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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 13th day of September 2013,

It has been 40 years since the resumption of Associated Press operations in China - and our colleague **David Liu** played a key role in making it happen.

David, then chief of the AP Library, was appointed liaison to this project by AP President **Keith Fuller** from 1978 to 1985, when Fuller retired. He shares the story in today's Connecting, with this preface:

The resumption of AP's operations in China in 1979 testifies to the success and recognition of AP's historical presence in the Middle Kingdom. Back in 1950, the People's Republic of China, the newly established Communist regime, forced AP to abandon its operations in Nanjing, seriously hampering its ability to cover news in the country.

The Associated Press re-opened its bureau in 1979 when Sino-American diplomatic relations resumed and only after several important - and at the time, highly confidential - meetings happened in 1978. One of those meetings took place when a delegation from Xinhua News visited the States for the first time, sponsored by the AP.

The following history tells the story of the Xinhua delegation's visit to America - a visit that expedited the return of major U.S. media organizations to China. AP's spearheading of this effort to open China back up to Western media should be remembered and noted.

Today's issue also brings you remarkable remembrances of 9/11 by our colleague **Mark Mittelstadt**, who was charged by then Executive Editor **Jon Wolman** with recording for posterity the AP's coverage of that horrific day, and from colleague **Paul Colford**, who teamed with just-retired AP investigations editor **Rick Pienciak** when both were at the New York Daily News.

Have a good weekend!

Paul

The story behind restoring AP's presence in China



From left: Jack Koehler, Tseng Tao, Walter Mears, and David Liu. (Photo/AP Corporate Archives)

David Liu ([Email](#)) - In the early spring of 1978, I received a call from Keith Fuller, then president and general manager, asking to meet with me. I headed up to the 7th floor executive section of the Associated Press Building at [50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York](#).

Upon entering Fuller's corner office suite overlooking the NBC building, I noticed there was a man standing at the window. Fuller introduced me to Xinhua United Nations Bureau Chief, Yu Ming Shen, then the official spokesperson of the Xinhua News Agency, China's official agency. Yu presented a letter proposing an official visit of its delegations to the United States.

Yu's request was unexpected, due to the fact that the U.S. and China had yet to re-establish a diplomatic relationship, which had ceased in 1950. At this point in time, both countries had not engaged in any significant bi-lateral exchanges, which included the news industry.

Fuller made it clear that this Yu's overture was a very sensitive issue and Fuller had to consult with related governmental branches before giving an answer on the proposal. At the time, Fuller emphasized to me that the whole matter had to be handled with extreme caution and assigned me to proceed with carefully drawn preparations in case the AP confirmed the proposal for the visit.

I went to Beijing in early May to engage in a series of meetings and discussions in connection with Xinhua's delegation visit. Bi-lateral discussions were also taking place in New York and Beijing, as the Xinhua UN bureau ironed out the itinerary for a ten-day journey across the country by the delegation.

Finally, the planning and discussions bore fruit, and a delegation arrived in September. Upon their arrival, they stayed at the headquarters of the Chinese Mission to the United Nations in New York City for three days before heading down to Washington D.C.



Keith Fuller (right), looking at the carving while Tseng Tao (center) explained the intricacies of the carving. David Liu is on the left. (Photo/AP Corporate Archives)

The delegates paid a courtesy visit to 50 Rock on September 12 and were welcomed into the 7th floor conference room to begin their official visit. Fuller welcomed the 10 delegates and received a gift from Tseng Tao, Director General of the Xinhua News Agency. The gift was a four-inch square seal carved from alabaster stone with the AP insignia clearly marked on the bottom.

