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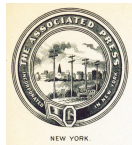
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# 'A gift'



Photo by Brenda Smiley

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

When our Connecting colleague **Brenda Smiley** ([Email](#)) attended the annual Eddie Adams Workshop for aspiring photojournalists last Sunday, she was touched by a memorial for those lost in the past year. They included her husband, veteran AP journalist **Richard Pyle** - whose career spanned the globe over a half century. He died last September.

Following the memorial, moderated by **Chuck Zoeller** and **John Moore**, she was burdened by memories.

"I went outside and up the hill to take a photo of the lake," she said. "The sun was out, a flurry of clouds dotted the sky, and, as anticipated, were reflected in the lake.

"A gift."

We hope you are blessed with such "gifts" - of life, of a loved one, of a favorite moment.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

# Hurricane sparks memories of typhoon in Vietnam - 'Even God Hates Us'



**Ken Fields (Email)** - Watching the coverage of Hurricane Michael reminded me of Typhoon Hester, that hit Chu Lai, South Vietnam while I was stationed there with the Army in 1971.

I was assigned to the 26th Combat Engineers, Bravo Company, 23rd Infantry (Americal) as a radio operator and our company was stationed on a beach on the South China Sea. Typhoon Hester hit us on the morning of October 23 with winds estimated at 100 to 115 mph. Watching the storm out of the front door of our communications building we saw a piece of corrugated roofing material slice a small tree in half. We retreated to a bunker across the road to wait out the storm. The winds picked up sand from the beach and sand-blasted us as we made our way to the bunker. The storm surge carried the sea



water into our building, but holes drilled into the floor let the water drain out quickly. This was my first experience with a storm this powerful and it was surreal when the eye of the typhoon passed over us and we had sunshine for a short time before the next wall of the storm hit.



**Ken Fields**

Typhoon Hester left behind extensive damage, killed three Americans and about 100 Vietnamese civilians.

We were known as a hard-luck division living with the legacy of the My Lai massacre. The Americal Division was in the process of standing down and returning to the U.S. when the typhoon hit us. Five soldiers drowned the same month when they chased a football into the sea and were caught up in an undertow. This prompted a headline on a Los Angeles Times article by George McArthur, "Typhoon Hester Deals Final Indignity To Americal - 'Even God Hates Us'"

**(EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ken Fields retired as Seattle chief of communications after a long and distinguished AP career. When he was assigned in St. Louis, his technician colleague was Bruce Olmsted - who served with him in Chu Lai.)

## Get me rewrite! More memories of dictation





**Cheryl Arvidson (Email)** - I arrived in Washington for UPI and was assigned to Capitol Hill as a regional but also was used as the third person on the two-person teams covering the two ongoing Watergate-related trials-cover-up and the break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. Someone was always missing from that team so I filled in on the trials pretty much every day. Heady stuff for a kid from Iowa!

The first trial to wrap up was the Ellsberg break-in. After the prosecution and defense rested and the jury was sent home, we learned there had been a jail break in the basement of the federal courthouse and the whole building had been evacuated while the hostage situation was dealt with. The judge said we could still use the press room but the judge's instructions and closing arguments and jury deliberations would be moved to the small Maritime Courthouse on the federal campus, maybe five minutes away. The next morning, we all showed up there and each organization was limited to one reporter in the courtroom, so I sat outside for two or three hours while the main reporter covered the story. I ended up chatting with a guy from U of Wisconsin who was a journalist and about my age who had come to witness the first Watergate verdict. His name was Stuart Levitan.

When the arguments and instructions ended, the main UPI reporter said he was going back to the office and I could sit with the Jury. Of course, we all thought it could take days, but astoundingly the verdict came back within a couple hours. I was the only UPI reporter, working, as usual, against a million AP guys. And I was so new that I didn't even think to call the desk and let them know there was a verdict. I realized I was totally screwed as I ran with the judge and other reporters to the Maritime Court. No cell phones, only two pay phones, and no one to hold one or

help me. As we rushed into the courthouse, who was standing there but Stuart Levitan. I wrote out the main reporter's name and number, told Stuart to tell him to get back to the courthouse ASAP, gave him a quarter and told him to hold the phone for me no matter what.

He did, and I used that phone to dictate the bulletin and story of Nixon's closest aides-Haldeman, Erlichman and Mitchell- being found guilty. I was able to file probably the biggest story of my life based on sheer luck with the help of Stuart Levitan. I could have so easily been 15 or so minutes behind and totally non-competitive! I will always thank Stuart for saving my career!

