the horror of the war in the besieged southeastern Ukrainian city. It came about through source reporting by AP's courageous team in Mariupol and earns Best of the Week — First Winner honors.

AP received the video from the body camera of medic Yuliia Paievska, known as Taira, a nickname she chose from the World of Warcraft video game. It contained exclusive footage of the people she treated, including a child who died.

Read more [here](#).

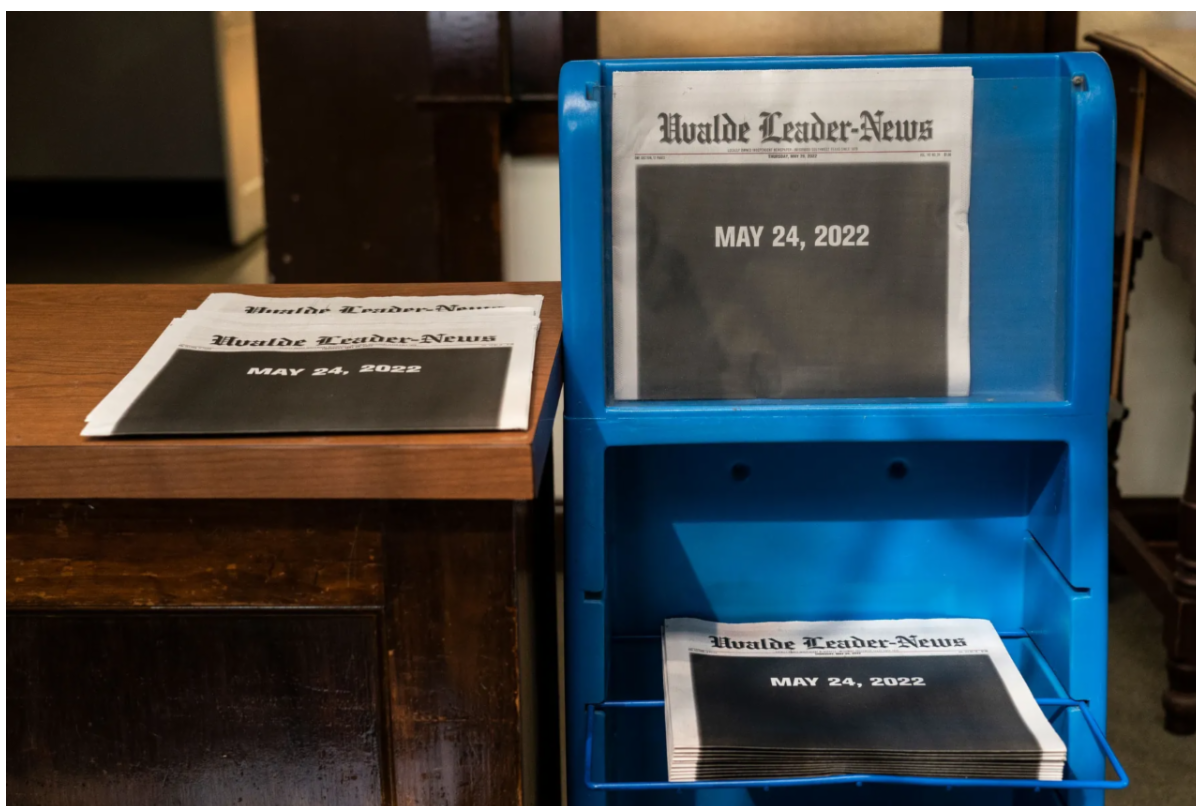
Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Kerry Huggard](#)

Stories of interest

The staff of Uvalde’s local paper cover the worst day of their lives (New Yorker)



The local Uvalde Leader-News ran a blacked-out front page overlaid with the date of the shooting at Robb Elementary School. Photographs by Go Nakamura for The New Yorker

By Rachel Monroe

The news, as it initially came over the police scanner in staticky bursts of information, was confusing. A shooting, a car crash, a man with a gun at Robb Elementary School.

At the Uvalde Leader-News, the newspaper that has served this community in various forms since 1879, the first person headed to the scene was, as usual, the photographer and general manager, Pete Luna.

