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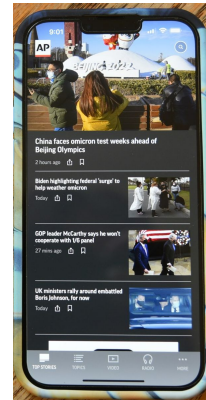
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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this June 6, 2022,

We lead today's Connecting with a wonderfully crafted report on a memorial for our colleague **Tom Jory**.

Our thanks to colleagues **Warren Levinson** and **Valerie Komor** for donning Connecting Correspondent caps and sharing the tribute to Tom from a memorial held Saturday in Brooklyn.

Four days of celebrations honoring Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne were completed Sunday – and several of our colleagues answered Connecting's call for their experiences in covering the queen. We bring you their reports in today's issue.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

# Tom Jory - a treasured colleague, if you could take a joke



At Saturday's memorial for Tom Jory. From left: Tim Gallivan, Samantha Deutsch (Tom's daughter), Warren Levinson, Valerie Komor, Rich Herzfelder, Brian Scanlon, Samantha Scanlon, Kathy Wilhelm, Dave Deutsch (Tom's son-in-law). Photo by Alan Balicki

By [Warren Levinson](#) and [Valerie Komor](#)

Tom Jory, the longtime writer and editor who rewrote the playbook for how the AP reports election results, was remembered at a Brooklyn memorial service Saturday as a boon companion, a devoted father and grandfather and a treasured colleague -- if you could take a joke.



"He might have been a tailor," recalled former Managing Editor Mike Silverman. "His favorite implement was the needle." A needle he wielded carefully, lovingly.

Tom died of complications following hip surgery on Dec. 6, 2021. Like many of those we lost during the pandemic, he had not had a proper memorial until Saturday's event at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, a historic church he helped guide as treasurer after his retirement in 2009.

Tom's teasing relationship with Tim Gallivan, the former Director of News Technology, began when the former was a national TV writer and the latter was a copyboy -- newly redubbed "news assistant."

"I am recovering from my friendship with Tom Jory," Gallivan recalled. "If you don't like to be teased, you had a frustrating relationship with Tom."

The barbs flew thick and fast. A colleague overhearing their conversation once asked: You guys OK?

"Yeah," Tim said. "We're just doing budgets."

Tom's devotion to family -- not just his own, but the families of colleagues -- was on full display.

Annika and Matthew Deutsch, Tom's grandchildren, spoke of their grandfather's faithfulness. Annika marveled that he attended all her dance performances. Matthew marveled that he never missed his 6 a.m. to noon football practice.

In short, Tom was present.

"If you were Tom's friend, he bought into the whole package," Silverman said, recalling Jory's willingness to slip out of work with him on a weekday afternoon to watch Mike's daughter play in a high school soccer tournament.

Samantha Scanlon recalled how Tom and Carol took her into their lives, on the eve of her daughter's birth, thanking Tom's daughter, Samantha Deutsch, for sharing her father so willingly. Director of Elections Services Brian Scanlon (Samantha's husband) confessed, through tears, that he owes his professional life to Tom's opening doors. "The AP is totally based on 'who the hell are you?'" he said. "Tom loaned me his cachet."

AP archivist Valerie Komor recalled that the verbal refrain, "Am I interrupting your lunch?"—coined by Tom and adopted by them both—became the way they said hello, whether by phone or in person, regardless of the time of day.

"The absurdity of it became a kind of intimacy, a conspiracy of silliness," she said.

Evans Witt, Norm Goldstein, Rich Herzfelder, Kathy Wilhelm, and Warren Levinson were among the former AP colleagues who attended, eagerly absorbing vignettes from Tom's non-AP life, as college buddy and prankster, jukebox aficionado and family man.

Anyone on the receiving end of Tom's assistance will recognize this anecdote from his daughter Samantha Deutsch, who organized the event.

She called him one night at work to complain about a paper she was supposed to write for school. "What am I supposed to say about Karl Marx that hasn't already been said?" she whined, hoping for absolution.

Instead, Tom spent 45 minutes guiding her to create an outline for the paper.

