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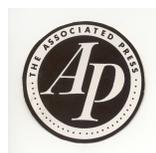
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Marines ride a Humvee under a "Welcome to Kuwait" sign on Feb. 27, 1991. The Associated Press is marking the 25th anniversary of the invasion with a presentation of its news and images of the operation. (AP Photo, Patrick Downs, File)

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Today is the 25th anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Kuwait to end Iraqi occupation of its smaller, oil-rich neighbor. The operation, which lasted a mere 100 hours, was covered extensively by Associated Press journalists, some of whom are on the Connecting mailing list.

AP is marking the anniversary of the military operation with a presentation of its stories and photos of the event (see below). If you were part of the coverage, please share your recollections and any images you might have from that time with Connecting.

We begin today's Connecting with the sad news of the death of **Betsey Essoyan**, wife of long-time Tokyo bureau chief and chief of Middle East Services **Roy Essoyan**. Betsey, then a reporter for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, and Roy were married in 1953. She accompanied him on his AP assignments to Moscow and, following his expulsion in a row with Soviet officials, to Hong Kong, Cairo, Beirut and then Tokyo. Roy died in 2012. They had four children. A daughter, Susan, is a columnist at the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Connecting is pursuing more information for Thursday.

Connecting Editor **Paul Stevens** and his wife are traveling and taking a few days off. I will be handling the newsletter the rest of this week. Send contributions to markmit71@yahoo.com.

- Mark Mittelstadt

AP Poll: Jobs, Social Security are key for next president

Here's something that Democrats, Republicans and independents agree on. When it comes to the economy, they all want to protect Social Security and lower unemployment. That's where their similarities end. Beyond the top two issues, Americans' lists of top economic concerns for the next president are more fractured, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Democrats attach far more importance than do Republicans to narrowing the gap between rich and poor, reducing poverty and increasing wages to keep up with the cost of living. Republicans place far more importance than Democrats on shrinking the federal deficit, reducing government regulation and reforming welfare.

While Americans of all stripes consistently put the economy at or near the top of their most important issues, they sometimes have very different concerns when they do so.

Philadelphian James Leake, living on disability at age 50, worries about another economic "blowout" and zeroes in on income inequality as a key problem. "The corporations are taking more and more and more, and I'm like, 'Don't you ... realize the bubble is soon going to burst?'" said Leake, a Democrat. But Edward Vasquez, an engineer from Odessa, Texas, thinks income inequality isn't even real. "It's a perceived problem," said Vasquez, who calls himself an "anti-establishment" Republican. "Even people that would call themselves poor, they don't understand how rich they are. Americans are spoiled brats."

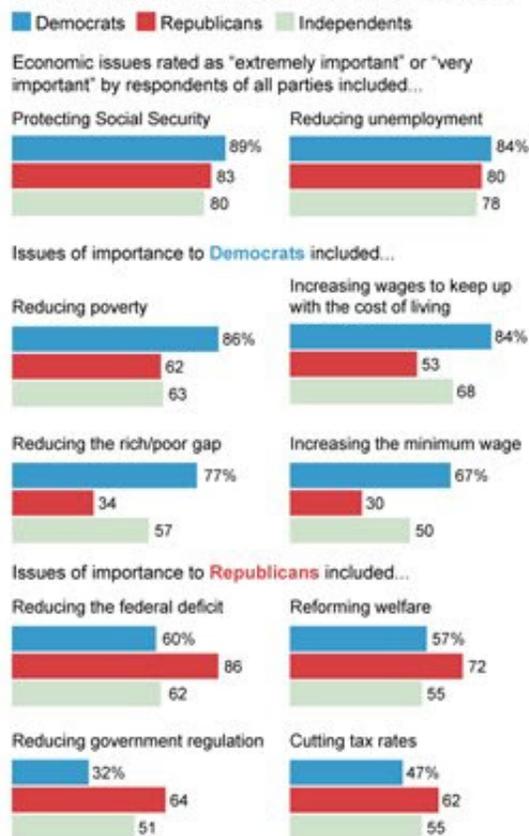
Read the full AP story [here](#).

