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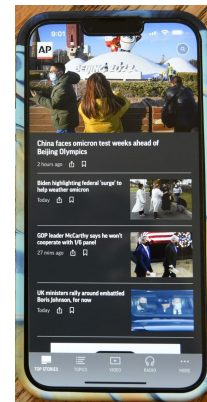
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this July 5, 2022,

Our colleague [Kathy Gannon](#) covered Afghanistan for 35 years for The Associated Press and distinguished herself as one of the finest and bravest journalists in the storied history of our news cooperative.

She retired May 15, 2022, but agreed to accept an assignment to recap her AP years, a story that cannot be told without mention of the severe injuries she suffered when she and her friend and AP photojournalist **Anja Niedringhaus** were attacked in 2014 while on assignment. Anja was killed.

In a note to Kathy, our colleague **Myron Belkind** called her article, "Hope and Despair" in Afghanistan "a must-read for everyone: historians, journalists, diplomats, ordinary citizens everywhere, including in Afghanistan, and to readers of Connecting."

Gannon received the Joan Shorenstein Fellowship and will spend four months at Harvard University from September to December. "I am anxious to work with fresh journalists, explore the how and why of conflict coverage," she told Connecting. "We as journalists do much extraordinarily well but there is much we need to examine."

Today's issue brings you stories on the deaths of two former AP employees – colleague **Marcia Budd**, an administrative assistant in New York for 11 years, and **Tom Harrigan**, an AP journalist for 41 years, most of them in the Los Angeles bureau.

We also bring you a New York Times story spotted by many colleagues – on **Charles Bausman**, the son of the late AP Moscow bureau chief **Jack Bausman**, titled, "*An American's Murky Path From Russian Propagandist to Jan. 6*" with a subtitle: "Charles Bausman, a former financial executive who runs websites that promote far-right views, recorded footage in the Capitol for a Russian television producer. Soon after, he fled to Moscow as a 'political refugee.'"

Hope yours was a safe and relaxing and fun 4th of July holiday. Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Hope and despair: Kathy Gannon on 35 years in Afghanistan



FILE - In this Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, file photo, Associated Press Special Regional Correspondent for Afghanistan and Pakistan Kathy Gannon sits with girls at a school in

Kandahar, Afghanistan. A Kabul court announced Wednesday, July 23, 2014 that the Afghan police officer charged with killing Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus and wounding veteran AP correspondent Kathy Gannon has been convicted and sentenced to death.(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus, File)



FILE - In this Feb. 2012 photo, Kathy Gannon, front left, AP special correspondent for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and veteran AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus, third right, pose with Pakistani soldiers in the remote border area opposite Afghanistan's northeastern Kunar province. The AP team was documenting Pakistan's role in fighting Islamic militants in the region. Niedringhaus, 48, was killed and Gannon was wounded on Friday, April 4, 2014 when an Afghan policeman opened fire while they were sitting in their car in eastern Afghanistan. (AP Photo/File)

By [KATHY GANNON](#)

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan policeman opened fire on us with his AK-47, emptying 26 bullets into the back of the car. Seven slammed into me, and at least as many into my colleague, Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus. She died at my side.

Anja weighed heavy against my shoulder. I tried to look at her but I couldn't move. I looked down; all I could see was what looked like a stump where my left hand had been. I could barely whisper, "Please help us."

Our driver raced us to a small local hospital in Khost, siren on. I tried to stay calm, thinking over and over: "Don't be afraid. Don't die afraid. Just breathe."

At the hospital, Dr. Abdul Majid Mangal said he would have to operate and tried to reassure me. His words are forever etched in my heart: "Please know your life is as important to me as it is to you."

Much later, as I recovered in New York during a process that would turn out to eventually require 18 operations, an Afghan friend called from Kabul. He wanted to apologize for the shooting on behalf of all Afghans.

I said the shooter didn't represent a nation, a people. My mind returned to Dr. Mangal – for me, it was him who represented Afghanistan and Afghans.

