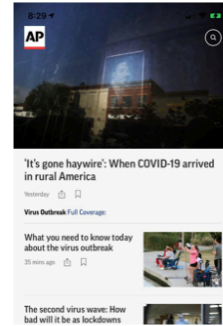




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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 8th day of May 2020,

We lead today's issue with memories of some of your colleagues relating to the 75th anniversary Thursday of the end of World War II in Europe.

AP's **Ed Kennedy**, who broke the news a full day ahead of his competition of Germany's unconditional surrender, was publicly rebuked by the AP and then quietly fired for defying military censors.



Sixty-seven years later, in 2012, then AP President and CEO **Tom Curley** (a Connecting colleague) apologized for the way the company treated Kennedy. "It was a terrible day for the AP. It was handled in the worst possible way," Curley said, rejecting the notion that the AP had a duty to obey the order to hold the story once it was clear the embargo was for political reasons, rather than to protect the troops.

I haven't forgotten Ed Kennedy

Ray March ([Email](#)) - Thanks to the ever-watchful eye of Warren Lerude, I just read the piece on Ed Kennedy (in Thursday's Connecting). I founded and co-chaired the Ed Kennedy Pulitzer Project a few years back and Lerude was on my core committee. He and so many others nationwide joined in a crusade to get Kennedy a special Pulitzer -- twice. We lost both times and never received a hint from the Pulitzer board as to why -- secrecy in journalism.

Kennedy was my first editor when I was a rookie at the Monterey Peninsula Herald. Later I did side stringing for AP. Maybe there's some irony there, but I have not forgotten Ed. I'm just changing the ribbon in my typewriter.