It wasn't until sometime later that she recognized the value of her dad's time with her.

She'd called him on election night.

## *Connecting colleagues recall...* **Covering Queen Elizabeth II**



From left, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince George, Prince William, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge stand on the balcony, at the end of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant held outside Buckingham Palace, in London, Sunday June 5, 2022, on the last of four days of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The pageant will be a carnival procession up The Mall featuring giant puppets and celebrities that will depict key moments from Queen Elizabeth II's seven decades on the throne. (Roland Hoskins/Pool Photo via AP)

**Brian Bland** - My one-off encounter with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip was in Yosemite National Park, in March, 1983, where the majesty of the surroundings easily eclipsed the majesty of the Windsors.

Just before the couple's arrival at Yosemite, three Secret Service agents had been killed when their car crashed head-on into a local deputy sheriff's car. They all had been on a final check of the winding road into the park to ensure it was safe for the Windsors. AP Radio colleague Bob Moon covered that angle, and the Queen issued condolences. I arrived at the park at 5 p.m. (canceled flight, long drive).

Early next morning, a cold somewhat overcast Sunday, a dozen or so reporters were herded together some hundreds of feet from the old Yosemite Chapel, on the valley floor, to await the Queen and Prince Philip. Then we were told that they would only be at a second service an hour or so later.

I figured the chapel bells would ring after the royal couple went in, so I rolled my recorder and got the short chiming a minute or so after the doors closed. Every TV camera in our gaggle had missed the chiming, so the camera operators gathered around me to record the chiming playing back from my recorder.

After another bone-chilling hour, Elizabeth and Philip came out and walked past us for a photo-op, but said not a word.

The rest of the day was playing "guess where the queen is," as she viewed the park from various points and then left. (Moon had been pulled back to the Bay Area to cover severe flooding). Given the law enforcement accident and the narrow roads, continuing coverage was very limited. Reporters eventually got a kind of post-agenda summary of the Queen's tour. Not to worry — the AP Radio desk in D.C. said it had more than enough of Queen Elizabeth (so to speak).

My biggest thrill was seeing Yosemite in winter for the first time: waterfalls that seemed to pour out of one cloud and into another. Snow and mist and breathtaking beauty. Majestic!

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[Shirley Christian](#) - Little did I expect that my long ago exchange of words with Her Majesty would see print, but the moment has come, thanks to Paul. It was 1968, and I was living in Chile on a fellowship from the Inter-American Press Assn., having previously launched my AP career with nine months in Kansas City and six months in New Orleans. The AP office in the palace-like building of El Mercurio in downtown Santiago was a welcoming place and CoB Tom Brady and the staff became my friends.

I gravitated there when Dr. King was killed, and again as Bobby Kennedy lay dying. Occasionally, I did something useful, and Tom occasionally used one of my stories. I did some legwork when Indra Gandhi made a state visit. Then, sometime in the glorious Southern Hemisphere spring, came the visit of Queen Elizabeth and her prince.

It was more than just a visit to Santiago; they were also going to spend a few days in an old castle at the beach resort of Vina del Mar, then go to the lake country about 500 miles south of Santiago. Tom asked for my help, and even said he would pay me.

The British included me among those invited to a reception on the first day at the Hotel Carrera. I wore my pale blue silk shantung suit and white gloves. As we went into the ballroom the British press officer told us it was okay to ask questions of Prince Philip but that we should speak to the Queen only if she addressed us first.

So the serious reporters clustered around Prince Philip, and I tried to lean in. A hot issue in the region at the time was neighboring Argentina's claim to the Falkland Islands, and Chilean journalists brought it up. I don't recall the substance of his

response, just that he referred to the islands as the Malvinas, Argentina's name for them. That produced some raised eyebrows, and later some headlines, because it was seen as tacit recognition of Argentina's claim.

From Prince Philip I moved to the smaller, more polite circle around the Queen. She was smiling and moving slightly within the narrow space. There was an almost awkward silence, as if we were all tongue-tied, so at the risk of an international incident, I asked her a direct, eye-contact question.

