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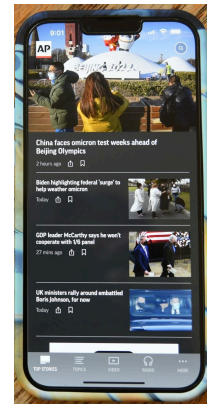
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# Connecting

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**FILE - In this Oct. 3, 1995 file photo, attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. holds O.J. Simpson as the not guilty verdict is read in a Los Angeles courtroom during his trial in Los Angeles. Defense attorneys F. Lee Bailey, left, Robert Kardashian look on. Simpson, the decorated football superstar and Hollywood actor who was acquitted of charges he killed his former wife and her friend but later found liable in a separate civil trial, has died. He was 76. (Myung J. Chun/Los Angeles Daily News via AP, Pool, File)**

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this April 12, 2024,

When the news broke Thursday that O.J. Simpson had died, the day changed dramatically for our colleague [Linda Deutsch](#).

Linda was the AP's chief reporter covering the 1995 murder trial of the former college and NFL football star whose fame carried into a career of television, movies and commercials. After his acquittal, Simpson spoke numerous times with Deutsch over the years. Simpson died Wednesday at the age of 76 after battling cancer.

"I was shocked at the news, and I am sad that I didn't get to connect with OJ at the end," Deutsch told Connecting. Her last interview with Simpson was after his release from prison in 2017— when he told her that he'd never talk again about the murder trial, she said in an interview with the Los Angeles Daily News. Click [here](#) for the story.



**FILE -** In this Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014 photo, Associated Press special correspondent Linda Deutsch holds a copy of her book, "Verdict, The Chronicle of the O.J. Simpson Trial," at her home in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Nick Ut)

Click [here](#) for an AP video in which Deutsch, a former AP Special Correspondent, looks back at her coverage of the murder trial and her decades-long relationship with the NFL star and actor. She also shared [a byline](#) on the wire Thursday with **Ken Ritter**.

Among the interviews she did Thursday were with the Los Angeles Daily News, Larry Mantle of NPR, KNX Radio, CNN International, ABC-TV (Zoom), BBC International (Zoom), Scripps News streaming site, (Zoom), Australia Radio, Frank Mottek of ABC, the Hollywood Reporter where former AP colleague Nekesa Moody is now the editor and BBC America.

