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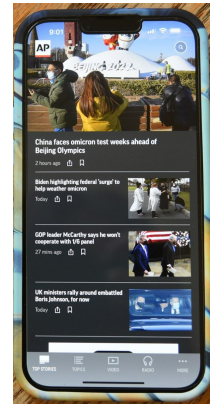
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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this May 11, 2023,

**Have you ever covered a politician (or other news source) who blew up in anger over questions you asked?**

Our colleague [David Egner](#) suggested this question be posed to fellow journalists after he read a recent [Vanity Fair article](#) on former president Donald Trump and an NBC News reporter. Here was the lead:

It was March and former president Donald Trump was aboard his plane with a gaggle of reporters following a campaign rally in Waco, Texas. He started off in good spirits. But then a line of questioning from NBC News reporter Vaughn Hillyard, who suggested that Trump had in recent days seemed “frustrated” by Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg’s investigation, began irritating the former president. “Don’t ask me any more questions,” Trump said. About 10 minutes later, as Hillyard continued to ask about the investigation, Trump snapped, grabbing the reporter’s two phones and chucking them

to the side, according to a source familiar with the matter. "Get him out of here," Trump told his aides, according to a recording obtained by Vanity Fair.

If something like this happened to you, please share your story.

**What's your favorite place to read your newspaper?**



Mine – as evidenced in this photo – is in the driveway of our house in suburban Kansas City, with companion Ollie on guard. My home-delivered print reads are The Kansas City Star and USA Today, plus the Wall Street Journal on weekends. But kind neighbors Diane and Bruce Smith brought me the Sunday edition of the Democrat-Gazette from their trip to Little Rock – and it was a delight to read the paper that we once subscribed to when we lived there years ago.

So how about you? Where is your favorite reading spot – whether you're reading a print edition or digital? Send along a photo as well.

Here's to a great day – be safe, stay healthy, live it to your fullest.

Paul

# A Pulitzer winner with Anchorage Daily News

[Hal Spencer](#) - Add me to the list of Pulitzer Prize winners. I had a lead role on an Anchorage Daily News team that won the 1989 award for public service. Our 1988 five-day series, "A People in Peril," documented the despair of Alaska Native peoples with stories of suicide, alcoholism, community disintegration, and possible solutions. It was sensitive and heartbreaking work, but as the Pulitzer committee noted, it resulted in reforms. Not long after the series ran, I ended my two-plus years at the ADN to rejoin AP here in Olympia.

## 1933 book burnings – and a story rarely told

[Joe Galu](#) – Wednesday's Today in History is correct about the 1933 book burnings in Germany, but there is a story that is rarely told.

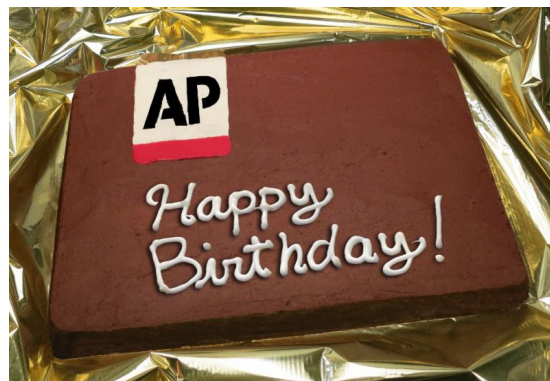
The Nazis wanted to burn the Jewish libraries, but they were afraid to do so in the land of Goethe and Schiller.

They burned the homophile library of Magnus Hirschfeld and got away with it. That cleared the way for burning the Jewish libraries.

It's an example of "they came for the Communists, but I'm not a Communist" .... and there was nobody left to object -- or words to that effect.

It's why many people are alarmed by all the attacks on drag queens and trans people. Who will be next?

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### *Tributes pour in for AFP journalist killed in Ukraine*

(AP)



Agence France-Presse journalist Arman Soldin smiles to photographer as a cat stands on his shoulders in Ukraine, Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. Colleagues of Arman Soldin, the AFP journalist slain in Ukraine on Tuesday May 9, 2023, gathered solemnly at the press agency's Paris headquarters on Wednesday, a day after his death, to remember the 32-year old. A widely broadcast photo of Soldin, pictured in protective gear and smiling broadly with a cat on his shoulder, has plucked at the heartstrings of the French nation. (Bulent Kilic/AFP via AP)

PARIS (AP) — Colleagues of Arman Soldin, the Agence France-Presse journalist slain in Ukraine, gathered solemnly at the press agency's Paris headquarters on Wednesday, a day after his death, to remember the 32-year old.