"Do you have any special plans when you go to the lake region?" I blurted out.

Ever so politely she responded: "I think I'd like to grill some steaks."

That's the high point of this tale. A couple of days later, at Tom's request, I followed them to the coast, stayed at the best hotel in town, walked by the castle where they were staying two or three times a day, and spent the rest of the time on the beach.

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**Ken Herman** - I really should have gone to London to help Queen Elizabeth II celebrate her big ol' jubilee. After all, she made the trip to Austin back in May 1991 to help celebrate my birthday.

Sort of. But the fact is QEII (the monarch, not the big boat) and I chatted for a few minutes during a swanky soiree (suits and ties and everything) at Austin's Four Seasons Hotel on May 20, 1991. It was the occasion of my birthday though most definitely not the occasion for which the event was organized.

I still have the framed invitation. It occupies a place of honor near other mementos of memorable moments in my career, including the unopened boxes of commemorative Kraft macaroni and cheese from national political conventions and the Art Schumann Award plaque for “Best nudist article in a non-nudist publication” (really, it was not difficult uncovering anything about these people).

QEII (or Lizzo, as I call her), had been invited to Texas by Gov. Ann Richards, the then-queen of the state with but one star. Included on her majesty’s itinerary (though not necessarily highlighted by it) was a reception for the local press corps. (Really now, what tourist, royal or regular, wouldn’t want to meet the local press corps in any locality?) At the time, I was Austin bureau chief for the now late and semi-lamented Houston Post.

The invitation was fit for a queen, topped by her monarchical monogram:

“On the occasion of the Visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, The British Ambassador is commanded by The Queen to invite Ken Herman to a Reception at the Four Seasons Hotel, Austin on Monday, 20th May, 1991 at 2:30 p.m.”

In the words of famed motivational speaker Matt Foley, well la-di-frickin’-da.

A ground-rules card was inserted with the invitation, noting that Mr. and Mrs. Queen “like to have an opportunity early in the programme when they go overseas to meet representatives of the media covering the visit.” I looked it up. Programme is English for program.

“This reception is intended as an informal, social occasion and guests are reminded that the conversation at the reception is regarded as private, entirely off-the-record and not for use in the media. Equally, recording and photographic equipment should not be brought on this occasion.”

Too bad, but, as a rules follower, I opted to hold off on inventing the iPhone and didn’t bring my photo equipment which, I think, back then featured a Speed Graphic camera. (And congratulations for being old enough to recognize that antiquated reference.)

I did, however, leak a harmless detail or two in my newspaper. There were no repercussions, though the Post folded four years later and I couldn’t help but suspect royal involvement.

The reception was surprisingly casual, though we did have to queue up (English for line up) to speak with QEII, who couldn’t have been friendlier. I chatted with her about baseball. This was altogether fitting and proper because earlier in her U.S. visit, she had gone to a baseball game in Baltimore with President George W. Bush.

As thrilled by baseball as many Americans are, she left after two innings. (I think it was out of disappointment that the hometown Orioles weren’t playing her favorite team, the Royals.)

“Beats the hell out of cricket, doesn’t it?” I said to her queenliness.

No I didn't. I don't remember exactly what I said, but I do recall her saying something like (please use your best high-pitched queen voice here), "Oh, that's quite droll, young man. Happy birthday and in about four years, you might want to be looking for a new position."

No, she didn't say that.

Anyway, congrats on the jubilee, QEII. And, as of now, I have nothing planned for my birthday next year. See you then?

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Press, Four Seasons Hotel, 2.30 p.m.,  
Monday, 20th May, 1991.

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**Mike Holmes** - Shortly after her inauguration as governor of Texas, Ann Richards (nee Willis) was informed that Queen Elizabeth wanted to make a formal visit to the state. I covered her stop in Austin, which included the usual pomp-and-circumstance - even a protocol briefing before a reception the queen gave for the local press.

But for me, the most memorable story came weeks later.

I was having lunch with Ann, and we got to talking about the royal visit. She told me she had awoken that morning with laryngitis. Her cook at the Governor's Mansion gave her tea with honey and a doctor was called. Only minutes before the queen's arrival, she thought she had enough voice to give a brief welcoming speech.

