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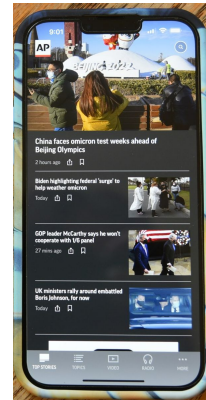
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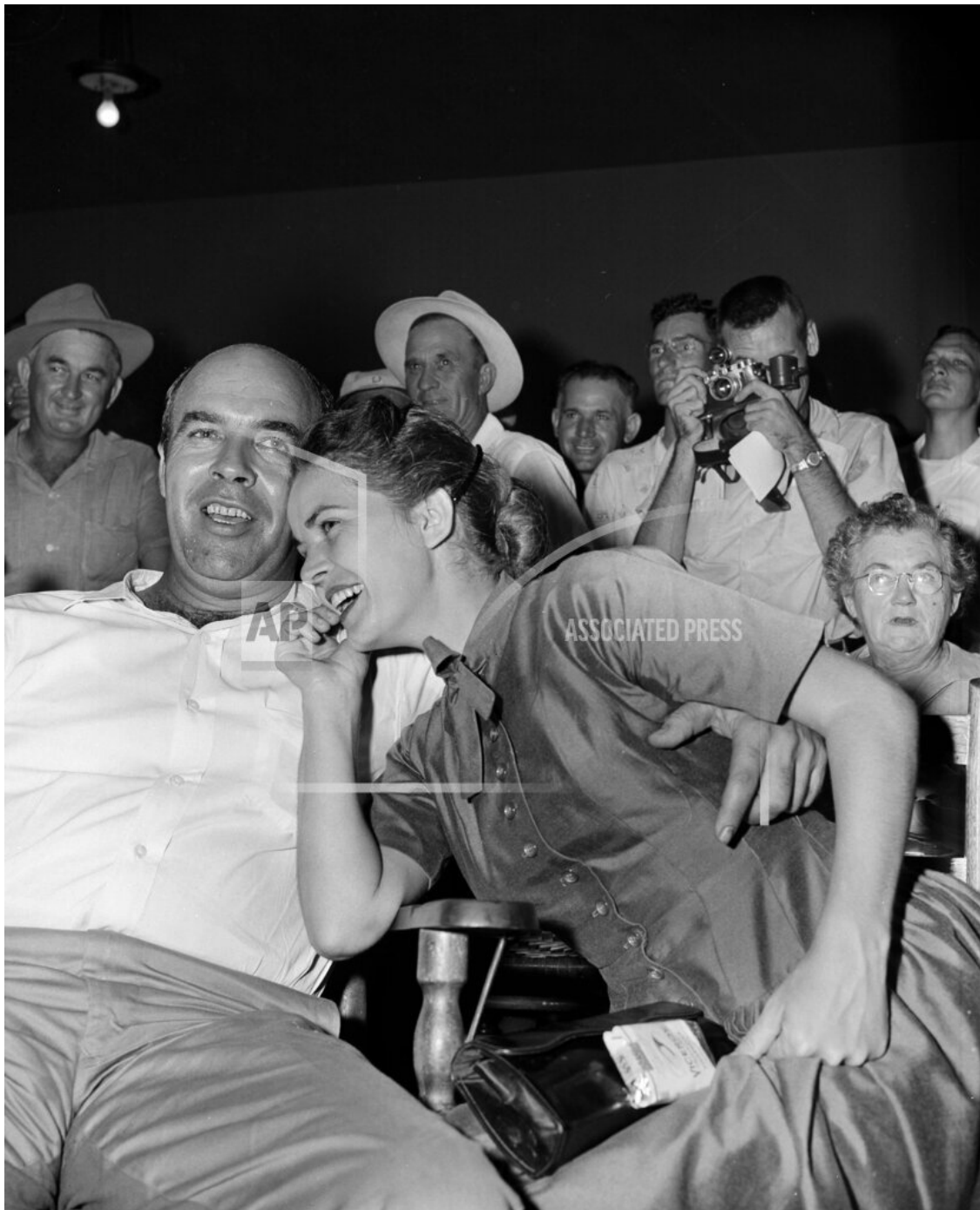
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**J.W. Milam and his wife Juanita are all smiles after hearing the "not guilty" verdict in Sumner, Miss., Sept. 22, 1955. He and his half-brother Roy Bryant are on trial for the lynching death of Emmett Till. (Gene Herrick)**



**J. W. Milam, 36, and half-brother Roy Bryant, 24, confer with one of their lawyers J.W. Kellum, right, just before pleading innocent, September 6, 1955 at Sumner, Miss.. They are charged with kidnapping Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Black youth who they claim "made some remarks" and whistled at Bryant's wife. (AP Photo/Gene Herrick)**

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Oct. 26, 2022,

There's a strong Associated Press connection to one of today's most talked-about new movies – "Till," the story of the 1955 lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

That connection is our colleague **Gene Herrick**, then an AP photographer based in Memphis who was assigned to cover the trial at the Sumner County Courthouse in Sumner, Miss., of two men charged with the murder of the Black youth. After a five-day trial, an all-white jury found the two not guilty of Till's murder. (Protected against double jeopardy, the two men publicly admitted in a 1956 interview with *Look* magazine that they had tortured and murdered the boy, selling the story of how they did it for \$4,000.)