AP WAS THERE: US forces enter Kuwait to end Iraqi occupation

In February 1991, after months of building an international coalition, U.S. forces

Unity, discord on economic concerns

Asked about the top economic priorities for the next U.S. president, respondents agreed on some issues but fell along partisan lines on several others, an AP-NORC poll shows.



Data based on survey of 1,008 U.S. adults conducted Jan. 14-17. Margin of error is ±3.6 percentage points for full sample, higher for subgroups.

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

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AP-NORC poll results on economic issues.

entered Kuwait to end the Iraqi occupation of its smaller, oil-rich neighbor.

The ground operation to end Iraq's nearly seven-month occupation lasted only 100 hours, despite fleeing Iraqi forces lighting hundreds of massive blazes at Kuwaiti oil wells.

As Wednesday marks the 25th anniversary of the U.S. advance into Kuwait, The Associated Press is making available its story by correspondent **Denis D. Gray** about the military operation, as well as historic photographs of the conflict:



Smoke from a burning oil well in Kuwait billows behind an armored vehicle from the U.S. Marines Second Division near the Saudi-Kuwait border prior to the start of the ground war against Iraq on Feb. 24, 1991. (AP Photo, Sakayuki Mikami, File.)

WITH U.S. MARINES ADVANCING INTO KUWAIT - U.S. Marines surged into Kuwait through mine-sown defensive barriers Sunday, wrecking an Iraqi division and taking 4,700 prisoners, spokesmen said. Some units reached the outskirts of Kuwait City.

The Marines lost three dead in the first day of fighting, officers said. The 2nd Marine Division reported one killed and eight wounded; the 1st Division two dead and nine wounded. A pilot was missing after his plane crashed. "I myself am amazed" at the light casualties, said Lt. Col. Jan Huly, 2nd Division spokesman. "We expected it to be a lot more so far."

See the full AP WAS THERE presentation [here](#).

AP correspondent Kathy Gannon to be honored with Tully Free Speech Award



Kathy Gannon

Associated Press correspondent **Kathy Gannon** is the recipient of the [2015 Tully Free Speech Award](#). Presented by the Tully Center for Free Speech in the Newhouse School at Syracuse University, the award honors journalists who have persevered in the face of threats and other obstacles to free speech.

http://newhouse.syr.edu/sites/default/files/styles/image_module/public/gannon_main.jpg?itok=wFB-0D4G

Gannon will receive the award at a ceremony on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse 3. Follow on Twitter at #TullyAward.

"Kathy Gannon's courage and dedication to reporting exemplifies the values we hope our students and future journalists will embody," says Roy Gutterman, associate professor and director of the Tully Center. "I have met Kathy and know she will share some important

stories with us."

AP photographer Charlie Krupa wins Sports Portfolio category in Boston Press Photographers Association contest



(Left) Serena Williams kicks up and pumps her fist after defeating Bethanie Mattek-Sands at the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament. (Above) New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady screams as he takes to the field prior to the first game of the season following an off-season of Deflate-gate challenges to his reputation. (Among winning Sports Portfolio images by Charlie Krupa. See more entries [here](#).)

Best of the States

From the first time AP reporter **Jake Pearson** met Candie Hailey, it was clear she was still haunted by the nearly two and a half years she spent in a tiny solitary confinement cell inside New York City's notorious Rikers Island jail.



Candie Hailey

He noticed that Hailey, who had been released only days before when she was acquitted of attempted murder charges, still froze up when she came upon closed doors.

That's because whenever she was moved while in the "bing," doors had to be opened for her by guards. She was always trussed from head to toe, with shackles on her arms and legs, a spit mask on her face and mitts on her hands. It was a brutal three-year existence that included repeated trips to solitary as a

punishment for lashing out at guards, and at least eight suicide attempts.

"I would say I've been through hell and back," she would tell Pearson. "My soul died but my body is alive."

Pearson spent nearly nine months reporting and researching Hailey's personal story, which came amid a national debate over the use, some would say overuse, of solitary confinement. It dramatically illustrated how it has become the go-to punishment for hard-to-handle inmates, even as research shows it can have long-term psychological effects.

