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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 6th day of August 2020,

We turn the clock back 75 years ago today when the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima – and three days later, on Nagasaki, bringing an end to World War II.

Most of us on Connecting weren't yet born when it happened – but some like Linda and me had fathers in military service who were preparing, after the end of the War in Europe, for an invasion of Japan. Linda's dad **Capt. Ernie Saul**

was somewhere in the South Pacific when the bombs were dropped and my dad **Capt. Walter Stevens**, also an Army artillery officer, was somewhere in Germany. Estimates of casualties on both sides (Allies and Japanese) from such an invasion were astronomical. The cost of civilian lives lost from the bombs was likewise astronomical.

CORRECTION: In Wednesday's edition, in the story by colleague and professor emeritus Julie Davey, the Connecting editor erred by misspelling the first name of Errik T. Williams, who was one of her students at Fullerton College.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

Nuclear bombs dropped on Japan 75 years ago to end World War II



In this 1945 file photo, twisted metal and rubble marks what once was Hiroshima, Japan's most industrialized city, seen some time after the atom bomb was dropped here. (AP Photo)



This is an aerial view of the remains of the city of Hiroshima, Japan, Sept. 5, 1945, one month after the atomic bomb was dropped on it. (AP Photo/Max Desfor)

AP Images Blog

The city of Hiroshima in western Japan on Thursday marks the 75th anniversary of the world's first nuclear attack.

The U.S. dropped the uranium bomb nicknamed Little Boy at 8:15 a.m. on Aug. 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing 140,000 people, most of them civilians.

Three days later on Aug. 9, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki in southern Japan, killing another 70,000. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, ending World War II and, more broadly, an onslaught of aggression against its Asian neighbors that had lasted nearly half a century.

Read and view more [here](#). Shared by Francesca Pitaro.

Survivors mark 75th anniversary of world's 1st atomic attack



Kazumi Matsui, right, mayor of Hiroshima, and the family of the deceased bow before they place the victims list of the Atomic Bomb at Hiroshima Memorial Cenotaph during the ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, in Hiroshima, western Japan. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — The dwindling witnesses to the world's first atomic bombing marked its 75th anniversary Thursday, with Hiroshima's mayor and others noting as hypocritical the Japanese government's refusal to sign a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

Mayor Kazumi Matsui urged world leaders to more seriously commit to nuclear disarmament, pointing out Japan's failures.

"I ask the Japanese government to heed the appeal of the (bombing survivors) to sign, ratify and become a party to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons," Matsui said in his peace declaration. "As the only nation to suffer a nuclear attack, Japan must persuade the global public to unite with the spirit of Hiroshima."

His speech highlights what survivors feel is the hypocrisy of Japan's government, which hosts 50,000 American troops and is protected by the U.S. nuclear umbrella. Tokyo has not signed the nuclear weapons ban treaty adopted in 2017, despite its non-nuclear pledge, a failure to act that atomic bombing survivors and pacifist groups call insincere.

Read more [here](#).

AP Photo of the Day



A drone picture shows the scene of an explosion that hit the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

With life lessons like this, who needs textbooks?

Andy Lippman ([Email](#)) - Julie Davey's story (in Wednesday's Connecting) was an example of a teacher learning a valuable life lesson, and then watching her student teach a similar lesson to others on the Fullerton campus.

With memories - and life lessons like these - who needs textbooks?

Thanks to Julie for sharing a wonderful piece of her teaching career.

Needed: more Gene Herricks

Peggy Walsh ([Email](#)) - If only there were more Gene Herricks in the world. The wisdom of his 94 years (see Wednesday's Connecting) puts all of us to shame. I've never met Gene but we've developed a treasured email friendship.

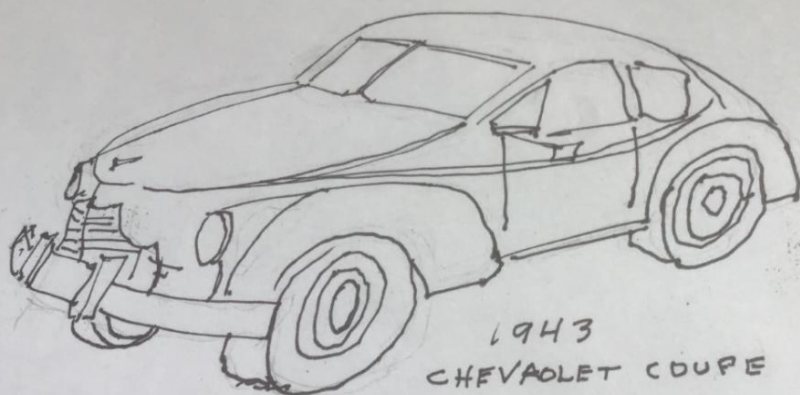
His memory, the amazing breadth of his photographs of landmark civil rights events and his ability to see the world through the eyes of others are a gift. Thanks for Connecting us.