I mention this because I learned Tuesday that Gene, for years one of Connecting's most prolific contributors who has shared delightful stories of his career (including coverage of the Korean War and the Civil Rights Movement), has been in declining

health of late. Gene turned 96 on July 26. When I wrote Gene for his thoughts on the movie, his partner [Kitty Hylton](#) responded from their home in Virginia and told me:

“Gene’s health has been declining and he is no longer able to use his talents as he once had. He has good days and bad days when his mind is clearer and sharper than others. He very seldom comes in his office now to write or read email. Please, inform your readers that Gene is not ignoring them. Your newsletter has been one of his greatest pleasures in the last few years.



“As he no longer text messages or emails, it would be lovely if those who know him would send notes, cards, etc. to connect with him. His address is as follows: Gene Herrick, 100 Brookshire Dr., Rocky Mount, VA 24151. And emails to Gene can be sent through Kitty at - [kshylton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:kshylton@jetbroadband.com)

Take a moment this morning to drop him a note – I promise, it will be one of the best things you do today.

**This just in:** The Associated Press has joined TikTok. [Here’s a video](#) of the announcement. “Our first video features executive editor Julie Pace and 176 years of powerful journalism.” (And, might I add, one of Gene Herrick's photos is included in the historic photos that flash by the screen: Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. being kissed by his wife Coretta upon his release from a Montgomery jail in 1956.)

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## It wasn't my dream car, but it was my first





**Dan Hansen** - It wasn't my dream car, but it was my first car- a 1962 Corvair coupe.

Above is a 1975 photo showing my father Earl Hansen visiting me in Phoenix, AZ., posing at Piestewa Peak next to my first car - a Corvair coupe (Unsafe at any speed) - Ralph Nader's favorite vehicle. Owned it for about 2 years and then axle broke.

Also, in 1981 arriving at the Los Angeles AP bureau. I bought an old VW fastback from the communications chief - who flew small planes and rigged the car's injector fuel system from plane engine parts - so when I needed to get a new injector part, I had to go to the Santa Monica airport to get it fixed.

## Connecting profile – John Carland



**John Carland** - Born, raised, and schooled in Little Rock, Arkansas, I witnessed history as 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Little Rock Central High School during 1957-58 Integration Crisis. Attended Little Rock University 1960-64 and graduated with a double degree in history and political science. LRU is where I met and became friends with your former colleague Robert Shaw. In 1964-65 a Rotary Fellowship took me to the University of Madras in South India. On my return I spent a semester at Georgetown Law School but, bored witless, dropped out. Then in 1967 I entered a graduate program in political science at City College of New York. During this period I also began reading British imperial history. After receiving my M.A. in 1970, we made our way to the University of Toronto where I had a great seven years studying imperial and Canadian history.

After receiving PhD in 1977 I taught at the University of Kentucky for seven years. When that didn't work out (the sun had set on the academic British Empire, too), we moved to Northern Virginia where I went to work for the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Army Center of Military History (1985-2002). That's where I became a Vietnam War historian and wrote the Army's official history of its first 18 months of combat. (*Combat Operations: Stemming the Tide, May 1965-October 1966*, online at [https://history.army.mil/html/books/091/91-5/CMH\\_Pub\\_91-5-B.pdf](https://history.army.mil/html/books/091/91-5/CMH_Pub_91-5-B.pdf).)

Then I moved to the State Department history office (2002-2011) where I compiled and edited two documentary histories of Vietnam War policy that covered the period January 1972 to January 1973. The first was *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969-1976, Vol. VIII, Vietnam, January 20 – October 7, 1972*, online at: <https://state.history.state.gov/frus/frus1969-76v08/pdf/frus1969-76v08.pdf>; the second was *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969-1976, Vol. IX, Vietnam, October 8, 1972 – January 27, 1973*, online



at: <https://state.history.state.gov/frus/frus1969-76v09/pdf/frus1969-76v09.pdf>. In retirement I completed a third volume, an e-book titled *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969-76, Vol. XLII, Vietnam: The Kissinger-- Le Duc Tho Negotiations, August 1969-December 1973*: (2017), online at: <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v42>. The negotiations, you will recall, didn't end the war but did get us out of it. (An enterprising AP reporter might want to write a piece comparing our departure from Vietnam with departure from Afghanistan.)