I have reported on Afghanistan for the AP for the past 35 years, during an extraordinary series of events and regime changes that have rocked the world. Through it all, the kindness and resilience of ordinary Afghans have shone through – which is also what has made it so painful to watch the slow erosion of their hope.

I have always been amazed at how Afghans stubbornly hung on to hope against all odds, greeting each of several new regimes with optimism. But by 2018, a Gallup poll showed that the fraction of people in Afghanistan with hope in the future was the lowest ever recorded anywhere.

It didn't have to be this way.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Myron Belkind.

Marcia Budd: 'Tiny force of nature who filled treatment room with energy, warmth'



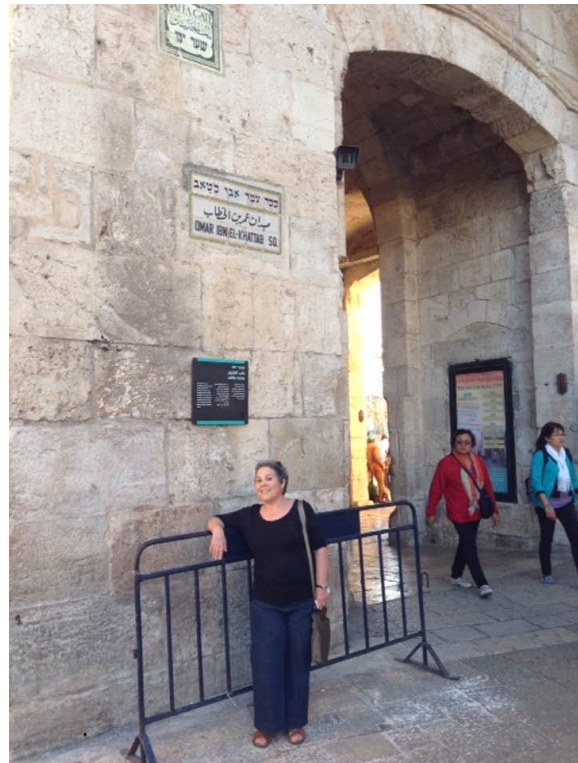
Ray Stubblebine

CELEBRATING 25 -- Claude Erbsen (right), AP vice president and director of AP-Dow Jones, celebrated 25 years with AP on Nov. 22 surrounded by friends and colleagues, including AP-Dow Jones administrative assistant Marcia Budd (center) and AP President Lou Boccardi (left).

Claude Erbsen - At Marcia Budd's funeral last week, Brian Kelly, a chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, eulogized her as "a tiny force of nature who filled her treatment room with energy and warmth, with optimism and faith."

Marcia died June 26 at a hospice on Long Island, just a few days after opting to cease treatments at Sloan Kettering after an eight and a half-year battle against ovarian cancer. She was 79.

Marcia had been my Administrative Assistant in World Services and AP-Dow Jones at 50 Rock for her entire 11-year stint at AP, from 1978 to 1989, and later told Kelly that her time at AP had been "life-shaping."



"She loved working at AP. She loved the people, and she loved the window on the world that it provided," Kelly told me in a subsequent conversation. He said he had developed a warm friendship with Marcia, who was beloved by her treatment team at

MSKCC, in 2018 and they had become a kind of "odd couple, the Christian Chaplain and this woman of deep Jewish faith praying together." He said he so admired her strength of character, her feistiness and her deep interest in others that he tried to catch up with her whenever she came in for her treatments and during her inpatient stays.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived for most of her life in the New York borough of Queens (directly under a La Guardia landing pattern, as she once described it to me), except for a few years she spent in Israel during the 1960s, living and working in a kibbutz. She was a graduate of Hofstra University in Nassau County, just across the border from Queens.

