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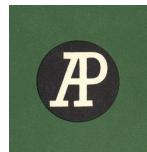
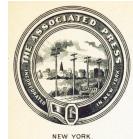
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Here's a reminder that the third annual **Midwest AP reunion** will be held in Kansas City on Sept. 12-13. You don't need to have worked for AP in the Midwest in order to

attend - we welcome anyone who would like to join us. There will be a barbecue dinner at the Char Bar on Tuesday night, Sept. 12, and a tour the next morning of the National World War I museum, followed by lunch.

Drop me a note if you're interested in attending.

Have a great day!

Paul

## **Longtime AP skiing photographer Trovati dies at 73 at his home in Milan**



Armando Trovati, a longtime photographer for The Associated Press and skiing beat expert, has died. He was 73.

After a lengthy illness, Trovati died of lung cancer on Sunday at his home in Milan surrounded by family and friends, his son Alessandro Trovati said.

Trovati started with the AP as a teenager, working in Milan as a messenger and dark room assistant.

After working his way up to staff photographer, Trovati documented news events such as the Red Brigades gang, soccer World Cups and the skiing World Cup virtually from its inception in the 1960s.

After three decades with the AP, Trovati, who was Italian, left to start his own private photo agency - Pentaphoto - but still covered skiing worldwide for the AP.

One of the toughest sports for photographers to cover due to the high speeds involved and extreme weather conditions, the affable Trovati taught the trade to a generation of photographers, including AP Milan staffer Luca Bruno and Reuters Italy photo chief Stefano Rellandini, his nephew.

After covering Olympics and world championships for decades, Trovati crowned his career by being named Chief of Photography for all sports at the 2006 Turin Olympics with the games' organizing committee.

One of Trovati's more memorable photos came at the 1975 skiing World Cup finals in Val Gardena, when the battle for the overall title between Gustavo Thoeni and Ingemar Stenmark went down to a parallel race.

"I kept on shifting my lens back and forth between Thoeni and Stenmark and I was able to capture both Stenmark going out and Thoeni then winning within a split second of each other," Trovati said when recounting the event.

Trovati also documented the entire career of three-time Olympic champion Alberto Tomba, becoming friendly with the Italian and even helping to protect the skier from invasive paparazzi at nightly celebrations.

The pipe-smoking Trovati concluded his career by capturing images of the golden age of the U.S. Ski Team, led by Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn.

Trovati is survived by his wife, Roberta, two sons Alessandro and Marco - who have taken over his photo agency - and two grandsons.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Ed Andrieski.

## What's It Like to See a Democracy Destroyed?



**By SUSAN B. GLASSER**

**Politico Magazine**

What's it like to watch a country implode? To see a democracy destroyed and an economy crater?

Since 2014, American journalist Hannah Dreier has documented just that in Venezuela, once one of the world's wealthiest nations and still home to what are believed to be the planet's largest oil reserves. She wrote for the Associated Press about what it was like to live in a place with the world's highest murder rate-and the world's highest rate of inflation. About the breakdown of hospitals and schools, and how the obesity epidemic that plagued a rich country was quickly replaced with people so hungry they were rooting through the garbage on her doorstep.

Most of the time, few paid attention, at least in part because Dreier was the last U.S. journalist even to get a work visa to live in Venezuela; when she moved there to cover the story, she says, "I felt like I had walked across a bridge as it was burning behind me."

But over the past week, as Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has declared victory in a fraud-plagued referendum and moved to seize control of the opposition-controlled legislature, the rest of the world has-finally, belatedly-come to see what is happening in Caracas for what it is: the birth of a dictatorship.

In Washington, President Donald Trump's administration imposed direct personal sanctions on Maduro-an insult reserved for only a handful of the world's toughest tyrants, such as Syria's Bashir Assad, North Korea's Kim Jong Un and Zimbabwe's

Robert Mugabe-and his regime insiders. Maduro, Trump said in a statement, "is not just a bad leader; he is now a dictator."

