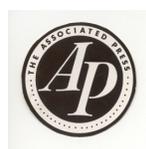
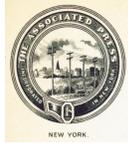

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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

The latest in Connecting's new series on multigenerational AP families features the three generations of the **Wick Temple** family who served The Associated Press.

And there's a fourth generation of the family in journalism, so who knows, the family string may continue one day.

This issue also brings you services information for **John Shurr**, longtime South Carolina chief of bureau, who died Sunday, and a remembrance from another former bureau chief, **Larry Laughlin**.

Visitation is 5-6 p.m. today at John and Debbie's house, 116 Shallow Brook Dr., in Columbia, South Carolina. John's funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Incarnation Lutheran Church on Devine Street. A reception at the church will follow.

If you would like to send condolences to John's wife, Debbie, the address is:

Debbie Shurr

116 Shallow Brook Dr
Columbia, SC 29223

Paul

Remembering John Shurr

Larry Laughlin ([Email](#)) - It occurred to me a week or so ago that I'd not heard in months from John, once a regular correspondent from our days together in the close quarters of the Providence, R.I., bureau.

Just a "what's going on?" note would have done it. Something in the kind of shorthand people use when they've spent a lot of hours together in a small crew in a tight space like JO. That was my good intention, and you know where those get you.

I was a recent hire in Boston in 1976 when then-COB Joe McGowan gave me the chance for a "temporary" stint in JO to help stave off an aggressive UPI run at our members. (And before I leave another good intention behind: Thanks for the job, Joe.)

JCS - middle name Carter - was great. Never raised his voice. Knew the ropes. Solid journalist. And, as others have noted, owner of a great sense of humor.

Rhode Island was a news smorgasbord: home to "reputed New England crime boss Raymond L.S. Patriarca," as we religiously described him in every Mafia story; then-triennial site of yachting's America's Cup; home to a crazily lopsided and naughty legislature that could only muster a dozen or so Republicans in its 100-member House.

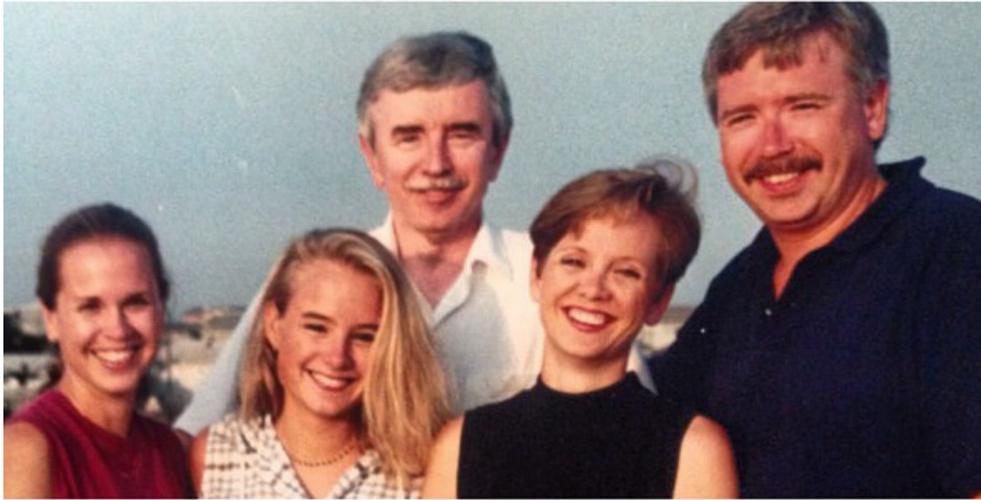
Given all that and the fact John was such a great boss, I said 'yes' a few months later when COB McGowan offered to make my Providence posting permanent.

How did a guy from Muskogee, OK, (he hated the song "Okie from Muskogee") develop a love for sailing? It sure wasn't on a Navy riverboat in Vietnam, which he mentioned only once that I can recall. It was the 1977 America's Cup that did it. The American defender was the swashbuckling Ted Turner who kept the trophy in the display case at the New York Yacht Club. John had a boat of his own by the next summer and got into some serious racing after that.