After leaving AP she spent many years working at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery in a variety of positions including Academic Education Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Chief Radiologist. After retirement from HSS she became active as a volunteer at the 92nd Street Y, a New York City cultural and community center, taking on leadership roles in its Senior Program, including service on its Board.

Marcia is survived by her nieces, Felicia Botkowsky and Marla Behar, and two grand nephews.

Tom Harrigan, AP veteran of 41 years, dies at 83

Tom Harrigan, of San Pedro, Calif., an Associated Press journalist for 41 years, died June 13 at UCLA Medical Center. He was 83.

According to his obituary, he had a bad fall and was paralyzed for two weeks. He is survived by his wife Kathy, his two children Paige and David, granddaughter Diana and brother John.

Born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa, the 6-foot-5 Harrigan attended Notre Dame University and earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Minnesota in 1961.

He came to AP in Hartford in 1963 after service at radio station WCCO in Minneapolis and two years of service in the U.S. Army in Korea in 1961-63.

From Hartford he moved to New Haven in 1966 and became news editor two years later. He moved to Minneapolis as broadcast editor before transferring to Los Angeles in 1977. He retired from the LA bureau in 2004.



"Tom handled a variety of jobs in the LA bureau while maintaining a high quality in his copy and passing that trait along to the staffers he trained," said Andy Lippman, former LA chief of bureau. ""He did excellent work on the broadcast desk and could turn out a well-done story in a variety of areas, including sports and breaking news. He knew the members and he knew how to quickly turn a story around for the wire. He also was one of those people who cared for the AP and could have a hard edge, but a soft heart."

Memorials to Evans Scholars, Golf, IL.

(Shared by Karren Mills)

(1968 headshot above, courtesy AP Corporate Archives)

More thoughts from Tom Harrigan's former LA colleagues:

Marty Thompson, former LA bureau chief - Tom Harrigan always had the AP at heart. On the news desk, he quickly sensed and acted if stories needed higher priority, spreading the word to involve more staff. Whether the bureau chief was in the office or out of town, Tom was quick with an alert if there was something happening or in the news report or bureau the CoB needed to know about. Knowing Tom was on the job was a confidence-builder for his bureau chief, and I'm sure the rest of the staff.

Steve Loeper, former LA news editor - So sorry to hear about Tom's tragic death. Throughout the 20-some years I was his news editor, Tom was a steady and thoroughly reliable AP pro who could jump into any slot in the newsroom -- LA had many in those days, 24-7 -- and deliver consistently solid work, whether on urgents or agate. My condolences to Kathy and the family.

Rachel Ambrose, former LA broadcast editor - Tom was moved from the Minneapolis bureau to LA to relieve me as broadcast editor when I went on maternity leave, and he never left. He never seemed in a rush, but he could meet every deadline. But he did rush into his second marriage, getting wed two days after meeting his future wife. He said he wanted to set a good example for his kids. He grabbed Woody Edwards, the AP's overnight supervisor, and had him witness the Las Vegas nuptials. Any time off, Tom would be on the golf course. His going away present from AP staffers was a golf store gift card.

In Memory of Our Founding Fathers: HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

[Gene Herrick](#) - Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, once said, "In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

Yet, in this year of 2022, we in America seemingly continue to battle for peace and tranquility. We pray for freedom, but not necessarily from enemy foreign sources. We pray for freedom and peace from within the borders of our own country, and not the foreign enemy. We also pray for the peace and tranquility of the American family.

We pray that some of the younger folks here at home would stop these mass shootings. We wonder what has gone “Wrong.”

Is it the discombobulating of the family? Are young people being given information from sources whose intent is to “stir” the pot of trouble? Are the young folks not aware they may be led along into problems that could follow them for the rest of their lives? Trouble?

Since the beginning of time mankind has sought the clue to solve the problem of peaceful co-habitation. It seems we are no closer today than at the beginning of time.

