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In this Aug. 6, 1945 photo, smoke rises around 20,000 feet above Hiroshima, Japan, after the first atomic bomb was dropped. On two days in August 1945, U.S. planes dropped two atomic bombs, one on Hiroshima, one on Nagasaki, the first and only time nuclear weapons have been used. Their destructive power was unprecedented, incinerating buildings and people, and leaving lifelong scars on survivors, not just physical but also psychological, and on the cities themselves. Days later, World War II was over. (AP Photo)

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Seventy years ago today - on Monday, August 6, 1945, at 8:15 a.m. - the atomic bomb

"Little Boy" was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, by an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay.

A second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later - and on August 15, the Empire of Japan announced its surrender, formally signed on September 2, 1945, bringing World War II to a close.

In an advisory to members, AP said:

On two days in August 1945, U.S. planes dropped two atomic bombs - one on Hiroshima, one on Nagasaki, the only times nuclear weapons have been used. Their unprecedented destructive power incinerated buildings and people and left lifelong physical and psychological scars on survivors and on the cities themselves. "Practically all living things, human and animal, were literally seared to death," an AP story reported. A few days later, Japan announced its unconditional surrender. World War II was effectively over.

Seventy years later, the AP is making stories about the bombings and surrender available, along with photos.

Today's Connecting leads with an "AP Was There" look-back at Hiroshima. But first...

The GOP debate - your opinion wanted

Here's your assignment for tonight's Republican presidential debate - 9 p.m. Eastern on Fox News - that has captured the headlines and air waves over the past week - and will continue to do so this time tomorrow and beyond.

Connecting would like **your opinion** on the debate - which of the 10 candidates won and why, how the three moderators (Bret Baier, Megyn Kelly and Chris Wallace) did and why, how front-runner Donald Trump performed and why. Or any other aspect about which you'd like to make comment.

Major ground rule: be succinct, 200 words or fewer, which shouldn't be an issue with an audience trained to write tightly. Send to me at - stevenspl@live.com - tonight or no later than 8 a.m. Eastern on Friday and I will assemble and share.

To me, there's a tie between the debate and the stories on Hiroshima to follow. Had World War II ended differently, there likely would be no debate, no democracy, no United States. Many of us might not be here if you're like Linda and me - with fathers in the military whose combat tours would have taken them to Japan for a deadly ground, sea and air battle that thankfully did not happen.

Paul

AP WAS THERE:

U.S. Drops Atomic Bombs on Japan in 1945



In this Sept. 8, 1945 file photo, an allied correspondent stands in the rubble in front of the shell of a building that once was a exhibition center and government office in Hiroshima, Japan, a month after the first atomic bomb ever used in warfare was dropped by the U.S. on Aug. 6, 1945. (AP Photo/Stanley Troutman, File)

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, AUG. 6. - An atomic bomb, hailed as the most terrible destructive force in history and as the greatest achievement of organized science, has been loosed upon Japan.

President (Harry) Truman disclosed in a White House statement at 11 a.m. Eastern War Time, today that the first use of the bomb - containing more power than 20,000 tons of TNT and producing more than 2,000 times the blast of the most powerful bomb ever dropped before - was made 16 hours earlier on Hiroshima, a Japanese army base.

(Tokyo Radio announced that Hiroshima was raided at 8:20 a.m. Monday (7:20 p.m. Sunday, United States Eastern War Time). That is about the time the bomb was dropped, but the Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the FCC, made no mention of any unusual destruction. It reported only that "a small number" of American B-29s attacked the city on southwestern Honshu with incendiary and explosive bombs.)

The raid on Hiroshima, located on Honshu Island on the shores of the Inland Sea, had not been disclosed previously although the 25th Air Force on Guam announced that 580 Superforts raided four Japanese cities at about the same time.

The atomic bomb is the answer, President Truman said, to Japan's refusal to surrender. Secretary of War (Henry) Stimson predicted the bomb will prove a tremendous aid in

shortening the Japanese war. Mr. Truman grimly warned that "even more powerful forms (of the bomb) are in development."