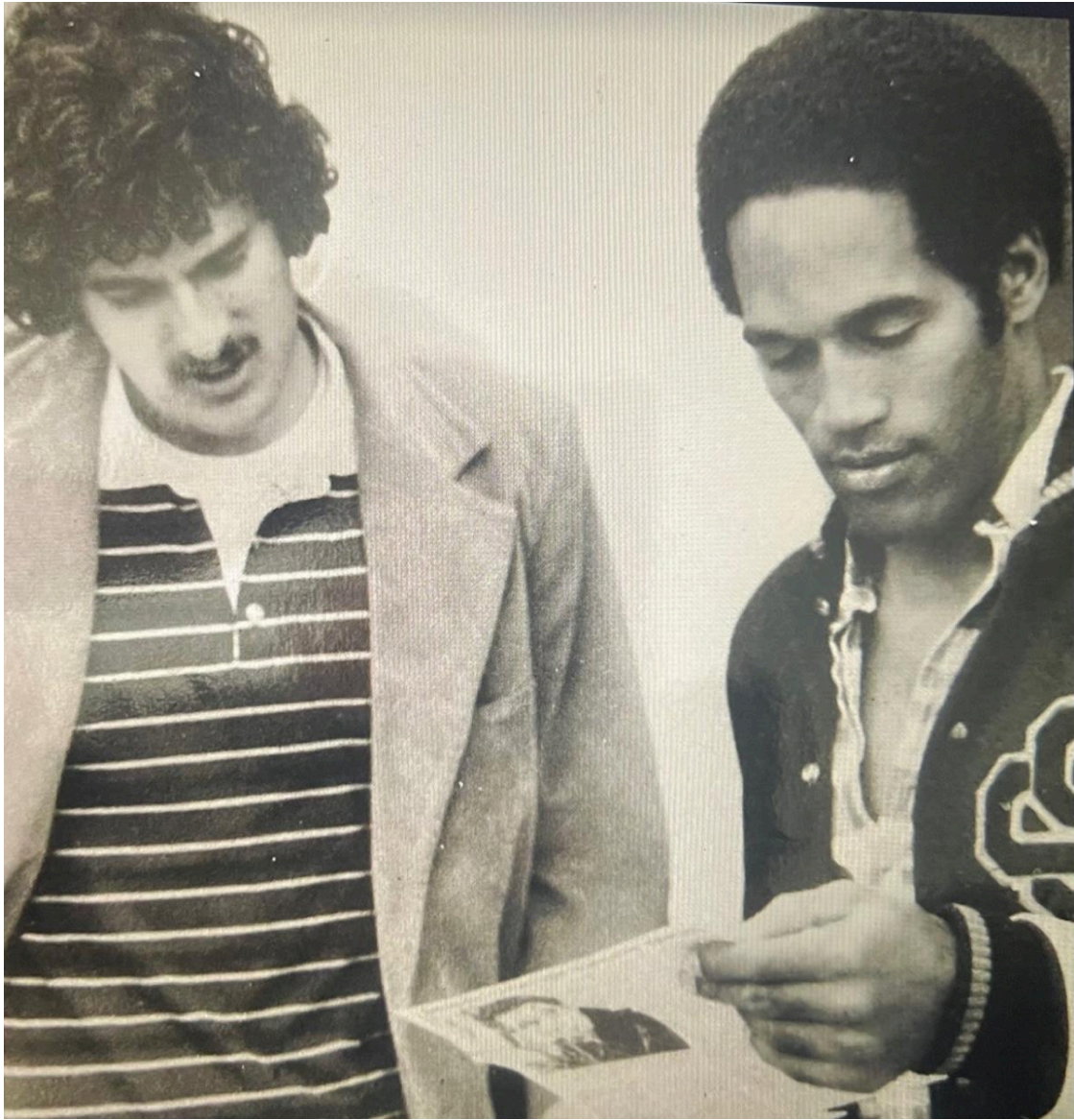
We bring you in today's issue more of your stories of taking the AP writing and editing tests, once a requirement of an applicant for an AP news job. But be sure to see The Final Word and how our colleague **Melissa Jordan** posed the test to Perplexity AI. Could he/she/it pass? You make the call.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to your fullest.

Paul

## An OJ memory





**Buffalo, 1977: Simpson shows Sewell some hate mail he had received after co-starring in a TV movie in which he had an interracial affair with Elizabeth Montgomery**

**Dan Sewell** - O.J. Simpson was very helpful to my early AP career.

He was reaching new heights of celebrity status when I arrived in Buffalo as full-time sports writer in fall of 1977, after a summer internship in Cincinnati.

I proposed a three-part series focusing on his football career, TV pitchman success and budding acting career.

Simpson was very approachable and gave me all the time I wanted.

The series was a hit with members and got the attention of some AP executives.

A year later, I had moved on to Miami, which was hosting the Super Bowl. Simpson was going to host a TV variety special around the game that Saturday evening.

I asked him for an advance interview and he told me to come to Miami's Jockey Club. We had lunch with comedy actors Ted Knight and Art Metrano.

That was the last time I talked with Simpson, and I was as shocked as anyone to spend an evening in 1994 watching the white Bronco chase with my sons on a split-screen with an NBA playoff game.

## Your memories of the AP tests

**Nick Geranios** - I was working as a sports writer in Minot, North Dakota, when AP Montana bureau chief Hugh van Swearingen called and asked if I would take the AP employment test. A few days later I drove 100 miles through a blizzard to take the test in the Bismarck bureau. It was administered by Correspondent Kent Flanagan. A few days later I was offered a job in the Helena bureau and started in mid-April of 1982. During a 40-year career, I worked in Helena, Chicago, Springfield (Ill.), Yakima, Sacramento and Spokane. I retired on Dec. 1, 2022.