John was named ACOB in Chicago, and I replaced him as correspondent (Thank you, then-Boston COB Mike Short). I left Providence in 1983 to become news editor in Richmond, Va. (Thank you to the late Bob Galimore). I left RM in 1989 to become Northern New England COB. Byron Yake always said I was his first COB appointment as personnel chief, so thanks to Byron, LDB and anyone else who had to sign off on that.

I was just struck by how often paths cross in the AP. In Providence I was replaced by Margy McCay. In Richmond I was replaced by Linda Stowell, another friend who left us much too soon.

Three generations of Temples in the AP



*Wick Temple (center) with his four children in 1995,
From left: Ellen Wallace, Shawn Temple, Carol Murphy and Wick III.*

Connecting's series on multigenerational AP families - launched last week by Aye Aye Win (who wrote about her career and that of her father U Sein Win - continues today with a profile of the Temple family, which served the AP through three generations and, who knows?, might have a candidate for a fourth generation in the wings.



Many of us on Connecting knew **Wick Temple**, second generation of his family to work for AP. He was an AP vice president in New York when he died in 2003 at the age of 65. His wife **Margy McCay**, once AP director of personnel, is part of our Connecting family today. So are three of his four children - **Wick III, Carol** and **Shawn**.

Today, Wick III works in sales for the Häfele America Company in Everett (Washington), Ellen is an education professional on Whidbey Island (Washington), Carol is director of New Hope Education Center at Harvest House, a charitable nonprofit in Buffalo, New York, and Shawn is a high school English teacher in Somerville, New Jersey.

Wick was the son of **R.W. "Wick" Temple**, pictured at right, who worked as a reporter for the AP for 21 years. Wick,



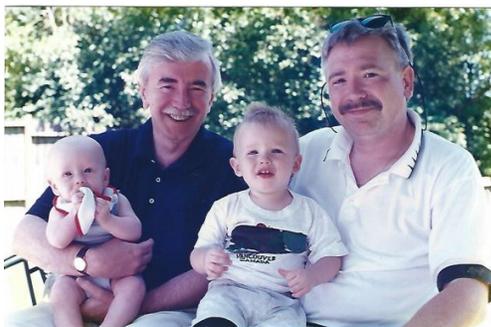
who was born in Little Rock and grew up in Pennsylvania, was 16 when his father died in the early 1950s. Wick's mother moved back to Texarkana, Texas. Longtime Texarkana Gazette editor J.Q. (Jake) Mahaffey had worked with Wick Sr., and when the fatherless Temples returned to Texarkana, Jake told Wick Jr. it was time he got into the family business - and hired him to work part time while he was still in high school. Jake remained Wick's beloved friend until Jake died at 92 in 2000. Wick worked for the Austin American-Statesman while attending the University of Texas and joined the AP in its Little Rock bureau in 1959. After heading AP bureaus in St. Louis, Seattle and Helena, he moved to New York in 1973 to be the sports editor. In 1980, he was promoted to managing editor, directing day-to-day news operations, and in 1985, he became the AP's first director of human resources.

Wick's son Wick III, daughters Carol (Murphy) and Shawn also worked for The Associated Press, and Connecting asked them to share their memories:

Wick Temple III ([Email](#)) - I never knew my grandfather because he died when my father was 16, but what he passed on to my father and now down to the rest of the family is below. I have many fond memories of my father and the AP.

The one trait I will always remember the most about my father and grandfather was their drive to be the best they could be at the AP. One important lesson they left us all with was how important it is to be the best at what you do and have integrity and professionalism your entire career.

My father wanted to be better every step of his career - to be the best at what he did. I am sure he always wondered what the next step was going to be. From Texarkana to Austin, then Little Rock to St Louis, on to Helena and Seattle, then finally to New York! He always wanted to work in NY.



The one story I remember most about my dad was on 9/11. I called him at work that morning to find out what was going on with him and at the AP. He was speaking softly into the phone and told me he was hiding under his desk. I asked why he was hiding under his desk and he told me security in Rockefeller Center was evacuating the AP and, "The AP does not evacuate!" Security thought 50 Rock was in danger of attack and he felt that was ridiculous! I think he was going to take over the newsroom once everybody else had left.