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“Arman was so enthusiastic, so energetic, so alive that it seems unreal to be here and talk about it this morning,” said Juliette Hollier-Larousse, the agency’s deputy news director.

Soldin, who was working as the Ukraine video coordinator, was killed in a Grad rocket attack near the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut. He was with a team of AFP journalists traveling with Ukrainian soldiers when the group came under fire. The rest of the team escaped uninjured.

The Paris prosecutors’ office, which handles counterterrorism cases, said Wednesday evening that it was launching an inquiry into war crimes over the journalist’s death.

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

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## ***Opinion / CNN’s Trump town hall turns into a Trump rally*** (Poynter)

**By: Tom Jones**

As soon as it was announced that CNN had invited Donald Trump on for a town hall, critics immediately and harshly blasted the network, wondering why in the world it would hand a megaphone to a former president who is known to lie, twist history, undermine democracy and is facing a slew of legal troubles.

Turns out, those fears were realized. Fully realized.

This wasn’t a town hall. It was a Trump rally.

A defiant Trump — playing all of his greatest hits of a rigged 2020 election and revisionist history about practically everything involving his presidency — steamrolled over CNN’s Kaitlan Collins on Wednesday night and basically gave a 1 hour, 9 minute long infomercial in front of a very supportive and boisterous crowd of Republican and undeclared voters in New Hampshire.

This was no fault of Collins. She tried. She was poised and obviously prepared. She pushed back often. She did her job.

It made no difference. Trump ignored Collins, dismissed her questions, vaguely danced around the facts and was often bailed out by an enthusiastic audience that laughed at his jokes and clapped at most everything he said.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Takeaways from Trump's CNN town hall: election lies and attacks on E. Jean Carroll*** (AP)

By MICHELLE L. PRICE

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's primetime return to CNN Wednesday for the first time since 2016 felt like a throwback: Trump with the long, twisting answers; the interviewer at times struggling to fact-check him or return his focus to the question at hand; and then, eventually, both talking over each other as Trump flings insults her way.

Wednesday's town hall in New Hampshire was the first time in years that Trump faced prolonged questioning from an outlet outside the friendly confines of conservative media outlets of his choosing.

He had branded CNN "fake news" and never granted any of its journalists an interview while president. Trump's campaign said he was appearing on the network now to step outside a GOP comfort zone as he already starts to turn his focus to a potential 2024 general election rematch with Democrat Joe Biden.

Trump's appearance on CNN comes at a time of jarring dualities for the former president: The Republican is facing a crescendo of legal problems yet seems in a stronger position than ever to become his party's presidential nominee. He's attempting to reach mainstream media viewers despite having deepened his embrace of extremists since leaving the White House, continuing to align himself with those involved in the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection and dining with a Holocaust-denying white nationalist.

Here's what to know about Trump's CNN town hall:

Read more [here](#).

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## ***New White House rules: Reporters can be kicked out if not 'professional.'*** (Washington Post)

By PAUL FARHI

The White House has proposed new rules to determine who qualifies for access to its press briefing room on a regular basis — and who can be thrown out for behavior officials determine isn't "professional."

The rules represent the Biden White House's attempt to establish a code of conduct to avoid the legal jeopardy that the Trump administration ran into when it banished CNN reporter Jim Acosta and journalist Brian Karem from the White House complex in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Courts later ruled that officials violated the journalists' due-process rights because they had acted without a set of written standards.

More recently, press officials — and even some reporters — have bristled during press briefings at interruptions by journalist Simon Ateba, the White House correspondent for Today News Africa. Ateba has gained attention by shouting questions out of turn at Biden press secretaries Jen Psaki and Karine Jean-Pierre, in violation of protocol, if not written rules.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Harry Dunphy.

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## ***CNBC Parts Ways With Anchor Who Made Accusations Against NBCUniversal C.E.O.*** (New York Times)

By Benjamin Mullin

CNBC on Tuesday said it was parting ways with Hadley Gamble, an anchor and senior correspondent who accused the former chief executive of NBCUniversal, the network's parent division, of sexual harassment.

In a brief and effusive statement, CNBC called Ms. Gamble, who worked at the business news network for more than a decade, "a distinguished journalist" who had developed "deep experience in the Middle East and beyond."

"Her initiative and drive have secured valuable interviews with several world political leaders. We wish her every success in her future endeavors," the statement said.

CNBC and Ms. Gamble have negotiated a financial settlement worth more than \$1 million in connection with her exit, according to a person familiar with knowledge of the decision.

