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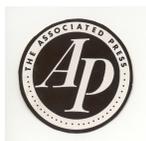
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Words matter.

Discussions have occurred in Connecting - and throughout the news industry - in the last couple days on words used to describe those who took part in the tragic rally in Charlottesville.

John Daniszewski, AP's vice president for Standards and a Connecting colleague, addressed that issue Tuesday in a blog distributed by the AP that leads off today's issue. It's an important read.

Today's Connecting again is packed with your comments and viewpoints on a variety of subjects including **Linda Deutsch** on this, the 40th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. I think you will find it interesting reading.

Paul

How to describe extremists who rallied in Charlottesville



A makeshift memorial sits in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 13, 2017, a day after Heather Heyer died when a car rammed into a group of people who were protesting a white nationalist rally in the city. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI

AP Vice President for Standards

The events in Charlottesville are an opportunity to take another look at our terminology around "alt-right" and the way that we describe the various racist, neo-Nazi, white nationalist and white supremacist groups out there.

At AP, we have taken the position that the term "alt-right" should be avoided because it is meant as a euphemism to disguise racist aims. So use it only when quoting someone or when describing what the movement says about itself. Enclose the term "alt-right" in quotation marks or use phrasing such as the so-called alt-right (no quote marks when using the term so-called) or the self-described "alt-right."

Another recent area of confusion is the degree of overlap between the terms "white nationalist" and "white supremacist." For many people the terms can be used almost interchangeably. Both terms describe groups that favor whites and support discrimination by race. There is however a subtle difference, at least in the views of the groups involved.

White nationalists say that white people are a distinct nation deserving of protection, and therefore they demand special political, legal and territorial guarantees for whites. White supremacists believe that whites are superior and therefore should dominate other races. Depending on the group and the context, AP writers are free to determine which description most aptly applies to a group or an individual in a particular situation.

Finally, a new term has emerged recently - an umbrella term for the far-left-leaning militant groups that resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations and other events. The movement calls itself "antifa," short for anti-fascists, and emulates historic anti-fascist actors in Europe. Until the term becomes better known, use it in quotes at first and with a definition included the copy.

For reference, here is the guidance on this topic from the 2017 edition of the AP Stylebook:

"alt-right"

A political grouping or tendency mixing racism, white nationalism and populism; a name currently embraced by some white supremacists and white nationalists to

refer to themselves and their ideology, which emphasizes preserving and protecting the white race in the United States.

In AP stories discussing what the movement says about itself, the term "alt-right" (quotation marks, hyphen and lowercase) may be used in quotes or modified as in the self-described "alt-right" or so-called alt-right. Avoid using the term generically and without definition, however, because it is not well-known and the term may exist primarily as a public relations device to make its supporters' actual beliefs less clear and more acceptable to a broader audience.

Depending on the specifics of the situation, such beliefs might be termed racist, white supremacist or neo-Nazi; be sure to describe the specifics. Whenever "alt-right" is used in a story, include a definition: an offshoot of conservatism mixing racism, white nationalism and populism, or, more simply, a white nationalist movement.

When writing on extreme groups, be precise and provide evidence to support the characterization. Report their actions, associations, history and positions to reveal their actual beliefs and philosophy, as well as how others see them.

Some related definitions:

racism The broad term for asserting racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority based solely on race, ethnic or religious origins; it can be by any group against any other group.

white nationalism A subset of racist beliefs that calls for a separate territory and/or enhanced legal rights and protections for white people. Critics accuse white nationalists of being white supremacists in disguise.

white separatism A term sometimes used as a synonym for white nationalism but differs in that it advocates a form of segregation in which races would live apart but in the same general geographic area.

white supremacy The racist belief that whites are superior to justify political, economic and social suppression of nonwhite people and other minority groups.

neo-Nazism Combines racist and white supremacist beliefs with admiration for an authoritarian, totalitarian style of government such as the German Third Reich to enforce its beliefs.

[Click here](#) for a link to the blog.

Photo of the day



President Donald Trump reaches into his suit jacket to read a statement regarding the events in Charlottesville, Va., while addressing the media at Trump Tower in New York on Aug. 15. | Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP Photo

A viewpoint:

News organizations should use caution in accepting euphemistic self-descriptions

Lee Mitgang ([Email](#)) - I appreciate the very important debate sparked by Mike Tharp's caution to reporters to distinguish between white nationalists, separatists and supremacists. For my own part, I agree with Bill Kaczor et al. that news organizations (and I'll never buy the Foxian label "mainstream media" to describe

the AP!) should be very cautious before accepting euphemistic self-descriptions that mask essential truths about the nature or history of a movement or set of beliefs.