An American’s Murky Path From Russian Propagandist to Jan. 6



Charles Bausman, right, in a red cap and a gray jacket, during the Jan. 6 insurrection. Credit...via YouTube

**By Mike McIntire
The New York Times**

In security footage from Jan. 6, it is easy to overlook the thin man wearing a red Trump hat who filters into the U.S. Capitol Building to record the mayhem with his phone.

He blends in with the mob, seemingly unexceptional by the chaotic standards of that day. But what he did afterward was far from routine.

Within 24 hours, the man, Charles Bausman, gave his recordings and commentary to a Russian television producer for a propaganda video. He then decamped to Moscow, where, appearing on a far-right television network owned by a sanctioned oligarch, he recently accused American media of covering up for neo-Nazis in Ukraine.

“We must understand that in the West,” Mr. Bausman told Russian viewers, “we are already in a situation of total lies.”

For Mr. Bausman — an American alumnus of Phillips Exeter Academy and Wesleyan University who speaks fluent Russian — it was the latest chapter in a strange odyssey. Once a financial executive who voted for President Barack Obama, he emerged in 2014 as a public critic of the left and of the United States, boosted by Russian state-sponsored organizations through speaking invitations, TV appearances and awards.

Central to his transformation was a series of websites he created pushing anti-America, pro-Russia themes, as well as racist and homophobic messaging. Some of his posts have racked up millions of views, and his 5,000-word screed on “the Jewish problem” has been hailed by antisemites around the world and translated into multiple languages.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Shirley Christian, Tom Fenton, Dennis Conrad, Sibby Christensen, Henry Bradsher, Sally Tomlinson, Kevin Kushel, Susan Clark.

And his tie to the AP...

Charles Bausman is a son of the late John (Jack) Bausman, a Cold War-era correspondent and former Moscow bureau chief for The Associated Press, who died in 2016 at the age of 92. Click [here](#) for his AP obituary story.

Excerpts from those who shared the story:

[Shirley Christian](#) - Paul, am absolutely gobsmacked by the story in today's NYT about the son of Jack Bausman, who was a mainstay on NYCables in the late 70's after his return from years abroad. I dearly loved that gentle man, with whom I shared a love of ballet and some family roots in Lancaster. I last saw him sometime in the late 80's when I was in Buenos Aires with the Times, and Jack and Evelyn came for a visit. We had a great lunch at a fine restaurant. Jack had just retired, and the trip was their celebration. Almost a Kim Philby-like story.

[Sally Tomlinson](#) - Jack, who was from Lancaster, PA, was a friend of my late husband, Jim Tomlinson (former AP vice president); they both served with the Army in France and Germany in the last years of WW II, Jack returned to graduate from Harvard College and Jim from University of Virginia, then was a Fellow at Harvard, where Pat Yale interviewed him and he was off to Helena, Montana, Atlantic City, Antarctica, Newark and New York. Jack, who had worked for the Philadelphia Bulletin, too, went to Atlantic City and Newark before Europe, and they met again in New York.

[Henry Bradsher](#) - Monday's article fronted in The NY Times about Charles Bausman as a Russian propagandist was an unusual history for the son of the man who succeeded me as AP's Moscow bureau chief in 1968.

Jack Bausman, who died in 2016, had been AP news editor in Frankfurt when he was selected by Wes Gallagher to replace me, as I went off to a Nieman fellowship.

Charles came to Moscow as a 4-year-old. He learned Russian and eventually lived much of his life there, working in agricultural business and marrying a Russian woman. In 2014 he started the Russia Insider website, defending Putin's seizure of the Crimea and other actions.

By 2020, the Southern Poverty Law Center identified him in a lengthy study as voicing fascist and antisemitic views, and as a Holocaust denier. The local paper in Lancaster, PA, where he bought property and lived recently, also wrote about his views and his voicing Russian opinions.

As The Times reported, he left Lancaster for Moscow abruptly after the January 7 Washington insurrection, in which he participated as a Trump supporter. Now in Russia as a "political refugee", he publicizes Putin-line views.