The delegates then went down to D.C., and their most important meeting came in the basement of the White House. There, the delegation met with Deputy National Security Chief David Aaron and members of his staff. Michel Oksenberg, Sinologist, presented a plan to Xinhua. The agenda included a bi-lateral exchange program involving five news outlets. This served as a blueprint for the opening of China-based coverage among five major media outlets from the States: The Associated Press, United Press International, the New York Times, Washington Post/Los Angeles Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

The AP represented the lead news organization that would structure an operational plan for news staff to cover stories in China. An official Sino-US diplomatic relationship had yet to be established, so news organizations had to operate in a sort of underground manner -- no official bureau could be announced at that point. The AP forged ahead with securing a presence in the country after a 30-year absence, ever since the AP left Nanjing in 1949.

John Roderick was dispatched to Beijing to plan the bureau opening. He made a sortie into China from Tokyo where he was based. He began AP coverage with the Nixon journey to China in 1972, right after the US table tennis team visited China for demonstration tournaments in Beijing.



From left: Hodding Carter, Tseng Tao and Keith Fuller (Photo/David Liu)

In Washington D.C., delegates also visited the State Department and had a luncheon with Press Secretary Hodding Carter. Walter Mears, AP's Washington bureau chief, hosted a dinner for the delegates.

Finally, the Xinhua delegation ended their journey in the U.S. with stops at Disney in Orlando, the Kennedy Space Center and an oil rig outside of Houston. The Chinese delegation were amazed at the sights in the amusement park and were able to sample some fast food.

At the end of the journey, Xinhua's Tseng Tao had this to say: "AP left Nanjing in 1949 and we will re-connect through this official visit. This is the beginning of a new era for our two agencies."

More memories of where you were on 9/11



A U.S. flag hanging from a steel girder, damaged in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, blows in the breeze at a memorial in Jersey City, N.J., Sept. 11, 2019 as the sun rises behind One World Trade Center building and the re-developed area where the Twin Towers of World Trade Center once stood in New York City on the 18th anniversary of the attacks. (AP Photo/J. David Ake)

9/11: It still feels very real

Mark Mittelstadt ([Email](#)) - I still have difficulty wrapping my emotions around what happened in southern Manhattan, the Pentagon and a farm field in Shanksville, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2001.

I'm embarrassed to admit that.

At the time of the attacks by Islamic extremists I was an executive working at Associated Press headquarters in New York. I was on loan as executive director of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association. On that cool, cloudless morning, I took off from Newark International Airport a little after 7 a.m. en route to Milwaukee for a final planning meeting before the annual APME conference the next month. With me was program chairman Jody Calendar, a talented New Jersey newspaper editor who had worked at The Press of Asbury Park and The Record of Hackensack. An hour after we had left New York air space another aircraft, United Airlines Flight 93, also headed west from the same airport.

Jody and I knew nothing about what was going on in New York City until we climbed into a taxi at the Milwaukee airport. The driver was listening to a radio report of an airplane crashing into the World Trade Center North Tower. As we got to the hotel we learned of another aircraft being crashed into the WTC South Tower, then another into the Pentagon. We were ushered into a side room where we watched on television as the Twin Towers burned, then began to collapse in piles of smoke and dust. Jody began to cry, "What's going on?!" Around that same time we learned of an airliner, lost to radio communication, diving into the ground in southwestern Pennsylvania. At that point, the world all seemed very uncertain. What was going on? What would be the next shoe to fall?

Even before UAL93 crashed, the Federal Aviation Administration shut down U.S. airspace indefinitely. Jody and I, joined by AP photographer Santos Chaparro - there to represent the Associated Press Photo Managers group meeting with APME - were "stranded" in Milwaukee.

Staying in a comfortable hotel room, dining on the company tab, working with colleagues in a pleasant Midwest city - there are worse places to be stuck. But the three of us had an empty feeling in our guts. We lived in New Jersey, across the Hudson from the unfolding terrorism. We wondered what it was like back in New York City and our own neighborhoods. Jody, who resided near Red Bank in the eastern jut of the Garden State, already was learning of friends who worked in the Twin Towers and either managed to escape or hadn't been heard from.

We wanted to go home. But we could not, at least for another couple days.

We finally managed a flight back Thursday night -- to Philadelphia. New York airspace remained closed. A limo took Jody, Santos and I to our homes ... and a Tri-State area changed, seemingly forever.