"If they do not now accept our terms, they may expect a rain of ruin from the air the like of which has never been seen on this earth," he said.

The War Department reported that "an impenetrable cloud of dust and smoke" cloaked Hiroshima after the bomb exploded. It was impossible to make an immediate assessment of the damage.

President Truman said he would recommend that Congress consider establishing a commission to control production of atomic power within the United States.

"I shall make recommendations to Congress as to how atomic power can become a powerful and forceful influence towards the maintenance of world peace," he said. Both Mr. Truman and Stimson, while emphasizing the peace-time potentiality of the new force, made clear that much research must be undertaken to effect full peacetime application of its principles.

The product of \$2,000,000,000 spent in research and production, the atomic bomb has been one of the most closely guarded secrets of the war. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill gave the signal to start work on harnessing the forces of the atom. Mr. Truman said the Germans worked feverishly, but failed to solve the problem.

Meantime, American and British scientists studied the problem and developed two principal plants and some lesser factories for the production of atomic power.

The president disclosed that more than 65,000 persons now are working in great secrecy in these plants, adding: "We have spent \$2,000,000,000 on the greatest scientific gamble in history - and won. We are now prepared to obliterate more rapidly and completely every productive enterprise the Japs have above ground in any city. We shall completely destroy Japan's power to make war."

The President noted that the Big Three ultimatum issued on July 26 at Potsdam was intended "to spare the Japanese people from utter destruction," and the Japanese leaders rejected it. The atomic bomb now is the answer to that rejection, and the President said: "They may expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth."



In this Aug. 6, 1945 photo, aboard the cruiser Augusta, President Harry S. Truman, with a radio at hand, reads reports of the first atomic bomb raid on Japan, while en route home from the Potsdam conference. (AP Photo)

Mr. Truman forecast that sea and land forces will follow up this air attack in such numbers and power as the Japanese never have witnessed. The President said that this discovery may open the way for an entirely new concept of force and power. The actual harnessing of atomic energy may in the future supplement the power that now comes from coal, oil and the great dams, he said.

"It has never been the habit of the scientists of this country or the policy of this government to withhold from the world scientific knowledge," Mr. Truman said. "Normally, therefore, everything about the work with atomic energy would be made public."

That will have to wait, however, he said, until the war emergency is over.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story and to other images provided by the AP.

AP PHOTOS: A photographer's reflections on Hiroshima, Japan, 70 years after the atomic bomb

By EUGENE HOSHIKO, Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) - Last month, with a handful of black-and-white archival photos in hand, I set out with my camera to document how Hiroshima had changed, 70 years after the atomic bomb.

I grew up in Yokohama, and had never been to this western Japanese city before, though I had seen plenty of images on television.

My first impression was of a modern city on a steamy summer day. I imagined the same intense heat, even in the morning, had greeted people headed to work on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. At 8:15 a.m., still 2,000 feet above the ground, the falling bomb detonated, forever changing their lives.

Some 90 percent of the city was destroyed, which is why it looks so new today. An estimated 140,000 people died in a city of 350,000, including those who succumbed to severe radiation exposure through the end of 1945.

The 1959 movie "Hiroshima Mon Amour" left a strong impression on me. The city as portrayed in the movie looked like any other, just 14 years after the devastation. I wondered how an outsider - a visiting French actress in 1959, or me today - could fully understand what had happened.

When I was traveling abroad 30 years ago, a man asked me a question: "Are there any trees, does grass grow in Hiroshima?"

I was shocked; I knew that trees and flowers grew the same as anywhere in the world.

The city I found was very much rebuilt and alive, with a population today of 1.2 million. The streetcars are packed again. The stark wasteland seen in the black-and-white photos taken soon after the bombing is but a memory.

The remains of one building stand on a river bank in the same place as 70 years ago. The Atomic Bomb Dome, now a U.N. World Heritage Site, has become the iconic image of Hiroshima.

It wasn't as big as I had imagined. Then I thought, the building itself may be small, but its meaning is huge to all of us human beings.

A young couple passed by the dome, hand-in-hand. Before the atomic bomb, did many couples walk by like them?

