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## In memory of Jon Kellogg



***Jon Kellogg, speaking to the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce on June 30, holds up his cell phone to illustrate the changing nature of the newspaper industry. Jon died Monday at the age of 68. Jim Shannon / Republican-American***

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

With sadness, I bring you news of the death of former AP chief of bureau and newspaperman **Jon Kellogg**.

Jon died at his home Monday - just six weeks after he retired as executive editor of the Republican-American and The Sunday Republican in Waterbury, Connecticut. He was 68.

Jon was inducted in February into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and lived a rich life of service during his 46 years in journalism, and today's Connecting celebrates that career and includes comment from those who knew and worked with him.

**Lou Boccardi**, former president and CEO of The Associated Press, said, "The Jon Kellogg I saw when I looked toward New England from AP's headquarters was quiet, very effective, principled and dedicated. Those qualities were obviously recognized in his newspaper career after AP. His selection for the New England Hall of Fame and his Yankee Quill Award could not have been more deserved."

Shortly after his retirement, Jon wrote me to join our Connecting family and immediately submitted a Mailbox letter in praise of former AP Washington journalist **Dave Esposito** upon his retirement. Jon told me he was preparing the "full **Jim Lagier** story, also known in New

England as the silver fox...Jim was my all-time favorite AP executive. I have a story to share with him about my last staff meeting at the Republican-American, where I invoked his name."

Told of this, Lagier - former Tokyo and San Francisco bureau chief and New York executive, said, "Jon Kellogg was very intelligent. I traveled with him over many miles of New England, listening to classical music on the car radio and psyching ourselves for the next visit. Jon was kind, insightful, witty, energetic, a born leader. I once watched him conduct a journalism seminar at a New England college. He was brilliant."

Jon's friend and AP Concord colleague **Adolphe Bernotas** shared this photo - used in the Aug. 5 Connecting - that showed some of the AP expats and retirees of the Concord Gang from three states, and the photo by Anne Saunders deserves repeating today. It shows, clockwise (beginning with the guy in long-sleeve shirt) Jon Kellogg, Mike Recht, Christina Van Horn, Norma Love, Katharine Webster, Cathy Wolff, Joe Magruder, David Tirrell-Wysocki and Adolphe Bernotas.



If you would like to share your thoughts about Jon or a story about him, please send my way today.

The family is tentatively planning a memorial service August 30 in Connecticut. I will provide further information as it is known. If you'd like to send a note to Jon's wife Tammy Mitman, her address is 310 South Road, Harwinton CT 06791.

Paul

## **Former AP chief, newspaperman Jon Kellogg dies at 68 after distinguished career in journalism**

**The Republican-American  
Waterbury, Connecticut**

HARWINTON, CT -- Jonathan Fox Kellogg, recently retired executive editor of the Republican-American and The Sunday Republican, died at home here Monday. He was 68.

News of Kellogg's untimely death shocked friends, community leaders across Northwest Connecticut, and journalists in New England and beyond. Tributes poured into the Republican-American and across social media platforms as people remembered Kellogg

for his dedication to the highest standards of journalism.

Kellogg retired from the newspaper June 30 after 17 years leading its newsroom.

Kellogg died of natural causes. Because of Kellogg's age and medical history, the chief medical examiner's office was not called to investigate, a spokeswoman for the office said.

Kellogg's wife, Tammalene Mitman, thanked his former staff, colleagues and friends in the community for their support, but asked for privacy in this unexpected time of grief.



"He cared very much about his staff, and about the newspaper," Mitman said. "They should know that his concern and hopes for them were sincere. He wanted very much for them to be successful."

Monday and Tuesday, Kellogg was remembered for his humility; for his concern for both his staff and the communities they served; and for his insistence that reporters and editors put accuracy, ethics and readers' interests first.

"Kellogg had a gift for motivating people, for helping them want to do their best work," said Tom Kearney, managing editor of the Stowe Reporter and Waterbury Record in Vermont. "He created - wherever he went - an atmosphere where people immediately did better."

Kearney's nomination led to Kellogg's induction in February into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame. Kellogg also was a winner in 2004 of the Yankee Quill, awarded for achievement in New England journalism. During his tenure at the Republican-American and The Sunday Republican, staff work was recognized in state, regional and national contests, including last year's Sunday Newspaper of the Year awarded by the New England Newspaper & Press Association.

"The thing that always struck me about Jon was his belief that the public should know and his fairness," said Lynn Gelormino, executive director of the Warner Theatre in Torrington. They worked together during Gelormino's time as the theater's spokeswoman when Kellogg moderated a gubernatorial debate at the theater in 2010.

