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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this July 14, 2021,

I always take a deep breath and exhale slowly each time I (quarterly) publish the Connecting 80s and 90s Club lists of colleagues who have achieved those years. I just know I am elevating someone too early or too late, or worse yet, including the name of a dearly departed. Alas, it happened again this Tuesday morning.

Within an hour of Connecting’s release, I got kind notes from **Norm Abelson**, **Henry Bradsher** and **Hal Buell** – whom I had listed in the 80s Club - reminding me that they all had moved into their 90s in the past couple months. Norm wrote, under the heading “Younger Than Springtime” – “My life partner, Magdalene, says I look younger than my age, and often act a lot like a bewildered teenager. It’s always nice to be taken for a youngster. So I’d like to thank Ye Olde Connecting editor for including me in the list of 80-year-olds Tuesday, even though my 90th birthday was four months ago.”

Hal wrote, "I thought I would be promoted to the highest ranks of the AP Survivor's Club. But, alas, I was passed over. I intend to take this up with the highest authority...on the other hand I may just pretend I'm still 60." When I told him and the others that Connecting's superpowers allowed them at least one day back in their 80s, Hal responded, "Gimme more o' that Connecting juice that turns back time and all is forgiven."

So I am publishing the list again today – including the additions of **Dodi Fromson**, **Pierce Lehmebeck** and **Denis Searles** in the 80s Club. Dodi noted, "Notice how very few women admit to being in their 80s?" I am not touching that! And I am again holding my breath. But with a smile on my face on how rightfully proud you are to make sure the Connecting world knows your true age. And that many in both lists are among our best contributors.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

A magical day in front of microfilm reader

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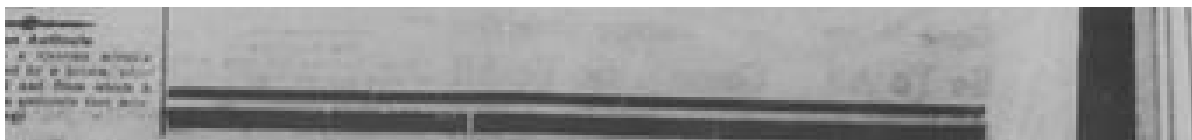
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The Union Star



John Dowling (Email) - I spent a quietly amazing day yesterday in front of a microfilm reader. How I got this particular microfilm to read is a long and not very interesting story, so I will try to get to the point.

My mom's father spent most of his working life publishing a weekly newspaper, the Union Star, in Union, Iowa, a tiny farming village where the population peaked at about 600 in the 1920s. He died on my 10th birthday and I have only a few memories of him from my family's visits to Union twice a year or so. I was only vaguely aware of his work, and it had no direct influence on my decision to become a journalist.

The microfilm I procured contains a scattering of editions of the Union Star from 1917 to 1943, when my grandfather closed the paper due, I believe, to wartime rationing. I had never seen a copy before.

I'm about 40 percent of the way through the reel; I'm planning to go back Thursday, since the microfilm needs to go back to the Iowa State Historical Library eventually. Boy oh boy there is a lot I could say. About the transitory nature of journalism, but also the power of a newspaper archive as a time capsule of lives and a place all but vanished.

The 21st century microfilm reader enables screen shots, so here are a few bits from the time capsule. I'm still pondering and processing and will probably bore you with more down the road.

Click [here](#) for link to pages.

Agrees with Doug Tucker on media credibility

Bill Wertz (Email) - I'd like to add support to Doug Tucker's comment on media credibility in Tuesday's Connecting. After leaving the AP, I worked for two large corporations that were stuck on the idea that they were right and the public was wrong -- which is the mantra of many in today's media.

I heard over and over again that if the public just "understood" them better, nothing would have to change in their behavior. The job of "public relations," in their view, was to win applause for actions that many smart, reasonable people believed were harmful to them and to society in general. Over time, some more enlightened corporate executives recognized that modifying the way they did business was the path to improving their reputation. Among other things they started being more environmentally responsible and treating their employees and customers with more respect and appreciation.