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

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## ***In Trump's Trial, a Secret Fight Over a Juror's Right-Wing News Source*** (New York Times)

By Lola Fadulu

During the trial of E. Jean Carroll's lawsuit against President Donald J. Trump, lawyers fought a behind-the-scenes battle over whether to dismiss a juror who listened to an extreme right-wing podcast, court papers that were unsealed on Wednesday revealed.

The juror, a 31-year-old man who said he had lived in the Bronx for all his life, said during jury selection on April 25 that he tended to avoid news but listened to “independent” podcasts “every now and then” and listed one example.

The original transcription inaccurately captured the podcast’s title as “Temple.” But lawyers for Ms. Carroll, the writer who filed the lawsuit accusing Mr. Trump of rape, later learned through news reports that the anonymous juror, identified only as Juror 77, had actually said he listened to Tim Pool.

Mr. Pool’s YouTube channel includes dozens of recordings that push hard-right views. His podcast, which has been criticized as a vector for conspiracy theories, is called “The Culture War.”

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

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## ***Uncertainty Surrounds the Future of Kodak Photo Paper and Chemistry*** (PetaPixel)

By JOHNNY MARTYR

Just about every industry has been touched by some form of supply chain issue in the past few years and photography has been no exception. But black and white film photographers might be taking the brunt of them soon.

In June 2020, Kodak Alaris sold their silver photochemical, paper, display, and software divisions to Sino Promise Group, a Chinese imaging company. By March 2022, reports began surfacing that Sino Promise was encountering serious financial trouble. Meanwhile, the cost to consumers for Kodak branded darkroom chemistry began ratcheting up. The last part was enough to dismiss, given how much everything seems to be going up in price lately.

I am a working film photographer and shoot exclusively on hand-processed b&w 35mm film. For about fifteen years, I’ve depended faithfully on Kodak HC-110, a popular film developer formulated by the company back in 1962. Throughout each bump in the road since the rise of digital photography in the early 2000s, Kodak’s bankruptcy in 2012, and related film stock discontinuations, I’ve never had any difficulty buying plenty of HC-110. The chemical was even reformulated in 2019, but transitioning to it was nearly seamless for my particular workflow.

This is why I was shocked a few weeks ago when I started to make my annual purchase of six one-liter bottles and couldn’t find HC-110 for sale at any of my usual, trusted vendors such as Film Photography Project, Freestyle Photo, or Adorama. I noticed that HC-110 was not only on backorder, but the listed price had also increased by more than 50% at some stores since my last purchase in 2022.

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



# Today in History - May 11, 2023



Today is Thursday, May 11, the 131st day of 2023. There are 234 days left in the year.

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

On May 11, 2010, Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

1647 — Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

1858 — Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

1927 — The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

1935 — The Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

1946 — The first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of American charities to provide relief to the hungry of postwar Europe, arrived at Le Havre, France.

1953 — A tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

1960 — Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1973 — The espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

1981 — Legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

1996 — An Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

2020 — Twitter announced that it would add a warning label to tweets containing disputed or misleading information about the Coronavirus.

Ten years ago — Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared victory following a historic election marred by violence. A pair of car bomb attacks in Turkey killed 52 people near the Syrian border. A strong 6.2 magnitude earthquake jolted the Arabian Sea port town of Jask in the south of Iran, injuring at least 15 people.

Five years ago — President Donald Trump unveiled his long-promised plan to bring down drug prices; the plan mostly spared the pharmaceutical industry and didn't include his campaign pledge to use the Medicare program's buying power to directly negotiate lower prices for seniors. R&B singer R. Kelly went ahead with a concert in Greensboro, NC, despite calls for a boycott stemming from longstanding allegations of sexual misconduct.

One year ago — The Senate fell far short in a rushed effort toward enshrining Roe v. Wade abortion access as federal law, blocked by a Republican filibuster. The move came after a draft report from the Supreme Court overturning the 50-year-old ruling. (The 6-3 decision would be issued essentially as drafted the following month.) Veteran Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was shot and killed while covering an Israeli military raid in the occupied West Bank.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 90. Jazz keyboardist Carla Bley is 87. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 82. Actor Pam Ferris is 75. Former White House chief of staff John F. Kelly is 73. Actor Shohreh Aghdashloo is 71. Actor Frances Fisher is 71. Sports columnist Mike Lupica is 71. Actor Boyd Gaines is 70. Actor and former MTV VJ Martha Quinn is 64. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 59. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 55. Actor Nicky Katt is 53. Actor Coby Bell is 48. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso is 45. Actor Austin O'Brien is 42. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 41. Rapper Ace Hood is 35. Latin singer Prince Royce is 34. Actor Annabelle Attanasio (TV: "Bull") is 30. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 29.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. 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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