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**Tim Harper** wonders: Did anyone else take the AP test in a bar? Gavin Scott, then the Des Moines CoB, put some real effort into picking the spot for my test on an afternoon in 1973. I was working for UPI, covering the Legislature, and neither one of us was keen to be seen together over paperwork. One of Gavin's big considerations was finding a bar none of the local wire reporters might use during unsanctioned afternoon breaks. The bar he chose that day was otherwise empty, as I recall, and the server seemed only mildly surprised that I ordered club soda.

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**Mike Harris** - My story about taking the AP writing test is a little different.

I made an appointment with Chicago COB Al Orton to take the test in January 1969. At the time I was working as a sports writer at The Rockford (IL) Morning Star and Register-Republic. I had only been a full-time reporter for 18 months and I thought applying for a job at AP was a real longshot. But my sports editor in Rockford, Rick Talley, who had been my biggest supporter, was leaving for a job in Chicago and suggested I might want to enhance my experience with a wire service job.

My wife and I stayed with her parents in suburban Skokie the night before the appointment. I bought a Chicago paper before getting on the train the next morning. There, on the front page, was a big black box around the headline "AP's First-Ever Strike Began at Midnight."

I didn't know what to do. I was a newly minted member of the union in Rockford and didn't like the idea of crossing a picket line. But, when I got to the AP office at the corner of Randolph and LaSalle in Chicago's Loop, I realized it was a high-rise with plenty of businesses. So no one would know me or where I was going. I decided to chance it.

The AP office was chaos. Management and a few reporters who had not walked out were trying to put out a report. I finally caught Mr. Orton's attention and he apologized for not letting me know what was going on.

"I know you came all the way from Rockford (90 miles away), so go ahead and take the test," he said, handing me a pile of paper. "There's a desk in the corner. Leave the test on the desk when you're done and I'll call you after the strike."

I spent most of the day taking the test and watching the activity around me. I wrote and rewrote the story parts of the test. Finally, I left the completed test on the desk and left without saying goodbye.

The strike ended after eight days and, true to his word, Mr. Orton called me a few days later. Much to my surprise and delight, he said, "Hi Mike. Al Orton here. How soon can you come to work?"

Two weeks later, I began my AP career as a newsman in the Chicago bureau. Eighteen months later, I was transferred to Indianapolis as the Indiana sports editor.

But there was still another twist.

I was in my second year at Indy when I walked into the office on a June afternoon and was greeted by the bureau secretary, "Hey, Mike. I got a call from HR in New York. You never finished the writing test and they want you to fill out the section you missed."

So, there I was, four years into my career, sitting at my desk taking the grammar and spelling part of the test. I guess I passed because I never heard any more about it.

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**Jim Reindl** - I took the test in Detroit when Chuck Green was the CoB. Since nobody said I couldn't, I showed up with my AP Stylebook under my arm and used it. I should have brought a dictionary because I received a letter a week later telling me I'd missed something like 10 spelling words. However, I was still invited for an interview. I can only say I kept a dictionary close at hand for all the 32 great years I worked for AP.

## Alex Sanz joining Atlanta Journal-Constitution

**Alex Sanz** - After more than a decade at The Associated Press, I'm joining The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Monday, April 15, as deputy managing editor for politics. My last day at the AP is today.

In this new role for the AJC, I'll oversee a major expansion of its politics franchise, providing overall leadership and oversight to the politics teams, overseeing the editorial strategy for state and national political coverage, and working with senior editorial leaders to develop the AJC's video, podcast, newsletter and events strategies.

I joined the AP in 2013 after working for more than a decade as a television anchor and correspondent in cities including New York, Los Angeles and Houston. In my more than a decade with AP, I covered some of the biggest stories in the United States for Associated Press Television News – from national politics and presidential elections to civil unrest and natural disasters, to space.