As Robert Burns once said, it's a gift to be able to see yourself as others see you. And as Warren Buffet once said, it takes years to build a reputation and only minutes to ruin one. Rebuilding media credibility will not be easy or quick. But it has to start with the realization that fair and even-handed news reporting (I'm over-generalizing, I know) has veered off track into the realm of issue advocacy. A change in course is badly needed.

Another perspective to 'just the facts'

Henry Bradsher ([Email](#)) - Various contributors to Connecting write about reporting facts, the importance of facts in reporting and editing, The AP's respect for facts. "Just the facts, ma'am," as Dragnet's Sgt. Joe Friday said.

But there is another perspective.

"When the legend become fact, print the legend." How many remember that line from a newspaper editor? He rejected any correction of a false legend.

No, not the editor of an AP member paper. He edited the paper in a Western frontier town, Shinbone. That was a fictional construct, some probably recall, in a movie that the Library of Congress put in the category of "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." It was director John Ford's 1962 film "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance."

In a series of flashbacks, the movie revealed that James Stewart, playing an idealistic young lawyer on the frontier, had not been the one who fired the fatal shot in a confrontation with the local bad man, Liberty Valance. The shot was fired by a rancher, played by John Wayne, who was protecting Stewart. But Stewart got credit for the shot, launching an illustrious career in the U.S. Senate. And the editor refused to tell his readers that the legend was wrong.

What sometimes passes these days for journalism, but should properly be categorized as opinion, often seems to go with legend. Some of this is in print, but most wildly proliferates on cable television, with a similar refusal to make corrections. That wrong perspective seems a threat not only to those who respect facts but also to our political system.

Looking for suggestions to help educate our world

Sonya Zalubowski ([Email](#)) - I read Bill Day's wonderful lessons on aging (in Tuesday's Connecting) with great interest. His message as I saw it, basically showed that wisdom is the silver lining to all the aches, loss and pain of aging. For me it raises a possibly contentious point; please don't see my thoughts akin to an Ebenezer Scrooge!

But having just begun to emerge from a crippling, even death occurring, heat wave here in the previously thought immune, beautiful Northwest, I wonder what we

journos, mostly retired with all our skills and contacts, can do to help educate our world to hopefully change this kind of outcome.

Today I drove on a necessary chore and witnessed the scorched vegetation along the way, much of it dying. Giant evergreen trees going brown to their towering tips, Rhodies baked dry, their once green leaves and future blossoms shriveled, the backdrop yellowed grass. We are used to a Mediterranean climate, rains in fall and winter and dry summers, but nothing like this. Hundreds of people died from Oregon up to Canada, much of the population had no AC, but think with power failures of the future. Even our cherry crop, the luscious red and black cherries, had to be harvested at night. Still, one migrant laborer died. And top cherries dehydrated with shortages predicted of the crop, even here. What can we do both personally and privately about this crisis? How can we show our wisdom or are we doomed to be the frogs in the pot of boiling water?

I throw this question out. I myself will try to ration my travel to only necessary, both locally and trips. To naysayers I say, if everyone did that, think of the difference it could make. Letters to editor, to congresspeople, to businesses, I look for suggestions.

Brother of Merrill Hartson dies at 81

Robert "Bob" Charles Hartson Jr., 81, of Montague, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021, at his home. He was born November 15, 1939, in Watertown, New York, the son of Robert Sr. and Alice (Powers) Hartson. Bob was a retired US Marine, restaurant owner, and published numerous poems and novels. Click [here](#) for obituary.



Merrill Hartson ([Email](#)) - Bob was the first born and a sort of unofficial mentor to his brothers and sisters. He loved his country, he loved life, his family, writing and the U.S. Marine Corps. Bob sported a Marine Corps frame for the license plate on his car, and he flew the Marine Corps banner regularly with the American flag at family reunions and cook-outs. He was an ardent, if often frustrated fan of the Detroit Tigers, and in recent years of the team's struggles, he enjoyed offering his unsolicited tips in recent years on how to run the struggling club.

He particularly liked to serve up his game advice on call-in radio talk shows.

Bob first's novel was "Falling Up the Stairs," which for the family was a thinly disguised account of the hard-scrabble life the Hartson family led.