Bill analogized to the abortion issue ("pro-life," "pro-choice," etc.) Other loose labeling of people or beliefs often seen these days in news articles come to mind: for example, exactly when and on what basis does a person or organization morph to the pejorative "ultra-left" "ultra-liberal," "far-left," or "ultra-conservative," and not merely liberal or conservative? Wouldn't it better serve readers to unpack the beliefs or programs themselves and leave it to others to decide how "ultra" they are?

From personal experience, I'd also add immigration. Back in the '80s I was assigned to do a piece on an apparent spike in illegal Mexican immigration in New York City. One of my sources, a Brooklyn priest who worked closely with immigrant families in his parish, told me at great length never to describe anyone as either "illegal" or "aliens." In common with pro-immigrant groups like La Raza, he urged me to call them "undocumented immigrants." My general desk editors differed, and my lead ended up using the words "illegal Mexican aliens."

I wasn't especially happy with either choice back then. One seemed self-interested, the other pejorative, and neither very precise. So this morning, I googled the AP stylebook to see what the current policy is about immigration and -- with apologies to those who already knew this -- was pleased to learn that the stylebook changed importantly in 2013 after long internal debate, banishing the term "illegal immigrant." Here's what the new stylebook entry said:

"illegal immigration Entering or residing in a country in violation of civil or criminal law. Except in direct quotes essential to the story, use illegal only to refer to an action, not a person: illegal immigration, but not illegal immigrant. Acceptable variations include living in or entering a country illegally or without legal permission.

"Except in direct quotations, do not use the terms illegal alien, an illegal, illegals or undocumented.

"Do not describe people as violating immigration laws without attribution.

"Specify wherever possible how someone entered the country illegally and from where. Crossed the border? Overstayed a visa? What nationality?

"People who were brought into the country as children should not be described as having immigrated illegally. For people granted a temporary right to remain in the

U.S. under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, use temporary resident status, with details on the program lower in the story."

The AP's thinking and resulting style may have evolved further since 2013. But to me, it reflects exactly the kind of fact-based and fair approach that news organizations should apply to all such highly-charged issues.

Elvis and Me



EDITOR'S NOTE: Today is the 40th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley - and perhaps his No. 1 fan, retired AP special correspondent and trial expert Linda Deutsch, shares the following:

Linda Deutsch([Email](#)) - This fantastic blog piece (link below) was inspired when Elvis blogger Phil Arnold visited Graceland last year and saw a piece of AP copy on the auction block. It was a story I wrote on the day that Elvis died. Phil contacted me and we began a correspondence regarding my history as an Elvis fan. He

decided to gather information and photos and use my story as the kickoff item on his Elvis blog for the first day of Elvis Week this year which is the 40th anniversary of Elvis' death. His work sure paid off. This is the most detailed account ever written of my life as an Elvis fan and he managed to get a photo of the original wire copy.

I have covered Elvis Week a couple of times for AP. I couldn't get to Memphis this year but this blog item made me feel a part of it. I treasure this part of my personal history.



Linda and Dick Clark

With all the disturbing news these days, I thought you might want to use something lighter in Connecting.

[Click here](#) to view the blog.

Connecting mailbox

'I may be first retired AP staffer to see the eclipse'

Joe Frazier ([Email](#)) - I may claim a small measure of fame by being, I think, the first retired AP staffer to see the much-ballyhooed eclipse. It is due to crawl ashore in the United States about 150 yards out my front door in the village of Yachats on the central Oregon coast. I am about four miles south of totality and I can live with that if I have to. I think I'll sit on the deck and rattle my ice cubes at it. There is something of a Chicken Little approach to this whole thing out here in the puckerbrush. The coast will run out of food and gas. Gridlock will make it impossible to deal with medical emergencies, etc. The latter is possible. US 101 was never meant to handle the onslaught we may well get and motel owners, no fools they, have jacked up rates by factors of sometimes eight or ten, sometimes with a three-night minimum in a place where a heavy cloud cover is a very real possibility. If that happens there will be plenty of honked-off people, most of them from California if this summer's harvest of foreign license plates is basis for prediction. Why don't they get their OWN eclipse.?

I'll stick to my deck with a fine and juried supply of snacks and wet goods.

I saw one of these in about 1980, give or take, when I was based in Mexico City. Two things happened: 1. It got dark. 2. It got light. The city was such a horrid smog pot in those years we had no glimpse of what was going on up there. On a bad smog day you could barely see your shoes.