I took an early train the next morning to New York City. Emerging from Penn Station I stopped short. Heavily armed police and military were at main intersections. I was in a crowd of pedestrians stopped from crossing 7th Avenue by a long procession of heavy equipment - cranes, bulldozers, excavators - hauled on long flatbed trucks

south to what came to be known as Ground Zero. Rescue had turned to recovery and, eventually, removal.

As I arrived at 50 Rockefeller Center, Executive Editor Jon Wolman assigned a tick tock on how AP covered the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. I was to talk to as many editors, reporters and photographers as I could to get their first-person accounts and to compile them into a piece for corporate use. I proceeded to do so over the next hours and days as memories were fresh. Others added to and edited the finished piece.

As a result of the attacks, Jody and I ripped up the APME conference program and added sessions with journalists who had been at Ground Zero, on covering terrorism, on how journalists can deal with the trauma experienced in difficult conditions. In coming months I would take visiting APME directors to AP's "perch" in an adjacent building overlooking the WTC site and the slow recovery of bodies.



The West Windsor, N.J., Parking Authority, which manages parking lots around the large Princeton Junction train station, erected a plaque remembering the many commuters lost or affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In the immediate days after that fateful Tuesday morning it was noticed that a number of cars at the Princeton Junction train station had not been moved. It turns

out many of them belonged to people who worked at the WTC. I wondered how many of those faces I would have recognized from our morning train rides into the city or our return home.

I did not lose an acquaintance in the attacks. But there were several victims from our central New Jersey community, including the father of one of my son's friends who lived around the corner. Local youth soccer took a break for a couple weeks after Sept. 11. But when it returned there was a moment of silence before each of the matches. Players on some of the teams I refereed had lost parents or relatives.

Eight months after the attacks the tiny post office in Cranbury, N.J. was dedicated to Todd Beamer. Beamer lived in Cranbury with his wife and small children. He was one of the passengers who attempted to regain control of UAL93 before it lost control and crashed into the ground before reaching the hijackers' intended target. My wife, Mary, was the vocal music teacher at the Cranbury School; her choir sang at the dedication.

I'm embarrassed and slightly ashamed to acknowledge the emotions I still feel when it comes to 9/11. Many journalists - especially AP names like Horst Faas, Richard Pyle, George Bria, George Esper, Edith Lederer, Nick Ut, Peter Arnett, Ian Stewart, Anja Niedringhaus, Kathy Gannon - have seen carnage and documented human tragedy on an almost unfathomable scale, and dealt with far greater adversity.

As a former police reporter at a small daily newspaper in Iowa I had seen a few dead bodies and a couple murder scenes. In my first weeks at the AP Des Moines bureau I was assigned with photographer Bob Jarboe to a blizzard where four men had died when their car was pancaked by two semis. It was brought like a slender piece of metal, bodies still inside, to a volunteer fire station.

But I was not prepared to witness nearly 3,000 people being murdered in a little more than an hour.

Many of my former AP colleagues saw that slaughter first-hand, running to the site of the burning towers, getting under cars or ducking into storefronts as the collapsing towers blanketed southern Manhattan in choking dust, smoke and debris. I was not the one to hear screams and wailing sirens or to take an iconic shot, still much-discussed, of a man falling head first down the side of a tower.

I can watch well-done documentaries on that day. But after 10 minutes of the reading of the names during the 9/11 anniversaries I have to shut the television off and do something else.

There's always a reminder around Sept. 11 -- "Never forget." Anyone with a soul who witnessed the events, in person or on television, likely cannot forget the images even if they tried.

I do hope we never forget the lapses in oversight, the artificial barriers placed between the United States' intelligence agencies, the lackadaisical approaches to terrorism and threats both at home and abroad that may have allowed 9/11 to happen.

And I hope we never forget the unity felt as a country on Sept. 12, 2001. Although I fear that in large part we have.