Luna, who is tall and solidly built and forty-five years old, grew up in Batesville, a tiny town twenty miles to the southeast, and graduated from Uvalde High School. He started working at the Leader-News in 2006. The paper has a full-time staff of ten and publishes twice a week. "I set up subscriptions, I build ads, I sell ads, I pitch ads, I do the layouts, I answer calls, I deliver papers—I do it all," Luna said. "It's not just me. We all do a lot."

Luna dropped off his girlfriend, who is also the paper's managing editor, Meghann Garcia, at her home, and headed to the scene with his digital camera and a handheld video camera. The day before, he had covered a serious house fire, in which, it was feared, someone had died. (A woman who lived there was unaccounted for, but, fortunately, she was not in the house when it burned.) Even as he drove toward Robb Elementary for what he guessed was some sort of domestic dispute, he was thinking of the fire as the big news of the week.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sylvia Wingfield, John Lumpkin.

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From Sandy Hook to Uvalde, the Violent Images Never Seen (New York Times)

By Elizabeth Williamson

WASHINGTON — After Lenny Pozner's six-year-old son Noah died at Sandy Hook, he briefly contemplated showing the world the damage an AR-15-style rifle did to his child.

His first thought: "It would move some people, change some minds."

His second: "Not my kid."

Grief and anger over two horrific mass shootings in Texas and New York only ten days apart has stirred an old debate: Would disseminating graphic images of the results of gun violence jolt the nation's gridlocked leadership into action?

From the abolition movement to Black Lives Matter, from the Holocaust to the Vietnam War to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, photographs and film have laid bare the human toll of racism, authoritarianism and ruinous foreign policy. They prompt public outcry and, sometimes, lead to change. But the potential use of these images to end official inertia after mass shootings presents new, wrenching considerations for victims' families — many of whom adamantly reject such an idea.

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

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Why the press will never have another Watergate moment (Washington Post)

Perspective by Margaret Sullivan

You'll be hearing a lot about Watergate in the next several weeks, as the 50th anniversary of the infamous June 17, 1972, burglary at the Democratic National Committee headquarters approaches. There will be documentaries, cable-news debates, the finale of that Julia Roberts miniseries ("Gaslit") based on the popular Watergate podcast ("Slow Burn"). I'll be moderating a panel discussion at the Library of Congress on the anniversary itself — and you can certainly count on a few retrospectives in this very newspaper.

The scandal has great resonance at The Washington Post, which won a Pulitzer Prize for public service in 1973 for its intrepid reporting and the courage it took to publish it. And it has particular meaning for me, because, like many others of my generation, I was first drawn into journalism by the televised Senate hearings in 1973, and I was enthralled by the 1976 movie "All the President's Men," based on the book by Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

Yet thinking about Watergate saddens me these days. The nation that came together to force a corrupt president from office and send many of his co-conspirator aides to prison is a nation that no longer exists.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton, Richard Chady, Harry Dunphy, Myron Belkind.

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A French journalist is killed by shrapnel in eastern Ukraine. (New York Times)

By Aurelien Breeden and Carlotta Gall

A 32-year-old French journalist was killed on Monday in eastern Ukraine when the armored bus he was riding in was hit by shrapnel from a shell, according to French and Ukrainian authorities.

President Emmanuel Macron of France named the journalist as Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff and said he was in Ukraine to "show the reality of the war." Mr. Macron expressed his condolences on Twitter. "I share the pain of the family, loved ones and colleagues," he said.

At least seven journalists have been killed and at least nine have been injured in Ukraine since Russia invaded on Feb. 24, Reporters Without Borders said last week.

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

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Thomas S. Murphy Built TV Empire With Help From a Pal, Warren Buffett (Wall Street Journal)

By James R. Hagerty

Thomas S. Murphy, a jovial Brooklyn native who liked to call people “pal” or “kiddo,” had a talent for making and keeping friends. One of them was Warren Buffett.

In his late 20s, after he graduated from Harvard Business School, Mr. Murphy’s network of pals led him to a job managing a tiny, failing UHF television station in Albany, N.Y., based in a crumbling 19th-century building that had once been a home for retired nuns.