While at State I proposed, organized, and in 2010 ran a two-day conference on the history of United States and the Vietnam War. During my career I hadn't managed much of anything, but since the conference was my idea, our Assistant Secretary put me in charge. It was nerve wracking to plan and execute and though much could have gone wrong nothing did. Through my Arkansas connection I was able to ask Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to open the conference, which she did. I also got Henry Kissinger, John Negroponte, and Richard Holbrooke to speak, arranged for two Hanoi historians, one military, the other diplomatic, to provide the enemy's perspective on the war (the first time official historians from our former enemy entered the State Department), and also arranged for scholars from around the world, the bulk of them naturally from the United States, to speak. And because the press was so involved with the war, we included a press panel made up of Morley Safer, Marvin Kalb, William Beecher, and, you must know her, Edith "Edie" Lederer from AP all of whom told us about covering the war. Should anyone be interested, the entire conference is still online at State--in video, audio, and transcripts— at <https://history.state.gov/conferences/2010-southeast-asia>.

I retired from State in 2011, and then spent two years as a contractor/consultant at the Historical Office of the Secretary of Defense before retiring a second time. In this second retirement, I continue to research and write history. Last year I published in *Army History* an article--"Studies in the Exercise of Power: Secretaries of Defense and the Vietnam War, 1961-1973"--and completed a history of my son's century old house in Alexandria, Virginia. I'm working now on a long piece on the role force and diplomacy played in Nixon's and Kissinger's negotiations with North Vietnam in 1972-73.

Finally, since I am, so to speak, Daniel in the lions' den, let me take reporters to task for one major flaw in their otherwise heroic stature and accomplishments. No, no, it's not that journalists are too liberal, though they are as a group liberal but not necessarily "too liberal." What is it then? It's simply this: journalists fail in making the Oxford or serial comma, the standard means of logically and sensibly separating and presenting lists, even if said lists are "simple," to use an AP phrasebook term. If you need a good example of how confusing the lack of a serial comma can be, look no further than an article in the Aug. 26 Washington Post concerning the achievements of the newly operational Webb Telescope. Here goes: The telescope "is delivering novel observations of not only those faraway galaxies but also closer-to-home objects like Jupiter, a giant asteroid and a newly discovered comet." Unless one is in the mind of the writer there is no way to discern what he (it's a "he"—Joel Achenbach) intends the sentence to convey. Is he saying that Jupiter is "a giant asteroid and a newly discovered comet"? Or, that he is writing about three objects—"Jupiter, a giant asteroid [,] and a newly discovered comet"? Who knows? The reader doesn't.

# Stories of interest

## *What 'The Trump Tapes' reveal about Bob Woodward* (Washington Post)

By Elahe Izadi

In June 2020, Bob Woodward received one of his many unexpected phone calls from Donald Trump. When their conversation turned to the rapidly growing protests following the police murder of George Floyd weeks earlier, the journalist took a personal tack in pressing the president of the United States on the nationwide outpouring of grief and anger.

"I mean, we share one thing in common," Woodward told Trump. "We're White, privileged. ... Do you have any sense that that privilege has isolated and put you in a cave, to a certain extent, as it put me — and I think lots of White, privileged people — in a cave? And that we have to work our way out of it to understand the anger and the pain, particularly, Black people feel in this country? Do you see —"

Trump cut him off.

"No," he said sharply. "You really drank the Kool-Aid, didn't you? Just listen to you. Wow. No, I don't feel that at all."

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

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## *Pakistan brings home body of journalist killed in Kenya* (AP)

By MUNIR AHMED

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A plane carrying the body of an outspoken Pakistani journalist who was shot and killed by Nairobi police while living in hiding in Kenya touched down at an airport in Islamabad just after midnight Wednesday, officials said.

Arshad Sharif was killed Sunday night when the car he was in sped up and drove through a checkpoint outside the Kenyan capital and police opened fire. Nairobi police expressed regret over the incident, saying it was a case of "mistaken identity" during a search for a similar car involved in a child abduction case.

Sharif was traveling with another Pakistani resident, Khurram Ahmed, when their car failed to stop — for reasons that remain unclear — despite being flagged down at the checkpoint. Police opened fire and laid chase.



Sharif's car flipped over and he was shot in the head and killed. His family in Pakistan said Ahmed, who had initially been identified as Sharif's brother by the Nairobi police, was not a relative but that he was the driver of the car, according to information they received.

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

## The Final Word

*The magazine that gave photography unprecedented power* (Washington Post)



### Review by Sebastian Smee

This fact floored me: Between the Great Depression and the Vietnam War, according to the organizers of “Life Magazine and the Power of Photography,” an exhibition at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts, “the majority of photographs printed and consumed in the United States appeared on the pages of illustrated magazines.”