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Teamed with Rick Pienciak at Daily News

Paul Colford ([Email](#)) - I worked in BizNews at the (New York) Daily News so I knew Metro Editor Rick Pienciak hardly at all when the Twin Towers were hit on 9/11. But I reported to him that awful morning and observed a man, clipboard in hand, who was firmly in command and control of a far-flung staff when the scene could easily have been chaos.

I headed out the door on his instructions to check out Times Square and Midtown, thinking to myself, I wouldn't want his job today for all the money in the world.

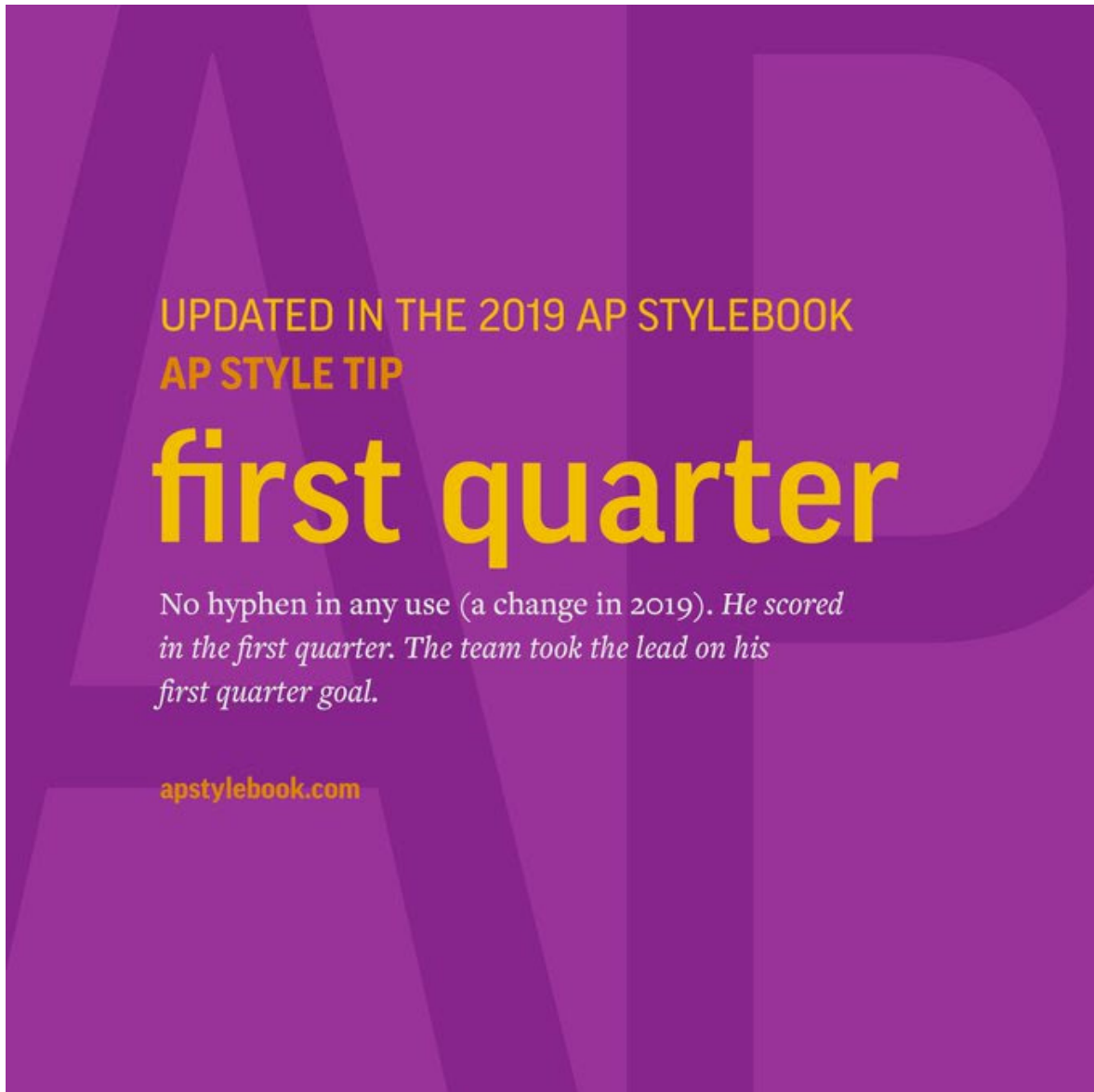
At Editor in Chief Ed Kosner's roundtable meetings of editors that followed, several times a day, he allowed me to sit in and record the huddles for posterity. There wasn't a question shot at Rick that he couldn't answer. He knew where people were and what they were doing. Impressive indeed. (The Daily News was a finalist for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News Reporting, cited by the judges for "its vivid and detailed on-scene coverage of the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City - click [here](#).)