On the question of 'femicide' - not an invented word

In an AP story from Mexico City, a prosecutor speaking of the death of a photojournalist and four women said police were focusing on the deaths of the women as "femicide." A

story in Wednesday's Connecting referred to the term as an invented word and invited others to contribute words they have found in news stories.

Reaction to the story:

Anita Snow - Femicide isn't an invented word. It is listed as a specific crime in the penal codes of several countries in Latin America, including Mexico - click [here](#) - and Brazil - click [here](#) - and Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Basically it is a hate crime, the killing of a woman solely because she is a woman, just as in the killing of a gay person because they are gay or a black person because they are black.

It's a phenomenon discussed and studied by international organizations, such as: UN Women - click [here](#) - and World Health Organization - click [here](#).

Some may argue it shouldn't be a separate crime, but the fact is that it is listed as a separate specific crime on the books in several countries.

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Steve Graham - Al contrario, amigo.

Femicido is a perfectly good Spanish word. If hombres suffer homicido, femininas can suffer femicidio.

I think we can assume that prosecutor Rios Garza was speaking in Spanish.

The problem is one of mistranslation, rather than simple invention, where gender observed in the original language is not reflected in the target idiom, the vocabulary of which has drifted farther from its Latin roots.

Presumably that story passed before AP editors, who should have known better.

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Sibby Christensen - Agree with Larry about the weirdness of "femicide," (or "femicide" as an equivalent to "fraticide.") But the writer could have instead added a brief reference to explain the cultural context in Mexico, where machismo still runs strong.

It's not clear from the snippet whether the writer invented the word or if that's exactly how the charge was entered.

Connecting mailbox

Story refers to first female AP reporter in West Virginia



David Wilkison - I found this piece of WVU alumni news interesting - click [here](#) - in that it refers to the first female AP reporter in West Virginia. I spent my first eight years with the AP in the state, but hadn't heard Gruine Robinson's story before.

There's another AP connection in the other endowment, just as an FYI. Charles Hodel is the grandfather-in-law of retired West Virginia staffer and national coal writer Martha Bryson Hodel.

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Memory of UPI's Jep Cadou

Bob Daugherty - I recall waiting for Lyndon Johnson to make a stop in Evansville, Indiana with Jep Cadou and other local reporters at the Evansville Press Club. Naturally, Johnson was running hours late and the club was doing a booming business. Jep bellied up to the bar and said to the bartender, "Give me a double sonny, and a single to take the breath away." That was certainly interesting logic I never forgot.

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Gene Herrick account of Emmitt Till trial "amazing"

John Lee - That was an amazing piece by Gene Herrick in today's installment of "Connecting."

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Observations from new Connecting member

Michael Rubin - Again, good meeting you at Jim Lagier's 80th party. Have enjoyed seeing your photos from other parts of the trip.

Thanks for including Today in History as part of Connecting. One of the three newspapers we subscribe to (a small way of "giving back") runs an extremely shorted version of Today's Birthdays and they always edit/leave out some names we all immediately recognize.

Today's "Missing" included actor John Saxon (he was an "adult" in many of the teen beach flicks and similar) and LA Ram Hall of Fame QB Roman Gabriel. I was stunned a while back when they left out Joe Montana, a god-like figure in these parts.

All the effort is appreciated, the recollections of AP retirees/alums and the links to stories involving journalism and news coverage.

As for invented words, guess I'm showing my mildly advancing age because I still shudder at "veggies" and all the conversions of nouns et al into verbs.

Also, note the changes in the way sports terms have evolved, or devolved, as the case may be. Example: what used to be called simply "getting open" or "open field running" is now "in space," as in "He needs to improve how he works in space." I was unaware football had become extra-terrestrial.

A new category for Connecting contributions?

Larry Margasak - You don't have to add this as a new category, but if you did it would be:

Tasks I completed in retirement that should have been done decades (or at least years) ago.