With a huge crowd waiting on the Capitol lawn, Ann's driver diverted to the back door. Clock ticking, she ran - rather inappropriately, she felt - through the Capitol Rotunda to reach the front steps before the queen's motorcade pulled up.

"As I was running," she confided, "I could hear my mama's voice: 'Ann Willis, where do you think you're going? To meet the queen of England?'"

"I stopped still, looked up and said, 'Yes, Momma, I'm going to meet the queen of England.'"

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**Dan Sewell** - While based in San Juan in the mid-1980s, I covered visits by Queen Elizabeth II to Jamaica, the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands.

The four-day Jamaica visit in February 1983 was my first travel assignment in the Caribbean job I had just started.

There was a very large traveling news media entourage, and I felt intimidated by all the Royal coverage veterans I was trying to compete with.

I remember a BBC television reporter who was very friendly and helpful. I learned that "Brilliant!" meant what we would say as "Great!"

The London tabloid reporters were certainly different. I remember one interviewing pot-smoking Rastafarians about who they believed the queen was the reincarnation of (I forget the answers, and they probably did, too).

The queen did a receiving line for the news media. We were coached to introduce ourselves, give a light handshake, a courtesy nod, and to keep the line moving.

My UPI competitor, Nick Madigan, was immediately ahead of me and as I started to step forward, I saw he was having an animated chat with the queen. Turned out he had asked her about her recent visit to Papua New Guinea, and she had some thoughts about it. After a few minutes, he moved on and I did my 20 seconds very dutifully.

Another lowlight was getting a call in my hotel room from Lou Boccardi. Turned out The AP was getting sued by a psychic connected to the sensational Pulitzer divorce trial in Palm Beach that I had been news editor on. The suit was eventually dismissed, but Lou and I both had to give depositions before then. I didn't sleep well that night.

Relieved when the visit ended, I was pleasantly surprised when my COB Kernan Turner got a nice note from George Krinsky and Tom Kent congratulating us on the great play.

Thanks to the desk editors in New York, I'm sure!

## Speaking of Little League

[Peter Mattiace](#) - Good-looking teams, Paul (see Friday's Connecting). My Little League experience was a little different back when I was college.

My younger brother was umpiring behind the plate and I had the bases when one of the parents objected to going to extra innings in a tied ballgame.

A father got so mad he jumped the fences and came after me. My brother interceded with his balloon-type umpire's padding and, during it all, I somehow caught a right to the head. Things cooled down, and we did go into extra innings, although we called everything against the guy's team. Later, we filed assault and battery charges against the dad. The judge found him guilty, but only fined him \$50 each!

It was just as well. My brother, later a police sergeant, said the parent was a low-level numbers runner for the Jersey mob.

Oh, the headline in The Dispatch (Union City, N.J.) read, "Dislike Call, They Brawl, Court Gets All."

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[Ed Williams](#) - My memory is on the starting day of the season having all of the teams gather together and shooting group photos. Back in the days when I was a weekly newspaper editor.

It was a long process because I made sure to identify all of the players, left to right, kneeling front row, middle row, back row. I would go to each boy and ask his name and ask him to spell it, then I would spell it back. My first boss told me not to rely on the coaches coming into the office later to identify the players. They would misidentify some of the players or get their names wrong or misspelled, he warned.

I would tell them to push their hats back so their mamas could see their faces in the newspaper.

I would place all of the taller boys on the back row.

Growing up as a short kid myself I never used the terms tall or short.

I would just say "I want you and you and you and you and you standing on the back row."

"I want you and you and you and you and you kneeling in the front."

One time a tall kid laughed and said, "Haha you're putting the short ones on the front."

Me: "No I'm putting the ugly ones on the back."

Parents and grandparents loved those Little League photos and would start bombarding the newspaper with orders for reprints.

Those were good times when I thought newspapers would be around forever.

Do newspapers still run Little League photos?