That business became Capital Cities Communications Inc. Led by Mr. Murphy, it bought TV stations around the country, diversified into newspapers and cable TV, and in 1985 agreed to acquire the much bigger American Broadcasting Cos. for \$3.5 billion.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.—headed by Mr. Buffett—helped finance that deal by investing \$517.5 million and acquiring an 18% stake in Capital Cities/ABC Inc.

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

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Long-time A-J newsroom leader Burle Pettit dies (Lubbock Avalanche-Journal)

Doug Hensley
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Burle Pettit, whose eloquent writing and effective leadership entertained Avalanche-Journal readers and influenced its journalists for more than four decades, died early Sunday. He was 87.

Pettit joined the newspaper as a sports writer in 1960 and steadily climbed the newsroom’s organizational ladder, culminating in his being appointed editor Jan. 1, 1995. He retired from that position five years later. Following retirement, he was named the paper’s editor emeritus with his name appearing on the A-J opinion page masthead. He also continued to write a highly popular column, occasionally turning the writing duties over to his pet dog, Schnopper.

In 2019, a collection of Pettit’s Avalanche-Journal columns was published in the book: “A Boyhood Dream Realized: Half a Century of Texas Culture, One Newspaper Column at a Time.” That same year, he was recognized by the Lubbock chapter of the

Association for Women in Communications with the Mary Ann Edwards Outstanding Professional Communicator award.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Charles Richards.

Today in History - May 31, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2022. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the affluent Black district of Greenwood over reports a Black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds are believed to have died.

In 1949, former State Department official and accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign. (Tom Foley later succeeded him.)

In 2009, Dr. George Tiller, a rare provider of late-term abortions, was shot and killed in a Wichita, Kansas, church. (Gunman Scott Roeder was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.) Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, died in Southampton, England at 97.

In 2014, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, was freed by the Taliban in exchange for five Afghan detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Bergdahl, who'd gone missing in June 2009, later pleaded guilty to endangering his comrades by walking away from his post in Afghanistan; his sentence included a dishonorable discharge, a reduction in rank and a fine, but no prison time.)

In 2019, a longtime city employee opened fire in a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia, killing 12 people on three floors before police shot and killed him; officials said DeWayne Craddock had resigned by email hours before the shooting.

In 2020, tens of thousands of protesters again took to the streets across America, with peaceful demonstrations against police killings overshadowed by unrest; officials deployed thousands of National Guard soldiers and enacted strict curfews in major cities.

Ten years ago: Democrat John Edwards' campaign finance fraud case ended in a mistrial when jurors in Greensboro, North Carolina, acquitted him on one of six charges but were unable to decide whether he'd misused money from two wealthy donors to hide his pregnant mistress while he ran for president. (Prosecutors declined to retry Edwards on the five unresolved counts.) President Barack Obama welcomed his predecessor back to the White House for the unveiling of the official portraits of former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump welcomed Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc (nuh-WEE'-ihn SOO'-an FOOK) to the White House for talks focusing on the American trade deficit. A suicide attacker struck the fortified heart of the Afghan capital Kabul with a massive truck bomb that killed more than 150 people.

One year ago: Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka withdrew from the French Open before her second-round match and said she would be taking a break from competition; she said she experienced "huge waves of anxiety" before speaking to the media, and that she had "suffered long bouts of depression." (Osaka had been fined for skipping the postmatch news conference after her first-round victory.) China's ruling Communist Party announced that all couples would be allowed to have three children instead of two.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 92. Singer Peter Yarrow is 84. Humanitarian and author Terry Waite is 83. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 82. Actor Sharon Gless is 79. Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath is 79. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 77. Actor Tom Berenger is 72. Actor Gregory Harrison is 72. Actor Kyle Secor is 65. Actor Roma Maffia (ma-FEE'-uh) is 64. Actor/comedian Chris Elliott is 62. Actor Lea Thompson is 61. Singer Corey Hart is 60. Actor Hugh Dillon is 59. Rapper DMC is 58. Actor Brooke Shields is 57. TV host Phil Keoghan is 55. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 50. Actor Archie Panjabi is 50. Actor Merle Dandridge (TV: "Greenleaf") is 47. Actor Colin Farrell is 46. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 45. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 45. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 42. Country singer Casey James (TV: "American Idol") is 40. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 40. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 36. Pop singer Normani Hamilton (Fifth Harmony) is 26.

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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