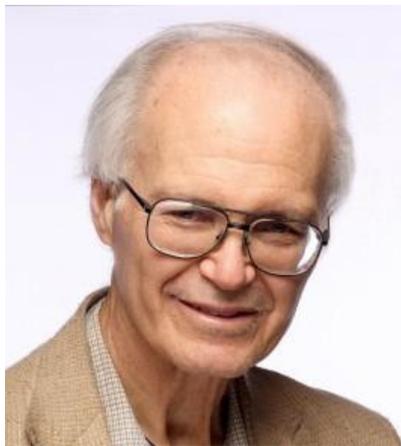
When I moved into my home in the Washington D.C. suburbs in 1977, there was a brick path along the side of the house that led to the back yard. One day, during a major storm, I found the basement flooded and realized the path was the guilty party. The bricks hit a low point alongside the basement fireplace, where the water entered. I dug up the bricks, planted grass and raised the dirt next to the wall.



So now I was stuck with hundreds of bricks. At different times, I tried to use them around the yard alongside my garden and plants, but it never looked very good. I used a couple to prop up one of my downspouts where the end piece kept coming off, and piled the rest along the fence in the back of the yard. And there they have stayed for several decades.

While taking care of a neighbor's vegetables this week, I looked at their shed and recalled them telling me I could borrow their large wheelbarrow any time I wanted to - and the shed was never locked. It was a bit of a blow when the county told me I'd have to transport the bricks to the transfer station myself, but I've made one trip and probably can transport the rest (in my small Prius) in one more trip. It feels great that I'm finally getting rid of them.

Connecting selfie - Bob Egelko



Bob Egelko (Email) - I was with the AP for 30 years, starting with a "summer job" in LA in June 1970 that got prolonged, for both Susan Sward and me, when a couple of staffers left at the end of the summer.

Stayed in SoCal through mid-'74, with a couple of years in San Diego under Dan Tedrick, then off to SC and the best bureau I ever worked at for the next decade, headed by Doug Willis. Got into the legal beat with the help of a night law degree at McGeorge and transferred to FX in mid-'84, soon immersed in the Rose Bird election and the ensuing history and histrionics. I left,

not entirely voluntarily (courtesy of Clay Haswell) in June 2000, spent five months at the SF Examiner, then to the Chronicle when Hearst took it over, and I've been there ever since. Beat is courts, state and federal, with a periodic dose of politics. With LCD's help, I got a national legal writing award from the (now-defunct) American Judicature Society in 2013.

Getting the News When the Newspaper is Dead

From Better by the Minute:

Since traditional journalism is gasping out its last dying breaths, it's getting harder and harder to know where to turn for reliable, up-to-date news. The new reality of the 24 hour news cycle creates a lot of noise, signifying, to paraphrase Shakespeare, not very much. But as paper is falling and smartphones are rising, there are some great apps available to help you get reliable information in the digital age. These are a few of our free favorites.

NPR News

National Public Radio has been doing a phenomenal job of keeping up with changing technology. With their app, you can listen to stations streaming from all around the country, hear the national news programs, or read a curated collection of top stories. When you combine its different features, you get a great combination of the local and national from some of the best professional reporters out there.

AP Mobile

The Associated Press has its own app, which is a great resource no matter where you are. As smaller news outfits have had to downsize, they've been relying more and more on the Associated Press. With the app, you can go straight to the stories they're filing across world that matter the most to you. Like a traditional newspaper, it has sections dealing with politics, world, and local subjects (and more), and you're able to save your favorites to go straight to them.

Circa News

Circa is actually our favorite. It's totally new. Reporters left their traditional, high-powered jobs to create a news platform specifically built for mobile. Like the other options, Circa blends stories covering topics around the world, but they give you a slightly different way to read them. The scroll is slightly different, helping you focus on each sentence as you read it. Important quotes stand out immediately. Plus, you can click to follow a story as it develops. If you opt in, you'll get a push notification in real time as events unfold.

This is just a small sample of what's out there. If you're a news junkie, don't worry, there's an app for you!

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

Stories of interest

Digital First, Bay Area News Group editor Dave Butler to retire (San Jose Mercury News)



SAN JOSE -- David J. Butler, the top editor at Digital First Media and its San Jose Mercury News and Bay Area News Group, announced Wednesday that he will retire this fall.