## Old timers



Rachel Ambrose (née Eberle), right, and Karol Stonger were recent college graduates hired by Indianapolis AP COB Bill Richardson in 1964. Bill noted there were few AP women on the news side at the time, and the first for him, so "let me know if I'm doing anything wrong." Apparently he did just fine. Karol moved on to New York.

Not long after, Rachel was transferred to LA. Now retired, they met for lunch last Thursday in NYC. Rachel, an inveterate traveler, was on a Covid-postponed. Broadway Theater Tour.

### *Best of the Week*

## AP delivers fast, comprehensive, all-formats coverage of Uvalde, Texas, school shooting



AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills

AP Photographer Dario Lopez-Mills and video journalist Eugene Garcia were on the U.S.-Mexico border for an assignment on immigration and just leaving a Starbucks on May 24 when they got word of a school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, some 50 miles away. They immediately gathered their gear and rushed away, arriving to chaotic scenes of police, SWAT teams and newly arrived FBI agents surrounding the school. Then, they went to work — Lopez-Mills making still images and Garcia setting up live video.

“This is going to be a mass shooting. Things are going to escalate,” Central Deputy News Director Kim Johnson had texted them en route. Lopez-Mills remembered the dread he felt. “There were two things I never wanted to cover in my career: a school shooting or an airport crash interviewing the relatives,” he said. “You feel really bad having to cover something so horrendous, but you know you have to do it.”

Read more [here](#).

# D-Day: Correspondents covering the Day of Days

Marc Lancaster  
World War 2 on Deadline

Seventy-eight years ago today, Allied troops landed in Normandy. It was the most anticipated moment of the war in Europe, and the most widely covered.

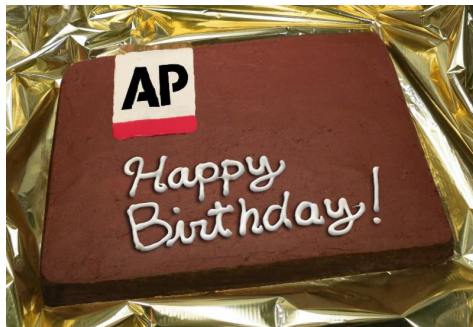
Here's a rundown of how June 6, 1944 unfolded from the perspective of the men and women charged with telling the D-Day story to the world:

Shortly after midnight, the select group of correspondents accompanying the airborne troops began landing in France. William Walton of Time jumped with the U.S. 82nd Airborne, Robert Reuben of Reuters with the 101st, and Leonard Mosley of Kemsley Newspapers with the British 6th Airborne. Wrote Reuben:

We were in France! It was hard to believe. I patted the ground, very much thrilled and feeling somewhat smug. I wished the whole world could see me — sitting in a field in France, surrounded by the enemy, but undetected. Soon, the world would know that the long-awaited invasion had begun this night.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[George Tibbits](#)

## Stories of interest

*Can journalists and grieving communities coexist in tragedy?* (AP)

By **DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) — As a knot of journalists stood across from a mortuary witnessing a funeral for a child killed in the Uvalde school massacre, some people passing by didn't disguise their anger.

"Y'all are the scum of the Earth," said one woman, surveying the cameras.

When tragedy comes to town in the 21st century, the media follows, focusing the world's eyes on a community during its most difficult hours. Columbine, Sandy Hook, now Uvalde, Texas — the list of places synonymous with horrible mass killings keeps growing.

Journalists are called upon to explain what happened, and sometimes to ask uncomfortable questions in places where many people want to be left alone to grieve. Is it possible to do it better, to co-exist within a moment no one wants to be part of?

Tempers have flared in Uvalde. One female journalist was told, "I hope your entire family dies in a massacre." Some are threatened with arrest for trespassing while on public property. A group called "Guardians of the Children" blocked camera views, often with the encouragement of police.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***WaPo's Top Editor Orders Reporters Feuding on Twitter to Play Nice*** (Daily Beast)

**Corbin Bolies and Zachary Petrizzo**  
**Media Reporters**

The Washington Post's top editor on Sunday urged her staffers to treat one another with "respect and kindness" after two reporters engaged in a very public feud on Twitter about another reporter's retweet of a sexist post.