I joined the Nerve Center in Atlanta as a global news manager in 2023, overseeing the news report in all formats and platforms and helping lead the AP’s coverage of the death of former U.S. first lady Rosalynn Carter.

## One more look at solar eclipse



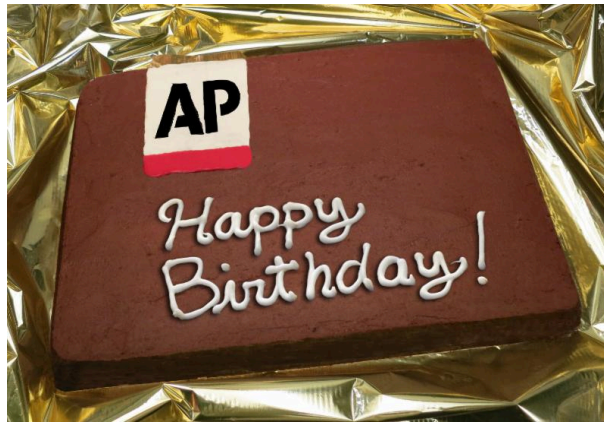


[Edward L. Birk](#) - If you'll allow another eclipse photo, I made this photo on the shores of Lake Champlain in Vermont. Shutter speed was 1000, aperture was F 22 no filter, using a Nikon D3000 with a 28 to 300 zoom lens.

## 'Ill-fated'

[George Tibbits](#) - Bruce Lowitt's comment in the April 11 "Connecting" on the "ill-fated" voyage of the Titanic reminds me of the slogan on T-shirts and other souvenirs sold in Belfast, where the liner was built: "She was fine when she left here."

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Jim Lloyd](#)

[Nick Ludington](#)

*On Saturday to...*

[Marcus Kabel](#)

*On Sunday to...*

[Dennis Ferraro](#)

[Melissa Jordan](#)

## Stories of interest



## ***O.J., Made in America, Made by TV*** (New York Times)

By James Poniewozik

One of the strangest quotes I can remember associated with O.J. Simpson came from the broadcaster Al Michaels during the notorious freeway chase in 1994. Michaels, a sports commentator now covering the flight from the law of one of America's biggest celebrities, said that he had spoken with his friend Simpson on the phone earlier. "Al," Michaels recalled him saying, "I have got to get out of the media business."

For a man who was about to be arrested and charged with the murder of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman, it was an odd statement. But it was accurate. Simpson, during and after his pro football career, was a creature of the media business. With the freeway chase, and the acrimonious trial on live TV, he would essentially become the media business. Simpson, who died Wednesday at age 76, was one of the most-seen Americans in history.

What did people see when they looked at O.J. Simpson? A superstar, a killer, a hero, a liar, a victim, an abuser, an insider, a pariah — often many of these at once. In his fame and infamy, he was an example of what celebrity could make of a person and a symbol of what the media could make of a country.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Famed photographer quits Ford board over Liz Cheney snub*** (Politico)

By DANIEL LIPPMAN

A Pulitzer Prize-winning political photographer resigned Tuesday from the board of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, blasting the group for cowardice in rejecting Trump critic Liz Cheney as the recipient of its top yearly award.

David Hume Kennerly claimed in a letter to fellow trustees that Cheney's nomination for the Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service was nixed largely out of fear that Trump would retaliate against the organization if he's reelected. Cheney, herself a trustee, was rejected three separate times, Kennerly wrote, as other potential honorees declined the award.

Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels will receive the 2024 medal in June, according to an email that Gleaves Whitney, the foundation's executive director, sent to trustees Wednesday, after POLITICO broke news of Kennerly's resignation.

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

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## ***Outside roles by NBC's Conde, others reveal a journalism ethics issue: being paid to sit on boards***

(AP)

By **DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) — As NBC News Group chairman, Cesar Conde is already busy overseeing the network's broadcast and digital news operations, along with CNBC, MSNBC, Telemundo and NBC-owned local affiliates.

Yet the executive also has a second paid job. And a third — as a member of Walmart and PepsiCo's corporate boards. The arrangement has raised some ethical concerns, and reveals a potential blind spot for a news business usually very serious about conflicts — real or perceived.