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**Malcolm Barr, Sr. (Email)** - During our early years in AP's Honolulu (Hula) bureau in the 1960s, the late Jim Lagier (retired Tokyo bureau chief) and I spent a lot of time driving back and forth to the airport or to Hickam Air Force Base to meet various dignitaries - the Queen of England, President Lyndon Johnson, the Beatles, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Imelda Marcos come to mind - invariably late at night or the early morning hours. We would dictate a hundred words or so to New York then, if warranted, dash down to the bureau to file an expanded story. Even in those early days, I recall we both were pretty good at it. Invariably we had competition from UPI so we would try to set up someone at a pay phone in advance. It might have cost a couple of dollars but it avoided fights over use of the telephone. In retrospect, I assume the UPI guys of the day (Bob Ibrahim, Bruce Cook, the late Hank Sato (later AP)) did likewise. We all thought we were pretty clever! Since retirement 20 years ago, as a joke, I tried on occasion calling in a story to one of the locals (at 85 I still work for anyone who wants me, currently the Shenandoah Valley's Royal Examiner.com)) but nobody could type fast enough.

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**Tim Dahlberg (Email)** - Dictation is a lost art today, but was an essential part of any reporter's repertoire back in the day. I dictated everything from courtroom verdicts to major title fights over the years, and actually found that it was a good way to avoid clutter, organize thoughts and deliver a clean story. The toughest part wasn't always the breaking news, but when the story called for an optional. Then the battle was figuring out where to put everything when you have nothing but some scribbled notes in front of you - all while under deadline or trying to beat UPI.

As some other posters mentioned, the unquestioned king of dictation was Ed Schuyler Jr. I worked with Eddie for more than 20 years, covering fights around the world and in the Olympics. I often sat next to him while he dictated, and it was always an amazing thing to watch. The best part, of course, was when he put the phone down with a flourish and we headed out in search of a cold beer somewhere. I wasn't in Zaire with Eddie for the Rumble in the Jungle with Ali and Foreman but

he told the story of getting a connection with New York before the fight - something that was not a given considering the times and circumstances - and the fight beginning. Eddie couldn't hear anyone on the other end after the initial connection, but just kept talking, dictating a round by round, and then as the fight ended in a spectacular Ali knockout dictating a full story and optional. Later he found out the connection was good, at least on his end, and we had the story.

But my favorite Schuyler dictation story came during the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. This was at a point most of us had transitioned from the phone to our Radio Shack word processors and Eddie had been using one during the games to write from the boxing arena.

It was the final day of the Olympics, and all the boxing medals were being decided. Eddie was dutifully pecking away at his Radio Shack on the main story, wishing I'm sure that he was dictating instead. But he got it done, and sent it into the desk and we prepared to go to our favorite local pub in Badalona to have a cold one. Then the desk called asking where the story was, they never got it. The problem was, it wasn't in Eddie's Radio Shack anymore either.

Anyone who knows Eddie knows he had a volcanic temper at times, and I watched as he digested the information the story was gone. I was expecting him to take the Radio Shack and fling it across the arena but he didn't. There was no eruption, no loud cussing. Eddie simply picked up the phone and started dictating the story from memory to the desk. It was an amazing sight, the story he had just written was gone but Eddie was dictating it like it was still in front of him. Later I looked and the dictation was almost spot on to the original story.

Turns out Eddie still had the story - it was just in his head.

The beer tasted extra good that day.

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**Joe Galloway (Email)** - In the early 1960's I was UPI Statehouse bureau chief for UPI in Topeka. I was assigned to cover the trial in Russell, KS., of two AWOL GIs who had carried out a cross-country murder spree that left victims from Louisiana to Florida to Kansas and on out West. Kansas won the toss on who got to try York and Latham for the brutal killing of an elderly railroad worker who made the mistake of stopping to help the two men who had the hood up on their car. For a total gain of a transistor radio and about \$30 in pocket money they put the old man on his knees in the ditch and killed him with a pistol shot. Now they were on trial for their lives. The death sentence in Kansas in those years was carried out by hanging at the State Prison.