The chiding email from Post Executive Editor Sally Buzbee did not name names but followed a social-media spat between reporters Felicia Sonmez and Jose Del Real over how Sonmez had called out Post reporter Dave Weigel on the platform.

"We expect the staff to treat each other with respect and kindness both in the newsroom and online," she wrote in the all-newsroom email obtained by The Daily Beast. "We are a collegial and creative newsroom doing an astonishing amount of important and groundbreaking journalism."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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## ***Broadcast TV's reduced role made clear in fall presentations*** (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER and LYNN ELBER

They never even made it onto the stage.

There were constant reminders of the diminished influence of broadcast television networks this past week, when entertainment companies Paramount, Disney, Warner Bros. Discovery, NBC Universal and Fox hawked their upcoming wares to advertisers in flashy New York presentations.

None was more glaring than the fact that Craig Erwich and Kelly Kahl, chiefs of the ABC and CBS entertainment divisions, watched from the sidelines. Erwich was replaced by a boss with broader responsibilities, and NBC doesn't even have an entertainment president; instead, there's an executive who oversees several networks and streaming.

Broadcasters once owned the week, revealing their fall schedules to much fanfare. They're now almost afterthoughts in bloated presentations where the action is now in streaming, and in the coming shakeout over how advertising will invade that format.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Depp Trial Exposes Risks to Media in Airing #MeToo Accusations*** (New York Times)

By Jeremy W. Peters

Hours after a Virginia jury awarded the actor Johnny Depp more than \$10 million in his defamation lawsuit against Amber Heard, his former wife, The Washington Post appended a lengthy editor's note to the essay where the sordid dispute began.

It stated matter of factly that Mr. Depp had successfully sued Ms. Heard over the essay, which was published under her byline in the newspaper's opinion section in December 2018. The note then carefully detailed how three claims that Ms. Heard made had resulted in a jury finding her liable.

Mr. Depp is hardly the first powerful man accused of sexual abuse who has turned the tables on his accuser by filing a multimillion-dollar defamation suit. But he is one of the most prominent so far to win, and to demonstrate that defamation law can be a powerful tool if a jury decides there are legitimate reasons to doubt a woman's story.

The result of the case — a rare outcome for a celebrity because American law requires public figures like Mr. Depp to clear an extremely high legal bar in proving defamation



— highlighted the fraught decisions women face when coming forward with abuse claims.

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

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## ***John Rodman Paul, 1938 - 2022***

Dover, NH — Rod Paul, a legendary Granite State political reporter, died on April 23 in Dover of complications of diabetes. He was 83.

A caustic wit and brilliant raconteur, Rod thrived at the intersection of journalism and politics, almost single-handedly making the Concord Monitor a counterforce to the right-wing Manchester Union Leader as a journal of political coverage in New Hampshire. Among many other exclusives, he exposed the close connections between Union Leader Publisher William Loeb and then-Gov, Meldrim Thomson by using telephone records to detail calls between the two men on the eve of important state policy decisions. He also exposed Thomson's attempt to mine federal criminal investigative records for information about his political adversaries.

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

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## ***Patrick Coburn, 1941 - 2022***

Chicago - Patrick Coburn, 81, of Chicago, and a native of Madison County, Ill., passed away peacefully May 18, 2022. He spent his entire newspaper career at The State Journal- Register and the Illinois State Register, a predecessor to Springfield's current daily newspaper.

He used the practical skills learned at Eastern Illinois University in English and journalism to join the staff of the Register as a police reporter in 1966. The job paid \$110 a week, but he got a five dollar raise after six months. He held a number of reporting assignments before becoming city editor of the Register and then managing editor. When the Register merged with the Illinois State Journal in 1974, he was named managing editor of the new newspaper. During 1995, he completed an assignment as interim senior news executive with Fox Valley Press, Inc., a subsidiary of The Copley Press, Inc. in the Chicago area. In October 1996, he was appointed associate publisher of The State Journal-Register and became Publisher on January 1, 1997. In his capacity as publisher of The State Journal- Register and the Courier in Lincoln, he served as vice president of the Copley Press, Inc.

