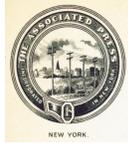


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# Connecting

January 24, 2015

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Colleagues,

Good Saturday morning!

There were some transmission issues with Friday's Connecting and if you did not receive it, drop me a note and I will resend. Ironically, the lead story for Friday was how the AP could have used its telegraphers of the past to return to help out during a brief wire outage. Turns out, Connecting could have used their help, too.

Aubrey Keel and his comrades must be listening in!

A special Happy Birthday today to one of Connecting's more senior members, **Elon Torrence**, retired Topeka newsman who covered such stories as the Clutter murders ("In Cold Blood") during his long career in Kansas. Click [here](#) if you would like to drop him a note of congratulations on his 98th birthday.

Paul

## AP seeking Super Bowl staff photos

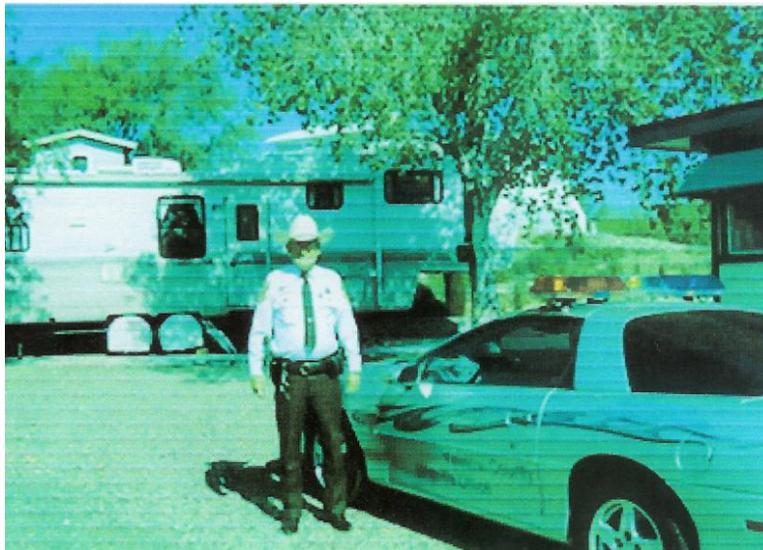
**Emily Leshner** ([Email](#)), a communications manager who joined AP's Corporate Communications department in 2010, sends along this request:

I'm writing to ask if you could include a request for photo submissions on my behalf in the next issue. I'm working with Paul Colford and Erin Madigan on a blog post for The Definitive Source that will feature photos of AP staff covering the Super Bowl in years past. We're seeking additional photos, ideally of reporters and photographers on the field, editors reviewing and transmitting text and photos, technicians laying cable, etc.

The post will be published next Thursday, Jan. 29, so we ask that submissions be sent to [companynews@ap.org](mailto:companynews@ap.org) by Tuesday, Jan. 27.

## Connecting volunteers: How we help others

**Art Loomis**([Email](#)) - Folks would ask me what I was going to do when I retired and I always told them. Nothing for the first two years and then do all the things I should have done while working day and night for the AP. I did just that a then was asked by volunteers to join them as a V.I.P. (Volunteers In Protection).



Nothing to it Right? Wrong! Two months of study 3 hours 2 nights a week. and 8 hours every Saturday in the Police Academy. Plus 8 hours of weapons training, 8 hours on the shooting range to qualify. 8 hours of driving school. Almost ready-Ride with a Deputy Sheriff 5 days then another Deputy 5 nights. Now you are a V.I.P. and you ride with a V.I.P. until he thinks you are able to operate the radio correctly and anything else he can think of.

OK, now you ride with whom ever you think might be a good partner, if he will have you or

go alone. You are now a Volunteer Deputy. The Sheriff Deputized you when you finished the Academy. Each group of up to 15 VIP'S is assigned a 4 wheel drive Explorer or equivalent. The car is fitted the same as all patrol cars. We work no less than one day or night a week doing welfare checks, house checks, backing up the Deputies and taking their prisoners to jail. I was a VIP 5 years and the last year the group coordinator.

All of this was performed for Yavapai County AZ. which is North of Phoenix.

*The Car in the picture is our Parade car and I was heading for a parade in Mayer, AZ.*

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**Kent Zimmerman**[\(Email\)](#) - Since retiring in 2002, I have worked a variety of volunteer gigs - everything from stuffing envelopes for the American Heart Association to counseling seniors on Medicare program choices, and from working as a ball boy at the NAIA soccer championships to driving seniors to doctor's appointments. But in the last few years I've settled into a routine with four organizations.