The Kansas City Star sent its veteran trial reporter out to cover. His name escapes me now, but the man was a serious alcoholic. He never attended even one session of the trial. Instead he would stagger in near the end of the day, unshaven, grubby, shabby and worse. "What happened?" he would ask of colleagues. We would give him a thumbnail summary of the barebones of the day's action. The Star man would lurch over to the payphones, dial his desk and proceed to dictate a far better story than any of the rest of us would produce that day. Every day.

York and Latham were convicted and sentenced to be hanged by the neck until dead. Three or four years later that's what happened to them, but by then I had moved on from Topeka to UPI Asia Headquarters in Tokyo, on my way to the first of four tours in Vietnam.

Before I left I did cover the execution by hanging of Lowell Lee Andrews, a young college boy who had killed his mother and dad for the insurance money. On a cold midnight Andrews dropped through the trapdoor, dangling at the end of a long rope, his neck stretched far beyond normal. The doctor held a stethoscope to his chest for 21 minutes before declaring him dead, all while tin cups clattering against cell bars throughout the prison sounded a farewell symphony for Lowell Lee.

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**Mark Lavie (Email)** - Your post about calling in stories to the desk reminded me of when it became clear to me that times were changing.

I was in the West Bank in the late 1990s, reporting on the possibility that two little Israeli settlements might be evacuated. I spent the day talking to settlers, talking to Palestinians, getting color, taking notes. Then I went back to my car, called the office, and said I'm ready to file.

I got some young whippersnapper on the phone, and I started dictating a finished story, flipping back and forth through my notebook as I progressed. We've all done that hundreds of times.

But after a few minutes, the youngster on the other end huffed, "You can dictate faster. I'm a good typist."

She thought I had written out my story by hand and was dictating from that! The concept of composing on the fly was foreign to her. Having been on the other end,





taking dictation in the office, I realized that all these youngsters did was call in notes. They'd leave it to the office to actually write the story.

Now, of course, we're both dinosaurs. I was a reporter and night editor at the Jerusalem bureau from 1998 to 2011 and then night editor at the Cairo hub from 2011 to 2013. In addition, I was the AP Radio Middle East correspondent the whole time. The last couple of years, when I was in the field, I gladly used my tiny digital recorder and my tiny netbook and filed directly to the bureau or directly to AP Radio with wifi. Of course that's progress. If I'd had that stuff in the '70s, '80s and '90s, instead of lugging around my 25-pound shoulder bag of recorders, cables, microphones, cassettes, and spare

batteries, my back and knees would be in a lot better shape now.

But there's a price for all this technological progress. We no longer have time to think. We have to file even before we have the story, because we have to get it out on Twitter before the competition does. There's a whole section about this in my upcoming book, and anyway, all of us know what I'm talking about.

The main thing we no longer have is-time to think. Sure, dictating from my notes that day in the West Bank was faster than scratching the story out on paper first. But before I called the office to start dictating, I took a few minutes to sit in my car and go over what I'd seen and heard that day, to put it all in perspective, to bring in the context, to put it in order in my mind. Then I called.

Today we can't take the time to do that. And it's not a luxury. Time to think is an essential part of our profession, and if it's gone forever, so is journalism as we knew it.

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**Charles McFadden (Email)** - I will have Connecting colleagues know I invented the phrase "miniskirted Marxist" off the top of my head while dictating a story to the LA bureau on the fight over whether counterculture activist and Communist Party member (at the time) Angela Davis should be allowed to teach at UCLA. I'll bet dictating champ Linda Deutsch remembers the big hassle.

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**Mark Mittelstadt (Email)** - I had limited experience dictating stories over the phone before joining AP in 1981 but picked it up fairly quickly. I tended to be more of the start-stop-go-back-start-stop-oh-start-the-damned-thing over variety of field reporter than of Ed Schuyler Jr.'s flowing prose.



But I learned to quickly jot a quick outline on paper, including key phrases from quotes, write the lead and then let the story flow. The method worked fairly well. I dictated stories from breaking news, political events, sidebars from sports, meetings of state organizations such as the Board of Regents and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

One of the first things I learned was to have quarters in my pocket or in the car. They were needed to call the bureau from a pay phone in order to check in or to dictate a story or notes.

The arrival of Radio Shack TRS-80s reduced the need to dictate in all but the most urgent cases. But I recall accompanying then-Gov. Terry Branstad and a delegation of Iowa officials to Pascagoula, Miss., for recommissioning of the USS Iowa in 1984 and writing 600 well-chosen words, only to have the portable terminal not work. I ended up having to dictate what I had written over the phone to someone in the Des Moines bureau. We had to break off half-way through as the Iowa delegation had boarded a bus ready to return to a nearby air base for the flight home. Trash 80s indeed.