A curious record for an AP offspring – very off.

[Dennis Conrad](#) – shared Sott Radio Network: Behind the Headlines: Interview with Charles Bausman, Russia Insider and noted: found this, haven't listened to it yet, interview done in 2015 with son of former longtime AP journalist John Bausman, Moscow bureau chief 1968-1972. Apple podcast [here](#).

Connecting mailbox

On providing assistance to female employees to get abortion services

[Lee Mitgang](#) - With the overthrow of Roe, I've been reading how a number of media organizations are providing travel or time off assistance to female employees in order to get abortion services. Is the AP considering that for its staff? Doing so wouldn't be "taking sides" in the abortion debate, but rather, looking after the health and welfare of the AP's female staff working in states where abortion services are suddenly limited or illegal and ensuring that careers aren't interrupted or compromised. Just my view...

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Memory of Frank Daniels Jr.



JIM BOUNDS • FILE PHOTO

Frank A. Daniels Jr. discusses retirement with former Managing Editor Woodrow Price of The News & Observer at a gathering in 1996.

Sue Johnson - When Lou Boccardi was retiring, I went with an AP videographer to Frank Daniels' office to record his farewell to Lou.

When he was finished, Frank looked at me and asked how he did. Very nice, I said.

"I was going for sweet. Was it sweet?"

Yes, Frank. Very sweet. As were you.

The photo above is a long-ago image of Frank with my great-uncle, Woodrow Price, then the N&O's managing editor. Woodrow was the first of the family journalists.

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How the iPhone impacted my work

Keith Robinson - I can't say the iPhone has changed my life – maybe it has and I don't know it – but it certainly has helped in my professional life as a freelance writer who reports for a twice-weekly and a sister weekly in retirement.

In an age when reporters at some newspapers, especially the small ones, take their own pictures to go with their stories, my iPhone comes in handy. The papers I write

for crave photos, so the editors expect me to provide them. I take the pictures with my iPhone 10.

I might not take spectacular photos, but they're usable and of surprisingly good quality. Sometimes I even try to be creative, accepting the limitations of the iPhone. I take lots and lots of photos on each assignment. Why? Because I can. I submit the best of the lot.

One of the editors gave me some practical advice: Don't zoom in with your iPhone; images tend to pixelate when you do. So OK. I don't zoom in.

One of my iPhone images made the cover of a glossy magazine circulated with both newspapers. (See accompanying photo.) I was amazed at the quality.

Yes, times and technology have changed – in this case, I believe, for the better.

One other benefit of the iPhone for reporters: It has a voice recorder. I take it to meetings that last up to two hours, and I don't come close to using up the space allotted for recordings.

The iPhone is a camera and a voice recorder in one handy gadget that fits into my pocket. Oh, I do phone interviews with it, too. It is, after all, a cellphone.

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My favorite iPhone photo





Malcolm Ritter - My iPhone was ready as my younger son and his dog waited for a boat to take them to an island off the coast of Maine.

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A walk across North Yorkshire



Hal Spencer - I shot this photo of a farmer's barley field on a trek across North Yorkshire, England with a friend in mid-May.

Best of the Week

Months of planning, preparation put AP out front with unmatched coverage of SCOTUS abortion ruling



AP Photo/Gemunu Amarasinghe

With extensive preparation ahead of the Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the AP moved at lightning speed and revved up to cover the historic ruling comprehensively in all formats.

The long-awaited abortion decision required meticulous planning and smart execution to get the word out quickly and then deploy teams of AP journalists to capture reaction and the sweeping ramifications of the ruling.