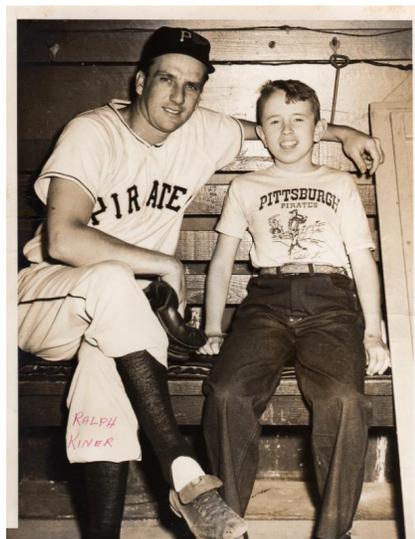
I fondly remember how exciting it was to be working at the AP. I worked for the AP from 1974-79 (if I remember correctly) as an office assistant and then in Wirephoto - between Seattle and NY. I remember reading "A" wire breaking news from around the world or developing photos for a photographer just in from covering a story. One memory I have was when I was actually standing in front of the "A" wire changing the paper in the machine when news of the death of Elvis printed right in front of me! It was amazing to

meet the AP journalists and photographers documenting our national and world history. I have so many stories to tell!

I have worked for the same company now for going on 15 years. I am the Specification Sales Representative for Häfele America Company in the Pacific Northwest. My territory is WA, OR, ID, MT and WY. I travel about 1-2 weeks a month throughout my region presenting Häfele products to architects, interior designers, manufacturers, builders and distributors who specify our products in commercial and residential buildings, hospitals, offices, kitchens, closets, lighting stores and even garages. Most every architect, kitchen and closet manufacturer in the US knows Häfele.

I have been married for almost 26 years to my wonderful wife Colleen and have two sons Austin (19) and Mack (18). Austin attends University of Washington - Bothell campus and is working towards a degree in mechanical engineering. Mack is a senior in high school and is an amazing goalie on the varsity soccer team. He wants to attend the local Everett Community College and play goalie. *(In photo above, Wick and Wick III with Wick's grandsons Mack, left) and Austin.)*

I am sending a picture I have of Wick Jr. (Dad) with his favorite baseball player Ralph Kiner. Also attached is the only photo I have of my Dad with my Grandfather and unfortunately the photo was printed by me when I was a kid and I printed the picture reversed! The negative is long lost.



My father (and I bet my grandfather) had the amazing ability to strike up friendly conversations with pretty much anybody he met. Each of us has also learned that ability from him. In fact, it drives my family crazy when I strike up conversations with people I do not know in grocery stores, restaurants, airplanes - anyone I meet day to day. My sons have said to me more than once, "Why do you do that?" I answer "Because I was raised that way." One day they will understand. I believe Ellen, Carol and Shawn also have that ability.

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Carol Murphy ([Email](#)) - I will always remember my time as an intern at the AP fondly. When I was in college studying journalism at Western Washington University, I worked at the AP in New York and Seattle during my summer breaks. My favorite memory was being taken to a press conference by one of dad's old friends in the Sports Department. He took me along to give me the experience of a big news conference. He didn't tell me until we got there that the press conference was for Muhammad Ali who was announcing his final retirement. The AP reporter told me he wanted me to take notes and then write the story (talk about pressure!!!). I took notes and was mulling over how I might write the story later when we stopped at a bank of pay phones and this veteran reporter picked up the

phone and dictated the story then and there. It was on the wire before we got back to Rockefeller Plaza. It was a great learning experience for me.

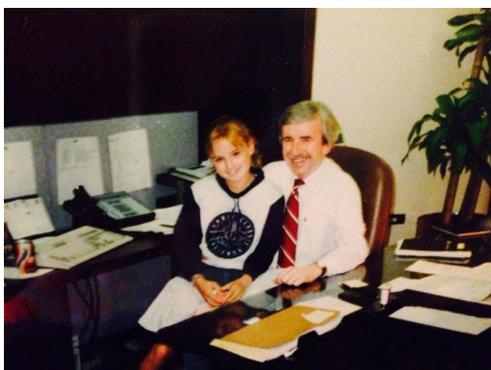
Sadly, my daughter Casey (shown with Carol in photo at right) never had the opportunity to intern at the AP. You may remember Casey from dad's memorial service. She was in middle school at the time and insisted on giving a tribute to her grandfather at his service. Dad's legacy continues through Casey. She credits dad (and mom - Sally Macdonald, a retired reporter for the Seattle Times - and Margy) for giving her a passion for the news. Margy has been a wonderful mentor to her, both during her time as a student of Journalism at New York University and now as a reporter/writer herself. Since graduating from NYU, Casey has worked for Smart + Strong, gaining valuable experience as a medical reporter. She also writes a number of blogs for start-up companies in NYC. Margy meets with her regularly and has mentored her along her path as a young writer, much as dad did with so many young reporters.