A favorite photo of mine (see above) was snapped by Des Moines photographer Bob Jarboe as we covered flooding and a train derailment in southwestern Iowa. This solitary pay phone, on a raised island surrounded by standing rain water, was along a highway near Atlantic, Iowa.

It took a quarter.

## AP Photo of the Day





**Much of Mexico Beach, Fla., is flattened Thursday after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Michael. | Chris O'Meara/AP Photo**

## Connecting mailbox

### *A memorable exchange in the State Department*

**Ann Blackman (Email)** - Consider this, from Thursday's Politico Playbook:

-- EXCHANGE OF THE DAY, from the State Department press briefing with deputy spokesman Robert Palladino: AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER MATT LEE: "Who again -- what's the name of the ambassador in Turkey right now?" PALLADINO: "I don't have that in front of me right now and I -- Matt --" LEE: "What's the name of the ambassador in Saudi Arabia right now?" PALLADINO: "I see what you're getting at. OK. We are confident in our diplomatic --" LEE: "The answer is that you don't have an ambassador in either place, right?"

PALLADINO: "We --" LEE: "And in fact, the charge in Riyadh has now been nominated to be the ambassador to Yemen. So just is it correct that you do not have

ambassadors in place in either Ankara or Riyadh?" PALLADINO: "But we have diplomatic staff, senior diplomatic officials --"

LEE: "I'm sure you do." PALLADINO: "-- very much -- very much in charge. And yesterday Heather spoke at the top as well about the need for the State Department to get its full team on the field, and we definitely would reiterate our request for our colleagues in the Senate and their assistance in fielding our full camp."

LEE: "Understood. Who has been nominated to be the new ambassador to Turkey, and who has been nominated to be the new ambassador to Saudi Arabia? Who are the nominees who are awaiting Senate movement?" PALLADINO: "Matt, I don't have that in front of me right now. And -- but let me just say these are senior Foreign Service officers that have had full careers, and we're confident in our team's ability." LEE: "You're sure someone's been nominated for both positions?" PALLADINO: "I would have to take the question, Matt."

LEE: "Robert. Robert, really quickly, just --" PALLADINO: "Alright, one more. Let's go to Fox."

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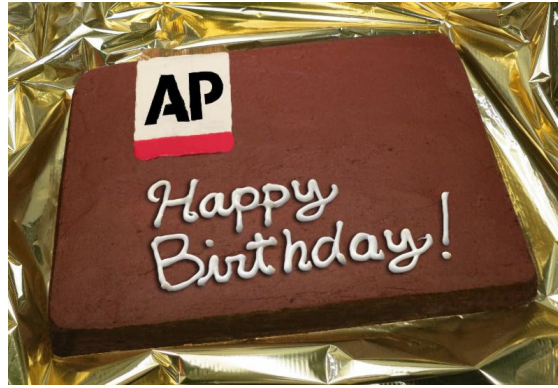
***Interviewed for special on Oregon's early policies toward African Americans***



**Greg Nokes** ([Email](#)) - was interviewed by Kami Horton of Oregon Public Broadcasting for an upcoming television special on Oregon's early policies toward African Americans. It's not generally known that Oregon had exclusion laws against blacks during most of its early history and was the only free state admitted into the union with an exclusion clause in its constitution. The program will air sometime early next year. It was partly inspired by Greg's book, "[Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory.](#)"



# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Should USA Today have published Trump's op-ed?*** (CNN)

# 'Medicare for All' would hurt everyone

President: I'm fighting

Next, the Democrats would eliminate virtually every American's reliance



## hard on Democrats' plan

**Donald J. Trump**

Democrats across the country are embracing a new legislative proposal that would end Medicare as we know it and take away benefits that seniors have paid for their entire lives.

Dishonestly called "Medicare for All," the Democratic proposal would establish a government-run, single-payer health care system that eliminates private and employer-based health care plans and cost an astonishing \$32.6 trillion over 10 years.

As a candidate, I promised that we would protect coverage for patients with pre-existing conditions and create new health care insurance options that would lower premiums. I have kept that promise, and we are now seeing health insurance premiums coming down.

I also made a solemn promise to our great seniors to protect Medicare. That is why I am fighting so hard against the Democrats' plan that would eviscerate Medicare. Democrats have already harmed seniors by slashing Medicare by more than \$800 billion to pay for Obamacare.