As I write this, I've just returned from delivering Meals on Wheels, something I've been doing once or twice a week since 2002. I've found this assignment about as rewarding as anything I've done because the shut-ins I deliver to get a meal as well as some face time with another person. And I've developed friendships with some really fine people. For anyone looking for a short-time commitment for volunteering, I can recommend this one highly. It's also been a good introduction to volunteering to five of my grandchildren who have joined me during school breaks.

I'm also getting prepared for my 13th season as a volunteer tax preparer in the AARP Tax-Aide program. This one takes some commitment, starting in late November or early December when the new training material arrives at the door with changes in tax law and test materials. Then there are classes in January and finally the start of the tax season that runs from Feb. 1 to April 15. I've been working with many of the same families since 2003. It's a great feeling to help someone with low income and a pretty simple return save what might be a rather expensive tax preparation fee.

I have also been volunteering for the last nine or 10 years at Old Shawnee Town, a reconstructed historical village. Much of that time has been spent polishing my photography skills by taking pictures of thousands of artifacts dating back 100 years or more into Kansas' past. My wife, Shelba, and I also are volunteer ushers for various shows and meetings at Johnson County Community College, something we've been doing for about 10 years and generally manage to get an



assignment to work at the Midwest barbershoppers concert where we are able to chat with retired Kansas City broadcast editor Jim Bagby, a longtime barbershop performer and conductor.

The accompanying picture shows Shelba and me at a Christmas show we ushered a couple years ago before the color of the men's ties was changed to neon green.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday

To

Elon Torrence [\(Email\)](#)

John Gibbons [\(Email\)](#)

(Sunday)

## Stories of interest

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### [Sports Illustrated Lays Off All Staff Photographers](#)

NEW YORK, NY (January 23, 2015) - The remaining six staff photographers at Sports Illustrated magazine were all laid off yesterday.

Staff photographers Robert Beck, Simon Bruty, Bill Frakes, David E. Klutho, John W. McDonough, and Al Tielemans were informed of the decision around noon Eastern time on Thursday.

Sports Illustrated director of photography Brad Smith confirmed the move this morning to News Photographer magazine.

"It's true," Smith said. "There was a decision made through the company to restructure various departments, including at Sports Illustrated. Unfortunately economic circumstances are such that it has cut the six staff photographers."

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### [TV News Priorities: 68 Minutes for Under-Inflated Footballs, Mere Seconds for Obama's Release of Terrorists](#)

The three major networks have, so far, devoted a staggering 67 minutes and 49 seconds to obsessing over every aspect of whether the New England Patriots cheated in their AFC championship win on Sunday. Yet, only ABC allowed a scant 34 seconds to the Obama

administration's release of five terrorists out of Guantanamo Bay and back to areas connected with extremist violence. The contrast is 120-to-1.

NBC was, by far, the most lopsided in terms of journalistic priorities. From Monday through early Thursday, the network's morning and evening shows produced 33 minutes and 35 seconds to the so-called "Deflategate." Last week, however, NBC didn't offer any coverage to the release of five detainees, just seven days after the slaughter of cartoonists in Paris.

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### [Michael Bloomberg offered to buy the New York Times, Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said the paper not for sale](#)

For years now, it has been speculated in media circles that Mike Bloomberg could be a white knight and save the New York Times. Now it appears he may actually have tried to do it.



Near the end of Bloomberg's time as mayor, he told Times chairman and publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. that he was interested in buying the Times, according to a source with direct knowledge of the conversation. Sulzberger replied that the paper was not for sale.

Bloomberg's overture, previously unreported, might be one reason why talk of a Bloomberg-Times eventuality has flared up among insiders in the wake of the most recent round of Times' layoffs. Given the fact that both sides vehemently deny that there have been recent conversations (Sulzberger "can't remember the last time he spoke with Bloomberg," said a spokesperson), this may very well be wishful - or apprehensive - thinking being played out in the echo chamber of media gossip.

But it does seem that Bloomberg is in fact interested in the Times and that his interest has not waned. "Mike has muttered a lot about the Times to a lot of people," a Bloomberg adviser told me.

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### [Imprisoned Russian journalist sentenced to new three-year jail term](#)

New York, January 22, 2015--The Committee to Protect Journalists condemns the conviction and three-year sentence handed to critical reporter Sergei Reznik in Russia today and calls on authorities to overturn the verdict on appeal.