Dad and so many other veterans at the AP took time to mentor and support the next generation. I have heard from many people who credit dad with helping them along on their path. He did it instinctively and passed that trait along to others... including his family. He is missed each and every day.

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Shawn Temple ([Email](#)) - I can only tell you that I think of family. The AP is like a family. Everyone works so closely together and dad always knew everyone. He made sure to introduce me to the administrative assistants all the way up to Mr. Boccardi. I remember running around the newsroom when I was 5 or so on my days off from work. Everyone was so generous and kind. Even to this day, I am friends with many of them on Facebook simply because dad took the time to encourage the relationships.



Regarding 9-11, Wick had mentioned this. It was my 26th day of living in NYC and my second day of student teaching at Teachers College, Columbia University. My placement was 10 blocks away that day. When the planes hit, we had no Internet, no TV and busy phone signals. We watched out the window as New Yorkers ran the other way down the street and I had a classroom of 30 8th graders

to protect. I called dad immediately because I knew the AP would have enough phone lines to get through. He told me everything that was going on throughout the day. I remember hearing the screams when the first tower fell. I dropped the phone and ran to the window. People were screaming. People had dropped to their knees, were running away, or were standing with their mouths agape. I ran back to the phone and said "Dad, what just happened?" He replied with, "Sweetie, the tower just collapsed".

Dad was our only connection to the outside world during this time. The AP truly "provided me with the news" that day. I met up with dad and Margy later that day where we went up to my apartment on the Upper West Side. We spent the day with Madhu Maron and had dinner at Carmines where the city was silent. Without the AP and my dad that day I would have been so lost, but being able to communicate with them was reassuring.

I grew up in the AP and am so thankful for the people who influenced my life and helped me grow. The Christmas party was always a joy for me and I remember running out of school to catch the train to meet dad. He was always welcoming of me to his work family.

I had amazing experiences with AP - working the Emmys when I was 15 and being (Los Angeles photographer) Nick Ut's photo runner. I then worked on the 4th floor for two summers (general desk area and photos). It taught me so much.

Anyway, I am so thankful for you, Kiki Lascares Georgiou, Andy Lippman, Rick Spratling, Dan Day, Dave Tomlin, Byron Yake, Julie March, Madhu Maron, and Hank Ackerman - you all influenced how I thought of the world. Because of you all, I am who I am. Most important was Margy (with Shawn in photo at right). She has been my mom for the past 18 years and I am so thankful to have such a strong, intelligent, and caring woman to guide me through life's challenges. Without her, I would have been lost after the death of my parents, but she is the reason I am the woman I am today. I am thankful for her every day and I know dad would be so happy about how close we are.



Connecting mailbox

Just another night on the desk

Joe McKnight ([Email](#)) - On the subject of embarrassing, or unusual, incidents in covering the news, a couple of stories come to mind while I worked in the Birmingham AP office 1959-63.

Working at night and alone, I found time to make some routine calls to local law enforcement offices. The guy at the Jefferson County (Birmingham) sheriff's office had nothing locally but said he had picked up radio chatter from the Alabama Highway Patrol

about a small plane crash in western Alabama. Next call was to the local Highway Patrol where the officer confirmed that a trooper had reported a small plane had crashed in a rural area near the Mississippi line. The trooper had reported the make and model of the single engine plane along with the registration number. The officer said his office was trying to locate who owned the plane and where it was registered. Then he said the one unusual thing so far was that the trooper had called in that the occupants, a man and a woman, were both nude. He had nothing more and said he didn't expect any more information before the trooper filed his written report at the end of his shift. That wouldn't happen before I left work at midnight. I was off the next day and don't recall any follow-up beyond the brief story I filed.