More stories of your favorite or first vehicle



Not Dan's car but very close...

Dan Elliott ([Email](#)) - I have no photos of my most memorable car. Just as well. It was a seven-year-old 1967 Renault R-10, and it was so light that I was almost blown sideways off an icy Montana highway. The alternator nearly shook itself off one winter night, leaving me with either dim headlights or feeble heat, but not both. I had to use a door hinge to reattach the accelerator, although "accelerate" is an exaggeration. After I moved from Montana to Wyoming, I traded it for a five-year-old VW bus that had no discernible heater and handled like an empty shoebox whenever the wind blew, which was always. But it was way cooler than the Renault, and that's what mattered.



REO

Robert O'Meara ([Email](#)) - My first car was a used 1943 Chevrolet coupe that I and a friend drove all the way from Wisconsin to Key West, Florida.

Taking advantage of my first full vacation after joining the AP in Milwaukee, I headed south with my traveling buddy Jim Warner in 1950. There were no freeways or interstates so we had to drive through most towns. We got to Macon, Georgia, where we visited a friend teaching at Mercer College (now university) then went on to Miami where Jim's aunt put us up for a couple of nights.

Finally, we reached Key West and headed back to Wisconsin.

My next car was a brand-new Chevy convertible that my new wife and I drove to Colorado for our honeymoon.

New-member profile: Bill Pekala

Bill Pekala ([Email](#)) - has been an active professional photographer since he graduated from high school and went to work for the Lexington Herald Leader, Lexington, Ky. He went on to freelance work for a while before joining Nikon in 1974 as a Nikon School of Photography instructor and Pro-Market Technical Representative. Bill took the reins of Nikon Professional Services in 1981 and worked his way up to General Manager of NPS for the America's. Bill retired in January of 2014 after 39-plus years with Nikon.



Bill was the chief Nikon trainer for the NASA Shuttle astronauts in the early days of the program, teaching crews how to document life in space aboard the Space Shuttle and has been avid aviation fan for many years and is a member of International Society of Aviation Photographers (ISAP).

Bill sat on the Board of Directors of the Eddie Adams Workshop for 10 years.

Since retiring in 2014 Bill has been a faculty member of the “Clarkson Photography at the Summit,” “Photo Scenic Kentucky,” and “His Light Workshops” at Bodie, California, and Moab, Utah. He specializes in Time-Lapse, Night Sky, and Aviation photography.

Bill joined Sony as a consultant when it introduced the A9 mirror-less camera into the pro market. He continues to work with Sony Digital in its efforts to support professionals using the Sony system. He enjoys keeping his photo skills sharp and sharing his years of accumulated photo knowledge.

Bill's work can be viewed at - <http://www.billpekala.com>

Connecting sky shot – New South Wales



Carl Robinson ([Email](#)) - As an early riser, I get sunrises all the time! This is heavily volcanic Barrack Point on the NSW (New South Wales) South Coast, 100km south of Sydney, and closest beach to where we moved three months ago, with Shellharbour Beach in the foreground. I walked on around the point and that's Warilla. As an old school photographer, I avoided shooting into the sun for ages -- but digital is magic.

Catch of the Day – and how to use it



Francesca Pitaro ([Email](#)) - Even though it's not the usual summer, it's speeding by as most summers do. We feast on tomatoes and other good

things from the garden. My husband snapped this photo on Sunday of what he called “the catch of the day.”

What do you do with the “catch of the day,” Connecting asks?



Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - I'm at it again this morning — making tomato gravy for breakfast. With biscuits. Tomatoes have been plentiful at Wingards Produce

in McKenzie, Alabama, this summer.

Tomato gravy

3 tablespoons bacon or other drippings (or butter)

1/2 medium onion, finely chopped

2 tablespoons flour

2 cups fresh chopped tomatoes (about 3 medium)

Salt and black pepper to taste

Heat drippings in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly softened and lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

Add flour and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly browned, about 2 minutes.