Reznik was due to be released in May after serving an 18-month prison term on charges of insult, bribery, and deliberately misleading authorities, according to CPJ research. The reporter and his lawyers denounced the earlier charges as fabricated, independent regional news website Kavkazsky Uzel reported.

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### [Ralph Morse, Life Photographer, Is Dead at 97](#)



Everybody can point to some lucky break that advanced his career. For Ralph Morse, it was a serendipitous visit to Jones Beach with friends the weekend after he had been hired as a darkroom assistant for a photo sales agency. His impromptu shots of a father bouncing his child in the air so captivated his boss that Mr. Morse was promoted to full-time photographer.

Unlike Zelig or Forrest Gump, Mr. Morse rarely posed himself. But for nearly 50 years as a photojournalist, his vivid, inventively captured images of major world events peppered the glossy pages of Life and Time magazines. He was behind the camera for the D-Day landings, the German surrender the next year, Babe Ruth's farewell at Yankee Stadium and the groundwork

on the earliest American missions into space. He shadowed the Mercury 7 team so doggedly that John Glenn called him the "eighth astronaut."

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### [How Vox is rethinking presidential election coverage](#)

When Vox launched in April, it was led by an article from co-founder Ezra Klein that seemed to lay out his ambitions for the new site.

Titled "How politics makes us stupid," it explained that debates are often intractable because of confirmation bias, the idea that people use new information to reinforce their prejudices. Klein suggested that informed policy discussions - the kind that Vox strives to spark - might help America find its way out of blue-in-the-face shouting matches.

Now, with the 2016 presidential election on the horizon, Vox is placing bets on political coverage that aims to break free from the echo chamber that Klein described. The site recently hired Politico deputy managing editor Laura McGann as its first politics editor, charged with bringing Vox's trademark policy journalism to the presidential race. And it plans to add political reporters and policy experts to its ranks in advance of the election.

## **The Final Word**



In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg.)

In 1935, beer was first sold in cans in Richmond, Virginia, by the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Co.

In 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crashed near Goldsboro, North Carolina, dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three crew members were killed.

In 1963, a U.S. Air Force B-52 on a training mission crashed into Elephant Mountain in Maine after encountering turbulence and losing its vertical stabilizer; seven of the nine crew members were killed.

In 1975, the extremist group FALN bombed Fraunces Tavern in New York City, killing four people. Pianist Keith Jarrett performed The Koeln Concert in Germany. Comedian Larry Fine, of "Three Stooges" fame, died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

Ten years ago: Authorities in Iraq said Sami Mohammed Ali Said al-Jaaf, an al-Qaida lieutenant in custody, had confessed to masterminding most of the car bombings in Baghdad. The United Nations broke with years of protocol and commemorated the 60-year anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, directly linking its own founding with the end of the Holocaust in some of the strongest language ever.

Five years ago: In an audio message, Osama bin Laden endorsed the failed attempt to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day and threatened new attacks against the United States. Afghanistan postponed parliamentary elections. The Indianapolis Colts beat the New York Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game. The New Orleans Saints of the NFC made it to their first Super Bowl after battering the Minnesota Vikings 31-28 in overtime. Bowler Kelly Kulick became the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, beating Chris Barnes in the final of the 45th Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Actor Pernell Roberts, 81, died in Malibu, California.

One year ago: A truck bombing struck the main security headquarters in Cairo, one of a string of bombings targeting police in a 10-hour period, killing 6 people on the eve of the third anniversary of the revolt that overthrew President Hosni Mubarak and left the Arab nation deeply divided.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren (Film: "The Wizard of Oz") is 96. Actor Marvin Kaplan (TV: "Top Cat") is 88. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 79. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 76. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 74. Singer Aaron Neville is 74. Actor Michael Ontkean is 69. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 65. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 65. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 64. Actor William Allen Young is 61. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 57. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 54. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 52. White House budget director Shaun Donovan is 49. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 48. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 45. Actor Matthew Lillard is 45. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 44. Blues/rock singer Beth Hart is 43. Actor Ed Helms is 41. Actor Mark Hildreth (TV: "Resurrection") is 37. Actress Tatyana Ali is 36. Rock musician Mitchell Marlow (Filter) is 36. Actor Justin Baldoni (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 31. Actress Mischa Barton is 29.

***Thought for Today: "To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often."  
- Winston Churchill (1874-1965).***

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