CNN's new chief executive, Mark Thompson, chairs Ancestry.com's board. And although Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, owner of The Washington Post, is not a journalist, the newspaper reminds readers who he is when writing about Amazon. Former President Donald Trump has eagerly pointed out Bezos' dual roles.

A former NBC News executive, Bill Wheatley, recently questioned the propriety of Conde's outside corporate roles at a time when the news division's leadership is already under fire for the hiring and quick dismissal — following a staff revolt — of former Republican National Committee head Ronna McDaniel as a contributor.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***The news media has helped normalize Hamas***

(Newsweek)

**DAN PERRY**

As a former foreign correspondent in the Middle East, I've frequently found myself defending the industry with Israelis who charge media bias. But as I observe the cluelessness of Hamas apologists worldwide, I realize a mea culpa may be due. We have failed to tell the story of a jihadi outfit considered a terrorist group by the United States with excellent reason.

I refer not to the usual media watchdog quibbles about headlines or the finer points of journalistic ethics but rather to a basic failure to communicate. And it is a failure mostly by omission, the most vulgar of journalistic derelictions; one can plausibly deny an intention to mislead.

To be clear, I would not sugar-coat the execrable Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu nor ignore Israel's fundamental misdeeds: for 57 years it has ruled and misruled millions of West Bank Palestinians to whom it has not extended

the right to vote. It should have disengaged. None of the excuses—security needs, refusals of peace offers—make it right. Israel must own that.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***'Civil War' seeks to capture 'heartbreaking' experience of war zone journalists*** (Reuters)

LOS ANGELES, April 11 (Reuters) - Actors Kirsten Dunst and Wagner Moura sought to understand how journalists cope with working in war zones as they prepared for their starring roles in the movie "Civil War," which is released in U.S. cinemas on Friday.

"Civil War" is a tense thriller set in the near future, as society collapses in the United States and war breaks out. Fictional Reuters photographer Lee (Dunst) and reporter Joel (Moura) take to the road with the aim of reaching Washington before it falls to a rebel faction.

"Something's happened, something really sad and dangerous has happened to do with journalism," British filmmaker Alex Garland, who wrote and directed "Civil War," said in an interview.

"The reason I put them at the heart of the film is that there are really good journalists out there doing good work. They don't have traction in the way they used to have," he said, citing undermining from politicians, social media and bias-heavy news outlets. "I thought, 'well, I'll do something oppositional to that.'"

Read more [here](#).

## **The Final Word**

### ***AP test through AI***

[Melissa Jordan](#) - For giggles I put the AP test from Connecting through an AI program, Perplexity AI. It did OK I suppose on most of the test but really botched the broadcast exercise. I gave it a more precise and shouty prompt "USE PRESENT TENSE, AVOID CLICHES, PUT THE NEWEST THING FIRST" and it did better the second time. Below are the responses that the AI gave. To me, it created pretty lifeless prose -- I wonder how I would have rated it at the time if I were considering applicant Perplexity AI.

Follow the instructions below to take the writing and editing test

Answer

Thank you for the instructions. I'm ready to take the writing and editing test. Please provide me with the test materials or prompts, and I'll do my best to demonstrate my

skills in writing and editing accurately, logically, and engagingly. I look forward to this opportunity to showcase my capabilities.

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Here are the edited sentences:

Co-defendants in the lawsuit are Switzer's brother, Don Switzer, Austin writer Edwin "Bud" Shrake Jr., and publisher William Morrow & Co. Inc.

Tedeschi said the group favors the idea of "reverse posting," in which a property would be considered off-limits to hunters unless there was a sign indicating that hunting is permitted.

A criminal could use such information to harm an officer or the officer's family. "We now need to focus more on constructing a postal facility in Diamondhead," Lott said.

Bank, a New York University student, said he and others lifted the car off a person pinned alive underneath it.