Kellogg's concern for the community extended beyond the newspaper business. As president of the Greater Waterbury Campership Fund, he wanted to make sure every child possible could be sent to summer camp. It was a cause close to Kellogg's heart, as he was sent to summer camp as a boy when his family could not afford to do so.

"Jon should be remembered that he was more than just an editor of a newspaper," said Joyce DeCesere, a longtime member of the Campership board. "He was a man of honesty, credibility and one that was committed to the Waterbury community."

In a statement, Waterbury Mayor Neil M. O'Leary credited Kellogg and his work at the newspaper for making a difference in the city. "Waterbury is a better place because of the time Mr. Kellogg spent here," the mayor said.

In Naugatuck, former managing editor Bob Veillette, who suffered a stroke in 2006 that left him completely paralyzed with "locked-in syndrome," still rides to doctor's appointments and just pleasant drives in a van purchased by money raised through a concert Kellogg organized.

Kellogg was scheduled to speak Tuesday at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UConn Waterbury about his career, and his hopes for retirement. Instead, the center, which had hosted Kellogg for lectures before, held a tribute and a moment of silence, said the institute's Brian Chapman, who had invited Kellogg to speak.

Kellogg was born Dec. 2, 1946, in Waltham, Mass., son of the late Jane Norton and William A. Kellogg.

Kellogg was a graduate of Berwick Academy, where he won the Headmaster's Prize and the Cogswell Memorial Scholarship and served as editor of "The Academy Quill." At the University of New Hampshire, he earned a bachelor of arts in English literature, worked as a teaching assistant for the Department of Philosophy and became editor of the student paper, The New Hampshire.

His journalism career took him to The Kansas City Star, where he worked as a reporter during the summer of 1969, and to The Boston Record-American/Sunday Advertiser, where he worked as a production editor, copy editor, assistant photo editor, and assistant editor of "Pictorial Living," the Advertiser's Sunday rotogravure magazine. In 1972, he joined The Associated Press. He became the youngest bureau chief in the AP at that time and spent 10 years supervising operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, including four presidential campaigns in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primaries.

After leaving the AP, he joined The Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram as managing editor for reporting. He helped lead the papers through a four-year turnaround that was recognized by the New England Newspaper Association, which awarded the Sunday Telegram the association's New England Newspaper of the Year award in 1991, 1992 and 1993. The Press Herald was similarly honored in 1992. Kellogg worked as the executive editor of The (Lowell, Mass.) Sun. In 1997, he became executive editor of the Republican-American.

In his private life, Kellogg cherished any time he could get with his children and grandchildren. Having worked himself through school as a cook, he enjoyed treating family and friends to beautifully prepared and presented meals. An amateur carpenter, he schooled himself in the history of antique homes and took great pleasure in working on his whenever he could. He helped take care of the Arabian horse and Shetland pony he and his wife have owned for many years, conferring with the Arab on the state of the barn and kissing the pony goodnight on the nose. And he adored his dog, Hershey, and the cats who kept the pup company through his long life.

Kellogg was predeceased by his brother, William A. Kellogg. Besides his wife, Tammy, he is survived by his daughter, Jessie Kellogg of Cheverly, Md.; his son, Alexander and his wife, Jessica, and their two children, Lucy and Wes of Greenland, N.H.; his brother Bruce and his wife, Ghutai Kellogg of Washington, D.C., and their children, Sarah E. Kellogg of Lilongwe, Malawi, Makai L. Kellogg of Washington, D.C., and Alan D. Kellogg of Washington, D.C.; and his nephew Craig Kellogg of Mesa, Ariz. and his son, Alexandre.

Memorial arrangements will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Greater Waterbury Campership Fund and sent to the fund, c/o the Republican-American, P.O. Box 2090, Waterbury, CT 06722.

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



***Jon Kellogg is in the front row, second from right - standing between Joe McGowan and Bob Johnson - in this photo from the 1985 bureau chiefs meeting taken outside New York headquarters, 50 Rockefeller Plaza. Many in this photo are Connecting colleagues and sadly, a number of them are deceased.***

## ***Remembering Jon Kellogg...***

**Adolphe Bernotas** - I'm stunned. The lyrics of a Lithuanian song keep circling in my head. Translated, something like:

"Our days are like feasts, like blossoming cherries

So let's hurry and live them because they will pass and not return  
Let's savor and cherish them; they will pass and not return  
Our days are like feasts, like blossoming cherries"

So, brothers and sisters, let's live each day as feasts.