People seemed to take in in stride but there's quite a kerfuffle here. Getting me off the deck and into the midst of it has a Budweiser factor of about 10. That's how many Clydesdales it would take to see the job through...

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Son of AP's Sally Hale writes on eclipse for Oregonian

Sally Hale ([Email](#)) - Don't know if you are still in the market for thoughts about the upcoming eclipse. My son Jamie, the travel/outdoors reporter for The Oregonian in Portland, has been writing extensively about it and had this thoughtful story on Sunday: [Click here](#) to view.

Sally, who is director of local markets based in Philadelphia, shares with her Connecting colleagues:

Jamie is a 2010 University of Maryland journalism graduate. Before joining The Oregonian, he worked as a photographer and reporter for newspapers in Farmington, NM, and Pocatello, ID. Internships included The Washington Post video department and newspapers in Levittown and Wilkes-Barre, PA. He had the events beat in Portland before being named travel/outdoors reporter. He's currently camping on Mount Hood, awaiting the eclipse.

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Robert McKee, former AP board member, dies in Virginia

Robert Cyrus McKee, 78. Died Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Reston Hospital Center. He leaves his wife of 40 years, Jill Dorn McKee, his sons Robert Dorn McKee and Edwin Kent McKee, and sister, Celia McKee Francis. Mr. McKee served on the

Associated Press Board of Directors during 1989-90 and as, President of the Associated Press Broadcast Board, and President of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters. A memorial service will be held at Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia, Saturday, August 26 at 1:00 PM. He is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Interment will be at a later time at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Vienna Presbyterian Church.

(Shared by Valerie Komor, who also shared [this story](#) about him.)

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Connecting sky shot - A marsh in southern New Hampshire



Jack Ronald ([Email](#)) - This is a scene at a marsh in southern New Hampshire, about half an hour away from the spot on Stoddard Lake where the late Jim Ewing of the Keene Sentinel, the late Tom Winship of the Boston Globe, and the late George Krimsky of AP put their heads together and came up with what is now the International Center for Journalists.

George went on to do numerous international training missions for the ICFJ over the years, and I had the pleasure of working with him on several occasions. (A tip of the hat to Gary Gardiner and his final photo website for getting me to look more discerningly at reflections.)

The photo was taken during a nature walk with our two grandsons during a delightful vacation. At 68, I could retire. But if I can get a vacation like that now and then, I could keep on working forever.

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Emmet Kelly and a Picasso sculpture in Chicago

Chick Harrity ([Email](#)) - Couldn't help but notice this little squib in the Today in History section: In 1967, a 50-foot-tall sculpture by Pablo Picasso was dedicated in Daley Plaza in Chicago by Mayor Richard J. Daley.

I got the assignment to shoot peoples' reaction to the Picasso a couple of days after it was dedicated and after snooping around the site for a while I was delighted to learn that the Ringling, Barnum and Bailey Circus was in town and doing a promo event close by.

I had met and photographed Emmet Kelly, the famous clown several years before while working for the Reading Times, in Reading Pa. and he happened to be at the event and I was able to talk him into meeting me at the statue when he was finished.



Here's the result.

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Expense submitted - Mule Rental, \$250

John Kuglin ([Email](#)) - I was never peed on by a mule (or something worse), but I may be the only COB who rented two mules for an assignment. I expensed them as "Mule Rental, \$250," without further explanation, and Treasury never questioned this. A few weeks later Treasury called and wondered why our bureau was buying so much film. I told them we needed film to shoot photos, and this seemed to satisfy them. As for mules, you can't imagine how much trouble it is to rent a good mule. And you have to rent two of them. The guy who rented the mules to AP said that if you rent only one mule, it will be despondent without the companionship of other mules.

The AP makes the case that its wire stories overall do better on Facebook than individual publications' stories

(Nieman)

The Associated Press sends its stories off to more than 14,000 member newsrooms around the world, where they're repackaged and shared from those newsrooms' own social channels. But the relative success of those stories on Facebook hasn't always been clear.

Articles from the AP got around 34.7 million engagements across Facebook in July, and 31.3 million engagements in June, according to analysis by NewsWhip, based on its syndication metrics tool developed with the AP (the AP is an investor in NewsWhip). (For this survey, engagement was defined as likes, reactions, comments, and shares. An AP article was defined as any English-language text story with more than 60 percent AP content.)