The United States, however, continues to be Venezuela's largest customer for the oil that provides more than 95 percent of the country's income, and has refrained from targeting the industry for sanctions despite Maduro's move to finally establish a socialist police state, a development set in motion more than a decade ago by his charismatic predecessor Hugo Chavez.

Dreier, who has just returned to the United States after completing her assignment in Venezuela, may well end up being the last American journalist to get that permanent visa for Caracas, at least for a while (though her colleagues at the AP emailed after this was posted to assure me they are still covering the story and intend to replace her). She is this week's guest on The Global Politico, our weekly podcast on world affairs, and we talked about why she thinks the new U.S. sanctions on Maduro might help him as much as hurt him, how the crisis has many in Venezuela pining not for their lost freedoms but for the rise of a mano dura-a strong hand-to restore lost order, and just what crazy things you can get used to living in a place that's falling apart.

Read more [here](#). As noted earlier in Connecting, Dreier left the AP upon her return to the United States to join ProPublica, covering immigration, and she is a new Connecting colleague.

## Connecting mailbox

### ***Headline of the day***

**George Arfield** ([Email](#)) - Headline of the day, from The Washington Post web site:

**Uber's search for a female CEO  
has been narrowed down to 3 men**

Read the story [here](#).

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## **Kaz Abiko part of championship tennis doubles team**



**Kaz Abiko (left) and his doubles partner, Toshio Chomabayashi.**

**Kazuo Abiko ([Email](#))** - I'm happy to report to you that I and my doubles partner, Toshio Chomabayashi, won the senior men's doubles championship for age 70 and over of a long-established tennis tournament at Karuizawa, a highland resort town

about 120 miles northwest of Tokyo. The finals of the week-long tournament were played on Sunday, Aug. 6.

As I turned 70 last January and Chomabayashi, a retired professor and sports medicine doctor, will turn 70 later this month, we are fully qualified to play in the oldest category of the annual Karuizawa International Tennis Tournament in its 101st year.

The tournament was held at the historic Karuizawa Association Tennis Court, where Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko met over the nets about 60 years ago. The love story of the then Crown Prince and Michiko Shoda, a commoner, was dubbed the "tennis court romance."

**EDITOR'S NOTE** - Kazuo Abiko joined the AP in Tokyo in 1978, after submitting his master's thesis to California State University, Northridge, and served as photo editor, reporter, assistant chief of bureau, and general manager for Northeast Asia. Following his retirement from the AP in 2010, he has been teaching at universities on subjects related to journalism, while writing a monthly column for the Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association's weekly publication and co-authoring books on journalism standards and the state of news media.

## Connecting profile - Larry Kilman

**Larry Kilman** ([Email](#)) - I'm ex-AP, having worked in Atlanta and New York from 1976 to 1989. I started in the Atlanta bureau and moved to the New York City desk before becoming a national writer, covering consumer affairs. I also ran what was then called The Associated Press/Media General public opinion poll.

Left to move to Paris and work for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development for six years before returning to journalism, first with Radio Free Europe in Munich and then with Agence France-Presse in Hong Kong.



I then returned to Paris in 1998 to join the World Association of Newspapers, first as communications director and eventually as secretary general. Since leaving in 2016, I've been teaching NGO management at the American Graduate School in Paris and consulting with the London-based Institute for Media Strategies and UNESCO.

## Home run king Bonds tells AP he wishes he'd played one more year

By JANIE McCUALEY

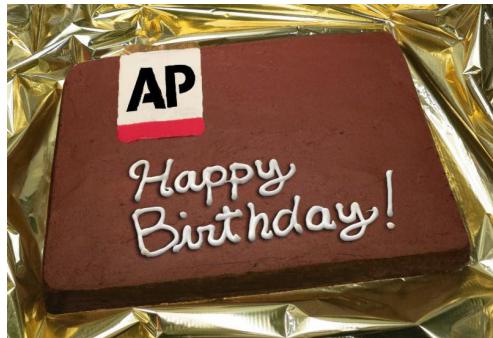
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Barry Bonds so badly wanted to play one final season.

On the 10th anniversary of breaking baseball's all-time home run mark, Bonds told The Associated Press on Monday night that believes he would have hit 800 homers or come very close.