Just weeks before, President Barack Obama had banned solitary for juveniles in federal prisons. And a day before Pearson's story appeared, New York's governor backed the idea that Rikers Island is so irreparably dysfunctional that it should be shut down.

Pearson's previous exclusives on deaths, brutality and mismanagement at Rikers led a lawyer for Hailey to seek him out to tell her story, offering him reams of documents about the woman's confinement and access to her as she sought to resume a normal life.

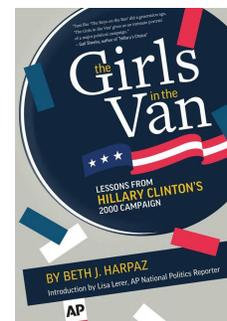
Pearson's biggest obstacle was in winning the trust of the 32-year-old subject herself, who after her experience at Rikers treated just about everyone she didn't know with suspicion and hostility. Pearson and photographer Beбето Matthews had to visit Hailey several times just to put her at ease, and they followed up with many more interviews as she struggled with the basics of living, at one point resorting to spending the nights on subway trains. Videographer Bonny Ghosh also overcame Hailey's initial resistance to produce a strong video package.

Play for "[A Solitary Story](#)," which included an interactive and nearly two-dozen photographs, was spectacular, appearing prominently on such sites as Yahoo, The Washington Post and ABC. It quickly moved to No. 1 on AP Mobile and held that spot for nearly 24 hours, finishing as No. 2 story of the week, a stellar showing for a long-form narrative.

For his commitment to telling a compelling personal story that illuminates an issue too often told in the abstract, Pearson wins this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

'The Girls in the Van:' On the Trail with Hillary Clinton

AP Travel Editor **Beth Harpaz** has created a Facebook page to promote her book, "[The Girls in the Van: Covering Hillary](#)," on Hillary Clinton's 2000 run for the U.S. Senate. Beth has updated the book with Clinton's campaign for the presidency.



Connecting mailbox

More J-Jargon

Harry Cabluck - Thanks for **Steve Anderson's** reminder about "pied type." Have not heard

that description since the late 1950's. Now how about "flying pasters." Or "stereotypers."

Or how about the gnomes of "engraving," who would emerge from their windowless abode in acid-stained clothing with new "cuts" -- to be locked in the "chase" -- ?? Then a "pruf" would be "pulled" and tubed up to the copy desk, where a "rim rat" would proof-read it.

Ralph Gage _ To the Connecting discussion of terms such as "pied type," "flying pasters" and "stereotypers" let me add "turtles."

The 1,000th subscriber receives ...?

Jim Bagby _ Seems to me the prize for the 1,000 milestone should go to Paul (Stevens)! (Ok, I'm prejudiced)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Lisa Perlman Greathouse

Stories of interest

Election spotlight turned on media

The venomous tenor and bewildering twists and turns of this presidential election have led observers inside and outside politics to call it a historic, sea-change race that will be studied for decades. Long-held assumptions about how to win have been upended as celebrity businessman Donald Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders, a self-described Democratic socialist, sit at or near the top of their primary fields. When it comes to the business of reporting on politics, however, some things haven't changed. Every four years, complaints about the media's coverage of presidential elections routinely bemoan a perceived decline in substantive reporting and an



abdication of journalism's watchdog role.

Click [here](#) to read more.

As news media changes, Bernie Sanders's critique remains constant

More than three decades before he became a familiar face on Sunday morning shows, cable television news and the late-night comedy circuit, Bernie Sanders made no secret of his contempt for commercial TV. It was not just a profit-making enterprise, he wrote in a 1979 issue of *The Vanguard Press*, an alternative weekly, but an opiatelike vehicle to subjugate the masses with "lies and distortions." And that was just the news programs. Commercials, he went on, employed "Hitlerian" tactics in which the public is "bombarded" with short, simple messages in keeping with the owners' mission to "create a nation of morons who will faithfully go out and buy this or that product, vote for this or that candidate." He may have softened his language, but Mr. Sanders's critique of the news media, as in nearly everything else, has remained constant as he has risen over the last 40 years from radical protester and protest candidate to mayor, congressman, senator and now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