The Daily Mail, which topped NewsWhip's rankings of publishers on Facebook in July, saw 27.1 million engagements. HuffPost, the top NewsWhip publisher on Facebook in June, saw 29.6 million engagements. NewsWhip's engagement numbers for its top publishers rankings include engagement on syndicated AP stories: For instance, Fox News gets "a substantial amount of engagement" on Facebook from AP stories it runs, according to AP global news manager Mark Davies, and it was a NewsWhip top 10 Facebook publisher in July.

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

Connecting profile - Jim Abrams

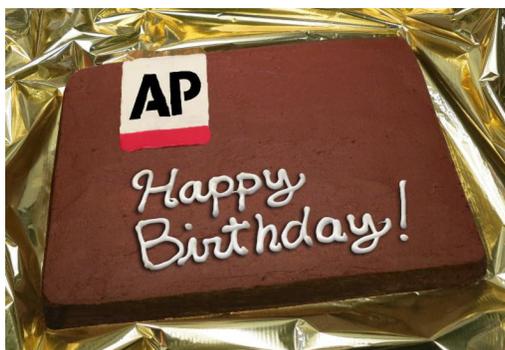
Jim Abrams ([Email](#)) - After two years in the Peace Corps in Micronesia and another couple years of graduate school, I moved to Japan in 1973 to continue studies in Japanese literature. In 1975, I went to work for Kyodo, the Japanese news agency, translating Japanese language articles for its English-language service.

In 1979, I joined AP in Tokyo, where I learned from AP legends of the Chinese revolution and the Vietnam War such as John Roderick, Roy Essoyan, Richard Pyle, Terry Anderson and photographer Neal Ulevich. In 1986 I was named AP bureau chief in what was then our very small bureau in Beijing. Over the next four years I traveled extensively in China, and reported from Tibet, Mongolia and North Korea. I directed our coverage during the 1989 student movement and government crackdown at Tiananmen and later co-authored an AP book on Chinese history.



In 1990 I was transferred to Washington, and for more than 20 years worked out of the House and Senate press galleries, writing about the issues and legislation coming out of Congress. I retired in 2013.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Newsonomics: Lessons for the news media from Charlottesville (Nieman)

By KEN DOCTOR

It's a new unexpectedly raw moment in America. We find ourselves still able to be stunned, and that in and of itself is stunning given the rapid-fire explosions of news we've experienced since the election.

For media, the events in Charlottesville have been more on-the-job training covering stories many thought had been relegated to the archives. Among the equivocations and equivalencies, false and true, we've seen re-energized efforts to keep the stories behind the story high up in the news cycle.

Let's take a quick look at the weekend's news, its coverage, and what it tells us about our times.

Read more [here](#).

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With teamwork and hustle, Toledo Blade dominated after Charlottesville attack (CJR)

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT The Blade in Toledo, Ohio, takes an all-hands-on-deck approach to a national story rooted in a city nearly 550 miles away. But it happened this week.

A large rally of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, turned deadly on Saturday, when a man in a Dodge Challenger drove into a crowd of counter-protesters. One woman was killed, and at least 19 others were injured. Back at the historic Blade building in Toledo, a sharp-eyed copyeditor named Tommy Gallagher, who also helps out on the photo desk, was looking at early images from Charlottesville and readying them for publication. What he saw stopped him short. Not only did the car that drove through the crowd in Virginia have an Ohio license plate, but, Gallagher noticed after blowing up the image, the registration tag bore the number "48." That meant it was registered in Lucas County, where Toledo is the county seat.

Gallagher alerted the Web desk. There weren't many staffers in the newsroom-it was a sleepy weekend shift-but reporters were pulled in for overtime, including one who left an out-of-town bachelor's party to make an abrupt road trip to Virginia. The Blade soon had original coverage not only from Toledo, where it scored a much-cited interview with the driver's mother, but also from Charlottesville, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Florence, Kentucky, where the driver grew up. Local reporting proved essential to the burgeoning national narrative, and the Blade was also able to bring a big, multi-faceted story to local readers.

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

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Real journalists are being tortured, kidnapped and killed to give you #realnews (McClatchy)

By CRAIG FORMAN

"Enemy of the American people," #DishonestMedia, "garbage journalism," #FakeNews.

These are some of the insults hurled at journalists in recent months in efforts to discredit the work of news organizations around the country.

Today marks the start of our colleague Austin Tice's sixth year of captivity in Syria. We at McClatchy want to tell you about him and other journalists who have risked and sometimes given their lives to bring us stories that would not otherwise be told.