Later, I watched Rick help lead the fight in the News' tabloid war with the New York Post. And I was elated, indeed blessed, now as AP's director of media relations, when Rick rejoined the organization, in 2007, as an investigations editor. I got the chance again to have what I'll call "restorative schmoozes" when we crossed paths in the newsroom or when he shuffled upstairs to my office to describe his team's latest probe, which was sure to spur requests from major media for a talking head or two from AP. A big hit that leaps to mind is "pharma water": how an array of

pharmaceuticals were being found in the drinking water consumed by millions of Americans. Click [here](#).

As Rick himself would put it, "Yeah, baby!"

AP sparks linguistic pandemonium with hyphen guidance update



By **MERRILL PERLMAN**, Columbia Journalism Review

THE SKY HAS FALLEN! The end is nigh! How can we possibly go on?

That is the reaction to a small change in Associated Press style that has unsettled many editors and writers.

The change? AP is calling for no hyphen between some compound modifiers, like "first quarter touchdown."

ICYMI: AP deletes tweet about migrants after heavy criticism

The panic was set off by an AP tweet:

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

On the long-term value of stories in print - fish or parakeets?

Lynn Sherr ([Email](#)) - In a Tweet: Single best take on the old newspaper biz I knew: from ex-@BaltimoreSun reporter @LauraMLippman in her bestselling new mystery #LadyintheLake:

“What’s your story?” Maddie asked the bartender.

“Don’t have one.”

“Everybody has a story.”

“I don’t think that’s true. You’d be surprised how many non-stories I hear in a night. What’s yours?”

“I told you. I’m a reporter.”

“Which rag?”

“The *Star*.”

“Never read it.”

“Which paper do you prefer?”

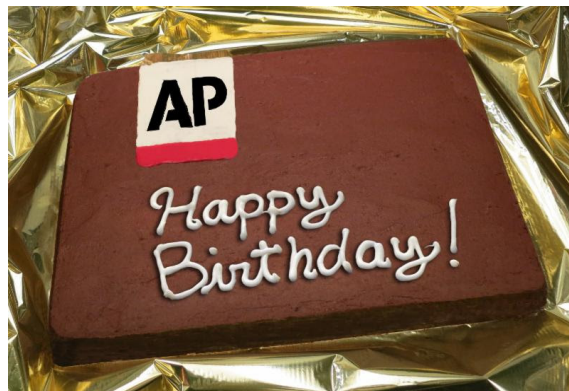
“The *Beacon*.”

“Why?”

“It’s the thickest and I’ve got a parakeet.”

AP Connection: when I was just starting in the AP ModSquad, my gods at AP Newsfeatures (Jules Loh, John Barbour, Saul Pett) were way more circumspect than I about our influence on the world. One of them, or maybe all of them, used to remind me regularly about the long-term value of our precious print stories in newspapers: “You can always wrap fish in it.” I like the parakeet line better.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Russian spy case provides test for news outlets

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - He may be A spy. But is he THE spy?

That's the question bedeviling news organizations reporting on a story about the U.S. extracting a Russian official who provided information about Kremlin interference in the 2016 presidential election. CNN on Monday revealed the secret mission to remove the man and his family out of Russia for fear his life was in danger.

