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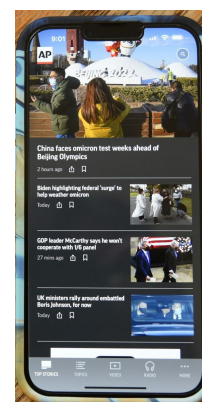
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Aug. 18, 2022,

The King has been gone for 45 years now, but one thing I have learned as Ye Olde Connecting Editor – any mention of **Elvis Presley** in the newsletter is guaranteed to get my Connecting readers rushing to their computer to share a story.

Elvis never leaves OUR building...

Such happened again Wednesday after Connecting published a great [AP Images blog](#) on the 45th anniversary of his death. Kudos to its producer, **Julia Weeks**.

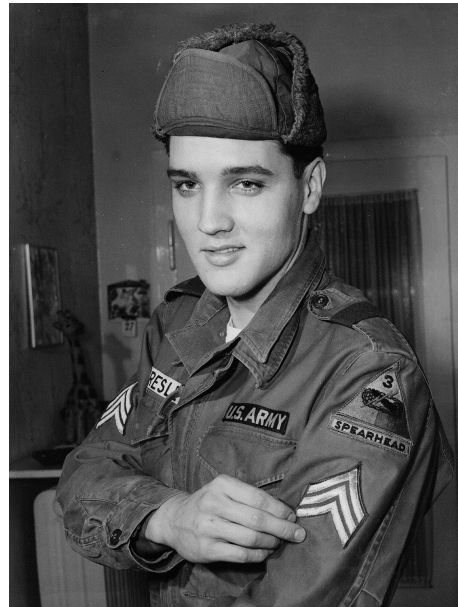
The responses started on the negative side – several of you (**Jim Limbach, Larry Blasko, Rick Cooper, Dick Lipsey**) let me know that the caption on a 1960 photo from the blog that I used of Elvis with Army sergeant's stripes said he has been "recently promoted to corporal."

Wrong rank. He had been promoted to sergeant a few weeks before the photo was taken. No corporal, he!

The caption has now been corrected in the AP archive. Not much gets by my dedicated group of keen-eyed editors!

Our colleague **Linda Deutsch** is without question the longest and most loyal Elvis fan among our esteemed readership, and she shared some thoughts on a photo from an Elvis concert she attended with girlfriends in 1957.

And no, the photos above her story from the Images blog do not show Linda or her friends.



So without further ado, thankyouverymuch for your responses!

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Memories of The King of Rock and Roll – Elvis Presley





This unidentified teenager found Elvis Presley "too much" when he appeared at the Philadelphia Arena in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 6, 1957. (AP Photo/Bill Ingraham)

[Linda Deutsch](#) - These pictures are amazing and especially significant to me is the one of hysterical fans at the Philadelphia Arena on April 6, 1957. That was the place and date that my two girlfriends and I saw Elvis in person. I have spoken about that day many times. The three of us are still BFFs and dedicated Elvis fans.

The new Elvis movie has brought back our youth. I had a call yesterday from one of our trio who had just seen the movie and was overwhelmed.

"We're in the movie!" she exclaimed, referring to the scenes of screaming young girls that recalled the hysteria surrounding the King in those days.

More than any other film, this one has captured the impact Elvis had on American music and the culture surrounding rock 'n roll.

Please thank Julia Pananon Weeks (author of the blog) for doing such a great job.

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David Tenenbaum - There is a sidebar to the Elvis funeral story that may be of interest: as the junior member of the AP photo team, I was assigned to the overnight shift at the front gates to Graceland, and was supposed to make a "sunrise over the crowds of mourners in the streets" photo. There were something like 10,000 people lining the road, all exchanging Elvis stories over the course of the night, when at something like 2 am (if memory serves), a car drives through the crowd, literally sending bodies flying through the air. I grabbed a Leicaflex and a strobe out of my bag, ran into the street, and shot some rapid frames before the police closed off the area.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to view how they were used.

Two killed outside Memphis mansion

Presley vigil marred by tragedy

• By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Hundreds keeping vigil outside Elvis Presley's mansion watched in horror early today as a car struck and killed two women, hours before the singer's funeral.

Police said the car was speeding and the driver had been drinking.