Add tomatoes, pinch of sugar, and salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to a gentle boil, then reduce heat and simmer 10-15 minutes until tomatoes are cooked and mixture is slightly thickened.

If mixture becomes too thick, add a little water. Taste for seasonings, and adjust if needed.

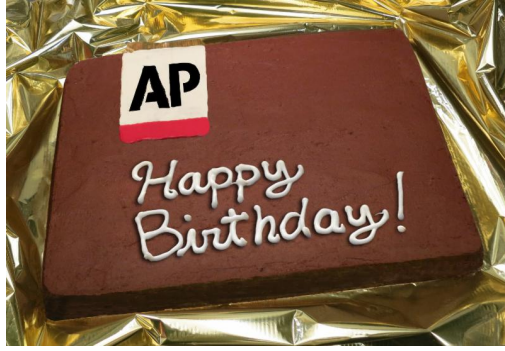
Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

This gravy traditionally has accompanied fried chicken and sometimes pork chops in the South. If serving it that way, using the drippings from the chicken or pork in the gravy.

Some cooks may find other uses for this gravy, such as over eggs for breakfast. My favorite way to enjoy tomato gravy is over hot biscuits for breakfast, along with bacon or Conecuh sausage, and grits.

Enjoy!

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Pete Hamill, legendary New York columnist and novelist, dies



Pete Hamill photographed in June 2010. (Watts, Susan / New York Daily News)

By THALIA BEATY

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Hamill, the self-taught, street-wise newspaper columnist whose love affair with New York inspired a colorful and uniquely influential journalistic career and produced several books of fiction and nonfiction, died Wednesday morning. He was 85.

Hamill died at a Brooklyn hospital from heart and kidney failure, his brother Denis confirmed in an email.

“Pete was truly one of the good guys,” Denis Hamill said.

Pete Hamill was one of the city’s last great crusading columnists and links to journalism’s days of chattering typewriters and smoked-filled banter, an Irish-American both tough and sentimental who related to the underdog and mingled with the elite. Well-read, well-rounded and very well connected, Hamill was at ease quoting poetry and Ernest Hemingway, dating Jacqueline Onassis

or enjoying a drink and a cigarette at the old Lion's Head tavern in Greenwich Village.

His topics ranged from baseball, politics, murders, boxing and riots to wars in Vietnam, Nicaragua, Lebanon and Ireland. But he would always look back to the New York he grew up in, a pre-digital age best remembered through the dreamscape of black and white photography — a New York of egg creams and five-cent subway rides, stickball games and wide-brimmed hats, when the Dodgers were still in Brooklyn and there were more daily papers than you could count on one hand.

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

Click [here](#) for New York Daily News story. Shared by Dennis Conrad, Richard Chady.

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Axios's Jonathan Swan is the latest interviewer to leave Trump grasping on TV (Washington Post)

By Jeremy Barr

In October 2018, Axios's Jonathan Swan tweeted that he was "excited to share" a snippet of his interview with President Trump from the first episode of "Axios on HBO." The clip showed Swan responding, "Tell me more," when the president asserted, incorrectly, that he has the power to eliminate "birthright citizenship" with an executive order. Swan's seemingly gleeful tone during the interview was strongly criticized.

The response was much, much better for Swan's latest interview with the president, which was taped last week and aired Monday night as the 10th episode of the show's third season on HBO.

The national political reporter's interview earned him praise from across the political aisle, and from beyond the usual media commentators. "Jonathan Swan is one of the best live interviewers on the planet," wrote longtime GOP pollster Frank Luntz on Twitter. "Journalism schools should be required to

show the @jonathanvswan @axios interview to every incoming class in perpetuity,” tweeted sports radio host Rich Eisen.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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Americans are losing faith in an objective media. A new Gallup/Knight study explores why (Knight Foundation)

By JOHN SANDS

Americans have high aspirations for the news media to be a trusted, independent watchdog that holds the powerful to account. But in a new Gallup/Knight study, we’ve found the gap is growing between what Americans expect from the news and what they think they are getting. Perceptions of bias are increasing too, which further erodes the media’s ability to deliver on its promise to our democracy.

The landmark poll of 20,000 people found that Americans’ hope for an objective media is all but lost. Instead, they see an increasing partisan slant in the news, and a media eager to push an agenda. As a result, the media’s ability to hold leaders accountable is diminished in the public’s eye.

The study also explores the connections between political affiliation and attitudes toward the media, as well the public’s view on diversity in newsrooms and the connection between local news consumption, civic engagement and community attachment.