He wrote under the name of R.C. Hartson and won a host of awards for short stories and poetry and a poem, "Shadows of Iwo Jima," was published by the Marines in the

Leatherneck Magazine in 2003.

Advice on becoming nonprofits

Sue Cross ([Email](#)) - *Executive Director & CEO, Institute for Nonprofit News* - At the Institute for Nonprofit News, we're hearing from newspaper publishers seeking advice on becoming nonprofits, and we know journalism funders often are seeking resources as well for their own work or on behalf of potential grantees.

So I want to make sure you're aware of INN's new [Quick Guide to Converting a For-Profit to Nonprofit News Outlet](#). It's designed as a kind of extended FAQ or initial exploration of the key questions for-profit publishers will want to think about, and it pulls together links to many other good resources. (This guide was written for the Institute for Nonprofit News by Connecting colleague Kate Butler and Fraser Nelson.)

We're often asked if many commercial newspapers will convert to nonprofits, or if we believe they should. We believe the decisions hinge on many individual or local circumstances -- the current ownership, the community's support -- but that right now, nonprofit news structures are the most stable, sustainable base for local news outlets. Our aim for this guide is that it helps owners, publishers and community leaders explore what is possible and how nonprofit options can work to sustain their news reporting.

Between 65 and Death

Charles Monzella ([Email](#)) - The Connecting (July 13) item on changes that go along with aging brought to mind this list I found some time back called "Between 65 and Death." It was written by Steve Korker, someone I never heard of.

- 1 – It's time to use and enjoy the money you saved. Don't keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it.
- 2 – Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren. You gave them an education, food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.
- 3 – Do moderate exercise, eat well and get plenty of sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. Keep in touch with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well.
- 4 – Always buy the best. Life is too short to drink bad wine!
- 5 – Don't stress the little things. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now.
- 6 – Regardless of age, keep love alive. No one is old as long as he or she has intelligence and affection.

7 – Be proud, both inside and out. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong.

8 – Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear the current fashion among youngsters.

9 – Stay up-to-date. Read newspapers, watch the news. Keep an active email account and use social networks. You'll be surprised what old friends you'll meet.

10 – Respect the younger generation and their opinions. They are the future and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism.

11 – Never use the phrase "in my time." Your time is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still having fun and enjoying life.

12 – Some people embrace their golden years, while others become bitter and surly. Spend your time with positive, cheerful people.

13 – Do not surrender to the temptation of living with your children or grandchildren. Sure, being surrounded by family sounds great, but we all need our privacy. They need theirs and you need yours.

14 – Don't abandon your hobbies. If you don't have any, start ones. Find something you like and spend some real time having fun with it.

15 – Get out of the house, meet people you haven't seen in a while, experience something new. But don't get upset when you're not invited. Some events are limited by resources, and not everyone can be invited.

16 – Talk less and listen more. Don't go into long stories unless asked to. Try not to complain or criticize unless you really need to. People have a low tolerance for hearing complaints.

17 – Pain and discomfort go hand in hand with getting older. They are not who you are, they are something that life added to you.

18 – If you've been offended by someone – forgive them. If you've offended someone – apologize. Don't drag around resentment with you. It only serves to make you sad and bitter. Forgive, forget and move on with your life.

19 – If you have a strong belief, savor it. Live your faith and set an example. Live true to your beliefs.

20 – Laugh a lot. Many never get to this age, never get to experience a full life. But you did. So what's not to laugh about? Find the humor in your situation.

21 – Take no notice of what others say about you. Have pride in yourself and what you've achieved. Don't waste time thinking about what others might think. Now is the time to be at rest, at peace and as happy as you can be!