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**Linda Conway**, executive director, The New England Newspaper and Press Association -  
Jon was inducted in to the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame in February of this year.

He was a great friend, mentor and colleague to so many people in the industry. We're all shocked and incredibly sad. Jon's death is such a loss to journalism and we will miss him terribly.

He was on the board of the New England Society News Editors and was a great resource and friend there as well.

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**Jane Harrigan** - Not Jon! That can't be right!

Though I missed that last lunch, he called on his drive home and we chatted. So happy that happened. But now ...

I do not know how to picture the Oct. 8 NENPA dinner, where Jon was going to introduce me for the Yankee Quill Award and I was going to say that I'd never have HAD a New England journalism career if he hadn't hired me at the AP when I really wasn't qualified for the job -- which, luckily for me, he didn't realize till too late. (And then he and Adolphe and Dave and Joe and Mike and others bailed me out till I learned.)

I've thanked Jon a couple times over the years -- he also gave me a good reference for the UNH job, which I didn't find out till years later -- but am bereft to think this official public chance will be gone.

Thanks, Jon, for everything you did for all of us.

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**Elaine Hooker** - Stunned and saddened cannot adequately describe how I felt when I logged onto email and learned from several sources that Jon Kellogg had died Monday. Jon was a pillar of the New England journalism community. He loved the AP and consistently supported AP's efforts when he was an editor in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He was a staunch advocate of FOI and a lecturer on ethics in journalism.

I heard from Jon last month, shortly after he retired from the Waterbury Republican-American. He wrote, in part, "George Krinsky was urging me to sign up (for Connecting)

and as fate would have it, today was my first issue. What a kick. There you are at Jim Lagier's 80th birthday party. ... Jim was a wonderful mentor to me and probably saved my job more than once. ... Anyhow, I'm still trying to figure out how to put one foot in front of another when I don't have to answer the fire bell every morning at 5:30. It's the Connecticut hot season, temps around 90 and humid, but I am truly enjoying less complicated early morning walks, before the stickiness sets in, to check on the boys and tend to barn chores. Have been asked to deliver two talks, one in August and one in September, so that will keep my head in the game."

He will be missed by so many. Our hearts go out to his widow, Tammy Mitman, who ably tended the Connecticut AP's vote-gathering system for several years.

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**Tom Kearney** - managing editor, Stowe Reporter and Waterbury Record, who delivered these remarks when Jon was inducted into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame:

Jon Kellogg has a great resume. But some things about an editor, you can't tell by looking at the resume. Can this person take the heat? Stick to high standards and a sense of vision when the newsroom seems to be collapsing? Will the troops listen?

Some things, you can tell by looking at the newspaper. Is it thoughtful? Is it digging stuff up? Are there stories that make readers say, "Holy cow!" Is it smart, insightful, well-done?

Some things, you just know. Some people make a place better from the first moment they show up for work. Morale goes up, turnover goes down, effort increases, the storytelling gets better.

Every place Jon Kellogg has ever worked, all those good things have happened. He made them happen, just by being who he is.

I've known Jon since he was a boy wonder at the Associated Press, the youngest bureau chief in AP history. I've watched him take his magic act to Portland and Lowell and Waterbury, and SHAZAM! It happens again!

Certain editors have put their own stamps on New England newspapers. Oh, that's Leah Lamson's paper. Or Rod Doherty's. Or Mike Pride's.

Waterbury is Jon Kellogg's paper. It was an earnest enterprise long before Jon got there, but his arrival put Waterbury into the conversation about excellence in journalism. Oh, yeah - that's Jon Kellogg's paper.

Little things, too, make an editor great. How do you motivate someone? How do you connect?

Kevin Litten, who worked for Jon in Waterbury and is now at the Baltimore Business Journal, remembers making a terrible mistake right after Jon hired him. On his first Friday on the job, he was called into a meeting with "Mr. Kellogg." Here's how Kellogg started the

meeting: "I know you think you're a great reporter and you're going to get your stories on the front page right away, but let me tell you something. You are as green as F-ing grass." Litten recalls, "The man was on fire. All I could do was let him vent and then try to reassure him that I would do better. That I wasn't the arrogant little punk that someone else thought I was." He is, of course, still proving it.

Mark Arsenault worked for Jon in Lowell, and has this memory: "We-- the newsroom staff-- were comprised of a lot of social misfits, the sort of people who excelled at journalism but wouldn't last 5 minutes working for a bank. Some of these personalities could be hard to deal with. I remember Jon would always tell his young editors, 'Judge the work.' It was the work that went to the reader, and we were in service of the reader. I never forgot that."