Some have been tortured. Several have been imprisoned. At least three were murdered - simply for doing their jobs - in the past several years alone.

Daniel Pearl, Jean-Paul Kauffmann, Michel Seurat, Jason Rezaian, James Foley, Steven Sotloff and, of course, Austin Tice. Each dedicated themselves to reporting from the most dangerous parts of the world. At a time when the media is regularly scorned, it's worth remembering their sacrifices.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

The Final Word - 40 years ago

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Death Captures Crown Of Rock And Roll

—Elvis Dies Apparently After Heart Attack

By LAWRENCE BLOOM

Elvis Presley died yesterday apparently after a heart attack, the coroner said after a brief autopsy. He was found unconscious in his right bedroom at 1:30 p.m. Presley was found by his maid, Beulah Annan, and was taken to Graceland in Memphis. He was pronounced dead at 2:30 p.m., police said. Hospital officials announced the death at 4 p.m.

Experts said authorities could find no sign that Presley was breathing and could not detect a heartbeat. An expert at Graceland's medical center called a Memphis City Department ambulance. Memphis police officers and Memphis County Medical Examiner Jerry Prussner, who performed an autopsy, said the death was due to "an acute heart-attack" but added that the exact cause of death may never be determined.

"There was acute cardiovascular disease present," Dr. Prussner told reporters last night after the autopsy was performed. "He had a history of mild hypertension and some coronary artery disease. There has almost certainly been a heart attack. The precise cause of death may never be determined."

Local police reports inventory and homicide officers were investigating the possibility of death from a heart attack or from an accidental overdose of drugs.

Prussner said, however, there was "no indication of any drug abuse of any kind." He said the only evidence of drugs in blood from Prussner was taking for the physical condition — mild hypertension and a cold problem.

Prussner said there would have been evidence of needle tracks in his arm or other parts of his body if drugs played a role in the death. He said there would have been evidence in or on the case if cocaine had been involved.

He said death occurred between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. "There's no way to be more precise than that," Prussner said.

Dr. George Washington, Prussner's personal physician, said last night he was not aware of "anything he did suspect concerning Prussner" and said "No doctor — like any doctor — was in his house to see him before his body was found about 2:30 p.m. at 1:30 p.m."

An owner of Prussner's death record, telephone and phone calls began pouring into Memphis from reporters and newsmen throughout the world, asking for either a press conference to Prussner's appearance or to arrange taking to attend the funeral, he said. Radio stations began playing "The other parts of the country reported a mad as Elvis records."

Memphis Mayor Willie G. Oran said that all city buildings would be closed at 11 a.m. today. The city will be closed at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. but allow Presley to be interred at Graceland in Memphis. Presley was buried in the "Elvis Presley Home" at Graceland.

Police said they were told Presley had stayed overnight at the home early yesterday and got about 4 a.m. when he was found by his maid.

Graceland found Presley in his right bedroom in his apartment building. He said he could find no sign of breathing or heartbeat and immediately summoned an ambulance.

Memphis was performing coroner's duty yesterday when the ambulance arrived shortly after 1:30 p.m.

A Memphis Fire Department ambulance from Graceland Street 20 at 2:30 p.m. Presley was pronounced dead at 2:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. but allow Presley to be interred at Graceland in Memphis. Presley was buried in the "Elvis Presley Home" at Graceland.

Marion Lewis of Chattanooga, a coroner's physician, agreed with a death certificate stating that he was giving words to Elvis Presley's death certificate when it was signed about 10:30 a.m. as it turned into the driveway at Graceland.

"The ambulance came only five or six blocks," he said. "I got the call at 1:30 p.m. (Continued on Page 6)



Elvis Went From Rags To Riches

By WILLIAM THOMAS

The road from a homeless boy in Tupelo, Miss., on Aug. 8, 1935, to a wealthy and celebrated star.

He was the only white child — the son of Vernon and Gladys Presley, who had been married five years earlier in Verona, Miss., under the Great Depression.

"No one shared their names," his mother recalled. "Steve, Gene and Elvis. Steve died at birth. Gladys thought it was Elvis to be like me."

For the next 12 years, the Presleys struggled for survival in Mississippi. Vernon Presley worked while his wife raised a child and three children. They moved to Memphis in 1948, but things didn't get better — at least not right away.

When Presley worked on a railroad with at St. Joseph Hospital, Elvis attended in L.O. Haynes High School and worked as an actor in a movie theater.

But, he soon got the hearted love that had made it so hard to get a work. One Presley friend while his wife called it that and three children. They moved to Memphis in 1948, but things didn't get better — at least not right away.