The women, and a third person who was injured, were standing in a median section of four-lane Elvis Presley Boulevard, while about 300 persons were gathered on the sidewalk across from Graceland Mansion.

Police said the car was traveling at 55 miles per hour down the street, where the limit is 40 miles per hour.

Shortly after the accident, four persons — a male driver and three female juvenile passengers — were taken into custody, Capt. James Sinclair, night command duty officer said.

The incident triggered a wave of name calling, including some racial slurs from the predominantly white crowd when police brought the black occupants of the car back to the accident scene.

Capt. Sam Martz of the police traffic division said the driver of the car, Treatise Wheeler III, 18, of Memphis, registered .16 on a Breathalyzer test administered at police headquarters shortly after he was taken into custody. In Tennessee, a person registering .10 can be charged with driving under the influence. The car was traveling at 55 miles per hour through a 40 m.p.h. zone, Martz said.

Wheeler was charged with public drunken-

ness, driving while under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, two counts of second-degree murder and leaving the scene of an accident, Martz said.

He said the women were taken to juvenile court and authorities said they would be released to their parents without being charged.

The dead women were not immediately identified.

Sheriff Gene Barksdale estimated that 25,000 to 30,000 walked past the seamless copper coffin. The estimate may have been generous, but the lines continued without letup for the entire 3½ hours.

Presley was dressed in a cream-colored, almost white, suit with pale blue shirt and silver tie — Christmas presents from his father.

Presley's face showed the effects of the weight he gained in his later years. On one finger was a ring with an enormous diamond.

So zealously did the family guard the private aspects of the day, that the names of those officiating at the service and most of those invited to attend were withheld.

From his emergence in the mid 1950s, Presley, whose records sold millions and whose films played to hordes, shaped American culture like no entertainer before him.

His dynamic stage presence — the twitching hips, the long sideburns, thick hair and curling lip — made him the passion of America's bobby-soxers.

His music — an amalgamation of country, blues and gospel with a sassy bounce — was the vanguard of a new genre called rock 'n' roll and influenced scores of artists, many of whom were expected to attend the funeral.

A family spokesman said Sammy Davis Jr., and singer James Brown would attend. Guitarist Chet Atkins and fellow executives at RCA Victor for whom Presley recorded were to be there.

There were reports that Caroline Kennedy and movie stars Burt Reynolds and Ann-Margret may attend.

The accident came on a day that was to have been for the family and the close friends of Elvis Presley, not for the clawing, clutching, adoring crowds.

As he wished it, the funeral for the 42-year-old singer was to be conducted in private, in midafternoon, with prayer and eulogy in the mansion he called home and entombment near his mother, in a cemetery not far away.

Dick Grob, the chief of Presley's personal security force, said the singer and his father, Vernon Presley, had planned his funeral.

"This is running exactly the way Elvis' father suggested it be run," Grob said. "It's been run in accordance with Elvis' wishes."

The family had planned to allow the public to view Presley's body for two hours Wednesday. The time stretched to 3½ hours but there were still about 15,000 whose pilgrimage to see Presley a final time was in vain.

More Elvis news on page 2



Images courtesy of AP Corporate Archives

There was a cab stopped in the road, and I jumped inside (leaving my camera bag back on the sidewalk in front of Graceland) and gave him the address of the AP bureau, which also got him out of harm's way: the crowd became very angry after the incident. When we got to the bureau, I handed the roll of film to Photo Editor Gene Blythe from Atlanta: I did not trust myself to soup it. Somehow Gene got IDs on the

women in the photo, and we were exclusive with the photos, which received wide play the next day.

At some point in the morning the bureau got a call from Elvis' bodyguard, who had spotted my camera bag on the ground in front of his guard post, and he told the bureau it was waiting in his shack for me to pick it up!

If I recall correctly, GM rushed every white Cadillac it had to Memphis for the funeral.....

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Dick Lipsey - The retrospective about Elvis Presley's military service in Germany reminded me of my experience at the same post, Ray Barracks in Friedberg, north of Frankfurt, a decade later. That post was closed during the post-Cold War drawdown and turned over to German authorities, who have added a roundabout in front of the former main gate with a sign reading "Army home of Elvis Presley."

I took the above photo in October 2016. The post was closed then and not accessible.