During that same era, a murder trial was under way in Winston County, Ala., a rough coal mining area 40 miles northwest of Birmingham. Correspondent Tom Dygard had arranged with a radio station newsman to call the AP each day after the day's court proceedings ended. The station newsman was to be paid \$5.00 for each day's report, gravy for him since he was assigned to cover the trial by his station. He called me late one afternoon with a report on proceedings that day, who testified and a few quotes, and I wrote and filed a story. A short time later a newsman from another radio station called to ask where I got the story and I explained. Then he said he went to the court that morning and the judge had continued the trial for a day because of some conflict with a witness and that the trial was to be resumed the next day. Of course, my story had to be killed. And I couldn't find the reporting newsman to ask about his report. I learned next day that the \$5.00 meant so much to him that he reported on fictional events.

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Weekly newspaper editors to meet in Columbia

Connecting colleague **Gary Sosniecki** ([Email](#)) and his wife Helen are hosting the 2015 conference of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors June 24-28 at the Reynolds Journalism Institute, Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia. Gary, who is president of the organization, relays this information:

We appreciate any help you can give us getting the word out to weekly editors and publishers who believe in strong news products and particularly in strong editorial pages. A major focus of ISWNE conferences is the half-day editorial critique at which we break into discussion groups to review each other's editorial pages.

We expect about 90 to attend this year's conference, most from the United States and Canada but also a few from Great Britain and Australia.

We have two packages for attendees: \$525 for the full conference, which includes virtually everything including housing and meals, and \$159 for Friday-Saturday only, which does not include housing.

You can find more info at <http://www.iswne.org/> or in the news release below.

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Two stories about photographers handling film

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - In the early 1960's, the Minneapolis Star, and Minneapolis Tribune offices were across Portland Avenue from the AP office. There was a pneumatic tube between the two offices for the purpose of sending Wirephoto pictures, and to receive their story dupes. The end of the tube had a nice rushing sound and an intake of air.



One evening I had a hot story and needed to dry my 2 ¼ by 2 ¼ film as fast as possible. The end of the tube was thought to be ideal. However, the film got too close, and whoosh, the tube got my film. A million thoughts ran through my head - would it ruin the film; would there be anything left to accompany the story? Minutes later the film came back, this time in a tube, and suffering many scratches, but a couple of pictures survived. Lesson learned.

Another film story concerned the race problems in the South. I was covering the problems of children being integrated into the public schools in Clinton, Tennessee, in 1956. A state trooper had been shot, the National Guard had been called out, and there was a lot of hostility. One night we went to a tiny mining area called Oliver Springs. Picture this scene: The National Guard, jeeps with machine guns, bright flood lights on one side, and about 60 very unhappy mountain men carrying long-barreled squirrel guns on the other. The moon was not very high in the sky. A very narrow, single lane dirt road was the only entrance and exit. The Guard commander was telling the mob that the Guard would maintain law and order, and that they should just go home.

It was such a dramatic scene, and for that one moment quiet, that I removed the film holder from the ole 4x5 speed graphic to focus with the ground glass to make it really sharp. I had just returned the film holder to the camera, and had raised the camera to my eye for a shot showing the men and those guns silhouetted against the moon. It seemed that it would not cause a problem if I took a picture because there was peace at the moment. Not true. Bob Kelly of Life Magazine was in the middle of the mob and shot a flash picture. Pandemonium broke loose. Kelly ran towards the National Guard for protection. The mob followed. Pushing the guard aside. At the same time, four members of the gun-toting group came over to me, grabbed my already broken electronic flash bulb, and at the same time pulled the film holder from the camera. One of them removed the raw film from the holder and held it up to the moon and said, "Now we'll see what kind of a picture he took." My higher power gave me the insight to not laugh.

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Newly enrolled members of Connecting '80s Club'

Joe McKnight ([Email](#)) - Before I forget - and before I too old - can I join your 80's club? I turned 89 on Aug. 25, 2014, so last week I made it halfway to 90. And another thing, before I forget, put me down for one of your "Happy Birthday" wishes next August.