Butler, 65, is executive vice president and editor-in-chief of parent Digital First Media as well as editor and senior vice president of the San Jose Mercury News and its sister BANG newspapers, the Contra Costa Times and Oakland Tribune.

Butler said that by making an announcement now, the company has time to figure out

how to fill his various roles and have an orderly transition.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Andy Lippman.

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Mashable man Dan Rather isn't the retiring type (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - At age 83, Dan Rather is starting over.

The veteran broadcaster has quietly shut down the "Dan Rather Reports" newsmagazine he'd been making since leaving CBS News a decade ago and opened an independent production company, with seed money from AXS-TV founder Mark Cuban in exchange for a series of interviews with entertainers. His "News & Guts" firm is even working on a scripted fiction series.



Rather has also signed on for reporting and analysis at the website Mashable, where his story urging people not to get too wound up about the early stages of the 2016 presidential campaign appeared this week.

Retirement? Not an option.

"I love to work," Rather said. "I have my flaws and I've made a lot of mistakes, but I've always loved covering news and I have a passion for covering news. I couldn't see myself not doing it as long as I have my health."

"I'd much rather wear out than rust out," he said.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Media Outlets Debate Whether Increased Access To Kochs Is Worth All The Strings Attached (Huffington Post)

NEW YORK -- The Washington Post published an "exclusive interview" on Tuesday with Charles Koch, the press-shy billionaire industrialist, who, along with his brother David, is a major backer of conservative causes.

The Post was offered the sit-down with Koch as part of a joint interview with Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund. The New York Times was also offered

a joint interview with the two men but turned down the opportunity, according to sources familiar with the matter. The Times wanted to talk just to Koch, who rarely speaks to the media, the sources said, but was only offered the joint interview.

This was the second time in recent days that the two papers had grappled with whether to accept an opportunity to access the secretive Kochworld. The Koch brothers, who are worth more than \$100 billion, are trying to soften their image in the media after years of negative coverage.

The media glasnost, however, comes with strings attached that may give editors pause. Media outlets must weigh whether to accept restrictions on their reporting in exchange for increased access to the reclusive brothers and their gatherings of private donors. Do ground rules for journalists still allow for reporting in the public's interest, or are the conditions so rigid that the resulting coverage will primarily benefit the Kochs?

Click [here](#) to read more.

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SF Weekly publisher backs off plan to use cover story to 'make up' with advertiser (Columbia Journalism Review)

SCORE ONE FOR EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE, at least in one corner of the alt-weekly world. After a report of his newsroom meddling drew notice from journalists around the country, Glenn Zuehls, publisher of SF Weekly, says he won't be asking his newsroom to blow a big kiss to a major advertiser after all.

Earlier this week, Zuehls was the subject of a report in a Bay Area publication that detailed "a vicious tirade" in which the publisher "reiterated his much-stated belief that there is no separation between the alt-weekly newspaper's advertising and editorial departments." According to the story by former SF Weekly reporter Joe Eskenazi, a short, humorous July 29 first-person piece about a reporter counting cards at Graton Casino- and the characters he encountered while turning \$60 into \$375-didn't sit well with the gambling house. And after the casino moved to pull tens of thousands of dollars in ad buys, the publisher reportedly demanded that SF Weekly make the advertiser happy again with a favorable cover story, even bypassing top editors to directly assign the task to a reporter.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Doug Pizac.

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A hidden success story - for newspaper circulation, costs are down and revenues are up (Poynter)

To the widely accepted notion that the newspaper business is going to hell in a bucket, here is a curious exception: circulation revenues (and profits) have risen over the last

several years at the same time expenses have been substantially reduced.

The particulars of the case are laid out in the 15th edition of a data-heavy Newspaper of Association of America report, Circulation Facts and Figures, released this week (free to NAA members only).