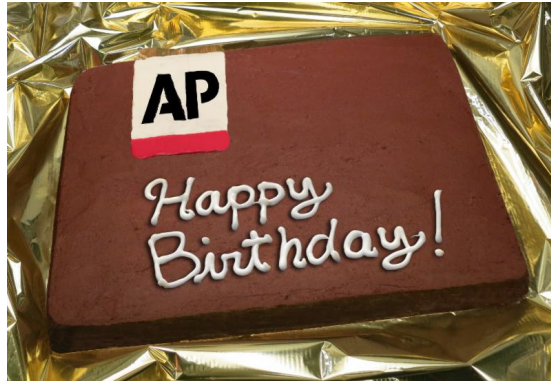
Supreme Court reporters Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko began their prep on the case shortly after December's arguments, then built on those efforts in the months that followed. That work accelerated after a draft leaked in May. The result: When the court's opinion came down Friday morning, Sherman and Gresko had the story out faster than competitors, all of whom received the opinion at the same time. And the results were virtually flawless — just one minute from a Flash on the wire to an Urgent, and two minutes to a full story.

That 1,200-word story had fresh photos attached from outside the court, where photographers Jacquelyn Martin, Steve Helber and Gemunu Amarasinghe fired off images of reaction by people on both sides of the abortion debate. Helber's fast-filed photo of exuberant abortion opponents celebrating with a spray of bubbly, reminiscent

of football fans winning a championship, told the story of decades of anticipation realized. Meanwhile, photographers Scott Applewhite and Andrew Harnik poised to capture reaction from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Joe Biden respectively.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Jim Drinkard](#)

[Deb Martin](#)

[John Rogers](#)

Stories of interest

US: Israeli fire likely killed reporter; no final conclusion (AP)

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER, MATTHEW LEE and JOSEPH KRAUSS

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials said Monday the bullet that killed veteran Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh was likely fired from an Israeli position. But they said it was too badly damaged to reach an absolute determination, and that there is “no reason to believe” she was deliberately targeted.

State Department spokesman Ned Price, announcing the results of the probe, said “independent, third-party examiners” had undertaken an “extremely detailed forensic analysis” of the bullet that killed her after the Palestinian Authority handed it over to them.

The results, announced ahead of President Joe Biden's visit to the region next week, were unlikely to lay the matter to rest. The Palestinians reiterated that Israel was to blame, while Israel said its own investigation would remain open and did not address the U.S. conclusion that its troops were likely responsible.

Abu Akleh, a veteran Palestinian-American correspondent who was well known and respected throughout the Arab world, was shot and killed while covering an Israeli military raid on May 11 in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. Palestinian eyewitnesses, including her crew, say Israeli troops killed her and that there were no militants in the immediate vicinity or any exchange of fire at the time she was shot.

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

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Frank Daniels Jr., the gruff but caring head of his N&O family

BY JIM JENKINS

It puzzled people making their first visits to the third floor newsroom at 215 S. McDowell St. in Raleigh. How was it, they'd wonder, that everyone from reporters to technicians to part-timers working summers out of college would, on seeing the 6'3" fellow with the loud bass voice who obviously was the big boss, call out to him: "Hey Frank, how you doing?"

If he knew their names, he'd call back to them, if not, he'd say, "Hey Pa'dner." Sometimes their familiarity took a comic turn, as when one young reporter's girlfriend saw Frank Daniels Jr. walking through the News & Observer newsroom in a Lyndon Johnson-style Stetson hat, and called out, "Hey Frank! Where's your horse?"

Though the term, "News & Observer family" was perhaps overused a little, and by the 1990s the organization was a diverse big business, Frank Daniels Jr. always believed it was a family and loved his role as the man at the head of the table. In the days following his death at 90 this week, thousands of words of praise, and yes, some of criticism, will pour forth reckoning his influence on North Carolina politics and social policy in his virtually lifelong role in the family business.

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

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US newspapers continuing to die at rate of 2 each week (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite a growing recognition of the problem, the United States continues to see newspapers die at the rate of two per week, according to a report issued Wednesday on the state of local news.

Areas of the country that find themselves without a reliable source of local news tend to be poorer, older and less educated than those covered well, Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications said.