The caption on the photo of Elvis in uniform says he was recently promoted to corporal but shows him pointing to his sergeant's stripes. The caption also says "Presley is leading a Jeep company in the 32nd American tank division." There is no such thing as a jeep company, nor a 32nd tank division. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Armor Regiment, one of the nine or so infantry and tank battalions in the 3rd Armored Division. Elvis was a jeep driver, initially for the company commander and later for the reconnaissance platoon sergeant. I was the reconnaissance platoon leader of the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, at the same post. I had a jeep and driver but for operations used an M114 armored vehicle, which was developed after Elvis's time.

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Gene Herrick - Elvis Presley, the King of Rock'n Roll music, may be dead, but his style of music will remain for years.

Elvis set a new style with his bang-bang, songs, and his wriggling hips and knees. His voice and type of music set a different standard in the field of music.

I started covering Elvis from the beginning of his introduction of a style of music called Rockin' Roll. Elvis himself had a personal character that one doesn't forget.

Elvis was an ole' Mississippi "Boy." While working from The Associated Press bureau in Memphis, I started covering Elvis more than a half century ago, and he was one of the most interesting of personalities.

In the beginning, right after he and his family moved from northern Mississippi to Memphis, Tenn., he went to a little Memphis studio at the age of 18 to record his first song, "My Happiness."

I went with him and covered the event. He was like a kid carrying a firecracker.

From then on, Elvis was almost constantly in the news. Crowds would show up at his Graceland home to wait for a "view" of Elvis waving from his window or racing down the driveway on his motorcycle. Crowds outside went wild.

Memphis parents would drop their children off at Graceland so that they might get a view of him.

I went into the home a few times and met his mother and father.

He was a great newsmaker.

My AP broadcast wire day

[Lelieu Browne](#) - I was surprised to learn that AP Radio Network was recently closed forever. In my mind, it had never existed.

Back in early 1962, I quit Radio Australia in Melbourne to return to Vietnam. I was jobless and was not so sure what I wanted to do with myself. Malcolm (Browne), my boyfriend at that time, suggested that Saigon AP bureau might need a trilingual translator/interpreter in line with my qualification and experience. It was a dream job for me.

Unfortunately, his boss whose name I forgot and who oversaw the Associated Press in Southeast Asia flew in from Singapore to consult with the Saigon bureau. He gave a thumb down on Malcolm's proposal.

Without saying, I was very disappointed and started to send out resume to different foreign embassies in hope of getting a job.

One day, seeing me idling while waiting for job interviews and feeling guilty for deceiving me, Malcolm called me in, handing me a heavy tape recorder and microphone and asked me to go recording the sounds of Saigon life. He vaguely showed me how to operate the recorder.

"I was asked by AP radio broadcasting to register the sounds of Saigon life," he briefly explained, "you would do me a great favor and save me a lot of work."

So, I loaded that heavy recorder over my shoulder and with the microphone in hand, I walked the streets, recording the "klic-klack" sounds of the two pieces of wood that Chinese noodle street vendors clapped together to announce their presence, the screams of Vietnamese women squatting on the sidewalk, trying to sell their goods, the blasting horns of motorcycles speeding through the streets, the whistling blowers of traffic police.