Among 175 papers responding to a NAA survey, the median "bottom-line contribution" of circulation had risen from 42.6 percent in 2011 to 56.1 percent last year. That's not the same thing as a profit margin - since circulation (like advertising) must produce revenues well above that department's operating expenses to carry other parts of the enterprise like the newsroom and pressroom.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

The Final Word

Set of 'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart' To Be Donated to the Newseum



The Newseum will acquire the set of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" following Stewart's final appearance as host of the late-night television program on Thursday, Aug. 6. The donation, which will become part of the Newseum's collection for future display, comes as Stewart signs off after 16 years hosting the popular show, which often blurred the lines between news, satire and comedy.

Stewart began hosting the show in 1999 and quickly generated a loyal following among a new generation of news consumers who identified with his sharp-witted humor. Quick to poke fun at politicians, newsmakers and authors, Stewart also made the news media a frequent target of his barbs.

Last November, Jon Stewart appeared at the Newseum for a screening and panel discussion about the film "Rosewater," which Stewart wrote and directed. (Watch the backstage video.)

Stewart has been called the Walter Cronkite of the millennial generation, and his show became a primary source of news for many young Americans.

"We are thrilled to accept the donation of these artifacts to the Newseum collection," said Cathy Trost, senior vice president of exhibits and programs at the Newseum. "They are part of America's cultural and media history, telling an important story about how political satire and news as humor made 'The Daily Show' a trusted news source for a generation."

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

Today in History - August 6, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, August 6, the 218th day of 2015. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan announced its surrender.)

On this date:

In 1813, during the Venezuelan War of Independence, forces led by Simon Bolivar recaptured Caracas.

In 1825, Upper Peru became the autonomous republic of Bolivia.

In 1862, the Confederate ironclad CSS Arkansas was scuttled by its crew on the Mississippi River near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to prevent capture by the Union.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in

Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1930, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Force Crater went missing after leaving a Manhattan restaurant; his disappearance remains a mystery.

In 1956, the DuMont television network went off the air after a decade of operations.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov became the second man to orbit Earth as he flew aboard Vostok 2.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) died at at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1993, Louis Freeh won Senate confirmation to be FBI director.

Ten years ago: Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier-son, Casey, was killed in Iraq, began a weeks-long protest outside President George W. Bush's Texas ranch. Former British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, who'd quit Prime Minister Tony Blair's Cabinet to protest the **Iraq war**, died in Inverness, Scotland, at age 59. A Tunisian airliner plunged into the Mediterranean while trying to make an emergency landing in Sicily; 16 of the 39 people aboard were killed.

Five years ago: In a stunning announcement, Hewlett-Packard Co. said it had ousted CEO Mark Hurd after an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint found that he had falsified expense reports and other documents to conceal a relationship with a contractor.

One year ago: President Barack Obama closed a three-day U.S.-Africa summit in Washington which brought together leaders from more than 50 African nations. Michael Worthington was put to death by the state of Missouri for raping and killing college student Melinda "Mindy" Griffin in 1995, making him the first U.S. prisoner executed since a lethal injection in Arizona the previous month in which an inmate took nearly two hours to die.

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 91. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 77. Actress Louise Sorel is 75. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 72. Actor Ray Buktenica is 72. Actor Dorian Harewood is 65. Actress Catherine Hicks is 64. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 63. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 62. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 59. Actress Faith Prince is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 57. Actor Leland Orser is 55. Actress **Michelle Yeoh** (yoh) is 53. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 51. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 50. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 50. Actor Benito Martinez is 47. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 47. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 45. Actress Merrin Dungey is 44. Singer Geri Halliwell is 43. Actor Jason O'Mara is 43. Singer-actor David Campbell is 42. Actress Vera Farmiga is 42. Actress Ever (cq) Carradine is 41. Actress Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 39. Actress Melissa George is 39. Rock singer Travis McCoy (Gym Class Heroes) is 34. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 34. Actress Romola Garai is 33. Rock musician Eric

Roberts (Gym Class Heroes) is 31.

*Thought for Today: "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it. The more things you do, the more you can do." - **Lucille Ball**, American actress-comedian (born this date in 1911, died 1989).*

Got a story to share?



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:

- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"My boo boos - 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?
- **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.
- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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