The country had 6,377 newspapers at the end of May, down from 8,891 in 2005, the report said. While the pandemic didn't quite cause the reckoning that some in the industry feared, 360 newspapers have shut down since the end of 2019, all but 24 of them weeklies serving small communities.

An estimated 75,000 journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that's down to 31,000, Northwestern said. Annual newspaper revenue slipped from \$50 billion to \$21 billion in the same period.

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

The Final Word

Happy 4th!





Paul Stevens - Hope yours was a great 4th of July holiday. We took grandchildren Sophie and Brennan to a giant fireworks display in downtown Kansas City and came up with the photo above – taken by my iPhone, fitting with our recent call for iPhone photos and stories on the 15th anniversary of the revolutionary device. Sophie took the selfie.

Today in History - July 5, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 5, the 186th day of 2022. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first Black player in the American League three months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League. (In the game against the Chicago White Sox

at Comiskey Park, Doby, pinch-hitting for Bryan Stephens, struck out in his first at-bat during the seventh inning; Chicago won 6-5.)

On this date:

In 1687, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica, a three-volume work setting out his mathematical principles of natural philosophy.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1865, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington, D.C., with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1943, the Battle of Kursk began during World War II; in the weeks that followed, the Soviets were able to repeatedly repel the Germans, who eventually withdrew in defeat.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee; the song he recorded was "That's All Right."

In 1971, President Richard Nixon certified the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first Black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

In 1977, Pakistan's army, led by General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, seized power from President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (ZUL'-fih-kahr ah-LEE' BOO'-toh). (Bhutto was executed in 1979.)

In 2008, Venus Williams won her fifth Wimbledon singles title, beating younger sister Serena 7-5, 6-4 in the final.

In 2011, a jury in Orlando, Florida, found Casey Anthony, 25, not guilty of murder, manslaughter and child abuse in the 2008 disappearance and death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

Ten years ago: Trucks carrying NATO supplies rolled into Afghanistan for the first time in more than seven months, ending a painful chapter in U.S.-Pakistan relations that saw the border closed until Washington apologized for an airstrike that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers. Former Argentine dictator Jorge Rafael Videla was convicted and sentenced to 50 years for a systematic program to steal babies from prisoners who were kidnapped, tortured and killed during the military junta's so-called "dirty war" on leftist dissidents. (Videla died in prison in May 2013.)

Five years ago: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that two laws passed by Congress did not end the right to a bond hearing for unaccompanied immigrant children who are detained by federal authorities.

One year ago: Amazon founder Jeff Bezos officially stepped down as CEO; he was succeeded by Andy Jassy, who ran Amazon's cloud-computing business. Filmmaker Richard Donner died in Los Angeles at 91; he had helped create the modern superhero blockbuster with "Superman" in 1978 and mastered the buddy comedy with the "Lethal Weapon" franchise.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 79. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 74. Rock star Huey Lewis is 72. Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 71. Country musician Charles Ventre is 70. Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn is 63. Actor John Marshall Jones is 60. Actor Dorien Wilson is 60. Actor Edie Falco is 59. Actor Jillian Armenante is 58. Actor Kathryn Erbe (er-BEE') is 57. Actor Michael Stuhlbarg (STOOL'-bahrg) is 54. Country musician Brent Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 53. Rapper RZA (RIH'-zuh) is 53. R&B singer Joe is 49. Rock musician Bengt Lagerberg (The Cardigans) is 49. Actor Dale Godboldo is 47. Rapper Bizarre is 46. Rapper Royce da 5'9" is 45. Rock singer Jason Wade (Lifeshouse) is 42. Actor Ryan Hansen is 41. Country musician Dave Haywood (Lady A) is 40. Soccer player Megan Rapinoe is 37. Rock musician Nick O'Malley (Arctic Monkeys) is 37. Actor Jason Dolley is 31. California Angels pitcher and designated hitter Shohei Ohtani is 28.

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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