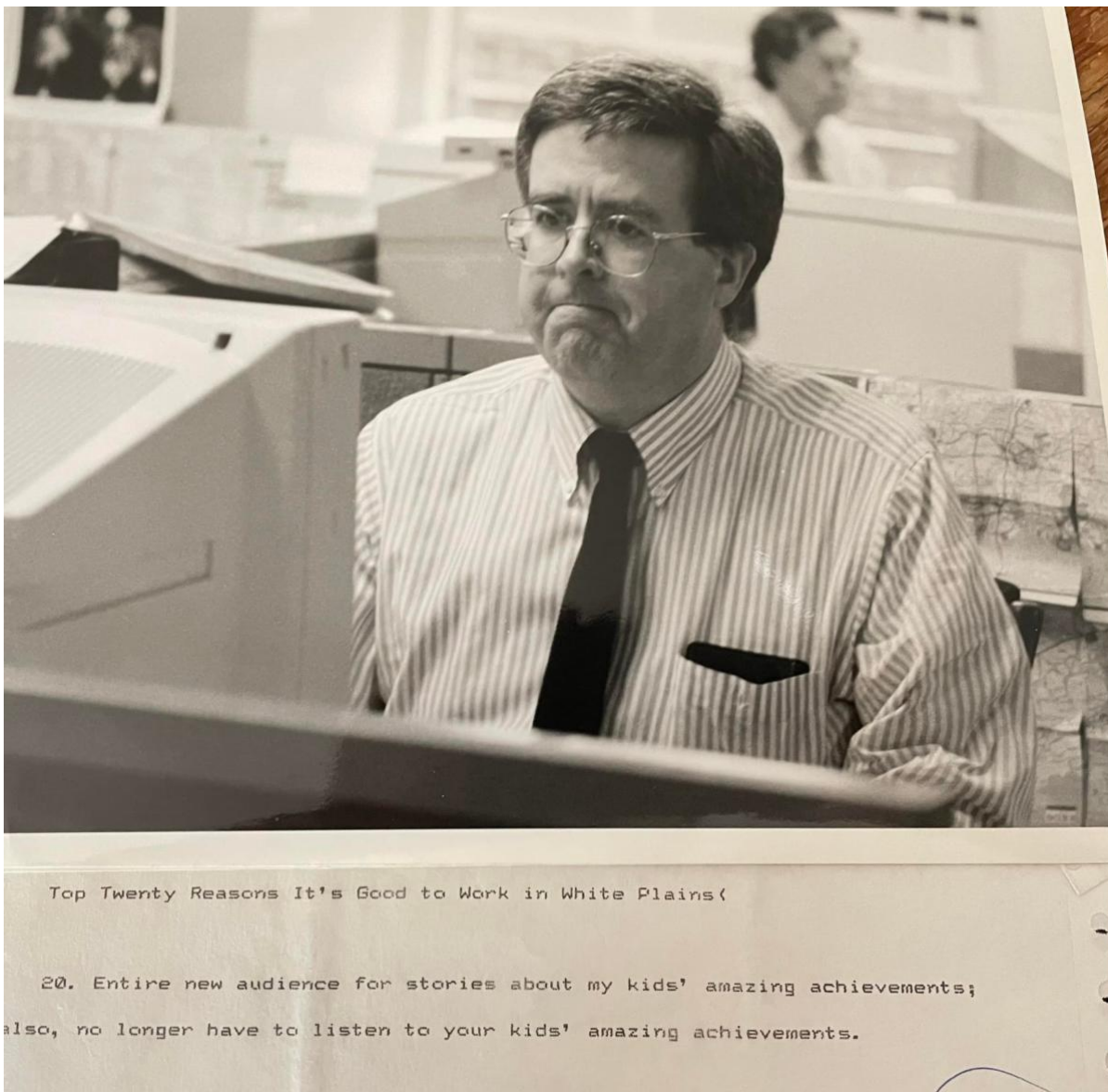
Sweating in the heat and weighing down by the heavy tape recorder, I was exhausted and decided to return to the office after spending half a day in search of sounds.

"Excellent, I am going to send the tape to AP radio broadcasting," Malcolm was pleased after checking the recording.

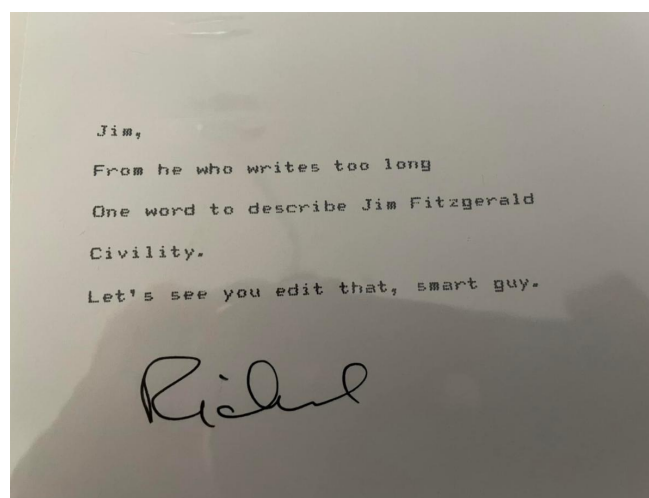
"What AP radio?" I asked. "You have never mentioned anything about AP radio before." He was too busy to give me any satisfaction and I walked away with the glowing thought that through his love for me, Malcolm tried to make me feel proud of having contributed to his journalistic career.

There was no AP radio in my mind. Eventually, I was hired by the American Information "JUSPAO."