The network did not identify the alleged spy. With government secrets and lives at stake, espionage is usually shrouded in secrecy.

Yet the Russian newspaper Kommersant on Tuesday named an individual it said was a missing member of Vladimir Putin's administration and suggested that he was an agent who provided the United States with information about the election.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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Good stuff first: Google moves to prioritize original reporting in search (Nieman)

By LAURA HAZARD OWEN

In an effort to put original reporting in front of users, Google's VP of news Richard Gingras announced Thursday that the company has changed its global search algorithm to "highlight articles that we identify as significant original reporting," and to keep such articles in top positions for longer.

The change is available in Google search now and will roll out to Google News and Google Discover shortly, Search Engine Land reported.

Google doesn't venture to define exactly what original reporting is, saying vaguely, "There is no absolute definition of original reporting, nor is there an absolute standard for establishing how original a given article is. It can mean different things to different newsrooms and publishers at different times, so our efforts will constantly evolve as we work to understand the life cycle of a story."

Read more [here](#).

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Education Department threatens to suspend employee who provided The Post with budget data (Washington Post)

By Valerie Strauss

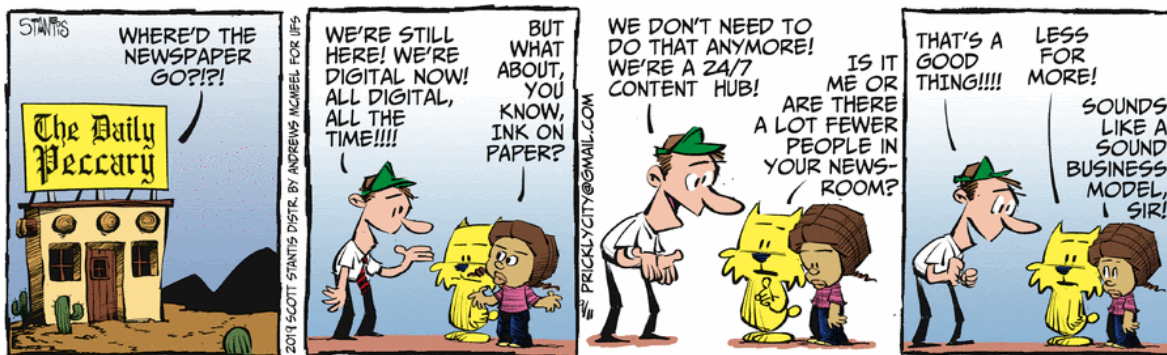
The U.S. Education Department is proposing a five-day suspension for a budget analyst who provided information to The Washington Post about the Trump administration's 2017 budget proposal before it was released, according to a letter sent to the employee. Her attorney says it is retaliation for whistleblowing.

Rebecca Delaney, an analyst in the Education Department's Office of Finance and Operations since 2016, received a letter dated Aug. 30 from the director of the Budget Service telling her about the proposed suspension. The letter, which noted that she admitted to providing the information to the press, said Delaney knew the data was "subject to an embargo" and that it is "uncouth or unprofessional" to violate the embargo. It accused her of "conduct unbecoming a federal employee."

The Education Department did not respond to requests for comment. Delaney declined to comment. The copy of the letter obtained by The Post has the name of the budget director redacted, but he is identified on the department website as Larry Kean. He did not respond to a request to comment.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen, Bill McCloskey.

The Final Word



(Shared by Paul Albright)

Today in History - September 13, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2019. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 2001, two days after the 9/11 terror attacks, the first few jetliners returned to the nation's skies, but several major airports remained closed and others opened only briefly. President George W. Bush visited injured Pentagon workers and said he would carry the nation's prayers to New York.

On this date:

In 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British naval forces began bombarding Fort McHenry in Baltimore but were driven back by American defenders in a battle that lasted until the following morning.

In 1860, General of the Armies of the United States John J. Pershing was born in Laclede, Mo.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate; she became the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1962, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a black student, declaring in a televised address, "We will not drink from the cup of genocide."