Scenes from around the AP world



AP's Afghanistan team interviews a woman named Fatima, far right, and her sister, far left, at an Afghan refugee camp where families have fled from nearby villages taken over by Taliban, July 8, 2021. From right, News Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Kathy Gannon, Kabul correspondent Tameem Akhgar and photographer Rahmat Gul. (Photo by Mir Wais Bezhan)



United Nations reporter Edith Lederer interviews Egypt Foreign Minister Sameh Shukry in New York, July 7, 2021. (AP Photo/Ted Shaffrey)



Video journalist Bishr Eltouni, seated on the left with his hand on the table, smiles during a farewell gathering celebrating his retirement in Brussels, July 6, 2021. Clockwise from left are: photographer Francisco Seco, correspondent Lorne Cook, video journalist Mark Carlson, correspondent Sam Petrequin and senior producer Sylvain Plazy. (AP Photo/Francisco Seco)



Washington staffers and friends ride the roads of Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md., on their way to Harpers Ferry, W.Va., June 28, 2021. The AP staffers in the group, from left: White House reporter Darlene Superville; Washington desk editor Lynn Berry (white helmet); writer Cal Woodward; White House news editor Nancy Benac; writer Colleen Long. Elizabeth Kennedy, former deputy bureau chief, is pictured in front of Benac. (AP Photo/Colleen Long)

Connecting calendar

Connecting Regional Reunion: September in Texas Plus a bonus event!

You are invited to attend the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas. For registration information, email Diana at heidgerd@flash.net Please register by Aug. 2. Pay your own way. All events are casual attire.

Confirmed reunion attendees so far (will be updated):

- Amanda Barnett
- Joei Bohr & Mark Woolsey
- Sally Carpenter Hale & Rick Hale

- Pam & Frank Collins
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- Brent Kallestad
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Rod Richardson & Kia Breaux
- David & Ellen Sedeño
- Terry Wallace & Liz Eaton

Group events include a Tex-Mex dinner Saturday night, Sept. 18, and going to the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox game on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, at retractable-roof Globe Life Field in Arlington. Baseball tickets are \$45 each and must be reserved in advance via Diana. Hotel information is below.

Bonus Reunion Event! Friday night, Sept. 17:

David and Ellen Sedeño of Dallas have graciously offered a suggestion (for those of you arriving early for the Saturday/Sunday reunion events or who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area) -- join them for dinner Friday night at their family's BBQ restaurant, located about 15 minutes north of the reunion hotel.

Meat U Anywhere BBQ
919 W. Northwest Highway
Grapevine, Texas 76051
817-251-1227

Meat U Anywhere

Time: 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17. BYOB.

Please RSVP to hosts David & Ellen: david@meatuanywhere.com

Group hotel:

SpringHill Suites Dallas DFW Airport South/CentrePort, rates \$109-\$114 per night, plus taxes & fees. Available Sept. 15-20 for AP Reunion group. Register by Aug. 2 to get the discounted AP Reunion rate.

See you in September!

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Don Waters - news4u2@earthlink.net

Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list quarterly. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note.)

90s:

Norm Abelson
Mercer Bailey
Henry Bradsher
Hal Buell
Albert Habhab
George Hanna
Hoyt Harwell
Gene Herrick
Sister Donalda Kehoe
Elaine Light
Sam Montello
Sal Veder
Harold Waters

80s:

Paul Albright
Peter Arnett
Harry Atkins
Malcolm Barr
Myron Belkind
Adolphe Bernotas
Lou Boccardi
Hal Bock
William Roy Bolch Jr.
Ben Brown
Charles Bruce
Harry Cabluck
Sibby Christensen
Shirley Christian
Mike Cochran
Frank Daniels Jr.
Don Dashiell
Bob Daugherty
Otto Doelling

**Phil Dopoulos
John Eagan
Claude Erbsen
Mike Feinsilber
Dodi Fromson
Bill Gillen
Steve Graham
Bob Greene
Chick Harrity
Lee Jones
Doug Kienitz
Dean Lee
Pierce Lehmbeck
Warren Lerude
Carl Leubsdorf
David Liu
Art Loomis
John Marlow
Dave Mazzarella
Joe McGowan
Walter Mears
Yvette Mercourt
Reid Miller
Charlie Monzella
Harry Moskos
Ray Newton
Greg Nokes
Lyle Price
Charles Richards
Bruce Richardson
Mike Rouse
Denis Searles
Richard Shafer
Mike Short
Joe Somma
Arlon Southall
Rick Spratling
Ed Staats
Marty Thompson
Ron Thompson
Hilmi Toros
Kernan Turner
Bob Walsh
Paul Webster
Jeff Williams
Johnny Yost**

Arnold Zeitlin
Kent Zimmerman

Stories of interest

New Project Addresses 'Unpublishing the News' (Editor & Publisher)

By Evelyn Mateos

Editor's Note: Check out our recent E&P Reports vodcast with Deborah Dwyer and Kathy English about "unpublishing the news."