Walter Mears ([Email](#)) notes that "I meet the age requirement so sign me up." He turned 80 on Jan. 11.

Members to date:

Phil Dopoulos ([Email](#)) - 83
Lew Ferguson ([Email](#)) - 81
Albert Habhab ([Email](#)) - 89
George Hanna ([Email](#)) - 85
Joe McKnight ([Email](#)) - 89
Walter Mears ([Email](#)) - 80
Charlie Monzella ([Email](#)) - 83
Arlon Southall ([Email](#)) - 83

And in the next tiers up:

90s:

George Bria ([Email](#)) - 99
Sam Montello ([Email](#)) - 92
Elon Torrence ([Email](#)) - 98

100s

Max Desfor - 101

AP Best of the States

California's new Senate leader, Kevin de Leon, made a splashy debut last fall by throwing himself a \$50,000 swearing-in celebration at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, complete with food trucks and a mariachi band.

Some questioned the pricey party, but the Latino Caucus at the time assured everyone that they used private donations to pay for the event. Organizers were adamant no taxpayer money was involved.

Except it was.

Using a public records request, Sacramento reporter **Judy Lin** found that taxpayers were billed more than \$25,000 for dozens of staff and security to attend. She also learned \$15,000 in similar costs were incurred for ceremonies for the new Assembly leader.

Her reporting started with a tip that a large number of staff and security had traveled from Sacramento to Los Angeles for the de Leon event. The entourage was unusual because they were policy staffers who work on the budget, environmental and education issues -- not campaign staff. And though the sergeant at arms act as security guards for members, the sergeants themselves typically remain in the Capitol to staff Senate meetings.



Lin filed a Legislative Open Records Act request with the Senate and also decided to ask for Assembly records. The Senate made it more difficult for her, giving her expenses for the whole week and forcing her to weed out unrelated items.

Lin was in the midst of reporting the story when a source tipped her that a competitor was working on the same thing. She quickly wrapped up work and beat local media by more than an hour. The story played up and down the state, from U-T San Diego to the San Francisco Chronicle. The well-read Capitol Basement blog credited Lin for her beat and provided a link to the story.

For her tenacity, source work and quick reporting, Lin wins this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

Welcome to Connecting



Evans Witt ([Email](#)) - CEO of Princeton Survey Research Associates International, 22-year AP veteran.

Teresa Walker ([Email](#)) - AP sports writer, Nashville

Stories of interest

[NBC News Is Said to Woo Former Chief to Return](#) (Shared by Sibby Christensen)

Seeking to contain the damage from the Brian Williams crisis and put an end to a series of management missteps that has left NBC News in turmoil, NBCUniversal is preparing to shake up the executive ranks of its news division.

The company is in advanced discussions with its former news chief, Andrew Lack, about returning to the network, multiple NBC executives briefed on the discussions said Tuesday. An announcement is expected in the coming days.

Mr. Lack, 67, is expected to take on the leading role at the NBC News group, which includes NBC News, MSNBC and CNBC, said the people, who spoke on the condition they not be identified because the talks are continuing.

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[Bill O'Reilly vs. Brian Williams: Why the Media Is Treating Them Differently](#)

"Journalists see [Williams] as a threat to who and what they are ...As for what O'Reilly and Fox produce as 'journalism'-that ship has long since sailed," Peabody Awards director Jeffrey Jones tells TheWrap

Contrasting sharply with the collective tsunami that encircled suspended NBC News anchor Brian Williams, the media response to Bill O'Reilly's questionable recollections of his work history has differed dramatically.

When it was revealed that Williams' claim he was in a helicopter shot down by RPG fire during the Iraq War was erroneous, the media onslaught was unrelenting until NBC News suspended the anchor for six months - less than a week after the firestorm began.

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[An argument that BuzzFeed is "the most important news organization in the world"](#)

Analyst Ben Thompson has a good piece up providing the service he often does: examining a portion of the media landscape the way a Valley-tinged capitalist might, without any of the romance people brought up in the media business might bring. If you've ever wondered why so many people are fascinated by BuzzFeed - specifically in how it takes the broader lessons of Internet success and tries to apply them to the creation of news - this piece is a good starting point.