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

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Facebook, citing virus misinformation, deletes Trump post

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
The Associated Press

Facebook has deleted a post by President Donald Trump for violating its policy against spreading misinformation about the coronavirus.

The post in question featured a link to a Fox News video in which Trump says children are “virtually immune” to the virus.

Facebook said Wednesday that the “video includes false claims that a group of people is immune from COVID-19 which is a violation of our policies around harmful COVID misinformation.”

A few hours later, Twitter temporarily blocked the Trump campaign from tweeting from its account, until it removed a post with the same video. Trump’s account retweeted the video. The company said in a statement late Wednesday that the tweet violated its rules against COVID misinformation. When a tweet breaks its rules, Twitter asks users to remove the tweet in questions and bans them from posting anything else until they do.

Read more [here](#).

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Digital Revenue Exceeds Print for 1st Time for New York Times Company (New York Times)

By Marc Tracy

Over a three-month period dominated by the coronavirus pandemic and a slowdown in advertising, The New York Times Company for the first time reported quarterly revenue that owed more to digital products than to the print newspaper.

As much of its staff worked remotely, The Times brought in \$185.5 million in revenue for digital subscriptions and ads during the second quarter of 2020, the company announced on Wednesday. The number for print revenue was \$175.4 million.

The company added 669,000 net new digital subscribers, making the second quarter its biggest ever for subscription growth. The Times has 6.5 million total subscriptions, a figure that includes 5.7 million digital-only subscriptions, putting it on a course to achieve its stated goal of 10 million subscriptions by 2025.

In a statement, Mark Thompson, the chief executive, called the company's shift from print revenue to digital "a key milestone in the transformation of The New York Times."

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

Today in History - August 6, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 6, the 219th day of 2020. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb code-named "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States

exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

On this date:

In 1809, one of the leading literary figures of the Victorian era, poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, England.

In 1911, actor-comedian Lucille Ball was born in Jamestown, New York.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1930, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Force Crater went missing after leaving a Manhattan restaurant; his disappearance remains a mystery.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1973, entertainer Stevie Wonder was seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) died at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1991, the World Wide Web made its public debut as a means of accessing webpages over the Internet. TV newsman Harry Reasoner died in Norwalk, Connecticut, at age 68.

In 1993, Louis Freeh won Senate confirmation to be FBI director.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31. John Hughes, 59, Hollywood's youth movie director of the 1980s and '90s, died in New York City.

In 2013, U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan went on trial at Fort Hood, Texas, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 others in a 2009 attack.

(Hasan, who admitted carrying out the attack, was convicted and sentenced to death.)

Ten years ago: In a stunning announcement, Hewlett-Packard Co. said it had ousted CEO Mark Hurd after an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint found that he had falsified expense reports and other documents to conceal a relationship with a contractor.

Five years ago: The first Republican presidential debate aired on Fox News Channel; when the 10 candidates were asked whether any of them would not pledge to support the eventual GOP nominee, only Donald Trump raised his hand, saying, "I will not make the pledge at this time," angering Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who accused Trump of "hedging his bets." Jon Stewart bade an emotional goodbye after 16 years as host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." "Hamilton," the hip-hop flavored biography about Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first treasury secretary, opened on Broadway.

One year ago: Ohio Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, prompted to act by the weekend shooting in Dayton, proposed measures to address mass shootings, including required background checks for nearly all gun sales in Ohio and allowing courts to restrict firearms access for people perceived as threats. In a strong rebuke to President Donald Trump, the four living former leaders of the Federal Reserve said that the head of the nation's central bank should be able to make decisions on interest rates without political pressure or the threat of being removed.

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 96. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 82. Actor Louise Sorel is 80. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 77. Actor Ray Buktenica is 77. Actor Dorian Harewood is 70. Actor Catherine Hicks is 69. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 68. Country musician Mark DuFresne is 67. Actor Stephanie Kramer is 64. Actor Faith Prince is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 62. Actor Leland Orser is 60. Actor Michelle Yeoh (yoh) is 58. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 56. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 55. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 55. Actor Benito Martinez is 52. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 52. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 50. Actor Merrin Dungey is 49. Singer Geri Halliwell Horner is 48. Actor Jason O'Mara is 48. Singer-actor David Campbell is 47. Actor Vera Farmiga is 47. Actor Ever (cq) Carradine is 46. Actor Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 44. Actor Melissa George is 44. Rock singer Travis McCoy is 39. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 39. Actor Romola Garai is 38. Rock musician Eric Roberts is 36.

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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