Bonds said it "stung" to walk away from a decorated 22-year career with little notice immediately after a record-setting 2007 season with the San Francisco Giants in which he topped Hank Aaron's mark.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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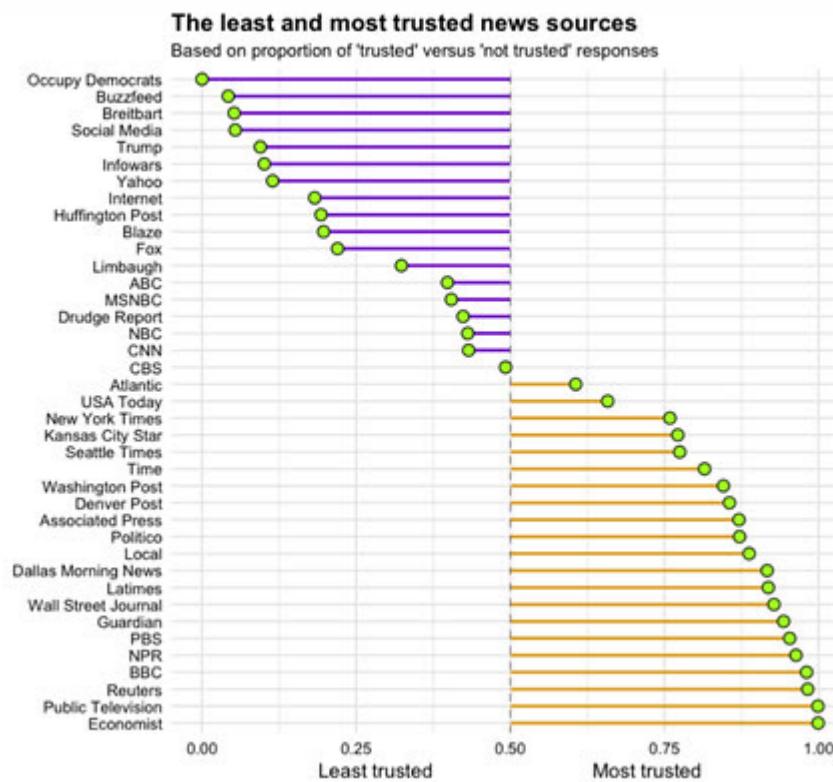


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## Stories of interest

***These are the most - and the least - trusted news sources in the U.S.*** (MarketWatch)



Maybe it's the accent. When it comes to news, Americans deemed British media more trustworthy than their U.S. counterparts in a world where "fake news" has emerged as an ideological battle cry and less of an oxymoron.

The most trusted news source in the U.S. is The Economist - a weekly magazine published in the U.K., according to a recent survey from the University of Missouri's Reynolds Journalism Institute.

The second-most reliable is public television, followed by Reuters and BBC. Two U.S. nonprofit outlets, NPR and PBS, came in at fifth and sixth, while the U.K.'s The Guardian clinched the seventh spot. The U.S.-based Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times and Dallas Morning News rounded out the top 10 trusted names in journalism.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ralph Gage.

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***Trying to decide if you should publish that dirty word? Here's a step-by-step guide*** (Poynter)

## By ROY PETER CLARK

When I first studied ethics in the early 1980s, I came across a model for thinking and acting - we might now call it an algorithm - called The Potter Box. Named after Ralph B. Potter of Harvard Divinity School, the box contained four quadrants.

Starting in the top left quadrant, and moving counterclockwise, The Potter Box gave us:

Facts

Values

Principles

Loyalties

The purpose of the box was to help communications professionals make ethical decisions in a systematic way. I felt challenged by the box in a good way as I moved through case studies such as a news photograph of a drowned boy, his parents grieving over his body on the shore. Should we publish it or not? If so, how and where? Should we crop out the boy's body? Should we run it big or small, on the front page or inside?

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Israel moves to close Al Jazeera, ban its journalists***

Israel plans to revoke media credentials of Al Jazeera journalists and close the network's office in Jerusalem, the country's communication minister has announced.