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The irredeemable Chris Rose

Chris Rose's Pulitzer crystal sits in his small French Quarter apartment, its glass badly chipped from various accidents. The disfigured accolade for his work on a reporting team at the Times-Picayune is a reminder of both prowess and loss.



"The way the people of New Orleans made me feel after Hurricane Katrina-like I was holding this fucking city together all by myself," Rose tells me at the Napoleon House restaurant and bar, in a graffitied payphone nook where he's eaten, drunk, and written for a dozen-plus years. "At the time, we had Ray Nagin as mayor; all the city institutions and individuals had failed everyone. The Times-Picayune really stepped it up. And I was the face of The Times-Picayune."

Rose's collection of post-Katrina Picayune columns, *1 Dead In Attic* (Simon and Schuster), became a New York Times bestseller in 2007. Since then, New Orleans' news community has seemingly cast Rose aside. No journalism entity in town will hire him, he tells me, not even freelance. If they do answer his calls, they say he's too much of a risk. And so for all of 2014, the 53-year-old Rose was waiting tables to pay rent and feed his three kids.

Rose looks noticeably frailer, his curly hair thinner, since the public last saw him. He looks like what he is: a man who has fallen, and gotten up, and fallen again. He won his Pulitzer by writing about his intense personal struggles following Katrina. A newspaper columnist who had once been known for celebrity gossip, Rose's public persona was reborn. He used his column as catharsis, writing emotional, first-person accounts that spoke to-and represented-a suffering community.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2015. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office; with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared, "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars.

In 1913, the "Buffalo nickel" officially went into circulation.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast.

In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established.

In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, California.

In 1964, Teamsters president James Hoffa and three co-defendants were found guilty by a federal court in Chattanooga, Tennessee, of jury tampering.

In 1974, the first issue of People magazine, then called People Weekly, was published by Time-Life Inc.; on the cover was actress Mia Farrow, then co-starring in "The Great Gatsby."

In 1989, Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans for a huge media merger.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender.

Ten years ago: American troops in Iraq fired on a car carrying just-freed Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena (zhoo-lee-AH'-nah ZGRAY'-nah), killing Nicola Calipari, the intelligence officer who'd helped negotiate her release and injuring the reporter. Martha Stewart, imprisoned for five months for her role in a stock scandal, left federal prison to start five months of home confinement. President George W. Bush nominated career scientist Stephen L. Johnson to head the Environmental Protection Agency.

Five years ago: A Hollister, California, man with a history of severe psychiatric problems opened fire at a Pentagon security checkpoint; John Patrick Bedell, 36, wounded two police officers before being killed by police. Two Germans and two Turkish men were convicted in Duesseldorf over a foiled 2007 plot to attack U.S. targets in Germany and given prison sentences ranging up to 12 years. Turkey, a key Muslim ally of the United

States, angrily withdrew its ambassador after a congressional committee approved a resolution branding the World War I killing of Armenians a genocide. (The measure, however, was never taken up by the 111th Congress.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama submitted a \$3.9 trillion budget for fiscal 2015. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met in Ukraine with the new government's leaders in a show of support following Russia's military incursion into the Crimean Peninsula.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Paula Prentiss is 77. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 74. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 67. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 67. Author James Ellroy is 67. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 65. Singer Chris Rea is 64. Actor/rock singer-musician Ronn Moss is 63. Actress Kay Lenz is 62. Musician Emilio Estefan is 62. Movie director Scott Hicks is 62. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 61. Actor Mykelti (MY'-kul-tee) Williamson is 58. Actress Patricia Heaton is 57. Actor Steven Weber is 54. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 52. Actress Stacy Edwards is 50. Rapper Grand Puba is 49. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 49. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 48. Actress Patsy Kensit is 47. Gay rights activist Chaz Bono is 46. Actress Andrea Bendewald is 45. Actor Nick Stabile (stah-BEEL') is 45. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 44. Country singer Jason Sellers is 44. Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 38. Actress Jessica Heap is 32. TV personality Whitney Port is 30. Actress Margo Harshman is 29. Actor Josh Bowman is 27. Actress Andrea Bowen is 25. Actress Jenna Boyd is 22.

Thought for Today: "I do not understand the world, but I watch its progress." - Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980).

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