Today, with photographs published and consumed everywhere, it’s staggering to think that their dissemination was ever so concentrated.

Preeminent among illustrated magazines was Life. Published as a weekly news magazine between 1936 and 1972, Life magazine sold in the tens of millions. When you include pass-along readership, its pages regularly reached about one-quarter of America’s population.

Gordon Parks went back to Rio to save a boy's life. What happened next was a lot more complicated.

Life magazine emerged before the onset of television. What made it revolutionary was its emphasis on photography. Previous illustrated magazines used artists' illustrations. If they used photographs, they were subordinated to the written word. Life put photographs front and center.

Its founder, Time Inc. publisher Henry Luce, was inspired by picture magazines in Europe. Working in New York with Kurt Safranski, a German Jew who had come to the United States to escape Nazi persecution, and Kurt Korff, a former editor at "Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung," Luce experimented with mock-ups and dummies, before typing up a "Prospectus for a New Magazine."

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History – Oct. 26, 2022



Today is Wednesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2022. There are 66 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 26th, 2020, Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed to the Supreme Court by a deeply divided Senate, with Republicans overpowering Democrats to install President Donald Trump's nominee days before the election and secure a likely conservative court majority for years to come.

### On this date:

In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

In 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations, giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. (The last run of the Pony Express was completed the

following month.)

In 1921, the Chicago Theatre, billed as “the Wonder Theatre of the World,” first opened.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY’-tay) Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled.

In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu.

In 1982, the medical drama “St. Elsewhere” premiered on NBC.

In 1984, “Baby Fae,” a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

In 2000, the New York Yankees became the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-2 in game five of their “Subway Series.”

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

In 2002, a hostage siege by Chechen rebels at a Moscow theater ended with 129 of the 800-plus captives dead, most from a knockout gas used by Russian special forces who stormed the theater; 41 rebels also died.

In 2010, Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first nuclear power plant.

Ten years ago: After leaving nearly five dozen people dead in the Caribbean, Hurricane Sandy headed toward the eastern United States, with forecasters warning that it would merge with two winter storm systems to create a megastorm. The National Hockey League announced that its labor dispute would force the cancellation of all games through the end of November.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump declared opioid abuse a national public health emergency and announced new steps to combat what he described as the worst drug crisis in U.S. history. At the request of the FBI and CIA, the president blocked the release of hundreds of records on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy while allowing 2,800 other files to come out. After a decade as manager that produced just one World Series title, Joe Girardi was fired by the New York Yankees.

One year ago: The U.S. moved a step closer to expanding COVID-19 vaccinations for millions more children as government advisers endorsed kid-size doses of Pfizer’s shots for 5- to 11-year-olds. A San Francisco-area police officer, Andrew Hall, was convicted of assault with a firearm in the 2018 fatal shooting of an unarmed mentally ill man, Laudemer Arboleda, who was shot nine times while driving away from police. (Hall was sentenced to six years in prison.) Jorge Soler became the first player to begin a World Series with a home run and the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 6-2 in

Game 1; Braves pitcher Charlie Morton left the game with a broken leg from a batted ball by Yuli Gurriel. Satirist Mort Sahl, who helped revolutionize stand-up comedy during the Cold War with his running commentary on politicians and current events, died at his California home at the age of 94.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jaclyn Smith is 77. TV host Pat Sajak is 76. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 75. Musician Bootsy Collins is 71. Actor James Pickens Jr. is 70. Rock musician David Was is 70. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52s) is 69. Actor Lauren Tewes is 69. Actor D.W. Moffett is 68. Actor-singer Rita Wilson is 66. Actor Patrick Breen is 62. Actor Dylan McDermott is 61. Actor Cary Elwes is 60. Singer Natalie Merchant is 59. Actor Steve Valentine is 56. Country singer Keith Urban is 55. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 54. Actor Rosemarie DeWitt is 51. Actor Anthony Rapp is 51. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 49. TV news correspondent Paula Faris is 47. Actor Lennon Parham is 47. Actor Florence Kasumba is 46. Actor Hal Ozsan is 46. Actor Jon Heder is 45. Singer Mark Barry (BBMak) is 44. Actor Jonathan Chase is 43. Actor Folake Olowofoyeku (foh-LAH'-kay oh-low-wow-foh-YAY'-koo) is 39. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 38. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 36. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 31.

## 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:

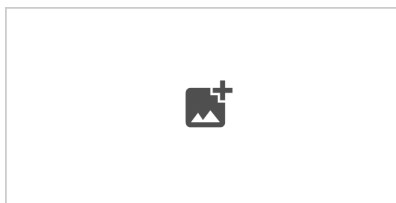
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **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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