Ayoub Kara made the announcement on Sunday during a press conference in Jerusalem, where Al Jazeera was barred from attending.

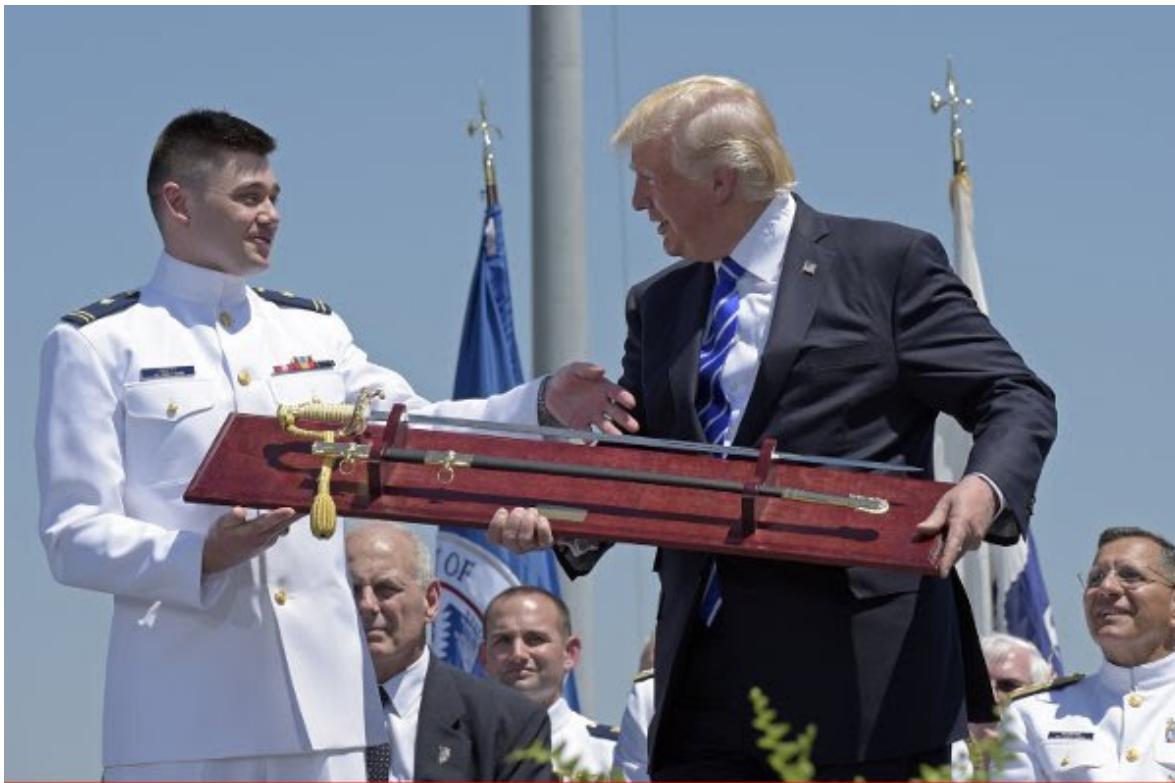
"We have based our decision on the move by Sunni Arab states to close the Al Jazeera offices and prohibiting their work," Kara said, adding that the channel is being used by groups to "incite" violence - an accusation the network has denied.

Kara said he expects Israel's parliament, the Knesset, to consider his request in the next session.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

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## ***Here's a sword, General Kelly. Use it on the White House lies.*** (Washington Post)



**President Trump is presented with a gift as he attends the U.S. Coast Guard Academy commencement in New London, Conn., May 17, 2017, where he gave the commencement address. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)**

**By MARGARET SULLIVAN**

Gen. John Kelly was just joking, of course, when he handed President Trump a saber at a U.S. Coast Guard Academy ceremony in May and offered a suggestion: "Use that on the press, sir."

But now, as Trump's new chief of staff, Kelly needs a few weapons of his own - not so much to control wayward reporters but to bring discipline to a White House that often seems uncontrollable, especially when it comes to telling untruths.