A driver in a stolen Porsche led police on a highway chase Monday morning at speeds up to 90 mph before officers lying in wait stopped the car by flattening three of its tires.

"Marc Rich is an international fugitive from justice," said Humphreys, D-Kanawha. "It has been established that he owns Ravenswood through front organizations."

A 27-year-old man faces up to life in prison for setting fire to an abandoned house that killed four homeless men taking shelter there, officials say.

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## Story Editing

Here is my edited version of the story (296 words):

### Fog Blamed for Deadly I-64 Pileups

AFTON, Va. - Foggy conditions on Afton Mountain likely contributed to a series of chain-reaction crashes on Interstate 64 Monday that left two people dead and 11 hospitalized, police said.

The initial 44-vehicle pileup occurred around 10:47 a.m. in the westbound lanes when a pickup truck driver braked for slower traffic, lost control, and triggered a chain reaction behind it, said Virginia State Police 1st Sgt. E.R. Kiser, the lead investigator.

As an ambulance responded to that wreck, stopping partially in the eastbound left lane, a 10-vehicle pileup began in the opposite direction. Kiser said conflicting witness statements make it unclear whether malfunctioning fog lights along a 1,500-foot stretch played a role.



One person died in each direction's crashes. By Tuesday afternoon, four of the 11 hospitalized remained in fair or good condition in Charlottesville.

The Virginia Department of Transportation repaired the fog light system by 3:30 p.m. Monday after initially thinking the entire circuit might need to be shut down. The lights came back on at 1:30 p.m. but were dimmer than normal.

Portable signs reducing the speed limit to 40 mph were installed after the wrecks and will remain until weather improves, Kiser said. Fog persisted Tuesday morning, and at least one additional crash occurred on the mountain.

Kiser said charges are possible as the investigation continues into the chain-reaction pileups, which left westbound traffic backed up four miles.

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Here is a 202-word news story based on the provided notes:

### Lemonade Stand Shutdown Leaves Sour Taste in Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - A lemonade stand run by two young entrepreneurs was shut down by police for not having a peddler's license, sparking apologies from authorities and a reprieve for the thirsty business.

Sarah Knott, 12, and Margaret Johnson, 13, were selling lemonade Thursday outside the Dock Street Theater during the Spoleto Festival USA chamber music performances - "where most of our business came from," Knott said.

But Officer Randall Davis told them they had to close due to a city ordinance requiring licenses for street vendors. Not everyone agreed with his interpretation.

After the shutdown drew publicity, Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and police apologized. "We had no idea of having children closed down," Riley said. "That's not the intention. I doubt that will happen again."

Police Maj. Charles Wiley even arranged for the girls to sell lemonade Friday in front of the police station.

"Who would shut down a lemonade stand? I used to have a lemonade stand. That's horrible," said Police Chief Reuben Greenberg, recalling his own entrepreneurial youth.

The girls' lemonade stand was allowed to reopen, providing a sweet ending to a sour situation.

### Writing for Broadcast

Here is a 100-word broadcast story based on the lemonade stand shutdown:

Two young girls running a lemonade stand in Charleston, South Carolina had a sour experience with the law. 12-year-old Sarah Knott and 13-year-old Margaret Johnson

were selling lemonade outside a theater during a music festival when a police officer shut them down for not having a peddler's license.

After the incident drew publicity, the mayor and police chief apologized, saying shutting down a child's lemonade stand was never the intention. As a make-good, police even allowed the girls to set up their stand right in front of the police station.

The police chief admitted he used to run his own lemonade stand as a kid, asking "Who would shut that down? That's horrible." The entrepreneurial lemonade vendors were back in business thanks to the authorities' change of heart.

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### Sportswriting

Here is a 100-word game story based on the provided information:

Aurora opened its season with a 24-6 rout of Anderson on Saturday. The Spartans jumped ahead 12-0 in the first quarter on Derrick Avery's 63-yard touchdown pass to Rod Stinson and Derek Tieman's 56-yard scoring run.