These images are keepers



Ellen Nimmons, now on the Nerve Center in New York after 45 years at AP, sorted through reams of paper and photos after a move to Peekskill, NY. Some were keepers - notably an album of notes to her late husband, Jim Fitzgerald, when he left the NY bureau to become, as he called it - the oldest cub reporter ever, as AP's White Plains correspondent. One gem among many was this note from veteran correspondent Richard Pyle (who was edited by both Jim and Ellen over his storied career.) And that familiar face in the background of the photo of Jim at his computer? New York CoB Sam Boyle, RIP.



On AP coverage of invasion of Grenada

Henry Bradsher - Dan Sewell's account of his key role in "an AP stomp" on the American and Caribbean invasion of Grenada in 1983 makes great reading. May I add a bit of perspective?

When Portugal gave up on its African colonies in 1975, a pro-Soviet regime in Angola was challenged by groups supported by South Africa and others. The USSR began transporting Cuban troops to Angola to support the regime in what turned out to be a lengthy civil war (some 10,000 Cuban troops were killed, wounded or missing).

But Soviet transport planes lacked the range to fly non-stop from Cuba to Angola. So, after Maurice Bishop overthrew an elected government in Grenada in 1979, Moscow decided Cuba should build a large airport in Grenada for refueling within range of Angola. Bishop wrote repeatedly to Moscow that he was a good Communist who needed economic support, but the Soviets never accepted his Marxist credentials and ignored his pleas for aid.

Shortly after Bishop was overthrown and executed by an even more hard-line thug, the U.S. military began Operation Urgent Fury on the excuse of rescuing Americans studying at a medical college in Grenada. As Dan said, it was all over quickly. Today the airport, used by tourists from the States, London, Frankfurt and other places, is named the Maurice Bishop International Airport.

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Bruce Handler - I couldn't resist a smile after reading Dan Sewell's piece (Connecting, Aug. 17) about the AP's coverage of the Grenada invasion. (Kernan Turner and I had worked together in PD, the AP bureau in Portland, OR, in 1967-68)

The U.S. invasion was in 1983. I went to Grenada in 1974. I had left the AP to become the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil-based "Special Correspondent" [super-stringer with a pretty good guaranteed retainer] for Newsweek magazine and the Washington Post, at that time owned by the same company.

Newsweek called and asked me if I was all caught up with "the trouble going on in Grenada" and if I could go there as soon as possible. I hadn't the slightest idea, but after years of AP experience, where, if you have to, you can write about almost any subject -- the key being finding informed experts to talk to -- I said, "Oh, yeah, sure. I'm on my way!"

Why Newsweek didn't send someone from New York, Miami or San Juan who actually had some knowledge of Caribbean affairs, I'll never know.

Anyway, I get there, hop into a taxi from the airport, and soon learn what was up. Grenada was all set to declare its independence from Great Britain, and British officials were on their way for a formal ceremony, when all of a sudden Grenada's prime minister, who apparently had some sort of mystic dream or vision, decided to call the whole thing off.

The result was anger and confusion within the British government and a general strike on the island.

The cab driver asked where I was staying. I said, "I don't know. Maybe one of the good hotels?" The driver said, "No, no, 'mon', you don't want that. You're a reporter, right? Those hotels are too far out, and they won't have electricity or transportation because of the strike. You need to be close to the center of town. Let's go to Mrs. Jones'. She offers room and board to foreign visitors."

I said, "Fine."

Oh, what it's like to be young, stupid and lucky.

It was lunchtime, and the Jones family had come home to eat, and there was a place for me at the table. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their two older sons were quite interested in my presence in Grenada. They reeled off the usual complaints against the prime minister. He's unstable, violent, corrupt and whatnot. Then one of the sons said, "Would you like to meet the opposition leader?"

Being at the top of my game, I said, "Sure."

So the son drove along a dirt road leading to a tropical forest, where we came upon a cave. He yelled something, and out came Maurice Bishop, the leader of a far leftist group known as the New Jewel Movement, which at that time probably had just a few dozen followers. Bishop had been hiding out to avoid arrest by the PM's alleged goon squad, and he gave me a great interview.

Yes, this was the same Maurice Bishop who later became prime minister, who let Fidel Castro build his runway and who later was assassinated -- all of which provoked the Reagan invasion.