Leah Lamson, former editor of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, says "Jon is the type of person every board, committee, group or news organization needs to have. Not only does he roll up his sleeves to get things done, but he inspires those next to him to do the same thing. He is legendary for his provocative discussions on newspaper ethics, often called upon to lead workshops on the subject for various newspaper groups, and is a stalwart in support of the public's right to know, free speech and the First Amendment.

At every stop, Jon has made a huge difference in the quality of his news organization. He fostered the development of countless reporters and editors, and you can see the impact of his alumni association at news organizations across the country.

Jon's contributions to journalism excellence never stopped at the walls of his building. He has been a leader in our business, in journalism ethics, the need to question authority, the importance of good writing and storytelling, and the relationship between a news organization and the communities it covers.

He's been doing this for more than 40 years. I would have nominated him long ago for the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame, but I made the classic mistake: I ASSUMED. Hey, I KNEW he was already in there. How could New England have a newspaper Hall of Fame without Jon Kellogg? Well, tonight we prove that it can't.

What a privilege it is for me to introduce my friend, a man I admire and respect: Jon Kellogg.

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**Larry Laughlin** - who succeeded Jon as New England bureau chief - My direct dealings with Jon as an AP colleague were limited to a few transition days in late 1988 traveling around Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont meeting key members and absorbing a trove of information about the territory and its quirks. Jon was leaving for Memberland and the Portland (Maine) Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram. I was coming back to New England after six years as news editor in Richmond, VA.

His knowledge of the territory was encyclopedic. But I noticed he talked more about the people I'd be dealing with than business issues. He obviously approached the job from

that perspective - people before issues - and it showed in the deep feelings staffers and members held for him.

I'd made a friend in Jon, and I would tap into his insights now and then, but our diverging paths would make future contacts intermittent. He eventually left Portland for top editing jobs in Lowell, MA., and Waterbury, CT. He left me with a strong staff and - of lesser importance, of course - a new Jeep Cherokee in which to navigate the snowy byways of northern New England.

Coincidentally, a prime example of the people Jon brought into the AP was profiled on New Hampshire Public Radio. Here's a link - **see below** - to a nice piece on the career of AP Photographer Jim Cole, who's deep into coverage of his tenth New Hampshire Presidential Primary. Jim's eye was so original that I made it a point to have him frame and hang his favorites in the three bureau locations we occupied during my time in Concord.

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**Phil Nussel** - Even though I only worked for Jon for 15 months, he had a profound impact on my career and my life. In 1994, he was building up a new team of editors at The Lowell (Mass.) Sun and he recruited me from Charleston, W.Va., to be his new suburban editor. I was rookie editor from West Virginia covering dozens of communities north of Boston and in southern New Hampshire. I had never even stepped foot in Lowell or any of these other towns, but I had to learn the turf fast.

It was the toughest 15 months of my life, but Jon helped train me to be a big-city newspaper editor and manager. He also helped my wife at the time find a job. I met some wonderful people at The Sun, and developed a couple of great lifetime friendships. With the experience I gained working for Jon, I was able to build up my career successfully back home in Michigan, where I have spent the last 20 years. I couldn't have done it without Jon taking a chance on me.

I'm saddened because I was planning to visit Jon this fall during a trip to Boston. We just got back in touch in recent months and he was planning to send me something in the mail. I pray that he was still able to send whatever it was -- and that it will arrive in my mailbox tonight. Jon's loss devastates me, and quickly reminded me to send a thank you note to every editor who has ever made a difference in my life. Jon truly was special and I'm incredibly disappointed that I wasn't able to tell him this in person.

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**John Reid** - I had been in touch with Jon just a few weeks ago to wish him well in retirement, and he replied that he hoped to get up to Vermont soon. I replied this morning saying we looked forward to his visit. In fact, my email exchange with Jon is what got me to thinking that somehow my address had gotten dropped from your Connecting list about a year ago, prompting my email to you. He was a good person, and less than two months after retirement is way too young. Horrible.

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**Cathy Wolff** - Oh no, not another death. And he gave me that card announcing his retirement with his contact information. And I meant to call or email or write and say, "Hey, didn't have a chance to talk at lunch. What IS your life now?" My heart hurts. At lunch, I was amazed that Jon still had that same pursing of his lips, that same looking at you from lowered eyelids, that same sly smile. Maybe none of us really change.