Click [here](#) to read more from the New York Times. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

MSNBC catches moment Donald Trump crashes Nevada caucus site as Glenn Beck stumps for Ted Cruz

Republican front-runner Donald Trump stormed into a Nevada caucus location Tuesday evening as conservative media mogul Glenn Beck stumped for Ted Cruz. The scene unfolded live on MSNBC at the caucus site set up in Palo Verde High School's gymnasium. It was not clear if Trump knew beforehand that Beck was speaking at the location when he made his entrance. Beck, who has endorsed Cruz, has been at odds with Trump for months now, slamming the businessman on his radio program, Twitter and elsewhere. The billionaire has repeatedly returned fire, going after Beck in a personal manner. Beck later posted on his Facebook page: "Just left the caucus site. Some of the nastiest people I have ever been with. (Trump supporters). We have their hate and rage on tape. Others around them were embarrassed for them. It was scary and sad."

NYT's Roger Cohen: Technology has upended not only newspapers, it has upended language itself

The time has come for a painful confession: I have spent my life with words, yet I am illiterate. I can ape the vocabulary of my times but it is not mine. Certain things I cannot say, only mouth.

I grew up with readers and, by extension, readership. The readers have vanished like migrating birds. They have been replaced by users and by viewers and by audience. The verbal experience has given way to the visual experience. Where pages were turned images are clicked. Words, those obdurate jewels, have been processed to form content, a

commodity like any other. The letter has given way to the link.

Read Cohen's full column [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

Apple's FBI battle is complicated. Here's what's really going on

The news this week that a magistrate ordered Apple to help the FBI hack an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooter suspects has polarized the nation-and also generated some misinformation. Those who support the government say Apple has cooperated in the past to unlock dozens of phones in other cases-so why can't it help the FBI unlock this one? But this isn't about unlocking a phone; rather, it's about ordering Apple to create a new software tool to eliminate specific security protections the company built into its phone software to protect customer data. Opponents of the court's decision say this is no different than the controversial backdoor the FBI has been trying to force Apple and other companies to build into their software-except in this case, it's an after-market backdoor to be used selectively on phones the government is investigating. The stakes in the case are high because it draws a target on Apple and other companies embroiled in the ongoing encryption/backdoor debate.

AP: Damning study finds a 'whitewashed' Hollywood

In one of the most exhaustive and damning reports on diversity in Hollywood, a new study finds that the films and television produced by major media companies are "whitewashed," and that an "epidemic of invisibility" runs top to bottom through the industry for women, minorities and LGBT people. A study released Monday by the Media, Diversity and Social Change Initiative at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism offers one of the most wide-ranging examinations of the film and television industries, including a pointed "inclusivity index" of 10 major media companies - from Disney to Netflix - that gives a failing grade to every movie studio and most TV makers. Coming just days before an Academy Awards where a second straight year of all-white acting nominees has enflamed an industry-wide crisis, the report offers a new barrage of sobering statistics that further evidence a deep discrepancy between Hollywood and the American population it entertains, in gender, race and ethnicity.



In this Jan. 30, 2016, file photo, Laura Prepon (center) and the cast and crew of "Orange is the New Black" accept the award for outstanding ensemble in a comedy series at the 22nd annual Screen Actors Guild Awards.

With arrival of big investor, Jack Griffin departs as Tribune Publishing CEO

When Michael Ferro, a Chicago entrepreneur and the majority owner of The Chicago Sun-Times, took a \$44 million stake in Tribune Publishing in early February, many there thought the move might give CEO Jack Griffin more cash to pursue acquisitions and more leverage to

stave off potential takeover bids. At the time, Griffin described the investment as one that would help Tribune Publishing execute its strategic plan. The company owns The Chicago Tribune, The Los Angeles Times and The Hartford Courant, among other newspapers. Less than three weeks later, Griffin has been abruptly replaced. The news, first reported by Politico, was announced in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission early Tuesday. Griffin will be succeeded by Justin C. Dearborn, the former chief executive of Merge Healthcare, and a close associate of Ferro.