In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed the lives of 32 inmates and 11 hostages.

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur died at a Las Vegas hospital six days after he was wounded in a drive-by shooting; he was 25.

In 1997, funeral services were held in Calcutta, India, for Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa.

In 1998, former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace died in Montgomery at age 79.

In 2008, rescue crews ventured out to pluck people from their homes in an all-out search for thousands of Texans who had stubbornly stayed behind overnight to face Hurricane Ike.

In 2017, firefighters who were called to a sweltering nursing home in Hollywood, Florida, where air conditioning had been knocked out by Hurricane Irma found three people dead and evacuated 145 others to hospitals; five others died later in the day. Former Republican Sen. Pete Domenici (doh-MEN'-ih-chee), New Mexico's longest-serving senator, died in Albuquerque at the age of 85.

Ten years ago: The body of missing Yale University graduate student Annie Le (lay) was found behind a research lab wall on what would have been her wedding day. (A lab technician, Raymond Clark III, was later sentenced to 44 years in prison for murdering Le.) Kim Clijsters, capping a comeback from two years out of tennis, became the first unseeded woman to win the U.S. Open as she defeated No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki, 7-5, 6-3. At the MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for best female video for "You Belong with Me" was disrupted by Kanye West, who took the microphone to praise Beyonce's video of "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."

Five years ago: Islamic State extremists released a video showing the beheading of British aid worker David Haines, who had been abducted in Syria the previous year; British Prime Minister David Cameron condemned the slaying as "an act of pure evil." Former baseball player Frank Torre, who'd played seven seasons in the majors with the Milwaukee Braves and Philadelphia Phillies, died in Palm Beach, Florida, at age 82.

One year ago: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said she had notified federal investigators about information she received concerning Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh from a person who "strongly requested confidentiality." (The person was Christine Blasey Ford, who alleged that she was sexually assaulted by Kavanaugh when they were teens.) President Donald Trump dismissed the finding of public health experts who estimated that nearly 3,000 people had died in Puerto Rico from the effects of Hurricane Maria. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo easily beat back a Democratic primary challenge from activist and actress Cynthia Nixon. A series of gas explosions in three towns north of Boston killed a teen driver in his car, injured more than two dozen others and left dozens of homes in ruins.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Bain is 88. Actress Eileen Fulton (TV: "As the World Turns") is 86. Actor Joe E. Tata is 83. TV producer Fred Silverman is 82. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 78. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 75. Singer Peter Cetera is 75. Actress Christine Estabrook is 69. Actress Jean Smart is 68. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 67. Record producer Don Was is 67. Actor Isaiah Whitlock Jr. is 65. Actress-comedian Geri Jewell is 63. Country singer Bobbie Cryner is 58. Rock singer-musician Dave Mustaine (Megadeth) is 58. Radio-TV personality Tavis Smiley is 55. Rock musician Zak Starkey is 54. Actor/comedian Jeff Ross is 54. Actor Louis Mandylor is 53. Olympic gold medal runner Michael Johnson is 52. Rock musician Steve Perkins is 52. Actor Roger Howarth is 51. Actor Dominic Fumusa is 50. Actress Louise Lombard is 49. Tennis player Goran Ivanisevic (ee-van-EE'-seh-vihch) is 48. Country singer Aaron Benward (Blue County) is 46. Country musician Joe Don Rooney (Rascal Flatts) is 44. Actor Scott Vickaryous is 44. Singer Fiona Apple is 42. Contemporary Christian musician Hector Cervantes (Casting Crowns) is 39. Former MLB pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka is 39. Actor Ben Savage is 39. Rock singer Niall Horan (One Direction) is 26. Actor Mitch Holleman is 24. Actress Lili Reinhart (TV: "Riverdale") is 23.

Thought for Today: "Be yourself" is about the worst advice you can give to some people." - J.B. Priestley, British novelist (born this date in 1894, died 1984).

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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