In a digital age where news is preserved online, newsrooms are facing increasing pressure to “unpublish.” To help newsrooms address the matter, Deborah Dwyer, a Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI) fellow and a doctoral candidate in the Hussman School of Journalism and Media at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, created Unpublishing the News in collaboration with an expert advisory board. Her work can be found at unpublishingthenews.com.

“My definition of unpublishing is the act of deleting, obscuring, or significantly altering factual content—when it was reported at least—in response to a third-party request outside of the newsroom,” Dwyer said. “(These requests) are typically prompted by some sort of motivation either embarrassment, safety concerns, or concern about reputation.”

She added that unpublishing requests are not just limited to text. It could be a photo, photo caption, video clip, or graphic that prompts a request.

The issue of unpublishing has been at the forefront of Dwyer’s career. In 2016, she set out to get her PhD and quickly found her research focused on unpublishing. Additionally, Dwyer described sitting in on a committee meeting at the Chattanooga Times Free Press, where she previously served as director of marketing, as the group discussed several pending unpublishing requests. She then landed her 2020-2021 RJI fellowship.

Read more [here](#).

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'Anarchy and chaos': Michael Bender book describes turmoil in Trump White House (USA Today)

By Matthew Brown

WASHINGTON – Furious arguments, abrupt decision changes, perpetual dismay and "anarchy and chaos" defined the final days of the Trump administration, according to The Wall Street Journal's senior White House correspondent, Michael Bender.

Bender's book, "Frankly, We Did Win This Election': The Inside Story of How Trump Lost," compiles interviews with dozens of former Trump staffers and allies, as well as two interviews with former President Donald Trump himself.

The book depicts the inner workings of a White House and presidential campaign in turmoil, as Trump's subordinates fought each other for influence and grappled with obeying presidential orders that often contradicted basic democratic and constitutional norms.

Bender recounted that Trump called for whoever "leaked" information on him staying in a bunker during protests in 2020 to be "executed" for their actions.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Gary Nyhus.

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Google Told to Pay for News With Ultimatum and \$593 Million Fine (Bloomberg)

By Gaspard Sebag

(Bloomberg) -- Google was fined 500 million euros (\$593 million) in France after the search giant failed to follow an order to thrash out a fair deal with publishers to use their news content on its platform.

The Alphabet Inc. unit ignored a 2020 decision to negotiate in good faith for displaying snippets of articles on its Google News service, the Autorité de la concurrence said Tuesday. The fine is the second-biggest antitrust penalty in France for a single company.

France isn't alone in trying to hold tech giants to account over their use of news. Australia earlier this year required digital firms like Facebook and Google to pay local publishers for news. Google has been increasingly paying publishers but on its own terms, with a \$1 billion Google News Showcase to point readers to news content.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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U.S. newsroom employment has fallen 26% since 2008 (Pew)

BY MASON WALKER

Newsroom employment in the United States has dropped by 26% since 2008. But while newspapers have seen steep job losses during that span, digital-native news organizations have seen considerable gains, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2008, there were about 114,000 total newsroom employees – reporters, editors, photographers and videographers – in five industries that produce news: newspaper, radio, broadcast television, cable and “other information services” (the best match for digital news publishers). By 2020, that number had declined to about 85,000, a loss of about 30,000 jobs.

How we did this

The bulk of the decline in total newsroom employment occurred in the first half of this 12-year period. Between 2008 and 2014, the number of newsroom employees dropped to 90,000, a loss of about 24,000 jobs. After 2014, the number of newsroom employees stabilized, with little change over the six-year period through 2020. (It’s important to note that the 2020 data in this analysis does not fully reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on U.S. newsroom employment. The Bureau of Labor Statistics collects data across a three-year period, which has the effect of muting year-over-year changes.)