With Griffin gone, stage set to break up Tribune Publishing?

Poynter's Rick Edmonds writes: With CEO Jack Griffin's unexpected ouster today, all bets are off on where the company is headed strategically. Specifically, I think the stage is set for Tribune to entertain offers for its various newspaper properties, pull back to focus on the Chicago Tribune and invest the proceeds in new media tech ventures. As I wrote last fall, it made no sense for Tribune to bow to pressure and sell the Los Angeles Times, its largest property, so long as it was following Griffin's strategy. He was focused on pursuing national advertising along with a company-wide digital catch-up initiative - and scale was of the essence.

The Final Word

How the Birmingham News broke story of Harper Lee's death

Since coming to AL.com and The Birmingham News about a year ago, statewide investigative reporter Connor Sheets hadn't written any obituaries. Until Friday. At close to 8:30 a.m., Sheets got texts from two sources who'd heard a rumor -- Harper Lee had died. The paper had two obituaries waiting, one short and one long. He started making calls and confirmed what he'd heard from several sources, including an official one. While he worked, his coworkers watched social media for the news to break. It didn't, until after 9 a.m., when Sheets published the first story about Lee's death. The reaction was intense, of course. But the impact of the death of the beloved author of "To Kill a Mockingbird" really hit Sheets after he tweeted the news and then watched it quickly ripple out.



Today in History - February 24, 2016



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2016. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its *Marbury v. Madison* decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1912, the American Jewish women's organization Hadassah was founded in New York City.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

In 1946, Argentinian men went to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

In 1966, Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana, was overthrown in a military coup while he was visiting Beijing; he was replaced by Joseph Arthur Ankrah.

In 1975, the Congressional Budget Office, charged with providing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues, began operating under its first director, Alice Rivlin.

In 1986, the Supreme Court struck down, 6-3, an Indianapolis ordinance that would have allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read pornographic material to sue the maker or seller of that material.

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and its publisher, Larry Flynt.

In 1996, Cuba downed two small American planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace; all four pilots were killed.

Ten years ago: Suicide bombers attempted to drive explosive-packed cars into the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia, but were foiled by guards who opened fire, detonating both vehicles; al-Qaida claimed responsibility. Julia Mancuso won gold in the women's giant slalom at the Turin Olympics. Death claimed actors Don Knotts in Los Angeles and Dennis Weaver in Ridgway, Colorado; both were 81.

Five years ago: Discovery, the world's most traveled spaceship, thundered into orbit for the final time, heading toward the International Space Station on a journey marking the beginning of the end of the shuttle era.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, defying a Republican-led Congress, rejected a bill to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The Justice Department announced that George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation, would not face federal charges. A Texas jury rejected the insanity defense of Eddie Ray Routh, convicting him of murdering famed "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield. A Metrolink passenger train collided with a truck at a crossing in Oxnard, California, killing the engineer and injuring 29 other people. Alaska became the third U.S. state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Steven Hill is 94. Actress Emmanuelle Riva is 89. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 85. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 84. Opera singer-director Renata Scotto is 82. Singer Joanie Sommers is 75. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 74. Actor Barry Bostwick is 71. Actor Edward James Olmos is 69. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 69. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 66. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 65. Actress Helen Shaver is 65. News anchor Paula Zahn is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 60. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 58. Actor Mark Moses is 58. Actress Beth Broderick is 57. Singer Michelle Shocked is 54. Movie director Todd Field is 52. Actor Billy Zane is 50. Actress Bonnie Somerville is 42. Jazz musician Jimmy Greene is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 33. Rock musician Matt

McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 33. Actor Wilson Bethel is 32. Actor Alexander Koch is 28. Rapper-actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. (Film: "Straight Outta Compton") is 25.

Thought for Today: "It is my feeling that Time ripens all things; with Time all things are revealed; Time is the father of truth." - Francois Rabelais, 16th century French writer and physician.

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:

- **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?
- **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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