PS: For the record, I also got an interview with the prime minister. He brought out a bottle of imported scotch and talked to me in the palace until sunrise. He of course denied all the charges made by his opponents. He said he had called off independence because of a dream in which a mysterious voice told him, "A man shall come from the East to lead them," and he had been born on an island east of Grenada. He also said the New Jewel people "do not bathe [He pronounced it "bahthe"], and they smoke the weed."

Despite the island-wide power outage caused by the strike, I was able to get my story out thanks to a British fellow who represented a London-based telegraph company and who had a generator and a telex machine.

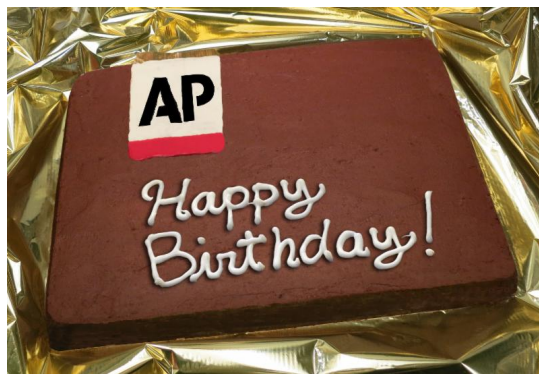
The Newsweek editors gave my exclusives great play and were delighted with the journalistic mastery of their new Caribbean expert. Who was I to argue otherwise?

Newspapers in Art: Riga, Latvia



Kevin Walsh - "Still Life With Newspaper And Hortensia." Leo Svemps, 1924. Latvian National Museum of Art.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Missing in action: Copy editors, a loss to all of us

(Bleeding Heartland)

Herb Strentz: The essence of copy editing was not catching errors in spelling or grammar, but making the news more understandable.

When writing posts for Bleeding Heartland, I've learned that if you don't have a good way to introduce a topic, you can find someone who does.

This commentary is about how much we've lost as many newspapers have all but eliminated copy editors—people who helped reporters provide the answers and clarity you expect to find in news stories, and saved them from publishing work that raised questions and confusion.

How to sum it up? Consider Michael Gartner's recollection from when he had just begun working at the Wall Street Journal. (This was some fifteen years before he became editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; later he was president of NBC News and won the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing as an owner and editor of the Ames Tribune.

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

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Fact check: Altered (AP) image of Donald Trump at golf tournament adds fat, wrinkles (USA TODAY)

Hannah Hudnall
USA TODAY

The claim: Image shows Donald Trump with a double chin and deep wrinkles

Former President Donald Trump's health was a frequent topic of discussion while he was in office.

Dr. Sean Conley, the White House physician, said Trump was in "very good health" after a 2019 medical evaluation. During an examination a year earlier, Trump was recorded to be six feet three inches tall and 239 pounds, which is medically considered overweight and on the verge of obesity, USA TODAY reported.

Trump's health became a point of interest again after a purported photo of him circulated widely on Facebook. In the image, Trump is wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat outside with a pronounced double chin and deep facial wrinkles.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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Saudi doctoral student gets 34 years in prison for tweets (AP)

By ISABEL DEBRE

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A Saudi court has sentenced a doctoral student to 34 years in prison for spreading "rumors" and retweeting dissidents, according to court documents obtained Thursday, a decision that has drawn growing global condemnation.

Activists and lawyers consider the sentence against Salma al-Shehab, a mother of two and a researcher at Leeds University in Britain, shocking even by Saudi standards of justice.

So far unacknowledged by the kingdom, the ruling comes amid Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's crackdown on dissent even as his rule granted women the right to drive and other new freedoms in the ultraconservative Islamic nation.

Al-Shehab was detained during a family vacation in January 2021 just days before she planned to return to the United Kingdom, according to the Freedom Initiative, a Washington-based human rights group.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Linda Deutsch.

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Opinion | Looking a gift horse in the mouth? The Asheville Citizen Times drops a nonprofit's investigative work (Poynter)

By: Rick Edmonds

The Asheville Watchdog has been a much-celebrated hit among digital news nonprofits. Founded two years ago by Pulitzer-winning retirees living in the gateway to the North Carolina mountains, the volunteer collective has produced more than 30 investigative pieces that were donated to and published by Gannett's Asheville Citizen Times.

That ended abruptly in February.