Read more [here](#).



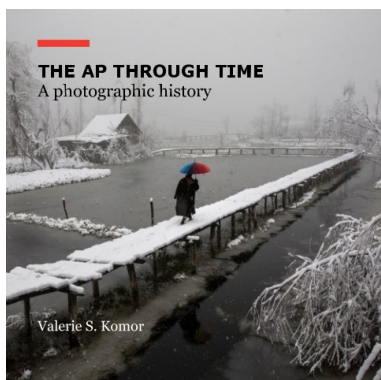
Celebrating AP's 175th

AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP’s most historic logos. The site is temporarily down and will be reinstated in Connecting soon.

AP Through Time: A Photographic History



AP Through Time: A Photographic History” - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP’s 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP’s development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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Today in History - July 14, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 14, the 195th day of 2021. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

On this date:

In 1789, in an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1865, the Matterhorn, straddling Italy and Switzerland, was summited as a seven-member rope party led by British climber Edward Whymper reached the peak. (Four members of the party fell to their deaths during their descent; Whymper and two guides survived.)

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in present-day New Mexico.

In 1914, scientist Robert H. Goddard received a U.S. patent for a liquid-fueled rocket apparatus.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure providing funds for a national monument honoring scientist George Washington Carver; the monument was built at Carver's birthplace near Diamond, Missouri.

In 1945, Italy formally declared war on Japan, its former Axis partner during World War II.

In 1980, the Republican national convention opened in Detroit, where nominee-apparent Ronald Reagan told a welcoming rally he and his supporters were

determined to “make America great again.”

In 2004, the Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. (Forty-eight senators voted to advance the measure — 12 short of the 60 needed — and 50 voted to block it).

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff arrived at the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina to begin serving a 150-year sentence for his massive Ponzi scheme. (Madoff died in prison in April 2021.)

In 2014, the Church of England voted overwhelmingly in favor of allowing women to become bishops.

In 2015, world powers and Iran struck a deal to curb Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for relief from international sanctions.

Ten years ago: A federal judge in Washington, D.C. declared a mistrial in baseball star Roger Clemens’ perjury trial over inadmissible evidence shown to jurors. (Clemens, who was accused of lying under oath to Congress when he denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs during his career, was acquitted in a retrial.)

Five years ago: Terror struck Bastille Day celebrations in the French Riviera city of Nice (nees) as a large truck plowed into a festive crowd, killing 86 people in an attack claimed by Islamic State extremists; the driver was shot dead by police.

One year ago: Researchers reported that the first COVID-19 vaccine tested in the U.S. revved up people’s immune systems as scientists had hoped; the vaccine was developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. A Confederate monument that had long been a divisive symbol at the University of Mississippi was removed from a prominent spot on the Oxford campus and taken to a Civil War cemetery in a secluded area. In a primary, former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions lost the Republican nomination for his old Senate seat in Alabama to former college football coach Tommy Tuberville. (Tuberville would go on to defeat Democrat Doug Jones in November.) The federal government carried out its first execution in almost two decades, killing by lethal injection Daniel Lewis Lee, who’d been convicted of murdering an Arkansas family in a 1990s plot to build a whites-only nation in the Pacific Northwest.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Nancy Olson is 93. Former football player and actor Rosey Grier is 89. Actor Vincent Pastore is 75. Music company executive Tommy Mottola (muh-TOH’-luh) is 73. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 69. Actor Jerry Houser is 69. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 69. Actor Stan Shaw is 69. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 63. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 61. Actor Jane Lynch is 61. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 60. Actor Matthew Fox is 55. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 55. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donnelly is 55. Former child actor Missy Gold is 51. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati is 50. R&B singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 46. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 46. Hip-hop musician “taboo” (Black Eyed Peas) is 46. Actor Scott Porter is 42. Actor Phoebe Waller-Bridge is 36. Rock singer Dan Smith (Bastille) is 35. Actor Sara Canning (TV: “The Vampire Diaries”) is 34. Rock singer Dan Reynolds (Imagine Dragons) is 34.

Got a story or photos to share?

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- **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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