He had to accept a church Christmas holiday during his childhood. Presley was aged to graduate from high school in 1953 and had a job as a truck driver at \$32 a week.



Hearse Takes Body Of Elvis Presley From Hospital

'Are You Sure There's No Mistake?' —The Desired Answer Never Came

By THOMAS BOSTON

A call, said to have been made by a Memphis resident to the Memphis County coroner's office, was the first report that the body of Elvis Presley had been found in his right bedroom at Graceland.

"Are you sure?" asked William Black, 68, of 1473 Poplar. "There was confusion."

and other emergency calls into the hospital were not kept. The three calls for medical services, Memphis security guards and other people's confusion have questioned and the

Today in History - August 16, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2017. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

On this date:

In 1777, American forces won the Battle of Bennington in what was considered a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1937, the American Federation of Radio Artists was chartered.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1967, Louis Armstrong recorded "What a Wonderful World" by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss for ABC Records.

In 1977, a judge in New York ruled that Renee Richards, a male-to-female transgender, had the right to compete in the U.S. Open without having to pass a sex chromosome test. (In the opening round of the Open, Richards lost to Virginia Wade in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4). The Debby Boone recording of "You Light Up My Life" by Joseph Brooks was released by Warner Bros./Curb Records.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit; the sole survivor was 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan (SHEE'-an).

In 1987, people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 1991, Pope John Paul II began the first-ever papal visit to Hungary.

Ten years ago: Jose Padilla (hoh-ZAY' puh-DEE'-uh), a U.S. citizen held for 37 years as an enemy combatant, was convicted in Miami of helping Islamic extremists and plotting overseas attacks. (Padilla, once accused of plotting with al-Qaida to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb," was later sentenced to 17 years and four months in prison on the unrelated terror support charges, but that sentence was later increased to 21 years.) A cave-in killed three rescuers in the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah; the search for six trapped miners was later abandoned. Master jazz percussionist Max Roach died in New York at age 83.

Five years ago: Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney declared he had paid at least 13 percent of his income in federal taxes every year for the previous decade; President Barack Obama's campaign shot back: "Prove it." A U.S. military helicopter crashed during a firefight with insurgents in southern Afghanistan, killing seven Americans and four Afghans. Ecuador decided to identify WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange as a refugee and give him asylum in its London embassy. Actor William Windom, 88, died in Woodacre, California.

One year ago: Democrat Kathleen Kane, Pennsylvania's first elected female attorney general, announced her resignation a day after being convicted of abusing the powers of the state's top law enforcement office to smear a rival and lying under oath to cover it up. (Kane, who was succeeded by Republican Bruce L. Castor Jr., was later sentenced to 10 to 23 months in jail, but remains free while she appeals.) Simone Biles captured her fourth gold of the Rio Games with an electric performance in the floor exercise. Political commentator and TV host John McLaughlin, 89, died in Washington, D.C.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Blyth is 89. Actor Gary Clarke is 84. Actress Julie Newmar is 84. Actress-singer Ketty Lester is 83. Actor John Standing is 83. College Football Hall of Famer and NFL player Bill Glass is 82. Actress Anita Gillette is 81. Actress Carole Shelley is 78. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 78. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 77. Actor Bob Balaban is 72. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 72. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 71. Actor Marshall Manesh is 67. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato is 67. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 65. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 64. Movie director James Cameron is 63. Actor Jeff Perry is 62. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 60. Actress Laura Innes is 60. Singer Madonna is 59. Actress Angela Bassett is 59. Actor Timothy Hutton is 57. Actor Steve Carell (kuh-REHL') is 55. Former tennis player Jimmy Arias is 53. Actor-singer Donovan Leitch is 50. Actor Andy Milder is 49. Actor Seth Peterson is 47. Country singer Emily Robison (The Dixie Chicks) is

45. Actor George Stults is 42. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 37. Actor Cam Gigandet is 35. Actress Agnes Bruckner is 32. Singer-musician Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) is 32. Actress Cristin Milioti is 32. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is 31. Country singer Ashton Shepherd is 31. Country singer Dan Smyers (Dan & Shay) is 30. Actor Kevin G. Schmidt is 29. Actress Rumer Willis is 29. Actor Parker Young is 29. Actor Cameron Monaghan is 24. Singer-pianist Greyson Chance is 20.

Thought for Today: "In politics people give you what they think you deserve and deny you what they think you want." - Cyril Northcote Parkinson, British historian and author (1909-1993).

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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