Yes Adolphe, every day a feast to cherish... Next time I will take time for dessert as well.

## On The N.H. Primary Trail, AP Photographer Has Gone His Own Way For Decades



Jim Cole has a rule he follows when out on assignment: No matter how crowded the press gaggle gets, he never takes a picture while he's touching another photographer. The point is to force him to think of a different approach to each shot, and it's a strategy that's paid off over the years. Take, for instance, an appearance by George H.W. Bush at Nashua Airport during the 1988 campaign.

Scroll through the gallery above to see some of Cole's iconic N.H. Primary images.

"All the photographers got on board the plane with him, and they walked through the back end of the plane into the cockpit area," Cole recalls. "I stayed outside, and with all the luck in the world, Bush stuck his head out the pilot's window and waved to everybody."

That picture, later on, was a double spread in LIFE Magazine. They used that picture on the side of buses in New York to sell the magazine."

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Larry Laughlin.

## Connecting mailbox

### *Don't kill Elvis by mistake*

**Robert Weller** - Perhaps you should ask if someone knows the real story on AP falsely reporting that the King had died. This was legendary among us. It was a constant fear. "Make sure you are right. We can't kill Elvis again by mistake."

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### *A quiz nut in the congregation*

**Eileen Lockwood** - I couldn't resist commenting on the Elvis Presley date of death. We heard the news on the radio while driving somewhere in the west on our way home from a trip. Many years later, one Sunday in church, the priest, who liked quizzes, asked a series of questions based on famous dates. When he mentioned August 17, 1977, my hand shot up. I think I was the only one in the congregation who knew the answer. A few months later, still not realizing that he was confronting a real quiz nut near the front of the church, Father Tom held another Q&A session. The question was, "Who was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence?" He had fallen right into my trap again. Several years before that I had sold an article about the Signers to a magazine, and sure enough, I knew that the Catholic signer was Charles Carroll from Maryland. My prize that time was to be first in line for after-mass refreshments. Father Tom is now at another church, but he's probably still asking questions. Maybe there's another quiz nut in his new congregation.

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### *John Denver - a friend for life*

**Robert Weller** - I first met John Denver, who later became a friend, in 1978 when he was visiting Alaska on an anti-whaling tour. We didn't see eye-to-eye on that one, because I had gone whaling and supported their cultural rights.

But the next time we met it was 1984 and he was raising money for his Hunger Project.

As the tour ended we were in a bar in our hotel in Harare, sharing drinks with Martin

Luther King's son. When they closed the bar John invited us up to his room. King begged off.

In his room, as we plundered the mini-bar, we talked and I admitted I was a major fan. He asked me to name songs I liked.

I mentioned one that was not widely known, Darcy Farrow. Denver went to the closet, pulled out a guitar and sang it for me. He had a friend for life, and there are more stories.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Bobby Baker ([Email](#)) - on August 16, turned 75 Years Young.

## Welcome to Connecting



John Reid ([Email](#))

## Stories of interest

These are the 25 most popular mobile apps in America ([QZ.com](#))



*King of the App Store. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)*

A look at the top 25 most popular mobile apps in the US, as measured by comScore, leads to several observations.

As the US smartphone market matures, the mobile-app leaders aren't changing.

Some 21 of the top 25 apps, as ranked by comScore, were the same in June 2015 as a year ago, when we first published this list. Eight of the top 10 were the same. Those were: Facebook, YouTube, Google Search, Google Play, Google Maps, Pandora Radio, Gmail, and Instagram.

The main new top-10 entrant was Facebook Messenger, which was ranked no. 3 in June 2015, up from no. 12 a year ago. Its massive success highlights two things: The importance of messaging as a primary mobile activity, and Facebook's ability to split itself into two apps and successfully drive adoption of Messenger.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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### **Rieder: The New York Times hammers Amazon** (USA Today)

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos is well known for his reluctance to speak to the news media, never mind that he owns one of the nation's top newspapers, The Washington Post.

So it's no surprise that his people didn't make Bezos available to The New York Times as the news outlet prepared its devastating report on working conditions at Amazon.

The piece was posted Saturday and ran in print the following day. Sunday night found Bezos in damage-control mode, writing a memo to employees - quickly leaked to the press - responding to the powerful indictment of the way the online retailing giant treats its

white-collar employees.

Sometimes a powerful figure can influence the shape of a news story, turning what might have been a train wreck into a far more benign piece. David Umansky, a longtime public relations executive, recalls when his then-boss Joan Claybrook, at the time head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, did just that - with one of television news' most fearsome figures, the late 60 Minutes host Mike Wallace.