The Democrats' plan means that after a life of hard work and sacrifice, seniors would no longer be able to depend on the benefits they were promised. By eliminating Medicare as a program for seniors, and outlawing the ability of Americans to enroll in private and employer-based plans, the Democratic plan would inevitably lead to the massive rationing of health care. Doctors and hospitals would be put out of business. Seniors would lose access to their favorite doctors. There would be long lines. Previously covered care would effectively be denied.

In practice, the Democratic Party's so-called Medicare for All would really be Medicare for None. Under the Democrats' plan, today's Medicare would be forced to die.

The first thing the Democratic plan will do to end choice for seniors is eliminate Medicare Advantage plans for about 20 million seniors as well as eliminate other private health plans that seniors currently use to supplement their Medicare coverage.

and employer-based health plan. It is right there in their proposed legislation.

Americans might think that such an extreme, anti-senior, anti-choice and anti-consumer proposal for government-run health care would find little support among Democrats in Congress.

Unfortunately, they would be wrong: 123 Democrats in the House of Representatives as well as 15 Senate Democrats co-sponsored this legislation. Democratic nominees for governor in Florida, California and Maryland are all campaigning in support, as are many Democratic congressional candidates.

If Democrats win control of Congress this November, we will come dangerously closer to socialism in America. Every single citizen will be harmed by such a radical shift in American culture and life. Virtually everywhere it has been tried, socialism has brought suffering, misery and decay.

Indeed, the Democrats' commitment to government-run health care is all the more menacing to our seniors and our economy when paired with some Democrats' absolute commitment to end enforcement of our immigration laws by abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That means millions more would cross our borders illegally and take advantage of health care paid for by American taxpayers.

Today's Democratic Party is for open-borders socialism. This radical agenda would destroy American prosperity. Under its vision, costs will spiral out of control. Taxes will skyrocket. And Democrats will seek to slash budgets for seniors' Medicare, Social Security and defense.

Republicans believe that a Medicare program that was created for seniors and paid for by seniors their entire lives should always be protected and preserved. I am committed to resolutely defending Medicare and Social Security from the radical Democratic Party. For the sake of our country, our prosperity, our seniors and all Americans — this is a fight we must win.

*Donald J. Trump is the 45th president of the United States.*

**By TOM KLUDT**

New York (CNN) - When the president says it, does that mean it's automatically worth publishing? The question has vexed the news media for more than a year, rising to the surface yet again on Wednesday with an op-ed by Donald Trump in USA Today.

Fact-checkers immediately identified a number of whoppers in the piece, while various members of the media questioned the newspaper's decision to run it at all. Whether it's written by the president or a writer toiling in obscurity, the critics argued, the editorial standards still apply.

"The president does not have a free pass," former New York Times editorial page editor Andrew Rosenthal told CNN. "Our standard at the Times was that we do not print things that we knew not to be true, whether it was a letter, an editorial, a column or an op-ed. If a letter writer said something that was false, we would require them to correct or we wouldn't run it."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Arnold Zeitlin.

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## ***Confirmation bias: Brett Kavanaugh and the major media's worst moment*** (Washington Examiner)

**By Becket Adams**

For all the recent talk about facts versus "fake news," telling the truth, and recapturing the public's trust in the era of President Trump, some of our most important newsrooms blew it when it mattered most. Worse still, some demonstrated an immediate willingness to trade this industry's already badly battered reputation for a political victory.

We are now at the unsuccessful conclusion of a four-week-long effort by certain media organizations to prove Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh is a violent sexual predator and a lying alcoholic. The reckless and grossly irresponsible scramble by the New Yorker, NBC News, the New York Times, and others to make Kavanaugh into a monster produced some of the worst journalism of the Trump era to date - and that's a pretty high bar.

There were plenty of minor fouls, including when the Times assigned a news story on Kavanaugh to a magazine opinion writer who openly opposed his nomination. Others were much greater, including when NBC published an anonymously written letter alleging (with zero corroboration) that Kavanaugh was observed by an anonymous woman in 1998 to have pushed another anonymous woman.

Read more [here](#).