Tieman finished with 148 rushing yards on 14 carries. Avery threw two TD passes, also connecting with Andy Silvestri from 20 yards out in the fourth quarter. Brock Butcher added a 1-yard touchdown run in the third.

Aurora led 18-0 after three quarters before Silvestri's TD made it 24-0. Anderson avoided the shutout with Chris Conkling's 9-yard TD pass to Mitch Herschberger with 1:13 left. The Spartans improved to 1-0 while the Indians fell to 0-1.

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Using all the information available, write a 100-word story for radio or television.

Here is a 100-word broadcast story in the present tense about the lemonade stand shutdown:

Two young girls running a lemonade stand in Charleston, South Carolina are getting an apology from authorities after their business was shut down. 12-year-old Sarah Knott and 13-year-old Margaret Johnson were selling lemonade outside a theater during a music festival when a police officer forced them to close for not having a peddler's license.

After the incident drew criticism, the mayor says shutting down children was never the intention and it likely won't happen again. Police even allowed the girls to reopen their stand right in front of the police station.

The police chief admits he ran his own lemonade stand as a kid, asking "Who would shut that down? That's horrible." The entrepreneurial lemonade vendors are back selling their drinks thanks to the change of heart.

# Today in History - April 12, 2024



Today is Friday, April 12, the 103rd day of 2024. There are 263 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the U.S. Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

## On this date:

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

In 1981, former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, 66, died in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1988, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a patent to Harvard University for a genetically engineered mouse, the first time a patent was granted for an animal life form.

In 1990, in its first meeting, East Germany's first democratically elected parliament acknowledged responsibility for the Nazi Holocaust, and asked the forgiveness of Jews and others who had suffered.

In 1992, after five years in the making, Euro Disneyland (now called Disneyland Paris) opened in Marne-La-Vallee, France, amid controversy as French intellectuals bemoaned the invasion of American pop culture.

In 2015, Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics, announcing in a video her much-awaited second campaign for the White House.

In 2018, the Screen Actors Guild issued new guidelines calling for an end to auditions and professional meetings in private hotel rooms and residences in the wake of the Harvey Weinstein scandal.

In 2020, Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday isolated in their homes by the coronavirus. St. Peter's Square was barricaded to keep out crowds. Pope Francis celebrated Easter Mass inside the largely vacant basilica, calling for global solidarity in the face of the pandemic.

In 2022, actor and standup comic Gilbert Gottfried died at age 67.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Alan Ayckbourn is 85. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 84. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 80. Actor Ed O'Neill is 78. Actor Dan Lauria is 77. Talk show host David Letterman is 77. Author Scott Turow is 75. Actor-playwright Tom Noonan is 73. R&B singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 72. Singer Pat Travers is 70. Actor Andy Garcia is 68. Movie director Walter Salles (SAL'-ihs) is 68. Country singer Vince Gill is 67. Model/TV personality J Alexander is 66. Rock musician Will Sergeant (Echo & the Bunnymen) is 66. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 62. Country singer Deryl Dodd is 60. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 60. Actor Alicia Coppola is 56. Rock singer Nicholas Hexum (311) is 54. Actor Retta is 54. Actor Nicholas Brendon is 53. Actor Shannen Doherty is 53. Actor Marley Shelton is 50. Actor Sarah Jane Morris is 47. Actor Jordana Spiro is 47. Rock musician Guy Berryman (Coldplay) is 46. Actor Riley Smith is 46. Actor Claire Danes is 45. Actor Jennifer Morrison is 45. Actor Matt McGorry is 38. Actor Brooklyn Decker is 37. Contemporary Christian musician Joe Rickard (Red) is 37. Rock singer-musician Brendon Urie (Panic! at the Disco) is 37. Actor Saoirse Ronan is 30.

## 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 Central Region 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.

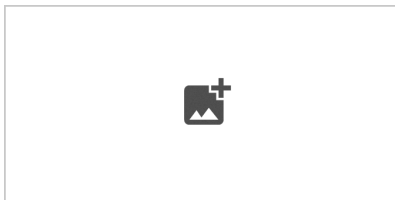
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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



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