But you need to have the goods to make that strategy work. "In this case, because the facts look so bad, I would have advised that Bezos not respond," says Umansky, the former top PR guy at the Smithsonian Institution who now oversees public affairs for the District of Columbia's chief financial officer. (Amazon did allow the Times to interview some employees.)

Click [here](#) to read more.

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### **News organizations protest Ferguson charges against reporters** (Politico)

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and a coalition of 38 news and media organizations have called on St. Louis County officials to drop criminal charges against two reporters who were briefly arrested at a McDonald's in Ferguson, Mo., during protests there last summer.

The Huffington Post's Ryan Reilly and The Washington Post's Wesley Lowery have been ordered to appear in St. Louis County Court on charges that their "unlawful actions" in Ferguson "directly contributed" to civil unrest. Reilly and Lowery were arrested in an area McDonald's - amid protests over the police shooting of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old African-American - because they failed to immediately pack their bags and vacate the area after police demanded that all patrons remove themselves from the premises.

In its letter to the St. Louis County officials, the RCFP coalition called the charges against Reilly and Lowery "particularly egregious, as they were not even involved in a contentious or dangerous atmosphere. They were instead sitting in a McDonald's, recharging their phones. The journalists were ordered to leave a public restaurant, and while they were leaving, they asked questions and videotaped the officers. This is perfectly lawful and appropriate behavior, does not justify the officers' decision to arrest them for 'disobeying' an order, and certainly cannot justify a trespassing charge in a restaurant open to the public."

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## **Today in History - August 19, 2015**

## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, August 19, the 231st day of 2015. There are 134 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

### On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1964, **The Beatles** opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, Soviet hard-liners made the stunning announcement that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

Ten years ago: A Texas jury found pharmaceutical giant Merck and Co. liable for the death of a man who'd taken the once-popular painkiller Vioxx, awarding his widow \$253.4 million in damages. (Texas caps on punitive damages reduced that figure to about \$26 million; a Texas court overturned the verdict in May 2008, but the widow has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear her case.) Attackers firing Katyusha rockets narrowly missed a U.S. amphibious assault ship docked at the Red Sea resort of Aqaba, but killed a Jordanian soldier. Britain's former Northern Ireland chief, Mo Mowlam, died in Canterbury, England; she was 55.

Five years ago: The last American combat brigade exited Iraq, seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion began. A federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens for allegedly lying to Congress about steroid use. (However, Clemens' trial in 2011 ended in a mistrial when the jury was shown inadmissible evidence by prosecutors; Clemens was acquitted in a retrial in 2012.)

One year ago: A video released by Islamic State militants purported to show the beheading of American journalist James Foley as retribution for U.S. airstrikes in Iraq. The New York Islanders announced the team had been sold to a former Washington Capitals co-owner Jon Ledecky and London-based investor Scott Malkin.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 88. Actress Debra Paget is 82. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 81. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 80. Actress Diana Muldaur is 77. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 76. Singer Johnny Nash is 75. Actress Jill St. John is 75. Actor and former U.S. senator Fred Thompson is 73. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 72. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 71. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 70. Former President Bill Clinton is 69. Actor Gerald McRaney is 68. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 67. Actor Jim Carter is 67. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 64. Actor-director Jonathan Frakes is 63. Political consultant Mary Matalin is 62. Actor Peter Gallagher is 60. Actor Adam Arkin is 59. Singer-songwriter Gary Chapman is 58. Actor Martin Donovan is 58. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Anthony Munoz is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ivan Neville is 56. Actor Eric Lutes is 53. Actor John Stamos is 52. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 50. Actor Kevin Dillon is 50. Country singer **Lee Ann Womack** is 49. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 48. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 47. Actor **Matthew Perry** is 46. Country singer Clay Walker is 46. Rapper Fat Joe is 45. Olympic gold medal tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 44. Actress Tracie Thoms is 40. Actor Callum Blue is 38. Country singer Rissi (REE'-see) Palmer is 34. Actress Erika Christensen is 33. Actress Melissa Fumero is 33. Pop singer Missy Higgins is 32. Actor Peter Mooney is 32. Actress Tammin Sursok is 32. Country singer Karli Osborn is 31. Olympic silver medal snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis is 30. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 30. Rapper Romeo is 26.

***Thought for Today: "Cheer up! The worst is yet to come!" - Philander Chase Johnson, American author (1866-1939).***

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