The Watchdog's publisher, Bob Gremillion, was told that rather than continue a regular partnership, the Citizen Times would consider submissions on a case-by-case basis. None have been accepted since, including three stories so far this year on problems arising from the sale of a major local hospital.

Frustrated, Gremillion wrote a piece earlier this month on the explanations – borderline bizarre ones – his group has received.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History – Aug. 18, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 18, the 230th day of 2022. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, the Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.)

On this date:

In 1894, Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1963, James Meredith became the first Black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to a close after three nights with a mid-morning set by Jimi Hendrix.

In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than a billion dollars' worth of damage.

In 1993, a judge in Sarasota, Florida, ruled that Kimberly Mays, the 14-year-old girl who had been switched at birth with another baby, need never again see her biological parents, Ernest and Regina Twigg, in accordance with her stated wishes. (However, Kimberly later moved in with the Twiggs.)

In 2004, in Athens, Paul Hamm (hahm) won the men's gymnastics all-around Olympic gold medal by the closest margin ever in the event; controversy followed after it was discovered a scoring error cost Yang Tae-young of South Korea the title.

In 2005, a judge in Wichita, Kansas, sentenced BTK serial killer Dennis Rader to 10 consecutive life terms, the maximum the law would allow.

In 2011, Vice President Joe Biden met with Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

In 2014, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon ordered the National Guard to Ferguson, a suburb of St. Louis convulsed by protests over the fatal shooting of a Black 18-year-old, Michael Brown.

In 2020, Democrats formally made Joe Biden their 2020 presidential nominee at their all-virtual national convention. The Republican-led Senate intelligence committee concluded that the Kremlin had launched an aggressive effort to interfere in the 2016 presidential contest on behalf of Donald Trump, and that the Trump campaign's interactions with Russian intelligence services had posed a "grave" counterintelligence threat.

Ten years ago: Tropical Storm Helene quickly weakened into a tropical depression after moving ashore on Mexico's Gulf Coast. Diana Nyad launched her latest attempt to become the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a wetsuit or a shark cage (she ended her bid three days later). Singer Scott McKenzie, 73, who performed "San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair)," died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Steve Bannon, President Donald Trump's top White House strategist, was forced out of his post by Trump. (Bannon would be pardoned by Trump in the final hours of Trump's term after being charged with diverting money from donors who believed the money would be used to build a wall along the southern border; he was later convicted of contempt for defying a congressional subpoena from the House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.)

One year ago: Taliban militants in Afghanistan attacked protesters who dared to take down the Taliban banner and replace it with the country's flag, killing at least one person; the attack came as many Afghans hid at home or tried to flee the country. The United Arab Emirates confirmed that it had taken in Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his family on humanitarian grounds; the family had fled Afghanistan as the Taliban closed in on the capital. A federal appeals court in New Orleans upheld a Texas law outlawing a commonly used second-trimester abortion procedure. U.S. health officials announced plans to dispense COVID-19 booster shots to all Americans to shore up their protection amid the surging delta variant and signs that the vaccines' effectiveness was slipping.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Rosalynn (ROH'-zuh-lihn) Carter is 95. Actor-director Robert Redford is 86. Actor Henry G. Sanders is 80. Actor-comedian Martin Mull is 79. Rock musician Dennis Elliott is 72. Comedian Elayne Boosler is 70. Actor Denis Leary is 65. Actor Madeleine Stowe is 64. Former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner (GYT'-nur) is 61. ABC News reporter Bob Woodruff is 61. The former president of Mexico, Felipe Calderon, is 60. Actor Adam Storke is 60. Actor Craig Bierko (BEER'-koh) is 58. Rock singer-musician Zac Maloy (The Nixons) is 54. Rock singer and hip-hop artist Everlast is 53. Rapper Masta Killa (Wu-Tang Clan) is 53. Actor Christian Slater is 53. Actor Edward Norton is 53. Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner is 52. Actor Kaitlin Olson is 47. Rock musician Dirk Lance is 46. Actor-comedian Andy

Samberg (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 44. Country musician Brad Tursi (Old Dominion) is 43. Actor Mika Boorem is 35. Actor Maia Mitchell is 29. Actor Madelaine Petsch is 28. Actor Parker McKenna Posey is 27.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking [Connecting Archive](#) in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.



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:

- **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.
- **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?

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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