Shared by Carl Robinson, who wrote: *"I don't know if there's any way of commenting on entries, but yesterday's CJR piece (in Connecting) truly was over-the-top. Oh, so damned precious, like the media was 'only doing its job' on the Kavanaugh Story. It's like they're in another universe.*

*"So, how about this one from the Washington Examiner? A quote after enumerating the series of stories that came out after the Professor Ford allegations: Taken separately, a fair-minded person could say the authors of these and still more unfairly anti-Kavanaugh reports were merely ignorant or sloppy. But taken all together - and mind you, this doesn't even include the commentaries - it paints a far more damaging picture for some of the nation's most prestigious and vaunted newsrooms."*

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## ***'The Paper Could Send a Clear Message About the Importance of Voting'*** (New America)

**By Emma Coleman**

As autumn sweeps into Ithaca, it brings more than the orange and yellow leaves that are a trademark of upstate New York in the fall- it also carries with it a wave of students descending on Cornell University, Ithaca College, and Tompkins Cortland, the county's community college. While the arrival of these students breathes life into the college town, it also sparks the yearly question of how to engage young people in politics, particularly at a time when they may have recently earned the right to vote or moved away from the place they voted before.

For Marshall Hopkins, production director of the free alt-weekly newspaper the Ithaca Times, this question came at the same time as another constant, albeit more regular, question: what should go on the front page of the newspaper? Each week, Marshall designs the cover, and places one image that directly ties with the cover story. In mid-August through September, the newspaper runs print issues that are

double the typical size and serve as guides for new students, as well as newcomers to Ithaca. At the same time that Marshall was thinking about the cover for the August 22nd "2018 Student Survival Guide," he heard that people were organizing voter registration drives for new students, and he wanted to help.

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

## Today in History - October 12, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2018. There are 80 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12, 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

### On this date:

In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus' expedition arrived in the present-day Bahamas.

In 1792, the first recorded U.S. celebration of Columbus Day was held to mark the tricentennial of Christopher Columbus' landing.



In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1971, the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, California; he was 53.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

In 2001, NBC announced that an assistant to anchorman Tom Brokaw had contracted the skin form of anthrax after opening a "threatening" letter to her boss containing powder.

In 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

In 2007, Former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the Nobel Peace Prize for sounding the alarm over global warming.

Ten years ago: Global finance ministers meeting in Washington kept searching for ways to tackle the unfolding financial crisis; in Paris, nations in Europe's single-currency zone agreed to temporarily guarantee bank refinancing and pledged to prevent bank failures. North Korea said it would resume dismantling its main nuclear facilities, hours after the United States removed the communist country from a list of states that sponsored terrorism. A Soyuz spacecraft carrying Richard Garriott, the sixth paying space traveler, along with another American and a Russian crew member lifted off from Kazakhstan for the international space station. The Arizona Cardinals became the first team in NFL history to block a punt to score the winning TD in overtime in their 30-24 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Five years ago: Cyclone Phailin struck the east coast of India, destroying hundreds of thousands of homes and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in crop damage; some four dozen people are believed to have died. Belgian authorities nabbed alleged pirate kingpin Mohamed Abdi Hassan on his arrival in Brussels (he'd been lured from Somalia with promises of work on a documentary about piracy). Anibal Sanchez and four Detroit Tigers relievers came within two outs of the first combined no-hitter in postseason history, striking out 17 to beat the Boston Red Sox 1-0 in the AL championship series opener. The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0 for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

One year ago: The Trump administration said it would "immediately" halt payments to insurers under the Obama-era health care law. President Donald Trump lashed out at hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico, saying the federal government can't keep sending help "forever" and suggesting that the U.S. territory was to blame for its financial struggles.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 91. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 86. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 83. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 71. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 68. Pop/rock singer/songwriter Jane Siberry is 63. Actor Hiroyuki Sanada is 58. Actor Carlos Bernard is 56. Jazz musician Chris Botti (BOH'-tee) is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 56. Rock singer Bob Schneider is 53. Actor Hugh Jackman is 50. Actor Adam Rich is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Garfield Bright (Shai) is 49. Country musician Martie Maguire (Courtyard Hounds, The Dixie Chicks) is 49. Actor Kirk Cameron is 48. Olympic gold medal skier Bode Miller is 41. Rock singer Jordan Pundik (New Found Glory) is 39. Actor Brian J. Smith is 37. Actor Tyler Blackburn is 32. Actor Marcus T. Paulk is 32. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 26.

**Thought for Today: "Everyone's quick to blame the alien." - Aeschylus (ES'-kuh-luhs), Greek poet and dramatist (524 B.C.?-456 B.C.?).**

## 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.

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