Coburn has been active with many professional organizations during his tenure with the newspaper. He has served with several committees of the national Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Don Cooper.

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## ***A Cartoon Producer Turned War Reporter*** (New York Times)

**By Natalia Yermak**

Half an hour before midnight on March 28, the first artillery shell I ever heard screeched above the tiny roof that sheltered my colleagues and me. Our newly formed team had recently arrived in Huliaipole, a small eastern Ukrainian town, to report from the war's front lines.

A little more than a month earlier, in prewar Kyiv, my job looked a lot different — and it did not involve air-raid warnings or howitzer shells.

It was Wednesday, Feb. 23, the day before the Russian invasion began. I was working as a production coordinator at a company that produced a Ukrainian cartoon series for children called "Brave Bunnies." The job promised a type of stability that I was ready to embrace after years of on-and-off freelance work in video production.

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

## **Today in History - June 6, 2022**



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, June 6, the 157th day of 2022. There are 208 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On June 6, 1944, during World War II, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day" as they began the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe.

**On this date:**

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1912, Novarupta, a volcano on the Alaska peninsula, began a three-day eruption, sending ash as high as 100,000 feet; it was the most powerful volcanic eruption of the 20th century and ranks among the largest in recorded history.

In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

In 1939, the first Little League game was played as Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dairy 23-8 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, 25 1/2 hours after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1977, a sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law imposing an automatic death sentence on defendants convicted of the first-degree murder of a police officer.

In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985.)

In 1989, burial services were held for Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Washington state Democrat Tom Foley succeeded Jim Wright as House speaker.

In 2001, Democrats formally assumed control of the U.S. Senate after the decision of Vermont Republican James Jeffords to become an independent.

In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that people who smoked marijuana because their doctors recommended it to ease pain could be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws.

In 2006, soul musician Billy Preston died in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 59.

In 2020, tens of thousands rallied in cities from Australia to Europe to honor George Floyd and voice support for the Black Lives Matter movement. Massive, peaceful protests took place nationwide to demand police reform, as services for George Floyd were held in North Carolina, near his birthplace.

Ten years ago: Business social network LinkedIn reported that some of its users' passwords had been stolen and leaked onto the Internet. New Yorkers lined the West Side waterfront to welcome the space shuttle Enterprise as it sailed up the Hudson River to its new home aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

Five years ago: Bill Cosby's chief accuser, Andrea Constand, took the stand at his sexual assault trial to tell her story publicly for the first time, saying the comedian groped her after giving her three blue pills that left her paralyzed and helpless. (The jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial, but Cosby was convicted in a second trial; Pennsylvania's highest court would toss out that conviction.) George and Amal Clooney welcomed twins Ella and Alexander. Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, 81,

once one of the world's richest men, who was implicated in the Iran-Contra affair, died in London.

One year ago: Several ceremonies were held in France to commemorate the 77th anniversary of D-Day, though for the second year in a row, commemorations were marked by virus travel restrictions that prevented many veterans and families of fallen soldiers from attending. Roger Federer withdrew from the French Open, a day after a four-set third-round victory, in order to rest before Wimbledon.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 83. Country singer Joe Stampley is 79. Jazz musician Monty Alexander is 78. Actor Robert Englund is 75. Folk singer Holly Near is 73. Singer Dwight Twilley is 71. Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., is 70. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein (FY'-ur-steen) is 70. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 67. International Tennis Hall of Famer Bjorn Borg is 66. Actor Amanda Pays is 63. Comedian Colin Quinn is 63. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 63. Rock musician Steve Vai is 62. Rock singer-musician Tom Araya (Slayer) is 61. Actor Jason Isaacs is 59. Actor Anthony Starke is 59. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 56. Actor Max Casella is 55. Actor Paul Giamatti is 55. R&B singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 54. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 52. TV correspondent Natalie Morales is 50. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 49. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 48. Actor Sonya Walger is 48. Actor Staci Keanan is 47. Jazz singer Somi is 46. Actor Amber Borycki is 39. Actor Aubrey Anderson-Emmons is 15.

## Got a story or photos to share?

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- **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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