So far, so good. He's fired the potty-mouthed narcissist Anthony Scaramucci as communications director and showed no interest in retaining the hapless Sean Spicer. And he reportedly is forbidding West Wing staff from trotting into the Oval Office with news reports intended to infuriate the president and fire up his tweet machine.

In short, Kelly doesn't mess around - as noted by "Late Night" host Seth Meyers after Trump predicted "a good time" with Kelly in charge.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***The media's fatal flaw? It's elitism, argues a conservative professor*** (Poynter)

By JAMES WARREN

Frederick Lynch, a government professor of conservative bent at Claremont McKenna College, was speaking Sunday about his weekend New York Times op-ed that took aim at criticism of President Trump's policies on immigration and diversity. "Why Trump Supporters Distrust Immigration and Diversity" was distinctly contrarian to many elite media rebukes of Trump on the same topic.

It was very much in sync with long-standing Lynch views, best on display in his 1996 book "The Diversity Machine: The Drive to Change the 'White Male Workplace.'" In particular, his op-ed asked rhetorically whether Trump is pandering to racial fears - the clear consensus among media - or "addressing legitimate interest-group concerns."

He finds much of the press captive of a one-sided debate over what motivates Mr. Trump and his supporters. There's the stereotype of angry White voters driven by racism, resentment, declining economic or social status, irrational fears of economic or demographic change or all of the above, he put it to me.

Read more [here](#).

# Today in History - August 8, 2017



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2017. There are 145 days left in the year.

## **Today's Highlight in History:**

On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

## **On this date:**

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.

In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who cooperated with authorities were spared.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, the Republican national convention in Miami Beach nominated Richard Nixon for president on the first ballot.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign - which he ended up doing.

In 1992, AIDS activist Alison Gertz died in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, at age 26.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Endeavour roared into orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan on board. Screenwriter-director Mel Shavelson died in Studio City, California, at age 90.

Five years ago: Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi fired his intelligence chief for failing to act on an Israeli warning of an imminent attack days before militants

stormed a border post in the Sinai Peninsula and killed 16 soldiers. Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings of the United States became the first three-time gold medalists in Olympic beach volleyball history, beating Jennifer Kessy and April Ross 21-16, 21-16 in the all-American final.

One year ago: A fire and power outage at a Delta Air Lines data center in Atlanta resulted in the cancellation of 2,300 flights over a four-day period. Japan's 82-year-old emperor, Akihito, expressed concern about fulfilling his duties in a public address that was remarkable for its rarity and its suggestion that he would like to abdicate. At the Rio Olympics, Ryan Murphy gave the Americans their sixth straight gold medal in the men's 100-meter backstroke, winning with a time of 51.97 seconds; Lilly King of the United States has won gold in the women's 100-meter breaststroke in 1 minute, 4.93 seconds.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Anderson is 91. Actress Nita Talbot is 87. Singer Mel Tillis is 85. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 80. Actress Connie Stevens is 79. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 78. Actor Larry Wilcox is 70. Actor Keith Carradine is 68. Movie director Martin Brest is 66. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 65. Percussionist Anton Fig is 64. Actor Donny Most is 64. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 60. TV personality Deborah Norville is 59. Actor-singer Harry Crosby is 59. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 56. Rock musician Rikki Rockett (Poison) is 56. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 55. Rock musician Ralph Rieckermann is 55. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 49. Rock singer Scott Stapp is 44. Country singer Mark Wills is 44. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 43. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 41. Actress Tawny Cypress is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Drew Lachey (lah-SHAY') (98 Degrees) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marsha Ambrosius is 40. Actress Lindsay Sloane is 40. Actress Countess Vaughn is 39. Actor Michael Urie is 37. Tennis player Roger Federer is 36. Actress Meagan Good is 36. Actress Jackie Cruz (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 33. Britain's Princess Beatrice of York is 29. Actor Ken Baumann is 28. Pop singer Shawn Mendes is 19. Actress Bebe Wood (TV: "The Real O'Neals") is 16.

***Thought for Today: "The time to relax is when you don't have time for it." -  
Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).***

## Got a story or photos 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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.

- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **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.
- **Most unusual place a story assignment took you.**

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